

Health News

Survey: Americans Still Concerned About Vulnerability Of Healthcare Information

(NAPSA)—As Americans spend more time on the Internet in their personal and professional lives, a new survey shows they are slowly becoming more comfortable with the use of new technologies to manage healthcare records.¹ However, many still have concerns about this information's vulnerability to hackers.

The survey shows that nearly three in four (72 percent) U.S. adults agree with the statement "I am concerned that my online healthcare records are vulnerable to hackers." At the same time, 59 percent of Americans said they are comfortable with healthcare records being transmitted across networks, even across country borders.²

The survey was conducted online by Harris Poll on behalf of University of Phoenix[®] College of Health Professions School of Health Services Administration to mark the important role that health information technology plays in U.S. healthcare delivery.

The survey findings show that attitudes have shifted slightly since a similar 2015 survey, which found that 76 percent of U.S. adults were concerned that their healthcare records were vulnerable to hackers and 55 percent were comfortable with records being transmitted over networks.³

The trend toward a more accepting view of technology being used for healthcare data may have something to do with Americans' use of the Internet.⁴ According to the 2016 survey, 50 percent of adults say they spend 20 hours a week or more on the Internet, and 26 percent say they spend 10 to 19 hours a week online.

"As Americans become more trusting of technology's use in managing their personal health information, the industry has an obliga-



As Americans spend more time online, they are growing more comfortable with the role that technology plays in the maintenance of healthcare data.

tion to preserve that trust by investing in and developing new technologies, protocols and systems that can provide them with the security they deserve," said Dr. Mark Johannsson, academic dean for University of Phoenix School of Health Services Administration. "At University of Phoenix, the College of Health Professions and College of Information Systems and Technology faculty are working together to make sure the next generations of health and IT professionals are learning and working together to advance technologies and best practices vital to providing patients with the best possible care."

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1 Survey of 2,069 U.S. adults ages 18 and older conducted online within the United States by Harris Poll on behalf of University of Phoenix from September 14-16, 2016. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables, contact Becky Frost at becky.frost@apollo.edu.

2 Ibid.

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<http://www.phoenix.edu/news/releases/2015/10/us-adults-concerned-about-security-of-health-care-data.html>

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