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A Model for IP Considerations

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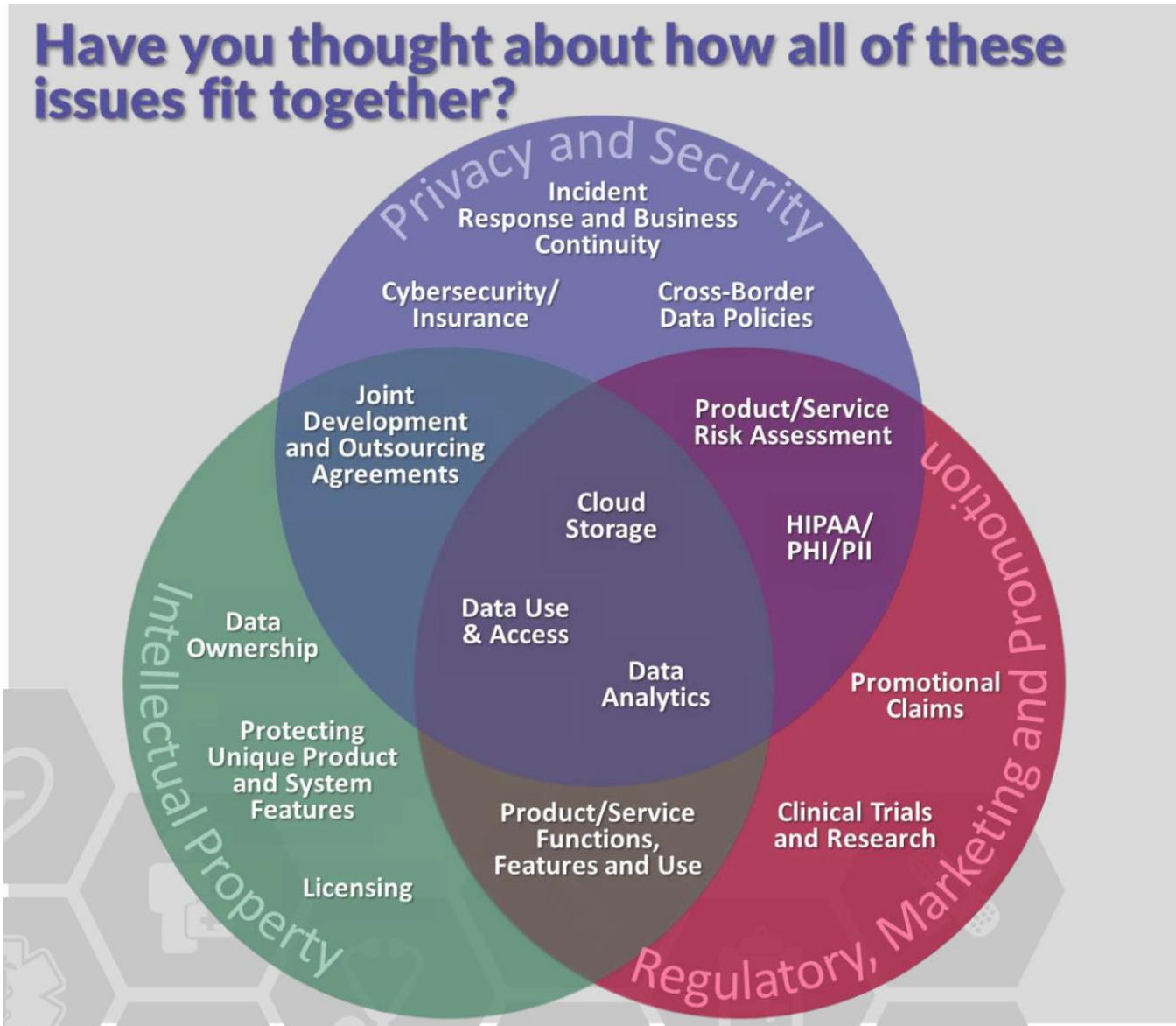
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Innovation without protection is philanthropy

-Mark Blaxill & Rick Eckardt, The Invisible Edge

Inter-related Nature of IP and Data



Protection Process

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- ▶ U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Hypo



Gash Inc. is a wound care company that provides a range of prescription and nonprescription wound care products, including ointments, creams, bandages and sutures.

App designer pitches marketing group with an exciting new idea called the “Wound Warlock” App with a range of functionality.

Hypo

App uses camera on phone or tablet, and helps assess the healing of a wound.

The Wound Warlock saves patient and doctor time, and may improve patient outcomes by linking to Gash products that will tie to the patient need.



What is a Medical Device?

An instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, or other similar or related article, including a component part or accessory, that is intended:

- for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions;
- for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease; or
- to affect the structure or any function of the body

February 9, 2015, FDA Guidance on Mobile Medical Applications

- ▶ What is the force of a “Guidance”?
- ▶ FDA intends to regulate mobile medical software that poses a threat to public safety
- ▶ The key regulatory factor is the intended use of the mobile health application
- ▶ Mobile medical Apps will be subject to the same standards FDA applies to traditional medical devices



