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Interesting HIPAA Study on Dentists

An interesting survey of 18 dentists was conducted to assess the compliance to HIPAA. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability act of 1996 defines some of the protections necessary for patient confidentiality and privacy. The dentists were given 10 compliance questions by Darrell Pruitt D.D.S.

Quote:

"The range of compliancy was found to be from 0% for the requirement of a written workstation policy to 88% for that of password security. The average was 49%, meaning that less than half of the requirements are being respected by the dentists in this sample."

Read the article [here](#)

Posted by Lawrence Pingree in Security at 05:20

It pleases me to see that Lawrence Pingree posted my study. There has been far too little reliable information about HIPAA available for dentists in the nation. I think the study shows that if mandated requirements are meaningful, dentists will comply. If the requirements are absurd dentists will ignore them - keeping the cost of services as low as possible. God bless America. Darrell Pruitt DDS

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