

QUANTUM THREAT INTELLIGENCE REPORT: HEALTHCARE & PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY



THREAT LEVEL EXTREME

Healthcare/pharma face the MOST SEVERE quantum threat across all industries due to permanently sensitive medical/genomic data, complex IT infrastructure, and multi-decade clinical trial timelines coinciding with quantum computer arrival.

CRITICAL FINDINGS:

-  **Permanent Sensitivity**
Medical records sensitive 50+ years; genomic data forever identifiable across generations
-  **Active HNDL Attacks**
Nation-states harvesting encrypted clinical trials, R&D data, patient information NOW
-  **Infrastructure Challenge**
77 SaaS applications average; 500-1,000+ APIs; only 4% encrypt 80%+ cloud data; 27% don't know where data stored
-  **Quantum Concern**
59% fear encryption compromise; 68% worried about HNDL; 69% key distribution fears (Thales 2025)
-  **Breach Statistics**
\$10.9M average cost (highest industry); 238M US residents affected (2024); 287 days to identify breach
-  **Global Mandates**
US federal PQC by 2027; HIPAA quantum updates 2025-2026; EU NIS2 by 2030; GDPR penalties €20M
-  **Financial Impact**
\$85-130B industry investment required; \$500B-\$2T potential quantum breach exposure

GLOBAL REGULATORY MANDATES & COMPLIANCE TIMELINE

1.1 | UNITED STATES HEALTHCARE QUANTUM MANDATES

Federal Legislation (Source: <https://www.safelogic.com/compliance/pqc-standards>)



A	Quantum Cybersecurity Preparedness Act (Dec 2022)	C	OMB Memorandum M-23-02 (Nov 2022)
C	NSA CNSA 2.0 (National Security Systems)	D	Executive Order 14144 (Jan 2025)

A | Quantum Cybersecurity Preparedness Act (Dec 2022)

- **Scope**
Federal agencies + contractors (Medicare/Medicaid providers, VA hospitals, military medical facilities)
- **Requirements**
Inventory quantum-vulnerable systems; develop PQC migration plans; annual OMB reporting
- **Healthcare Impact**
All federal healthcare IT systems and contractors
- **Timeline**
Initial inventory Q4 2025; migration plans Q2 2026

C | NSA CNSA 2.0 (National Security Systems)

- **Jan 1, 2027**
New NSS acquisitions CNSA 2.0 compliant (Defence Health Agency, military hospitals)
- **Dec 31, 2025**
Existing NSS meets CNSA 1.0 or requests waiver
- **2033**
Final mandatory compliance for all system types

Required Algorithms

ML-KEM (CRYSTALS-Kyber), ML-DSA (CRYSTALS-Dilithium), LMS/XMSS

B | OMB Memorandum M-23-02 (Nov 2022)

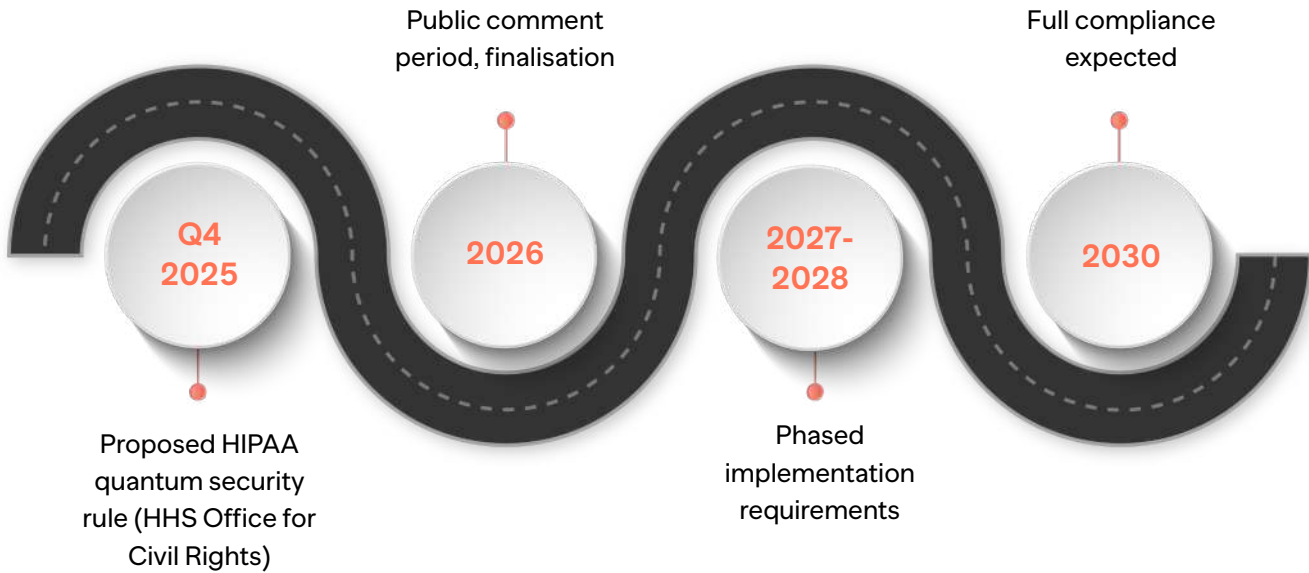
- **Mandate**
Annual cryptographic inventories through 2035
- **Priority**
High-Value Assets (patient health information systems, clinical trial databases, genomic repositories)
Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/M-23-02-M-Memo-on-Migrating-to-Post-Quantum-Cryptography.pdf>

