

SonoDefense

Advanced cybersecurity and data privacy protection

Healthcare institutions are under growing threat of cyberattack – and the implications for data security, patient privacy, and the quality and cost of care are staggering.

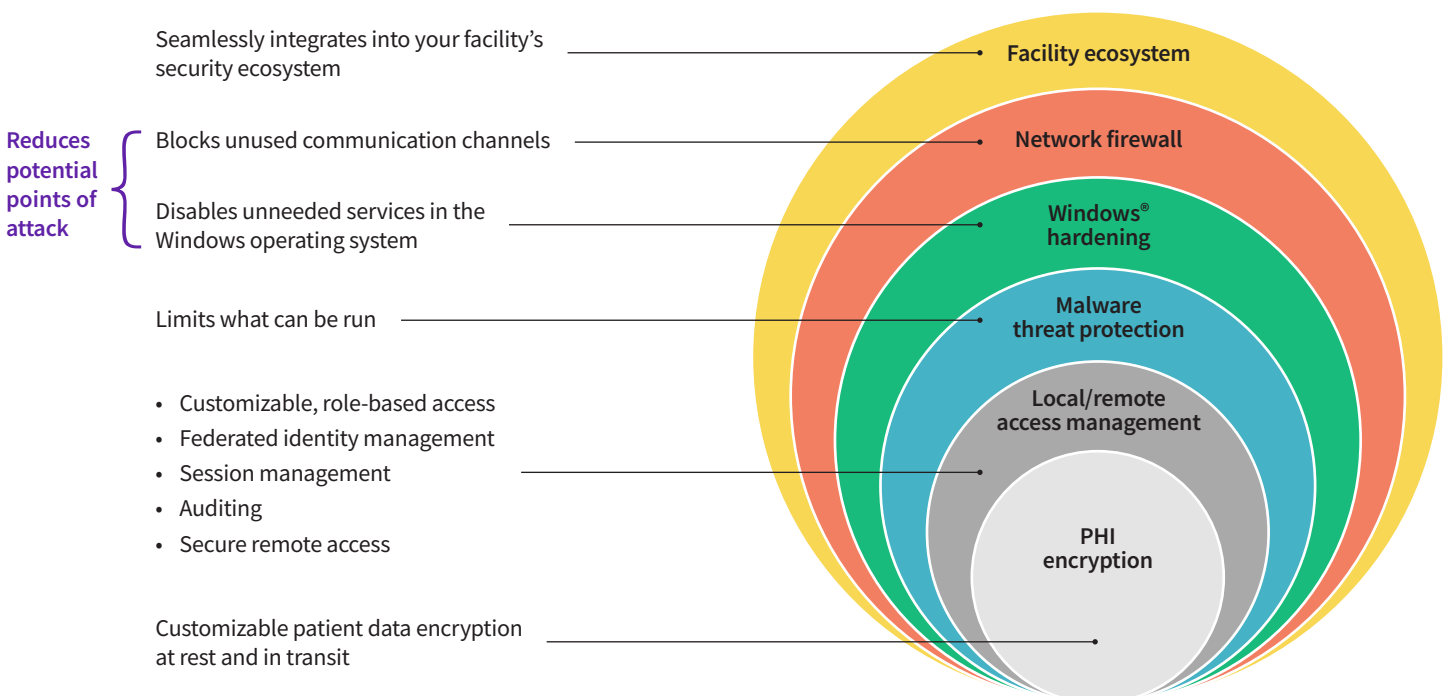
Protecting against these threats and safeguarding your patients and your institution requires more than anti-virus protection. SonoDefense is GE HealthCare’s multi-layer strategic approach to cybersecurity and patient data privacy for ultrasound.

SonoDefense is designed to:

- Keep the ultrasound machine safe and functional in the face of cyberthreats
- Protect patient data on the machine from unauthorized access
- Enable you to successfully implement HIPAA and security policies, while still managing productive daily workflows

Defense-in-depth strategy

SonoDefense is designed for maximum security protection with a defense-in-depth strategy that incorporates security controls deployed in multiple layers. This approach enhances security by protecting the system against any particular attack using several independent methods.



