

SOLUTION BRIEF

Medical Device Utilization and Security with Armis



Introduction

Visibility into medical devices provides benefits not only for security purposes, but for capital planning, maintenance, and patient scheduling and care. Efficiently utilized devices can help drive additional revenue for the organization as well as ensure the best possible patient experience through decreased wait times. Utilization information can help drive effective maintenance planning, identifying quiet times or times when alternative devices can handle increased load. And with the high cost of devices, proof of utilization can make or break new funding requests.

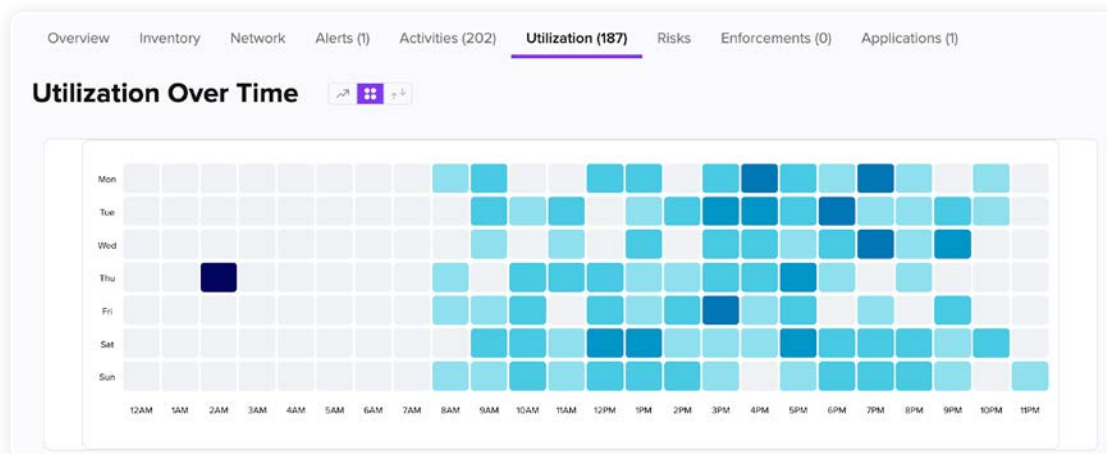
Armis Centrix™ for Medical Device Security provides teams across the healthcare organization with information about the utilization, posture, and business impact of medical devices.

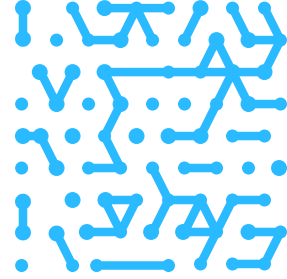
Healthcare Technology Management

1. Efficiency

Armis helps drive the efficient utilization of medical devices in a number of ways:

- **Tracking utilization and idle time-** Heatmaps show at a glance when additional patients could be scheduled or maintenance could be carried out
- **Contextualization-** Device context and comparisons between devices can be used to determine which locations allow for the most efficient utilization
- **Effective utilization-** The device utilization heatmap can show whether or not a device has been added into an effective workflow





2. Unauthorized Utilization

Armis Centrix™ can identify devices operating outside of normal times which may be an indicator of unauthorized utilization. Examples of unusual activity include:

- Medication dispensing units activating outside of usual hours
- Infusion pumps being used to deliver drugs more frequently than usual

Triggering Policy Title
[Clinical] Infusion Drug Delivery Detected After Hours! [View Policy](#)

Policy Description
An infusion pump has been detected as dispensing drugs during non-clinical hours. This can be indicative of narcotics theft or device compromise and can result in serious harm or death, and increased costs to the organization.

