



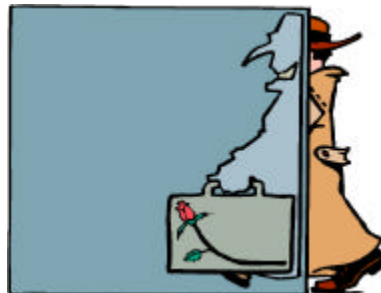
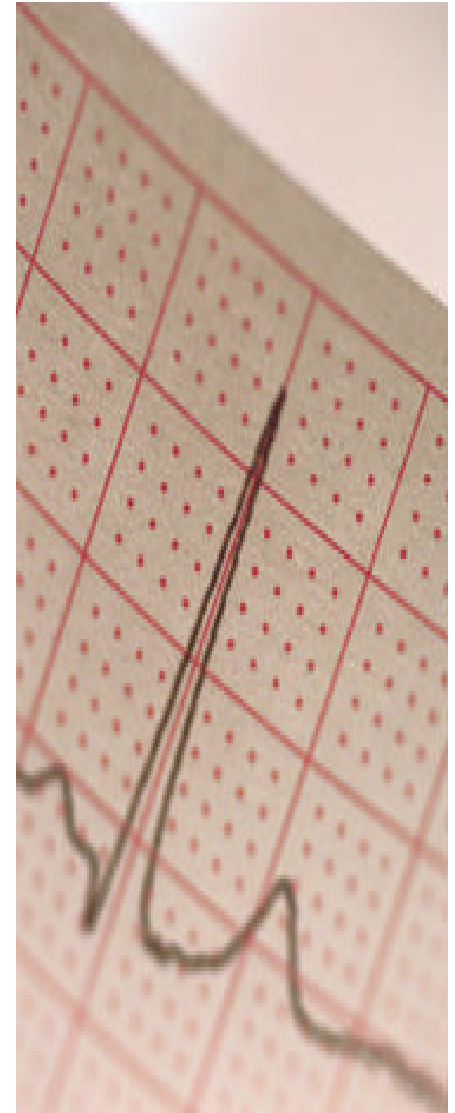
## *Performing A Security Assessment*

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# Overview

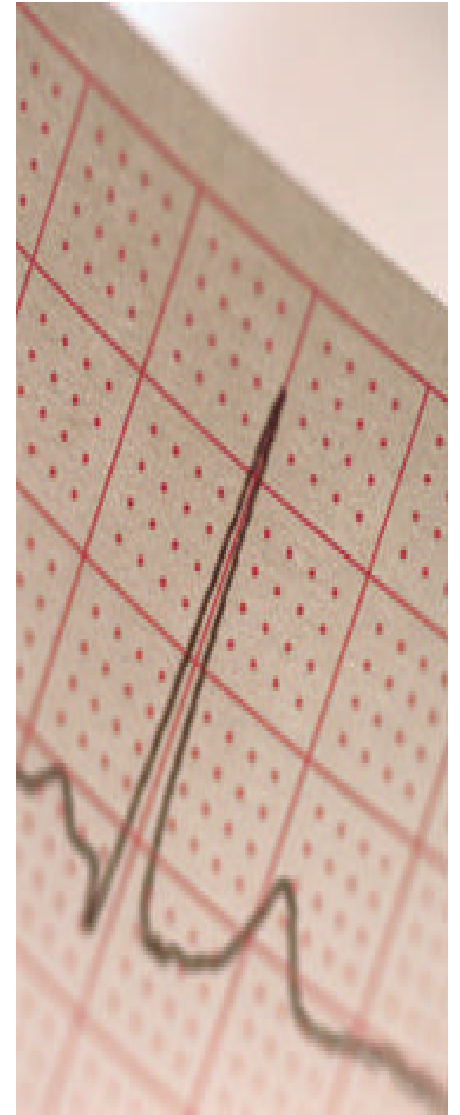
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- The Data Security issue – what do we need to do?
- How are we going to do It?
- Case Study

# HIPAA Security Assessment

## What To Do?



# Why conduct a Security Assessment?

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- Provide an understanding of the impact of HIPAA legislation on business operations and technology infrastructure
  - Identify gaps between current business and technical environments compared to the requirements of HIPAA
  - Evaluate the significance of the vulnerabilities (Risks) in the context of the organization's operations

# Goals of the Risk Assessment

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- The questions you are trying to answer in the risk assessment are:
  - What could compromise the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the health information in our possession?
  - If that information is compromised what is the impact to our business or to the individual?
  - What is the probability that it will happen?