The SonoDefense defense-in-depth strategy consists of six layers, with each layer enhancing the overall security of the system to help protect patient data.

Layer 1

Facility ecosystem

SonoDefense is designed to fit seamlessly into your facility's existing security ecosystem. Vulnerability scan mode allows the scanner to be integrated into a facility's vulnerability assessment infrastructure¹ and syslog connectivity allows for integration into the Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) infrastructure.

Layer 2

Network firewall

A malicious cyberattack requires a point of entry. The strict firewall layer reduces the potential points of attack by disabling all unused ports and the DICOM[®] firewall limits DICOM connections to customer-defined devices.

Layer 3

Windows hardening

Windows IoT is a version of Windows specifically made for embedded systems with an extended support model. Its applications are vast compared to the needs of the SonoDefense-enabled scanner. Accordingly, we have configured the system so that all software services embedded in the operating system that are not explicitly needed to run the medical applications are removed or blocked by Windows Defender Application Control (WDAC). This "hardening" is linked to Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) and Trusted Platform Module (TPM) components, minimizing the parts of the system that are exposed to threats and helping reduce the potential for attack. The Windows IoT configuration, including security profiles, is set using guidance from standards including Defense Information Systems Agenda (DISA) Standard Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework, and Center for Internet Security (CIS) best practices.

Layer 4

Malware threat protection

The Windows security features provide the foundation for SonoDefense's malware protection, enforcing restrictions on applications that can be run on the ultrasound scanner.

- Known malicious software and potentially unwanted applications (PUAs) are explicitly blocked
- WDAC only permits trusted applications that meet secure implementation guidelines to run on the ultrasound system
- Kiosk mode disables the user's access to the internet and the Windows desktop, which are common malware vectors for spreading viruses through email services, web browsers, and other applications
- Media auto-run is disabled and BIOS access requires a password
- Security tools actively monitor for malware behavior

Layer 5

Local/remote access management

SonoDefense provides cyberdefense for the real world of patient care. Its extensive, customizable, role-based user access enables users to successfully implement HIPAA and security policies while still ensuring efficient and productive daily workflows.³

- **User roles:** Custom creation of user roles and assignment rights for roles puts the institution in control
- **User management:** Individual users are created and assigned customizable roles, dictating their allowable access to and manipulation of patient data and system configuration
- **Password policies:** Policies include length and content
- **Federated identity management:** Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), or single sign-on, can be used to manage users consistently across your enterprise
- **Session management:** System access can be restricted after a period of inactivity
- **Audit report:** An extensive list of events, including patient data and system access, are recorded in an audit log to facilitate an incident investigation
- **Centralized logging support:** Supports industry standard syslog protocol with optional encryption for transmitting system and audit logs to customer-controlled log server
- **Integrated RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) reader:** Allows users to "badge in and out" of the system with their secure IDs
- **Remote service access:** Remote service is only allowed if authorized by local user on device
- **Local service access:** Protected by a two-factor authentication scheme

Layer 6

PHI encryption

The encryption layer of SonoDefense security software is designed to protect data privacy and assist your organization in complying with HIPAA/HITECH regulations. Safeguards include:

- Data on the system's customer data volumes can be encrypted to provide protection in the event of a stolen device or hard drive
- Patient data can be deleted from the hard drive in a way that is cryptographically unreadable and unrecoverable
- Support for IPv6 includes IP Security (IPsec) for encrypted networking communication and node authentication
- DICOM Transport Layer Security (TLS) encrypts both wired and wireless DICOM communications²
- Wireless network communication can be encrypted with industry standard protocols²
- All remote service access is encrypted using FIPS compliant algorithms

Security-related features for LOGIQ™ ultrasound scanners³

Firewall policy blocks all unnecessary ports and limits DICOM communications to only defined devices

OS – Windows IoT

- OS hardening
- Configuration settings use guidance from DISA STIGs, NIST Cybersecurity Framework, and CIS best practices
 - Disables unnecessary services, protocols, and telemetry
 - Secure boot