<p>What happened:</p> <p>The Armis security platform has detected a violation of a policy and generated an alert.</p>	<p>Take action:</p> <p>Quarantine devices Block all connections to all/some of the devices in this alert.</p> <p>Suppress alert(s) Ignore this alert and/or similar past alerts.</p> <p>Resolve alert(s) Mark this alert and/or similar alerts as resolved.</p> <p>Whitelist devices Exclude all/some of the devices in this alert from the policy.</p> <p>Change policy Modify the severity of the alert or the policy's search syntax for more fine-grained alerts.</p>
<p>Recommended actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find and quarantine the offending device/s if necessary.• Look at the timeline of other activities by the same devices, and see if there are any other activities that might be important, and create policies for those or for combinations of them.• Investigate other activities that would generate this alert and refine the policy if necessary.	

3. Maintenance

Armis Centrix™ can identify when device usage is highest and help determine when maintenance and updates will be least disruptive.

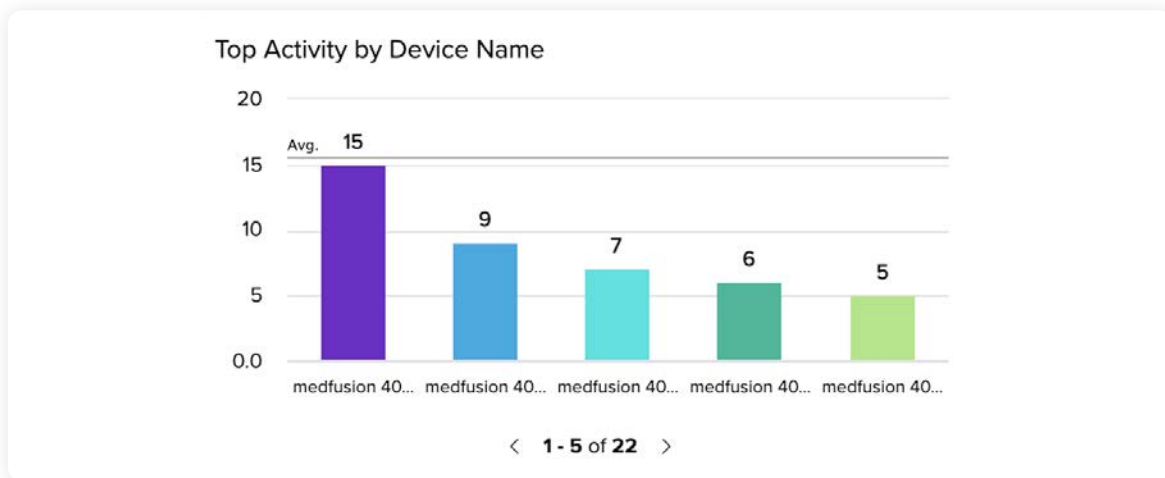
- Visibility into utilization trends highlighting potential maintenance windows
- Comparison of similar device types across the organization to help identify whether workload may be temporarily accommodated by another device or at another location



4. Compliance

Meeting regulatory compliance is a critical task for clinical engineering teams. Visibility into, and awareness of affected devices can be time consuming and error prone if asset inventory, CMMS and other purchase and acquisition records are not up to date. Armis supports compliance through:

- Near real-time asset inventory and identification of medical devices
- Notification of FDA recalls with identification of the number of affected devices and the associated risk to the organization



5. Purchasing

Pulling together evidence to take to the board to justify capital expenditure, particularly when organizations are struggling to keep the doors open, can be time consuming and hard to prove:

- Utilization information can be compiled for specific devices, classes of devices, and devices across locations, and can be used to build a complete picture of availability, supporting the business case for additional purchases