# What do we need to do?

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1. Plan
2. Gather Data
3. Analyze Data
4. Assess Risk

# Plan

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- Kickoff meeting to provide an understanding of the security assessment process
  - Identify the people involved, confirm staff to be interviewed
  - Identify the security assessment approach
  - Identify the steps to be taken
  - Review high level milestones



# Gather Security Data

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- Customize security assessment questionnaire for HIPAA specifications
- Assign appropriate questions to representatives from functional areas
- Interview representatives from functional areas using the applicable questionnaires
- Record data



# Conduct Gap Analysis

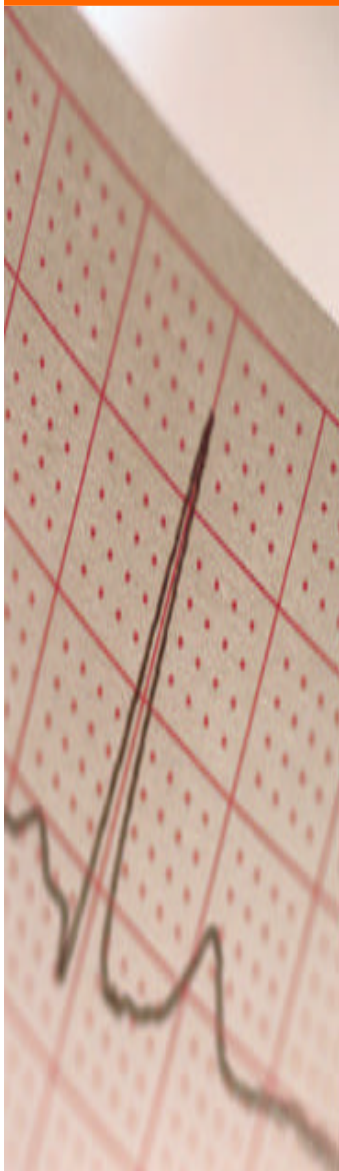
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- Compile results of questionnaires
- Identify gaps
- Develop gap analysis report to reveal gaps in compliance between the current environments and the HIPAA requirements

# Gap Analysis - Considerations

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## Results from Gap Analysis should factor:

- Purpose of process/system/department
- Number of users
- Types of users, internal, external, on-site, remote, contract
- Type of access, level and scope of access
- Frequency of use
- Knowledge level of users
- Number of locations/sites
- Physical environment
- Types of security controls
- Interdependencies and interfaces
- Type of information and confidentiality, integrity and availability risks
- Type of threats intentional or unintentional)

# Assess Risk

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- Each Health Care entity must:
  - Assess potential risks and vulnerabilities to the individual health data in its possession in electronic form
  - Develop, implement and maintain appropriate security measures

