## Anatomy of a Breach

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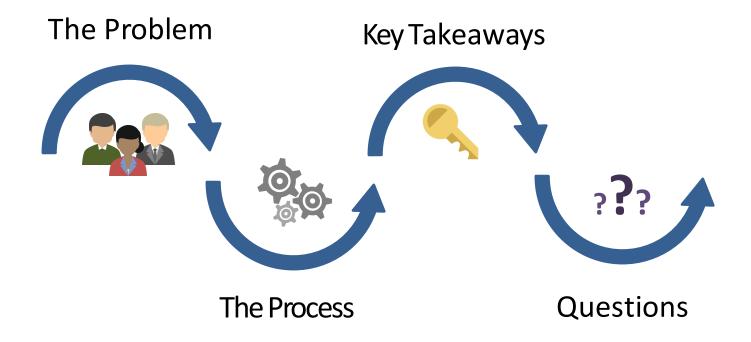


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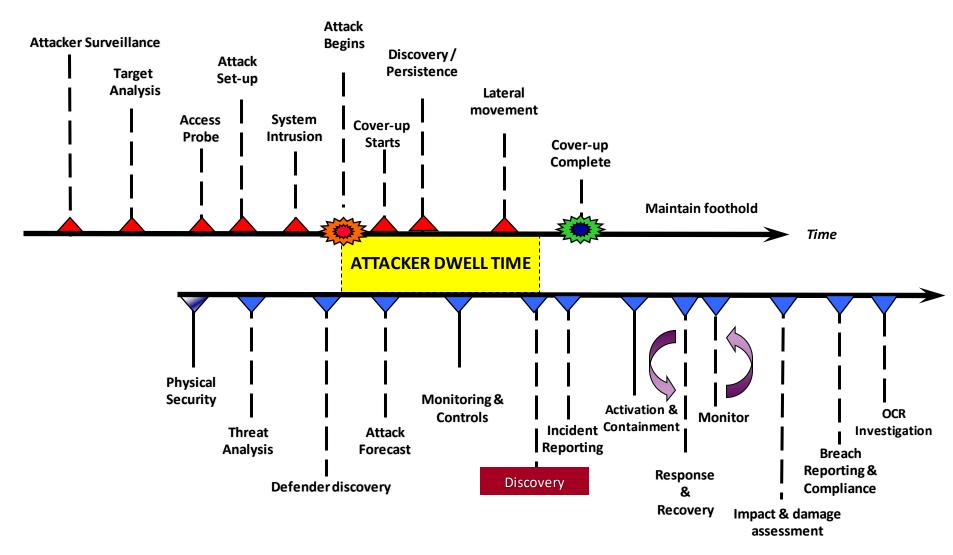






#### The Problem





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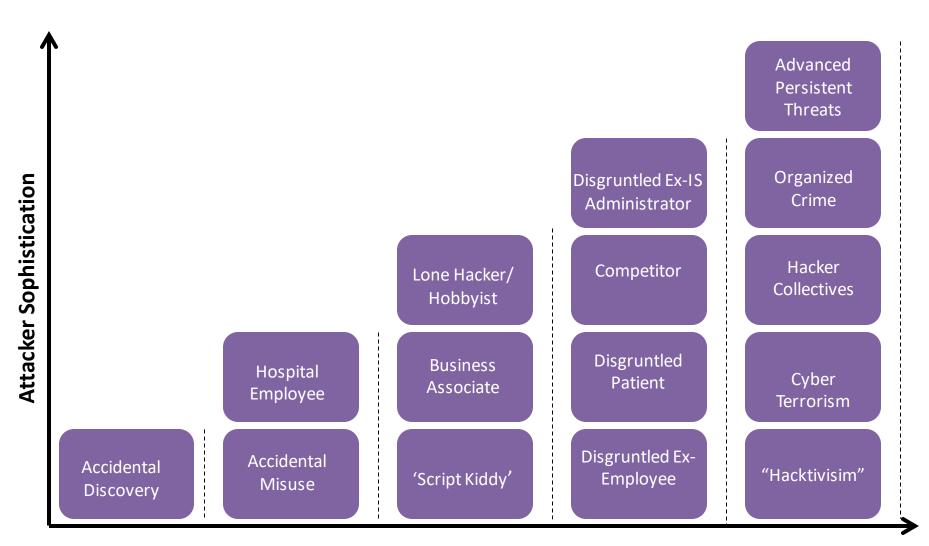
# What is a Breach?



	Definition			
Event	An event is an observable occurrence in a system or network.			
Incident	An event reported to the designated privacy and/or security official that will result in an investigation to determine the possibility of an impermissible use or disclosure of PHI.			
Breach	The acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Rule which compromises the security or privacy of the PHI. An impermissible use or disclosure of PHI is presumed to be a breach unless the CE or BA as applicable, demonstrates based on a risk assessment that there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised.			