Risk	Alerts	Names	Data Sources	Category	Type	Model	Brand
Critical		w0731ow80		Medical	Infusion Pumps	Aleris PCU	BD CareFusion
Critical		w04910x25		Medical	Infusion Pumps	Aleris PCU	BD CareFusion
Critical		w01710n18		Medical	Infusion Pumps	Aleris PCU	BD CareFusion
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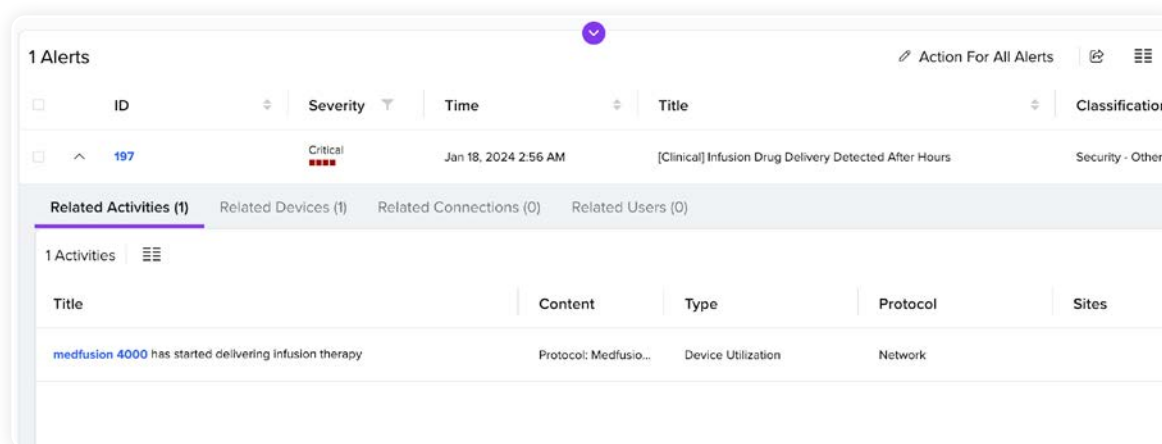
Information Security Teams

The security risks from medical devices are well documented, from the potential to hack an IV pump to the potential ransomware based interruption of services to patients. In addition to having visibility of the complete attack surface for the organization, security teams can also benefit from additional visibility into medical devices.

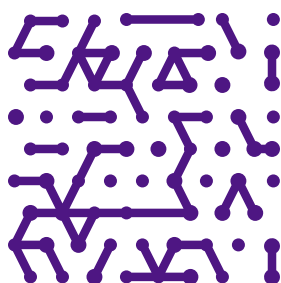
1. Risk Calculations

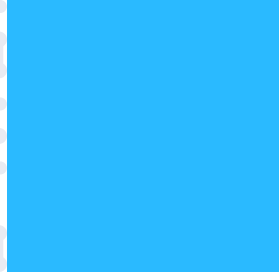
Utilization information is factored into the Armis risk calculation to provide a holistic and contextualized risk of devices on the hospitals network.

In turn this can be used to inform the prioritization of remediation tasks. For example - if a vulnerability is remotely executable and can interrupt utilization of a device, then devices that are most utilized are identified first to avoid the most disruption. Additionally, high cost devices such as MRI's can also be prioritized to minimize potential financial impact and patient experience impact. This allows for maximum reduction of risk from the onset of remediation and mitigation as opposed to a lingering high patient safety risk device.



The screenshot displays the Armis Alerts interface. At the top, it shows '1 Alerts' with a dropdown arrow and options for 'Action For All Alerts', a share icon, and a menu icon. Below this is a table with columns for ID, Severity, Time, Title, and Classification. A single alert is listed with ID 197, a 'Critical' severity (indicated by four red dots), a timestamp of 'Jan 18, 2024 2:56 AM', a title '[Clinical] Infusion Drug Delivery Detected After Hours', and a classification of 'Security - Other'. Below the alert table, there are tabs for 'Related Activities (1)', 'Related Devices (1)', 'Related Connections (0)', and 'Related Users (0)'. The 'Related Activities (1)' tab is active, showing a table with columns for Title, Content, Type, Protocol, and Sites. One activity is listed: 'medfusion 4000 has started delivering infusion therapy' with a content of 'Protocol: Medfusio...', a type of 'Device Utilization', and a site of 'Network'.


















IT Teams

While medical devices are mostly maintained by clinical engineering teams, it's not unusual for the software that is controlling those devices to be running on a machine that is under the management of the IT team.