# Gap Analysis vs. Risk Assessment

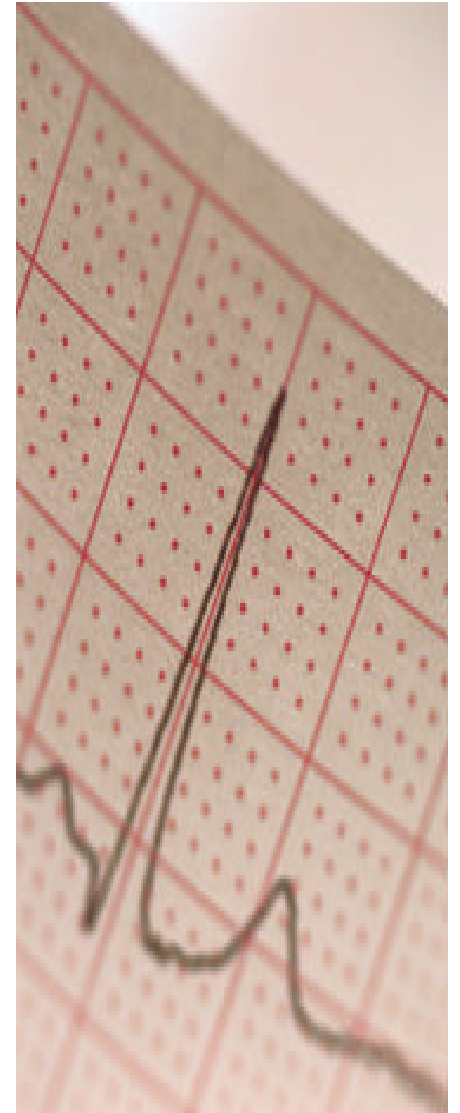
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- The gap analysis compares where we are to where we need to be in relation to HIPAA compliance. It helps determine the areas where the organization has vulnerabilities
- The risk assessment will be used to evaluate the significance of the vulnerabilities in context of the organization's operations

# HIPAA Security Assessment

## How To Do It?



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Available as Zipped file download on the  
NCHICA secure Web site – [www.nchica.org](http://www.nchica.org)

# HIPAA EarlyView™ Security

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## HIPAA EarlyView™ (HEV)

- What it is
- What it isn't
- Deployment in Large Organization
  - Deployment Options
  - Case Study
  - Lessons learned



# What it is

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- A “*First Glance*” at an organization’s readiness to comply with the proposed HIPAA Security Regulations
- A *self-assessment* that provides assistance to an organization seeking insights into the proposed HIPAA regulation
- A *guideline* in the formulation of a response appropriate to a particular organization’s situation