D | Executive Order 14144 (Jan 2025)

- **Trump Administration**
Maintains PQC urgency, streamlines roadmap
- **TLS 1.3 Requirement**
All federal systems by January 2, 2030
- **CISA/NSA Deliverable**
Quantum-safe product categories by December 1, 2025
- **Healthcare Systems**
Must support quantum-safe TLS for health information exchange

HIPAA QUANTUM SECURITY UPDATES (Expected 2025-2026)

Expected Timeline:



Current Status

HIPAA Security Rule requires "addressable" encryption (no explicit quantum requirements yet)

New Requirements (Anticipated):

✓ Mandatory PQC implementation for covered entities storing PHI	✓ Business Associate Agreements (BAA) must include quantum security provisions
✓ Breach notification updates for quantum compromise scenarios	✓ Penalties for quantum-vulnerable systems storing PHI after the deadline

Penalties

Existing HIPAA framework (\$100-\$50,000 per violation, max \$1.5M/year per violation category) + potential quantum-specific penalties

NIST POST-QUANTUM STANDARDS (Finalised Aug 2024)

FIPS 203 ML-KEM (CRYSTALS-Kyber) Key encapsulation for data encryption	FIPS 204 ML-DSA (CRYSTALS-Dilithium) Digital signatures for authentication	FIPS 205 SLH-DSA (SPHINCS+) Hash-based signatures for long-term security	FIPS 206 FN-DSA (FALCON) Compact signatures for constrained devices (pending)
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Source: <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2024/08/nist-releases-first-3-finalized-post-quantum-encryption-standards>

1.2 | EUROPEAN UNION HEALTHCARE & PHARMA MANDATES



■ **NIS2 Directive**
(Effective Oct 2024; Member State Implementation Oct 2026)

■ **GDPR Quantum Implications**

Source: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu>; <https://industrialcyber.co/regulation-standards-and-compliance/eu-begins-coordinated-effort-for-member-states-to-switch-critical-infrastructure-to-quantum-resistant-encryption-by-2030/>

NIS2 Directive (Effective Oct 2024; Member State Implementation Oct 2026)

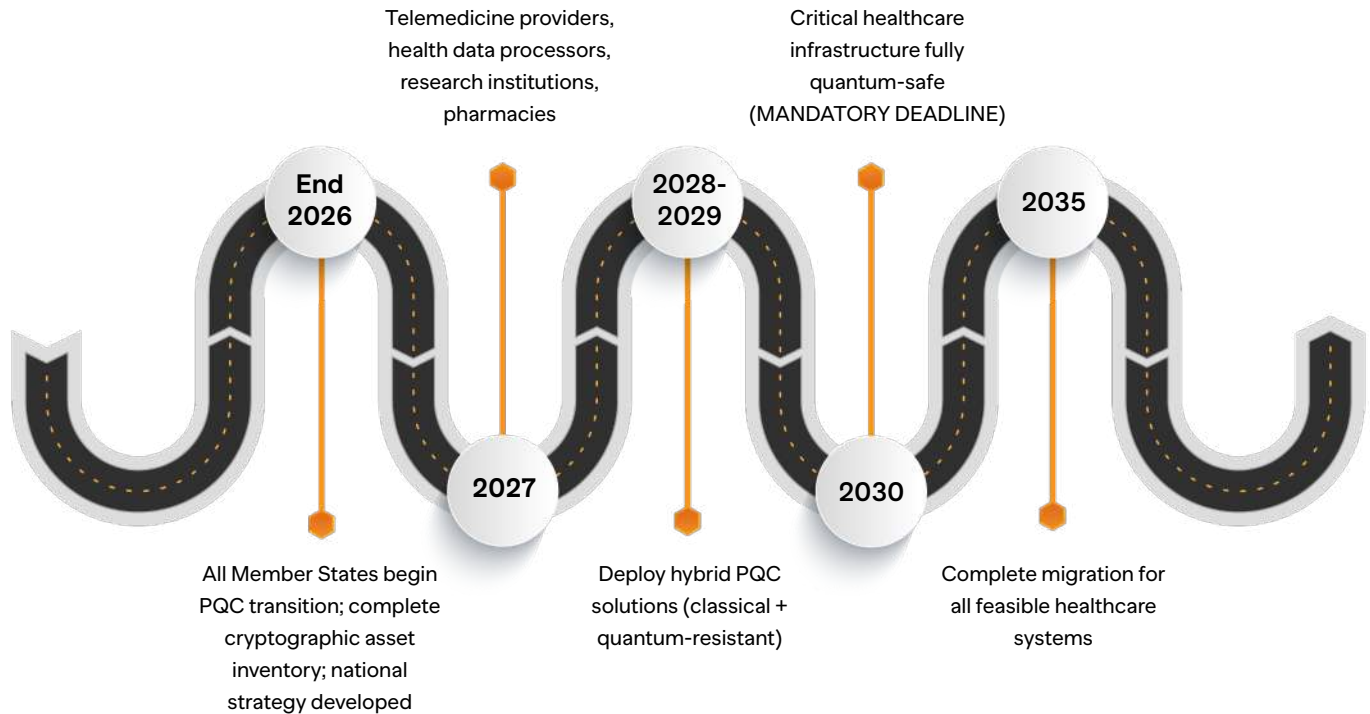
Covered Healthcare Entities:

- **Essential Entities**
Hospitals, pharmaceutical manufacturers, medical device companies, large clinical labs
- **Important Entities**
Telemedicine providers, health data processors, research institutions, pharmacies

Penalties

Up to €10M or 2% of global annual revenue (whichever is higher) for non-compliance

PQC Implementation Timeline:



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GDPR Quantum Implications

PQC Implementation Timeline:

- Patient data classified as "special category" under GDPR Article 9
- Quantum decryption of patient data = data breach under GDPR
- Controllers/processors liable for inadequate encryption measures
- "Right to be forgotten" (Article 17) complicated by HNDL attacks (data collected today, decrypted later)

Technical Requirements:

- Technical measures must be "state of the art" (Article 32) - quantum threat redefines adequacy
- Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) must address quantum risk
- Data Protection Officers (DPOs) must understand PQC implications

Financial Penalties:

- Up to €20 million or 4% of global annual revenue (whichever is higher)
- Quantum breach could trigger maximum penalties
- Class action lawsuits from affected patients (GDPR Article 82)

European Medicines Agency (EMA) Guidance:

- Clinical trial data must be quantum-safe for submission
- Drug approval documentation requires PQC protection
- Pharmacovigilance systems quantum-secure by 2028
- Manufacturing process data protected with quantum-resistant encryption
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) updates for quantum security

EU Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) - Effective Dec 2027:

- All medical devices with digital elements must support cryptographic agility
- Manufacturers must provide security updates for the product lifecycle
- Quantum-safe updates mandatory for connected medical devices

1.3 | OTHER MAJOR MARKETS

UNITED KINGDOM



- **NCSC**
Healthcare sector prioritised in PQC migration roadmap
- **NHS Digital**
Leading national implementation across the National Health Service
- **MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency)**
PQC mandatory for connected medical devices 2026-2028; Software as Medical Device (SaMD) quantum standards



Timeline

Critical NHS systems by 2028; full migration by 2032

JAPAN



- **Investment**
\$7.4B in quantum technology (2025 announcement)
- **Healthcare Focus**
Genomics research protection, medical AI security
- **PMDA (Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency)**
Developing PQC standards for drug approval systems

Source: <https://www.mckinsey.com/capabilities/mckinsey-digital/our-insights/the-year-of-quantum-from-concept-to-reality-in-2025>

**Timeline**

2027-2029 implementation for regulatory submission systems

SOUTH KOREA



- **KDCA (Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency)**
Quantum security initiatives for public health data
- **National Health Insurance Service**
PQC pilot program (2025-2026)

**Timeline**

2026-2029 phased rollout

INDIA



- **National Quantum Mission**
₹6,003.65 crore (\$800M) budget allocation
- **Healthcare Application**
Telemedicine security, digital health records (Ayushman Bharat), genomic research
- **AIIMS Partnership**
Pilot quantum security programs at All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- **Focus**
Indigenous quantum security solutions, satellite-based QKD for remote healthcare

**Timeline**

2025-2030 phased implementation

CHINA



Investment

Billions in quantum research, 2,000 km operational quantum network

Healthcare Priority

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) database protection, genomic sovereignty



Aggressive Timeline

Mandating quantum-safe systems for healthcare data by 2026-2027

CANADA



Health Canada

Updating medical device cybersecurity requirements to include PQC

Provincial Health

Ontario, Quebec leading quantum security pilots



Timeline

Critical systems 2027-2029

AUSTRALIA



ASD (Australian Signals Directorate)

Post-quantum planning guidance since 2023

TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration)

Medical device quantum security requirements

My Health Record

National EHR system quantum migration planning



Timeline

2026-2030 implementation



Adversaries collecting encrypted healthcare data TODAY



Business Associate Agreements (BAA) must include quantum security provisions



Breach notification updates for quantum compromise scenarios



Penalties for quantum-vulnerable systems storing PHI after the deadline

HEALTHCARE THREAT LANDSCAPE & ATTACK INTELLIGENCE

2.1 | WHY HEALTHCARE IS THE HIGHEST QUANTUM RISK

Source: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/09/pharma-life-sciences-quantum-threat-cybersecurity/>

World Economic Forum Assessment - Unique Healthcare Vulnerabilities:

Risk Factor	Healthcare Reality	Quantum Threat Impact	Severity
Data Lifecycle	50+ years (lifetime + post-death retention)	Decades of encrypted records become decryptable	CRITICAL
Genomic Data	Permanent, unchangeable identifier	Forever sensitive; affects family generations	EXTREME
Clinical Trials	10–15 year duration (Phase I–IV)	Overlaps with CRQC arrival window (2026–2031)	CRITICAL
R&D Value	\$2.6B average per new drug development	Billions in IP vulnerable to theft	EXTREME
Regulatory	HIPAA, GDPR, and FDA mandatory compliance	Quantum breach = massive penalties + litigation	CRITICAL
National Security	Pandemic response, biodefense research	State-sponsored quantum espionage target	EXTREME
Patient Safety	Medical device control, treatment data	Physical harm potential from compromised systems	CRITICAL

Harvest Now, Decrypt Later" (HNDL) Specific Threat:



Adversaries collecting encrypted healthcare data TODAY



Expectation
Quantum computers will decrypt 2026-2031

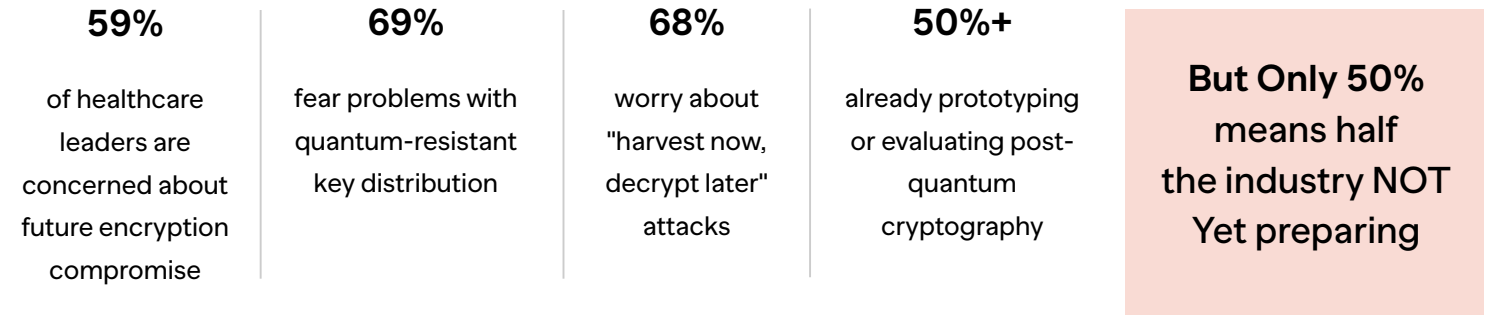


Once decrypted, genomic/medical data exposure is PERMANENT and IRREVERSIBLE

2.2 | 2025 HEALTHCARE CYBERSECURITY DATA

Thales Data Threat Report - Healthcare & Life Sciences Edition 2025

Quantum-Specific Healthcare Concerns:

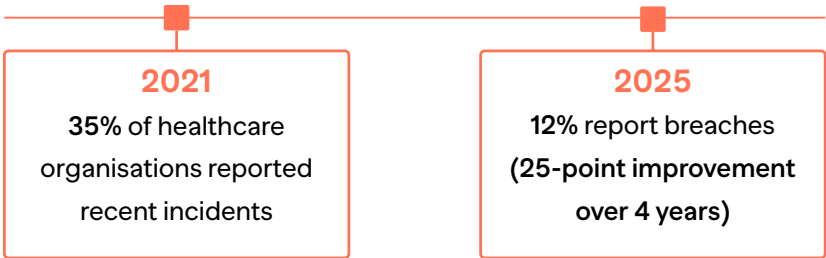


Healthcare IT Infrastructure Complexity Crisis:



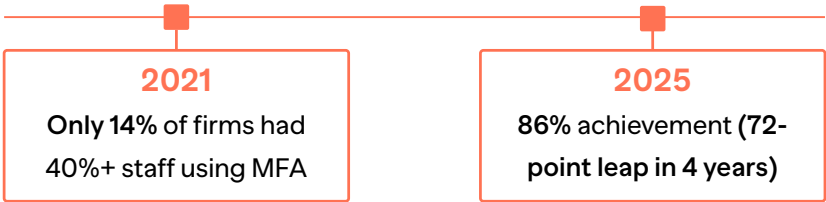
- **77 SaaS applications** average per healthcare organisation
- **Nearly 2 IaaS platforms** average (multi-cloud complexity)
- **500-1,000+ APIs per organisation**
 - 33% manage more than 500 APIs
 - 14% juggling over 1,000 APIs
- **5+ data discovery tools** used by 59% of firms (conflicting policies, overlapping processes)
- **27%** have little or NO confidence in identifying where their data is stored
- **Only 4%** have encrypted 80% or more of sensitive cloud data
- **Nearly 50%** of all cloud-stored data is sensitive (but unprotected)

Breach Trends - Mixed Picture:



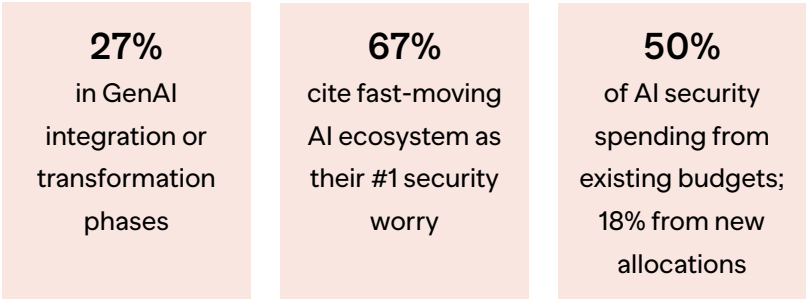
However, a Quantum threat
Could catastrophically reverse
this progress

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) Success Story:



Lesson
When stakes are clear and urgent,
healthcare CAN adapt rapidly

AI Security Emerging Concern:



- **Primary Concerns**
Model integrity, data reliability, third-party trust, potential misuse
- **Asymmetry Fear**
Compromise at machine speed, remediation at human pace

Healthcare Breach Cost Statistics (IBM 2024):



- \$10.9 million average cost per healthcare data breach (HIGHEST of any industry)
- 287 days average time to identify a breach
- 80 days average time to contain breach
- 2+ years total lifecycle cost (breach costs persist long-term)
- 238 million US residents affected by healthcare breaches (2024)
- 14 breaches involving 1 million+ records each

2.3 | CRITICAL ATTACK VECTORS

A | ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) EXPOSURE

- **Scale**
Billions of patient records globally (Epic, Cerner/Oracle Health, Allscripts, Athenahealth)
- **Sensitivity Duration**
Lifetime + 50 years' post-death (regulatory retention requirements)
- **HNDL Activity**
Active collection of encrypted medical database backups
- **Quantum Impact**
Complete patient medical history exposed (diagnoses, treatments, medications, mental health, substance abuse, genetic predispositions)
- **Consequences**
Identity theft, insurance discrimination, employment impact, social stigma, blackmail potential

B | CLINICAL TRIAL & PHARMACEUTICAL R&D DATA THEFT

- **IP Value**
\$2.6 billion average cost to develop one new drug (Tufts Centre study)
- **Timeline Overlap**
Phase I-IV trials span 10-15 years, overlapping CRQC arrival (2026-2031)
- **Target Data**
Patient outcomes, efficacy results, adverse events, drug formulations, manufacturing processes
- **Competitive Impact**
Years of R&D instantly compromised; competitor gains immediate parity
- **National Security**
Biodefense research, vaccine development, pandemic preparedness exposed
- **Regulatory Risk**
FDA/EMA submissions contain sensitive proprietary data

C | MEDICAL DEVICE & IoT INFRASTRUCTURE COMPROMISE

- **Connected Devices**
Pacemakers, insulin pumps, ventilators, patient monitors, infusion pumps
- **Control Systems**
Surgical robots (da Vinci), imaging equipment (MRI, CT, PET), radiation therapy
- **Quantum Vulnerability**
Device authentication broken; PKI certificates compromised
- **Physical Harm Potential**
Life-threatening manipulation (insulin overdose, pacemaker disruption, ventilator shutdown)
- **Scale**
Billions of connected medical devices deployed globally
- **Regulatory**
FDA medical device cybersecurity guidance insufficient for quantum threats

D | GENOMIC DATABASE BREACHES

- **Permanent Sensitivity**
DNA sequence never changes; forever identifiable
- **Family Impact**
Genetic data reveals information about relatives across generations (siblings, children, parents)
- **Discrimination Risks**
 - Health insurance (pre-existing genetic conditions)
 - Life insurance (genetic disease predisposition)
 - Employment (genetic screening)
 - Social stigma (mental health, addiction susceptibility)
- **Collection Scale**
100+ million genomes sequenced globally (23andMe, Ancestry.com, UK Biobank, All of Us)
- **Research Value**
Pharmaceutical companies, biotech firms target genomic databases for drug discovery
- **HNDL Priority Target**
High-value permanent identifiers being actively collected

E | HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & BUILDING SYSTEMS

- **Building Management**
HVAC, power systems, physical security, access control
- **Patient Monitoring**
Real-time vital signs, alert systems, nurse call systems
- **Supply Chain**
Medication tracking, inventory management, blood bank
- **Emergency Systems**
Life safety, fire suppression, emergency communications
- **Quantum Risk**
Infrastructure control systems authentication compromised; operational disruption

F | TELEMEDICINE & REMOTE CARE PLATFORMS

- **Rapid Growth**
Telehealth visits increased 38x during pandemic; remaining elevated
- **Video Consultations**
Doctor-patient communication encryption is vulnerable
- **Remote Patient Monitoring**
Wearables, home health devices transmitting data
- **Prescription Systems**
E-prescribing platforms handling controlled substances
- **Quantum Threat**
Real-time communication interception; prescription fraud

G | PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

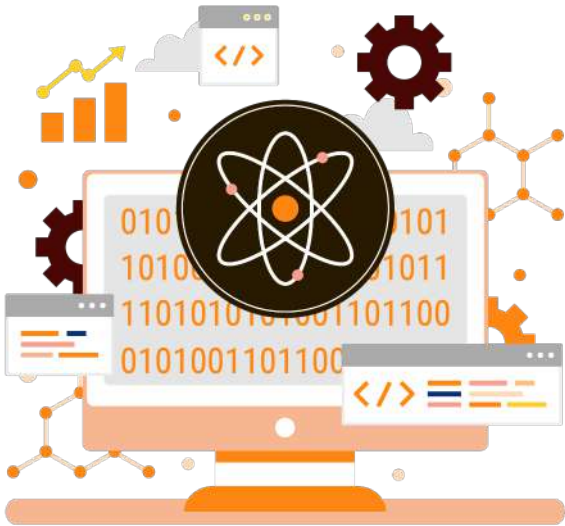
- **Manufacturing**
Batch records, quality control, process parameters
 - **Distribution**
Track-and-trace systems (Drug Supply Chain Security Act compliance)
 - **Cold Chain**
Temperature-sensitive medication monitoring (vaccines, biologics)
- **Counterfeit Prevention**
Hand authentication systems
 - **Quantum Risk**
Supply chain integrity compromised; counterfeit drug insertion

QUANTUM COMPUTING CAPABILITIES & TIMELINE

3.1 | CURRENT STATE (OCTOBER 2025)

Operational Quantum Systems:

IBM Quantum System Two	1,121 superconducting qubits demonstrated
Google Willow Chip	Achieving quantum computational advantage
IonQ Forte	64-qubit trapped-ion commercial systems available
Rigetti	Cloud-accessible quantum processors
China	Significant quantum computing research facilities; 2,000 km quantum network operational



3.2 | CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY RELEVANT QUANTUM COMPUTER (CRQC) TIMELINE

Year	Qubit Count	Cryptographic Threat	Healthcare Impact
2025	100–500 qubits	Proof-of-concept attacks; limited practical threat	Research phase; monitoring required
2026	500–1,000 qubits	Specialised encryption breaking is possible	Early EHR system vulnerabilities
2027–2028	1,000–2,000 qubits	RSA-2048 potentially breakable; patient data at risk	Clinical trial data exposure begins
2029–2030	2,000–5,000 qubits	Most current encryption is vulnerable	Widespread genomic database compromise
2031+	5,000+ qubits	Complete cryptographic collapse	Total healthcare system security failure

CRITICAL RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH

Recent study (Wei et al., 2022) suggests RSA-2048 could be broken by a quantum circuit with only **372 physical qubits** at a circuit depth of thousands - **SIGNIFICANTLY** lower than previous estimates of 20 million qubits.

Source: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.12372>

Implication

CRQC arrival timeline potentially **ACCELERATED**; healthcare organisations have **LESS** time than previously thought.

3.3 | HEALTHCARE CRYPTOGRAPHIC VULNERABILITIES

Healthcare System	Current Encryption	Quantum Attack Method	Risk Level	Breakage Timeline
EHR Platforms	RSA-2048, AES-256	Shor's + Grover's algorithms	CRITICAL	2027–2029
PACS/ Medical Imaging	TLS/SSL, AES-128	Both algorithms	CRITICAL	2027–2029

Healthcare System	Current Encryption	Quantum Attack Method	Risk Level	Breakage Timeline
HL7/FHIR APIs	OAuth2, JWT (RSA-based)	Shor's algorithm	CRITICAL	2027-2028
Medical Devices	ECC (elliptic curve), AES-128	Both algorithms	EXTREME	2026-2028
Genomic Databases	AES-256, RSA-4096 PKI	Both algorithms	PERMANENT RISK	2028-2030
Clinical Trial Systems	SSL/TLS, RSA-2048	Both algorithms	CRITICAL	2027-2029
Telemedicine Platforms	WebRTC (DTLS-SRTP), RSA	Shor's algorithm	HIGH	2027-2029
Pharmacy Systems	TLS 1.2/1.3, AES-256	Grover's algorithm (partial)	CRITICAL	2029-2031

Quantum Attack Methodologies

Shor's Algorithm	Grover's Algorithm
Efficiently factors large numbers and solves discrete logarithm problems → breaks RSA, ECC, Diffie-Hellman	Speeds up unstructured search → reduces effective key length by half (AES-256 becomes AES-128 equivalent)

THREAT ACTOR CAPABILITIES & ATTRIBUTION

4.1 | NATION-STATE ACTORS

CHINA



Capabilities

Advanced quantum research; operational quantum network; significant qubit development

Healthcare Targets

Pharmaceutical IP, clinical trial data, genomic research (population health studies)

- Attribution

APT groups linked to Ministry of State Security (MSS), PLA Unit 61398
- HNDL Activity

Active since 2018+; massive collection of encrypted medical research databases
- Motivation

Economic espionage, technology transfer, strategic advantage in biotechnology

RUSSIA



Capabilities

State-sponsored cyber operations; SVR (Foreign Intelligence Service) advanced persistent threats

Healthcare Targets

Biopharma companies, vaccine research, biodefense data

- Notable Operations

2023-2024 SVR exfiltrated terabytes from Microsoft corporate email (US government accounts)
- HNDL Activity