# Health Care Threat Actors





**Attacker Determination** 

#### Intake Process





Administrative Notifications

**Technical Notifications** 

# Partners Timeline



	Name of Covered Entity	Individuals Affected	Type of Breach	Location of Information
February 2015	Partners HealthCare System, Inc.	3,321	Hacking/ IT Incident	Network Server
July	The McLean			Other Portable
2015	Hospital	12,694	Loss	Electronic Device
July 2015	Massachusetts General Hospital	648	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure	Email
November 2016	Brigham and Women's Hospital	1,000	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure	Email



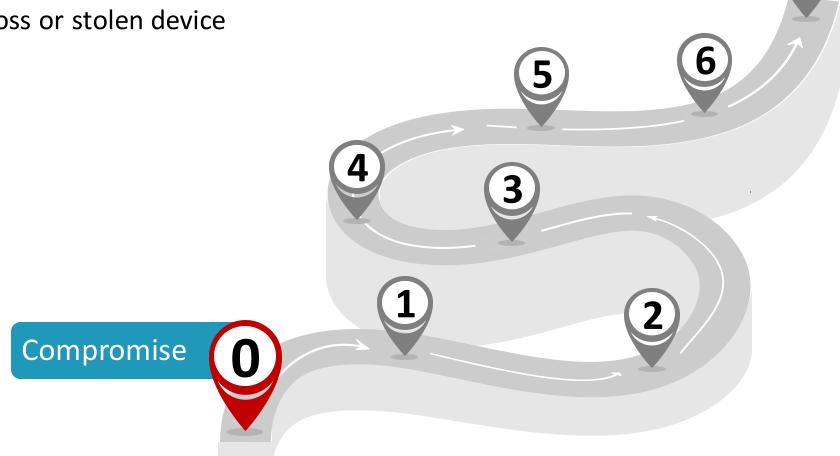


#### The Process

## Compromise



- Hacking/IT incident
- Unauthorized access/disclosure
- Loss or stolen device



# Discovery



- Confirmation of incident
- Determination of scope
- Categorization based on the actual or anticipated impact



#### **Activation and Containment**



Contain the incident

Preserve evidence

Convene necessary resources based on the assigned

incident categorization



## Response



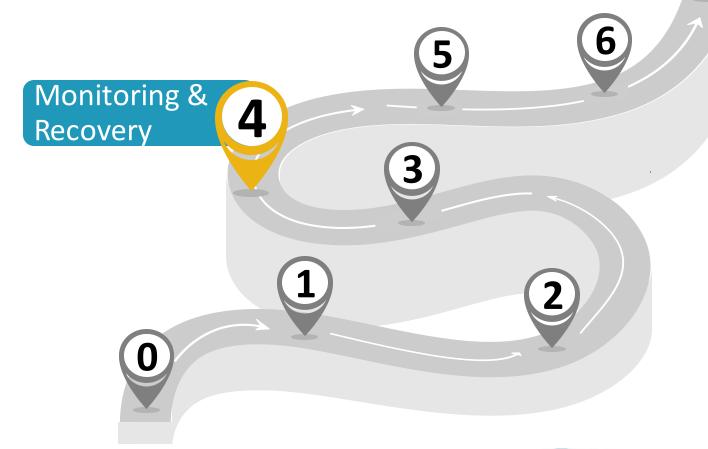
- Implement Incident Communication Plan
- Initiate forensic investigation if appropriate
- Conduct information gathering interviews
- Determine PHI and PII impacted
- Determine jurisdictions in scope



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## Monitoring & Recovery

 Information Security Officer to continue to monitor and evaluate the situation

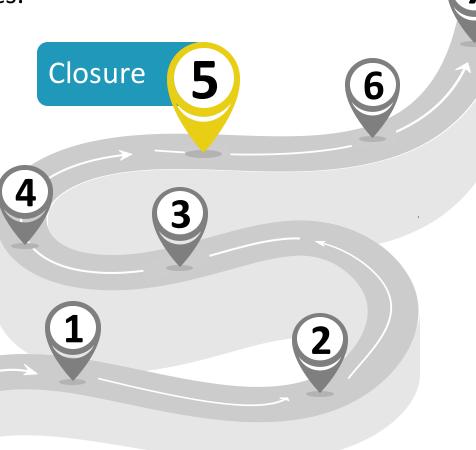






 In order to close an incident, final communications must be provided to appropriate parties:

- Status Communications
- Executive Communications
- Response Coordination and Closure Communications
- Legal Communications
- Public Communications
- Staff Communications



## Investigation



OCR notification results in investigation

OCR may issue Corrective Action Plan, if fined



# Lessons Learned



Debriefing session Lessons Learned





#### **Takeaways**

### Key Takeaways



- Be vigilant
  - Your caution and suspicion is invaluable
  - Your inattention can place us all in peril
- Be sensitive to time
  - We may only have 60 days to respond, sometimes less
  - Report issues ASAP to your ISO or Privacy Officer:
    - Security: <a href="http://intranet.partners.org/finance/hipaa/Security-3.asp">http://intranet.partners.org/finance/hipaa/Security-3.asp</a>
    - Privacy: <a href="http://intranet.partners.org/finance/hipaa/Privacy\_3.asp">http://intranet.partners.org/finance/hipaa/Privacy\_3.asp</a>
- Preserve evidence
  - Retain as much information as you can
  - Logs, logs and more logs
  - Think twice before a reboot
  - Maintain hardware, software and network inventory

## What We All Can Do



- Be aware and educated
  - Think twice, click once
  - Limit social media and high-risk sites
  - Use strong passwords
  - Update and encrypt
- Talk with your teams. Be a champion





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