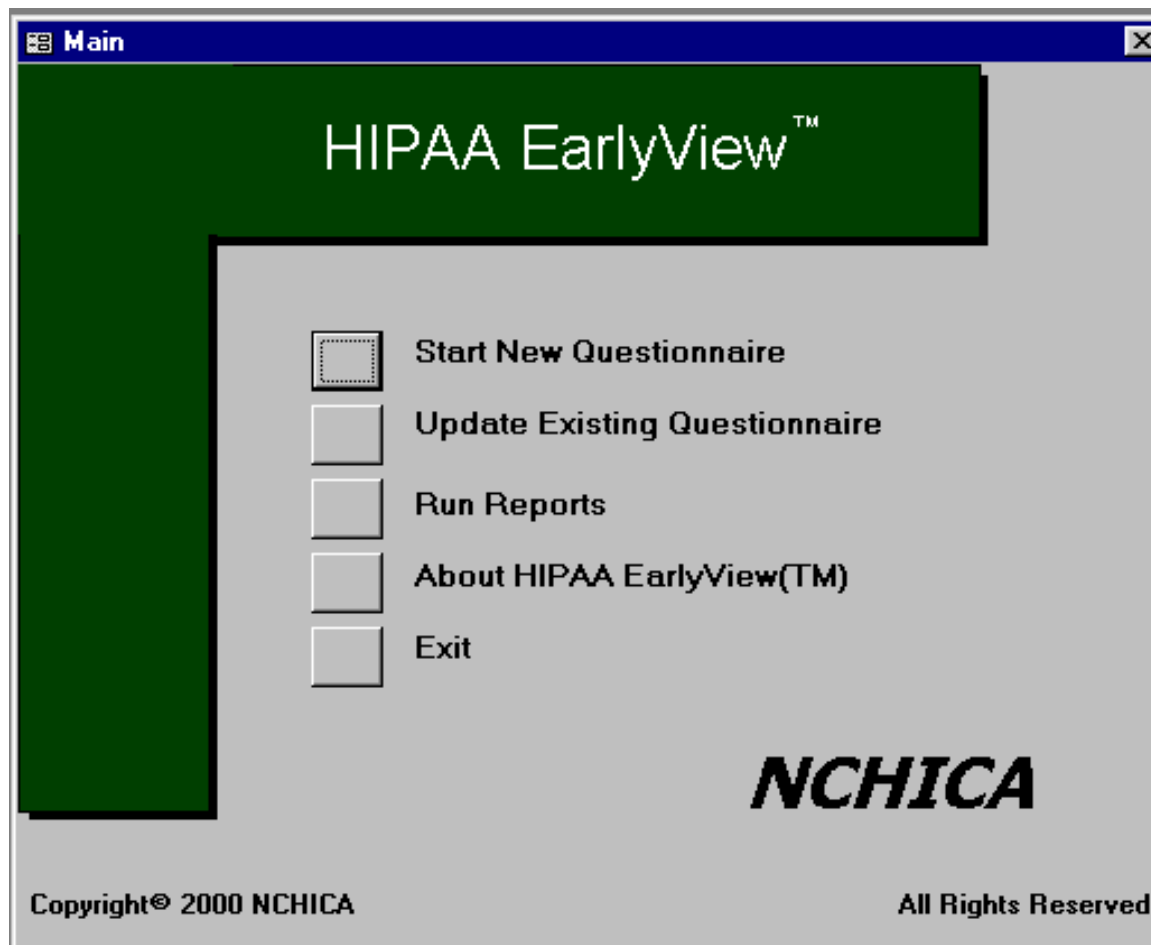
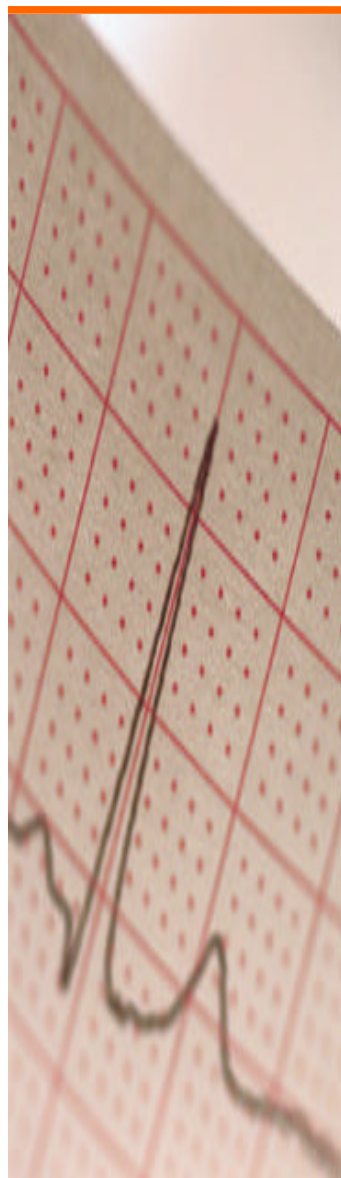
# What it isn't

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- A *“Silver Bullet”* to eradicate the implications of the HIPAA security regulations
- A *self-conducting tool* that automates all Security Data Assessment requirements
- A *black box* – if you put garbage in, you’ll get garbage out

