



University of Connecticut Health Center

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POLICY: UCHC HIPAA SECURITY VIRUS PROTECTION POLICY

PURPOSE:

The University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) is committed to implementing formal procedures for guarding against, detecting, and reporting malicious software. Malicious software, means software, for example, a virus, designed to damage or disrupt a system.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all UCHC workforce:

- Employees (including faculty and staff)
- Volunteers
- Students and Residents
- Temporary Staff
- Agency and contracted staff
- Credentialed staff
- Members of the Board of Directors

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. This policy applies to all computer equipment connected to the UCHC network.
2. The UCHC Information Technology Department shall ensure anti-virus checking software is in place and up-to-date for all UCHC systems to identify viruses, worms, Trojans, spyware, and other forms of malicious software. (Note: Due to industry terminology and widespread use of calling all malicious software a virus, “virus” refers to all malicious software in the context of countermeasure products.)
3. All computer equipment connected to the UCHC network shall have UCHC-approved virus protection software installed with current virus definitions. Virus protection shall be installed and activated on all UCHC IT resources. Additional mechanisms shall be implemented to further protect UCHC IT resources from malicious software whenever deemed necessary by the risk analysis or evaluation in accordance with the UCHC HIPAA Security Risk Management, Evaluation, and Audit Policy
4. All computer equipment connected to the UCHC network shall be up to date with the manufacturer’s operating systems security software patches.

- 5. UCHC workforce suspecting a malicious software infection will immediately refer to the Sanctions for Breaches Policy which addresses reporting requirements.

References

State of Connecticut HIPAA Security Policy

45 C.F.R. §164.308(5) (ii) (B)

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Replace: NEW POLICY