- Media export security
- Provides the ability to disable export of patient data to removable media and is configurable at system level or individual user level

- Malware protection
- Explicit blocking of known malicious software and PUAs
 - Windows Defender Application Control (WDAC)
 - Disables auto-run for removable media
 - Kiosk mode
 - Windows Defender Antivirus

Access and access level

(Requires administrator rights to configure)

Ability to create user groups

- Ability to assign patient data access rights to each group
- Create
 - Update/access
 - Delete
 - Export (removable media)

- Ability to assign other rights
- Administrator
 - Configuration adjustments
 - Basic
 - Imaging
 - Advanced
 - Audit and system logs
 - Capture
 - Capture with PHI
 - Active Service Desktop

Create users and assign to groups

Configurable emergency user rights

Choose login ID list (enabled or disabled)

Access and access level *(continued)*

Passwords

- Usage (enabled or disabled)
- Policies – provides the ability to specify password policies for application user accounts
 - Password cannot contain user name (on/off)
 - Password history (0–25)
 - Minimum password length (1–20 characters)
 - Minimum password age (0–168 hours)
 - Maximum password age (30–365 days)
 - Password complexity
- Minimum number of character sets (0–4)
- Minimum number of upper case characters (0–3)
- Minimum number of lower case characters (0–3)
- Minimum number of digits (0–3)
- Minimum number of symbols (0–3)
- Controls on repeated and sequential characters (0–5)
- Most commonly used passwords identified in Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) list can be prohibited

Account lockout policies

- Failed logins before account blocked (off, 1–10)
- Account block time (0–60 minutes)

Session management

- Lock screen timeout: Automatically locks screen and requires password reentry after specified period of inactivity (disabled, 1–60 minutes)
- Auto logoff timeout: Automatically logs off a user after the specified period of inactivity (disabled, 1–60 minutes)
- Customizable pre-login notice for users

Security baseline

- Allows an administrator to conveniently select from several factory-configured security policy options as a starting point

Security-related features³ (continued)

Local user management policy

(Requires administrator rights to configure)

User management restricted to administrator rights

Local user management

User display ID can be unique from login ID

Ability to temporarily disable a user

Ability to force a password reset

Support for multiple unique user accounts

Support for multiple unique administrator accounts

Can combine with remote users

Remote user management policy

(Requires administrator rights to configure)

Supports active directory authentication utilizing LDAP

Support for individual accounts and AD groups for users and administrators

May utilize LDAP or secure LDAP

Customer may configure the system to perform authenticated binding

Can combine with local users

Customizable mapping to local groups for rights management

Remote service access

FIPS 140-2 compliant encryption

Remote control is only allowed if authorized by local user on device

No inbound open ports required

Auditing

Audit and system log creation with or without PHI

Sample audit events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• System startup and shutdown• User login and logout• Transfer of DICOM instances• Data import/export• Display, modification, and deletion of images and patient information• User management events• Network, security, and system configuration changes
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Additional features

Local service access

- Secure Service Access (SSA)

Windows local user accounts

- Passwords for all accessible accounts may be changed

Hard drive encryption

- AES-256/AES-128
- Automatic unlock tied to system hardware, USB key, pre-boot PIN, or manual password entry

Syslog client for distributed log file processing

Wireless security protocols

- WPA2-Personal
- WPA2-Enterprise
- 802.1x
- Enforced FIPS 140-2 compliance capability

Internet protocol address standard

- IPv4
- IPv6

Secure delete to render deleted patient data unreadable and unrecoverable

DICOM TLS

Vulnerability scan mode¹

- Nessus®

Software security updates

- Customer can download and install digitally signed software security updates on the system

References:

1. Vulnerability scan mode is an optional system feature and is available on LOGIQ E10/E10s, LOGIQ Fortis™ and LOGIQ Totus™ only.
2. Wireless connectivity is an optional system feature.
3. This document describes the general functionality of LOGIQ systems. Not all features are available on all platforms or configurations. Please refer to your product's Privacy & Security Manual for detailed information.

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