Save the Dates!

7th CyberWatch Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (MA CCDC)

Where: Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory - Laurel, MD
When: March 14-17, 2012
Theme: Healthcare IT
Highlights:

- Guest Speaker Symposium (March 14)
- Job Fair (March 15)
- Face-to-face competition (March 16-17)
- High School Career Fair & Expo (March 17)
- Pre-conference training workshops (March 12-17)
- Team debriefs and awards ceremony (March 17)

While similar to other cyber defense competitions in many aspects, the CyberWatch Mid-Atlantic Regional CCDC, as part of the National CCDC, is unique in that it focuses on the operational aspects of managing and protecting an existing computing/network infrastructure. The teams are physically co-located in the same building. Each team is given physically identical computer configurations at the start of the competition. Throughout the competition, the teams have to ensure the systems supply the specified services while under attack from a volunteer Red Team. In addition, the teams have to satisfy periodic "injects" that simulate business activities IT staff must deal with in the real world. Prior years have challenged students with a private business environment, a local government, and an energy corporation.

This Year's Theme: Healthcare IT

Welcome to the Hospital of the East Collective (HEC); a collective of 8 regional hospitals with the mission to provide quality health services and facilities for the community, to promote wellness, to relieve suffering, and to restore health as swiftly, safely, and humanely as can be done, consistent with the best service provided at the highest value for all concerned.

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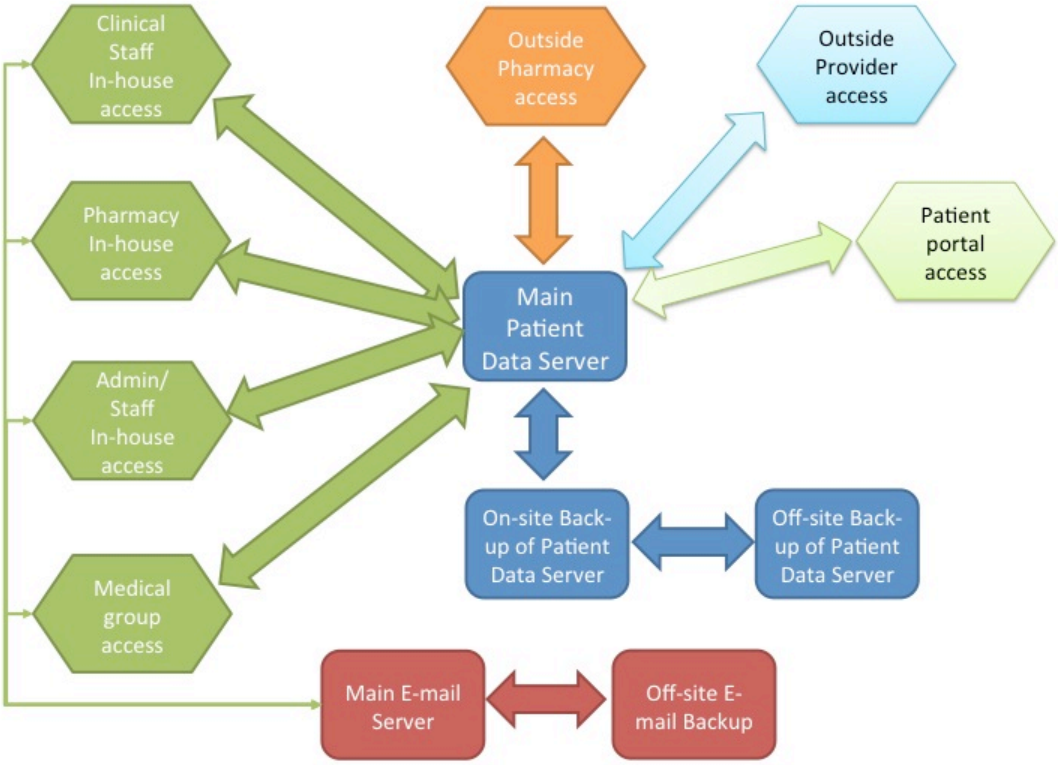
In late 2011, the Board hired an outside consulting team to completely update the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) solution. At the same time, it was decided to network all 8 regional facilities with the central hospital (HQ). This move makes HEC compliant with the new federal regulations and allows HEC to participate in the Greater East Health Information Exchange.

The network is required to provide the following interconnected services:



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The CyberWatch MA CCDC is sponsored by some of the region's prominent IT and Security services organizations, and will provide a venue where government, academia, and private sector organizations can collaborate and share ideas and experiences. High school students and their parents will be given the spotlight on Saturday in order to promote cyber careers amongst the Mid-Atlantic region's brightest K-12 cyber jocks.

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