Collection of pharmaceutical manufacturing data, regulatory submissions
- Motivation

Economic gain, disruption of Western pharmaceutical dominance

NORTH KOREA



Capabilities

Cyber-criminal nexus; sophisticated cryptocurrency theft operations

Healthcare Targets

Healthcare ransomware (funding regime), pharmaceutical companies

- **Methods**
Cybercrime for revenue generation (circumvents sanctions); hacking-for-hire
- **Partnerships**
Working with foreign criminal networks as third-party enablers
- **HNDL Activity**
Opportunistic collection for future ransomware campaigns

IRAN



Capabilities

Increased cyberattack sophistication; regional cyber warfare focus

Healthcare Targets

Israeli healthcare institutions, Western pharmaceutical companies

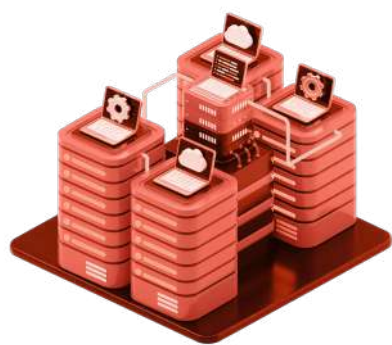
- **Recent Activity**
Escalation of cyberattacks, cyberespionage, information operations
- **Motivation**
Political objectives, regional conflict, economic sanctions circumvention

4.2 | ORGANIZED CYBERCRIME GROUPS

Healthcare Ransomware Operators

LockBit, ALPHV/ BlackCat, Royal	Average Healthcare Ransom	Quantum Preparation	Triple Extortion
Specifically targeting healthcare (highest ransom payment rates)	\$1.5 million+ (healthcare pays 65% of the time due to operational criticality)	Collecting encrypted backups for future decryption and extortion	Encryption + data theft + threatening patient notification

Data Brokerage Networks



- **Underground Markets**
Medical records selling for \$250-\$1,000 each (vs \$1-\$2 for credit cards)
- **Genomic Data**
Premium pricing for genetic information
- **Prescription Data**
Valuable for pharmaceutical marketing, insurance fraud

4.3 | CORPORATE ESPIONAGE

Pharmaceutical Competitors:

- **Domestic & International**
Stealing drug formulations, clinical trial results, manufacturing processes
- **Methods**
Insider threats, supply chain compromises, encrypted data collection
- **Value**
Billions of dollars in R&D shortcuts; accelerated time-to-market

Biotech Startups

- IP Theft**
Novel therapeutic approaches, gene therapy techniques, personalised medicine algorithms
- Quantum Opportunity**
Encrypted research communications, patent applications, investor presentations

MITIGATION STRATEGIES & IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

5.1 | IMMEDIATE ACTIONS (Q4 2025 - Q1 2026)

A | COMPREHENSIVE DATA MAPPING (Address 27% with no visibility)

- ✓ Identify ALL sensitive data storage locations (PHI, genomic, clinical trials, R&D)
- ✓ Create a detailed data inventory across 77 SaaS applications
- ✓ Document data flows through 500-1,000+ APIs



Priority
Patient-facing systems, genomic databases, clinical trial platforms



Tool
Implement unified data discovery platform (consolidate from 5+ tools)

B | CRYPTOGRAPHIC ASSET INVENTORY

- ✓

Audit current encryption implementations across the entire infrastructure
- ✓

Map dependencies: internal systems, third-party vendors, cloud providers
- ✓

Create Cryptographic Bill of Materials (CBOM) - document every algorithm, key, certificate
- ✓

Compliance

Required for HIPAA quantum updates, OMB M-23-02, EU NIS2
- ✓

Identify quantum-vulnerable systems (RSA, ECC, DES, legacy TLS)

C | CLOUD SECURITY ENHANCEMENT (Currently only 4% adequate)

- ✓

Encrypt 80%+ of sensitive cloud data (nearly 50% currently sensitive but unprotected)
- ✓

Conduct cloud security posture assessments
- ✓

Encrypt 80%+ of sensitive cloud data (nearly 50% currently sensitive but unprotected)
- ✓

Timeline

Achieve 80% encryption by Q2 2026
- ✓

Deploy Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNG) for high-entropy keys

D | API SECURITY HARDENING (500-1,000+ API vulnerability surface)

- ✓

Implement quantum-safe authentication for all APIs
- ✓

Establish an API gateway with centralised PQC enforcement
- ✓

Update OAuth2, JWT implementations to use PQC algorithms
- ✓

Standard

Align with HL7 FHIR quantum security extensions (under development)
- ✓

Monitor API traffic for anomalous encrypted data exfiltration

E | LEGACY SYSTEM PRIORITIZATION

- ✓

Inventory systems requiring PQC upgrades
- ✓

Identify systems requiring hardware replacement vs software updates
- ✓

Develop sunset plans for systems that cannot be upgraded
- ✓

Priority Order

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 Genomic databases

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 EHR platforms

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 Clinical trial systems

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 Medical devices

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 Administrative systems

F | GOVERNANCE & POLICY

- ✓

Establish C-level quantum security oversight committee
- ✓

Board-level quantum risk reporting (required by EU NIS2)
- ✓

Update incident response plans for quantum breach scenarios
- ✓

Develop quantum security policies and standards
- ✓

Compliance

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), including quantum risk

5.2 | SHORT-TERM IMPLEMENTATION (2026-2027)

A | POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY PILOTS (Join 50%+ already evaluating)

- ✓

Deploy NIST-approved algorithms in test environments

■ ML-KEM (FIPS 203)
Key encapsulation for EHR, databases

■ ML-DSA (FIPS 204)
Digital signatures for authentication, audit logs

■ SLH-DSA (FIPS 205)
Long-term signatures for genomic data, clinical trials
- ✓

Measure performance impact (CPU, latency, storage)
- ✓

Test interoperability with existing systems
- ✓

Validate FIPS 140-3 compliance for the US market

B | MEDICAL DEVICE SECURITY TRANSFORMATION

- ✓

Engage manufacturers on quantum-safe firmware updates
- ✓

Update procurement requirements: mandate PQC support for all new devices
- ✓

Prioritise life-critical devices: pacemakers, insulin pumps, ventilators
- ✓

Timeline

Critical devices by 2028 (EU CRA requirement, FDA guidance)
- ✓

Regulatory

Align with FDA medical device cybersecurity guidance updates

C | EHR PLATFORM QUANTUM MIGRATION

- ✓

Coordinate with Epic, Oracle Health (Cerner), Allscripts, Athenahealth
- ✓

Implement hybrid encryption (classical + PQC) during transition
- ✓

Ensure HIPAA compliance throughout migration
- ✓

Patient data export/import testing with quantum-safe encryption

Timeline

Begin migration 2026; complete by 2029

D | QUANTUM-RESISTANT KEY MANAGEMENT (Address 69% key distribution concern)

- ✓

Implement enterprise-wide Key Management System (KMS) with PQC support
- ✓

Deploy Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNG) for cryptographic key generation
- ✓

Establish quantum-safe Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- ✓

Certificate lifecycle management automation (prepare for 47-day renewal cycle by 2029)

Standard

Align with NIST SP 800-57 key management guidance (PQC updates)

E | GENOMIC DATA SPECIAL PROTECTION (Permanent sensitivity requires the strongest security)

- ✓

Implement quantum-safe encryption for all genomic databases
- ✓

Consider Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) for the highest-security genomic repositories
- ✓

Strict access controls with quantum-resistant authentication
- ✓

Anonymisation techniques resilient to quantum re-identification attacks

Compliance

GDPR Article 9 special category data; genetic non-discrimination laws

F | CLINICAL TRIAL SYSTEM HARDENING

- ✓

Quantum-safe encryption for patient recruitment, randomisation, and data collection
- ✓

Protect statistical analysis plans, interim results, and final reports
- ✓

Secure investigator communications, site monitoring data
- ✓

FDA/EMA submission portals quantum-safe authentication

Timeline

New trials starting 2027+ must use PQC

G | SUPPLY CHAIN QUANTUM REQUIREMENTS

- ✓

Update Business Associate Agreements (BAA) with quantum security provisions
- ✓

Vendor risk assessments, including PQC readiness
- ✓

Procurement contracts mandate quantum-safe compliance timelines
- ✓

Third-party security audits verify PQC implementation
- ✓

Compliance

EU NIS2 supply chain security requirements

5.3 | MEDIUM-TERM TRANSFORMATION (2027-2030)

A | HOSPITAL-WIDE PQC DEPLOYMENT

- ✓

Roll out quantum-safe encryption across ALL hospital systems
- ✓

Electronic Medical Records (EMR), Laboratory Information Systems (LIS), Radiology Information Systems (RIS)
- ✓

Pharmacy systems, billing, scheduling, patient portals
- ✓

Staff training programs

IT administrators, clinicians, compliance officers
- ✓

Patient communication

Data protection enhancements, privacy assurances

B | PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING PROTECTION

- ✓

Quantum-safe encryption for batch records, quality control data
- ✓

Manufacturing execution systems (MES) with PQC
- ✓

Secure supply chain from raw materials to distribution
- ✓

Serialisation and anti-counterfeiting systems quantum-resistant
- ✓

Regulatory

EU GMP Annex 11 updates for quantum security

C | HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE (HIE) QUANTUM-SAFE STANDARDS

- ✓

Develop quantum-safe HL7 FHIR implementation guides
- ✓

National/regional HIE infrastructure PQC deployment
- ✓

Cross-border health data sharing with quantum security
- ✓

Interoperability testing

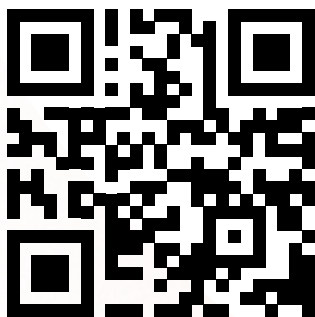
Ensure quantum-safe systems communicate seamlessly



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