1. IT Maintenance

Through the identification of medical device utilization, Armis Centrix™ can be utilized by IT teams to identify the best time frames for change management for the Windows devices utilized as controllers. This might be security updates allowed by FDA certification rules or OS migration projects. Migration in particular can be an extremely complex and manual effort. Data visualization and device comparisons can significantly reduce the planning exercise and de-risk the subsequent execution.

Custom Properties 		
DeviceMaintenanceOwner		Anthony Dial
FDARecallStatus		Completed
InWarranty		Yes
LastServiceDate		September 2022
MaintenanceServiceCycle		Quarterly
NextServiceDate		June 2023
OptimalMaintenanceHours		5am-7am
ServiceManual		https://www.examplehospital.com/maintenance/documents/OrthoScan
ServiceNotes		Bezel reported cracked. Technician inspected and repaired device. Testing was completed on device and validated with clinical staff. Device is fully operational at this time. Next maintenance will occur at regular schedule.
ServiceRequestNumber		1466922935
VendorManaged		No
WarrantyExpiration		April 2025

2. Business Intelligence Teams

Whether for new device purchasing, M&A, or relocation planning, Armis data can inform operational and financial risk planning for organizations.

- The device utilization insights and visibility provided by Armis can be exported to business intelligence platforms or custom in-house applications
- Additional business intelligence such as workforce planning, or intel gathering for data-driven purchasing decisions can help organizations minimize costs while maintaining the highest standards of patient care
- Operational projects such as equipping new buildings, resource relocation, and M&A projects can all be informed by understanding device utilization and identifying the lowest operational cost and lowest patient impact times

Why Armis?

Armis unites biomedical, security, and IT teams to deliver complete asset security, enabling healthcare organizations to improve:



Every Device - IoMT, IoT, OT and IT

Medical devices are not the only attack surface that healthcare needs to protect. IoT such as security cameras, OT such as building management systems, IT are supporting networks where patients attach their own devices - we've even seen cars. Armis Centrix™ detects, identifies and assesses the risk of every device.



Industry Leader

Armis has been recognized as a leader in healthcare device security including the SPARK Matrix: Connected Medical Device Security Solutions, Q4 2023 report.



Knowledge

The Armis Asset Intelligence Engine contains the detailed, accumulated, anonymized knowledge of more than 3.5 billion devices from Armis customers. When Armis finds a device on your network, it can instantly compare configuration and traffic pattern information, removing a learning period and yielding fast time to value.

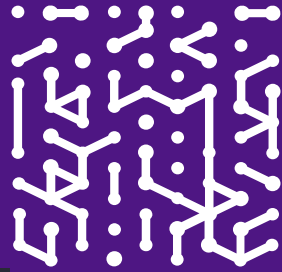
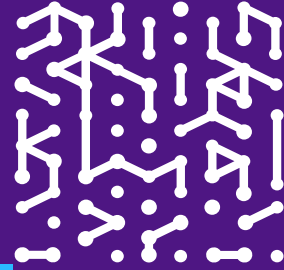
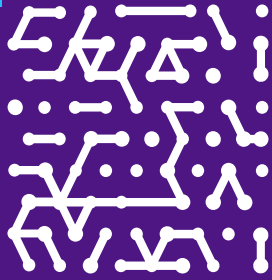


Agentless

Many IoT, IoMT and OT environments are unable to have agents installed, leaving them outside of the scope of traditional security tools. Armis gives security teams the choice of both passive and active scanning. This enables detection of every device communicating on the network, removes the risk of crashing devices, and simplifies ongoing updating and maintenance.

“It has definitely filled in the gaps in our security arsenal by uncovering risks we never knew about previously. At first, I thought Armis was a nice-to-have, but now it’s become an integral part of our cyber defense.”

Dr. Michael Connolly
Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital



Armis, the asset intelligence cybersecurity company, protects the entire attack surface and manages the organization's cyber risk exposure in real time.

In a rapidly evolving, perimeter-less world Armis ensures that organizations continuously see, secure, protect and manage all critical assets.

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