# Main Menu

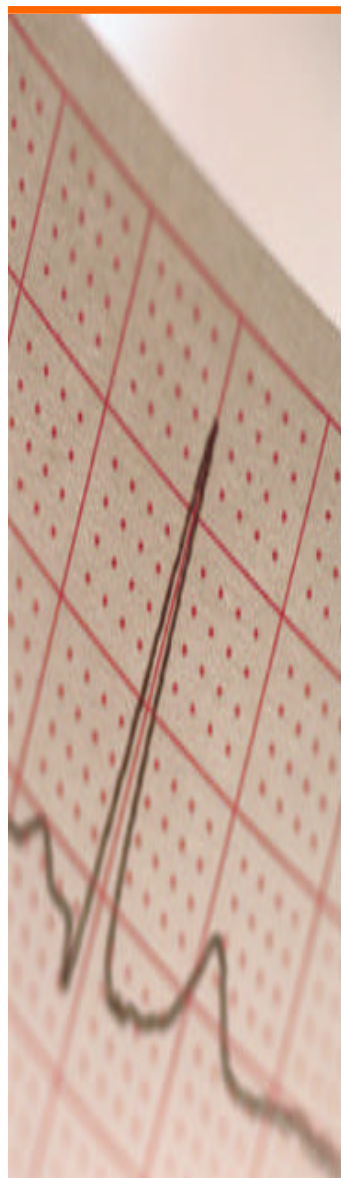


# Report Example

## Question Listing by HIPAA Requirement and Implementation

HIPAA Table A	
HIPAA Requirement	Certification
HIPAA Implementation	
Question Number	Detailed Question
1	Has an external entity or group performed a technical evaluation for BOTH your information systems AND network design for compliance with security standards?
2	Does your organization have an internal audit group that performs technical evaluations for BOTH information systems AND network design for compliance with security standards?
3	Does your organization maintain a technical evaluation history for BOTH information systems AND networks?
4	Does your organization require that BOTH information systems AND networks are reviewed after any additions or significant modifications to design?
5	Does your organization document all steps taken to ensure and maintain security compliance?
HIPAA Requirement	Chain of trust
HIPAA Implementation	
Question Number	Detailed Question
6	Does your organization require that a chain of trust partner agreement be signed with all third parties that process protected health information?
7	Does your organization explicitly state requirements for ensuring confidentiality and integrity of data in any chain of trust agreements?
8	Does your organization explicitly state requirements for availability of data in all chain of trust agreements?
9	Does your organization maintain the right to audit the security measures of third parties who process protected health information?

# Security Questions



This form is used by a facilitator to conduct the HIPAA Security Questionnaire. It is designed to be used to capture all required information. Comments should be forwarded to DataSecurity@NCHICA.ORG. Thanks!

Question **1** Questionnaire Name: sample1

**Has an external entity or group performed a technical evaluation for BOTH your information systems AND network design for compliance with security standards?**

Answer: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Unanswered Due Diligence Demonstrated: ☐ Check if YES

Comments: evaluation done by test org - june 1999

Refer To:

Document Name: tech eval

Doc Type: Paper Document Location:

Periodically Reviewed? No Next Review Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Point of Contact: Mr. Contact Contact Phone: (999) 999-9999 Ext. 1234

Contact Title: boss Contact E-Mail: boss@sample.com

Contact FAX: (999) 999-9999

Answer Date (M/D/Y): 6/9/00 Readdress Requirement: ☐

# Report Example

## Questions answered with "NO"

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HIPAA Table

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HIPAA Requirement Certification

HIPAA Implementation

Question Number Detailed Question

Refer To:

Contact

Contact Phone

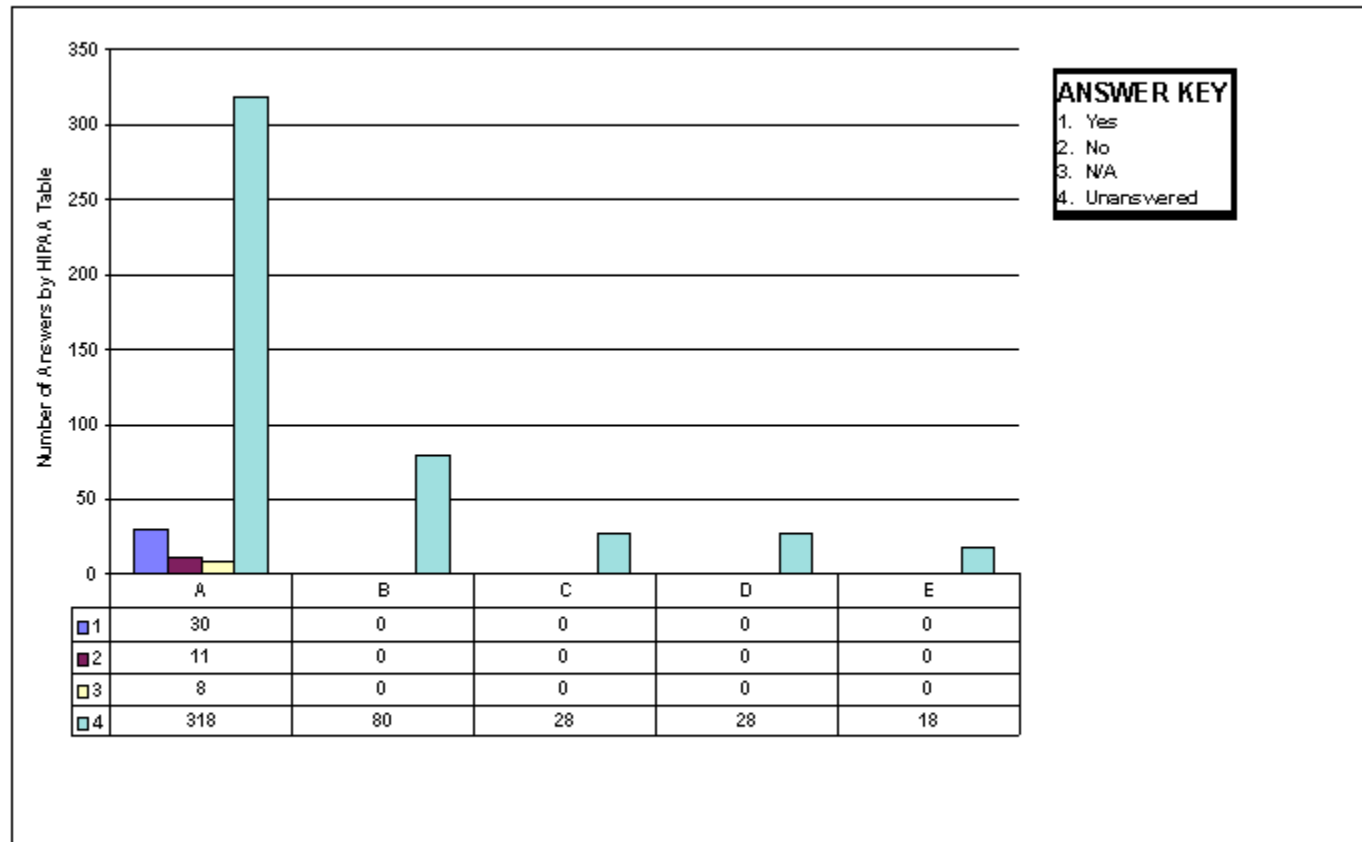
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Does your organization have an internal audit group that performs technical evaluations for BOTH information systems AND network design for compliance with security standards?

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# Report Example

Answers by HIPAA Table



Monday, June 12, 2000

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# Deployment Options

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- Minimal Control
  - Subject Matter Experts are assigned questions and enter data directly into the tool
- Minimal Control combined with training and awareness effort
- Fully Managed and Executed Data Security Assessment



# Case Study: Conducting the survey utilizing the tool

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- Deployment in a large, disperse organization
- The approach requires that an experienced individual conducts direct interviews with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and records the answers for each question into the tool

# Executing the Data Security Assessment

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1. **Plan:** Determine the lines of business or departments that will participate in the assessment
2. **Gather Data:** Conduct the survey utilizing the tool
3. **Analyze Data:** Review the results of the survey and perform a gap analysis for each department or line of business that indicates vulnerabilities utilizing the reports provided with the tool or other reports created by your organization
4. **Assess Risk:** Perform a risk assessment for each line of business or department to determine the priority and sequence of how these gaps will be addressed for the entire organization

# Lessons Learned

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- Create a well-defined approach
- Obtain executive commitment
- Assign one responsible individual
- Provide awareness and education

# Lessons Learned

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- The assessment does not execute itself
  - It must be administered and controlled
- Upfront planning pays many dividends
  - More timely and accurate response

# Thank You !

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