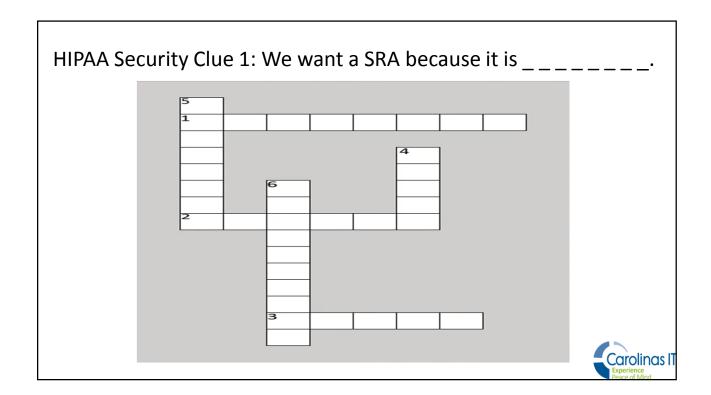


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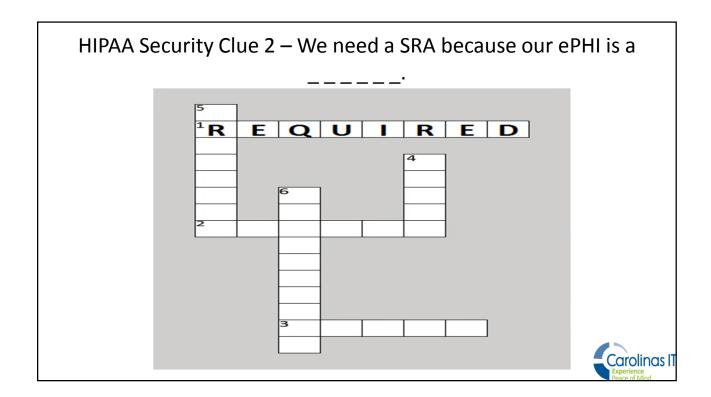




# Security Risk Assessment (SRA)

- •The SRA helps the organization ensure it is *compliant* with HIPAA administrative, physical and technical safeguards
- •The SRA is *required* by the HIPAA Security Rule
- Correspondingly, the SRA is *required* for attestation to CMS-Meaningful Use Stage 1 and 2





# Security Risk Assessment (SRA)

# Your ePHI is the target!

- Criminal attacks were the root cause in 50% of ePHI data breach incidents. It was 45% in 2015.
- Criminal attacks on covered entities and BAs has increased
   125% since 2011

Ponemon Institute 2015 and 2016 Benchmark Study on Privacy and Security of Healthcare Data



#### HIPAA Security Clue 3 - A breach of ePHI will result in loss of

TAREQUIRED

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2TARGET



#### HIPAA Security by the Numbers

- Black-Market Value: \$50/medical record -FBI
- 17,000 Patient Records Breached Per Day HH
- Cost per Breached Record: \$188 Ponemon
- HIPAA Penalties for a Lost Unencrypted Laptop: \$1.5M OCR
- Loss of Patient Trust: 56% Ponemon



### **Compliance is NOT Security**

- Comprehensive Audit Approach addresses
   *five of the top five* CIS Critical Security
   Controls (see cisecurity.org)
- HealthIT Checklist partially addresses two of the top five CSCs



## Risky Thinking – "I can't afford an audit-led SRA"

Can you afford a Breach?

- Single Loss Expectancy (SLE) = Asset Value or Fines x Exposure
   Factor
- Annualized Loss Expectancy = SLE x Annual Rate of Occurrence
  - Checklist ALE (one incident) =  $$50K \times 45\% = $22.5K$
  - Audit Guided ALE (one incident) =  $$5K \times 45\% = $2.25K$



HIPAA Security Clue 4 – Employing an \_\_\_\_\_ approach to the assessment is the best way to systematically identify locations of ePHI.

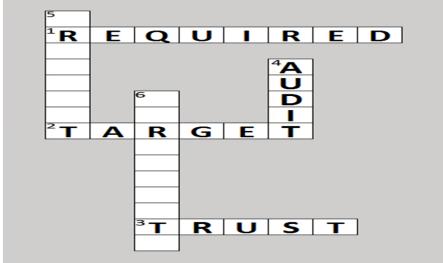
#### **Carolinas IT SRA Approach**

The Goal: to reveal the areas where your ePHI is at risk and recommend steps to reduce that risk

- Diagnostic Tools (vulnerability, AD scans)
- Checklists
- Professional Reports
- Guided by an ISACA Certified Information Systems Auditor
- Customized to your organization



HIPAA Security Clue 5 – Security training is required annually, but it should be more \_\_\_\_\_.

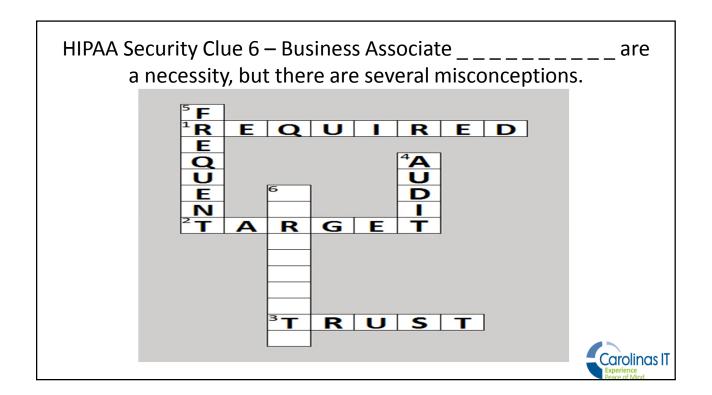




# Common Vulnerabilities

- Lack of or weak password controls
- Poor management of user accounts/generic accounts
- No automatic logoff/session timeout
- Lack of HIPAA Security specific policies and training
- Inadequate controls for email, encryption
- Misconfiguration of Firewall/Intrusion Protection (IDS/IPS)
- Poor management of BAAs

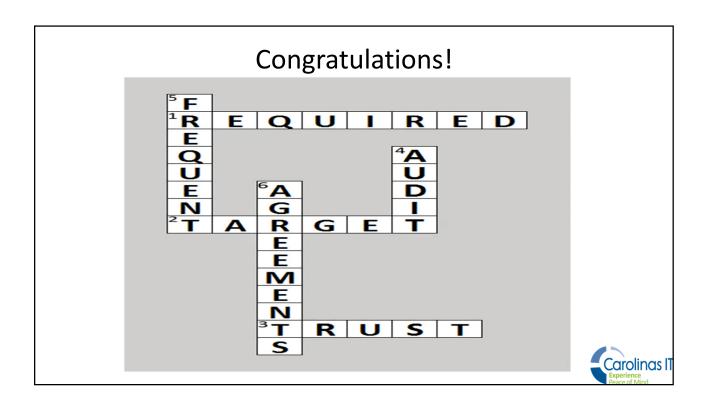




### **BAA Myths**

- We don't need a BAA if the business associate never actually looks at the data
- We have less risk with the BAA
- Having a signed BAA is all we need to do to ensure the business associate is HIPAA compliant (audit and subcontractors)
- All BAAs are the same





### Thank You!

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