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It seems that you can't turn on the news without hearing about a medical center or small business being targeted for a cybercrime. In fact, 43% of cyber attacks are targeted at small businesses, who frequently have a minimal security infrastructure¹. But what can you do? One thing is to make sure your operating system is current.

You may have heard Microsoft is ending support for Windows 7 in January 2020. After this support ends, you can continue to use the operating system, but at your own risk, and without updates and patches from Microsoft. This makes you vulnerable to computer viruses and other malware.

An outdated operating system can also cause compliance problems with HIPAA regulations. HIPAA states that you must implement procedures for guarding against, detecting, and reporting malicious software. Additionally, if you accept payment by credit card, you must also comply with PCI standards. PCI Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) 6.1 require you to "ensure all system components and software have the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed." Once Microsoft stops releasing these patches and updates, you will be unable to comply. Ortho2 Network Engineer Rachel Gildersleeve explains this further on page 4.

A second, but equally important, area of focus should be your backups. If you're using Edge Cloud, we have you covered. However, Ortho2 has helped three ViewPoint customers recently who thought they had stable backups only to realize after a virus attack or equipment malfunction that their backups were not working properly. This creates a terrible situation for your practice, and hours upon hours of work IF the data can even be recovered. If you need a refresher of what your backup routine should look like, visit our website to learn more www.ortho2.com > Support & Learning > Documentation > General > The Ultimate Backup Routine.

Don't wait until it's too late to plan your move to a new version of Windows or confirm a data backup is working. Make sure your patient and practice information is protected today! If you have any questions, contact the Ortho2 Network Engineering Team at engineering@ortho2.com or 800.346.4504. ☺



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