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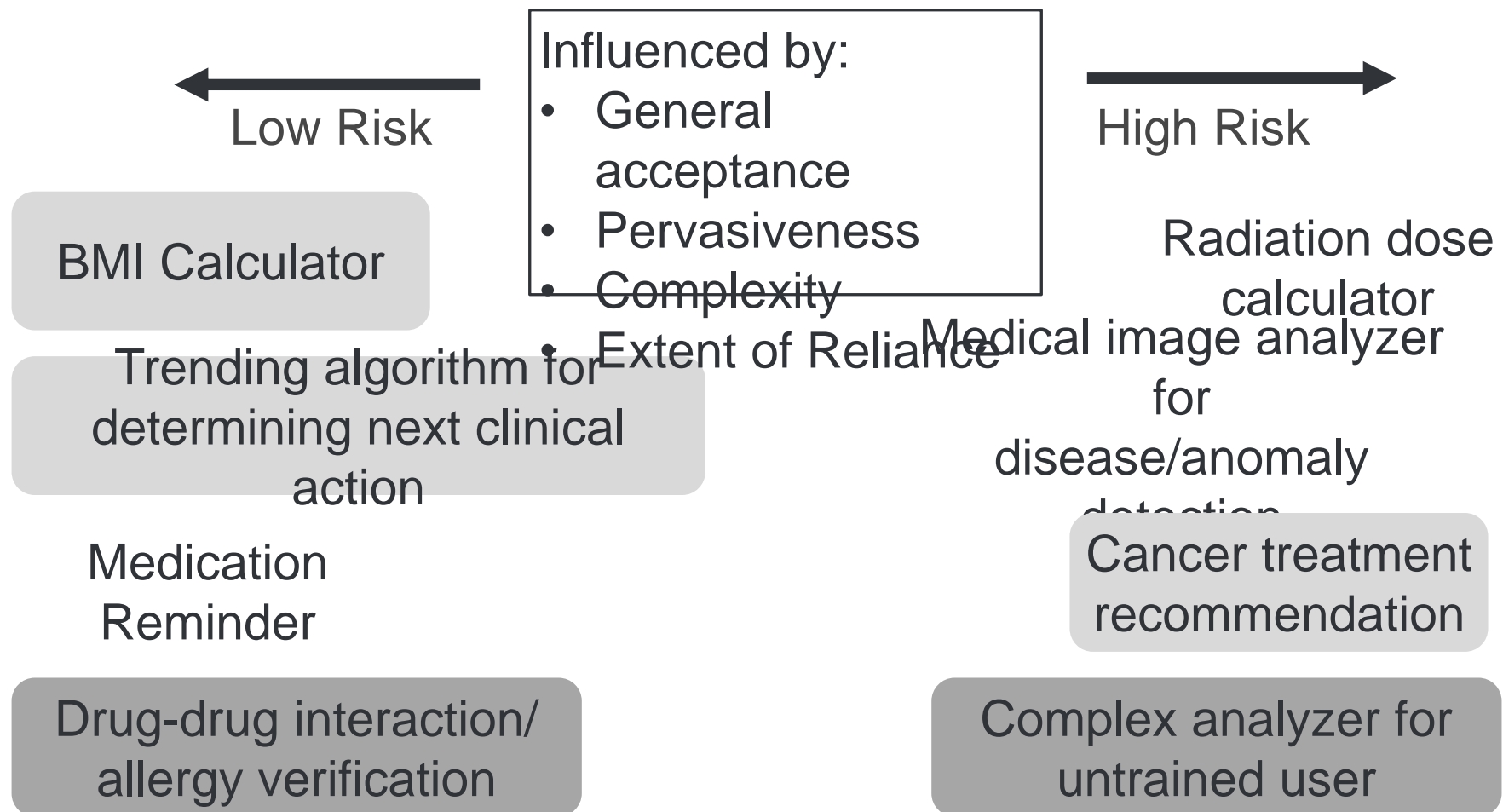
FDA Will Regulate:

- ▶ Extending medical device **to control** the device for use in active patient monitoring
- ▶ Acting as an **accessory** to a medical device
- ▶ Using attachments, screens, sensors to **transform** mobile platform into a medical device
- ▶ Performing **patient-specific** analysis
- ▶ Assisting with diagnosis or **patient-specific** treatment recommendations

FDA Does Not Intend to Regulate:

- ▶ Providing patients with tools to organize/track health information
- ▶ Helping patients document or communicate medical information to providers or access Medical Records
- ▶ Performing **simple** calculations used in clinical practice
- ▶ Enabling individuals to interact with EHRs and PHRs

Understanding Risk



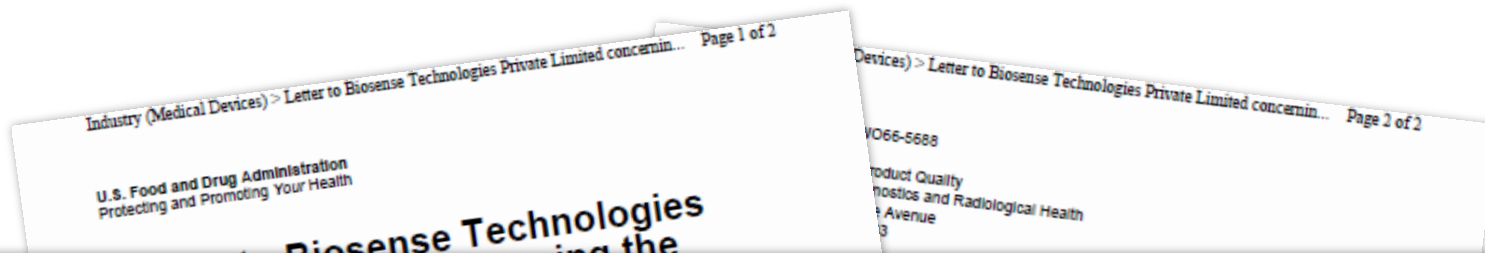
Example of an FDA-Regulated Accessory

uChek app allowed users to analyze their urinalysis dipsticks using the camera on their mobile phone

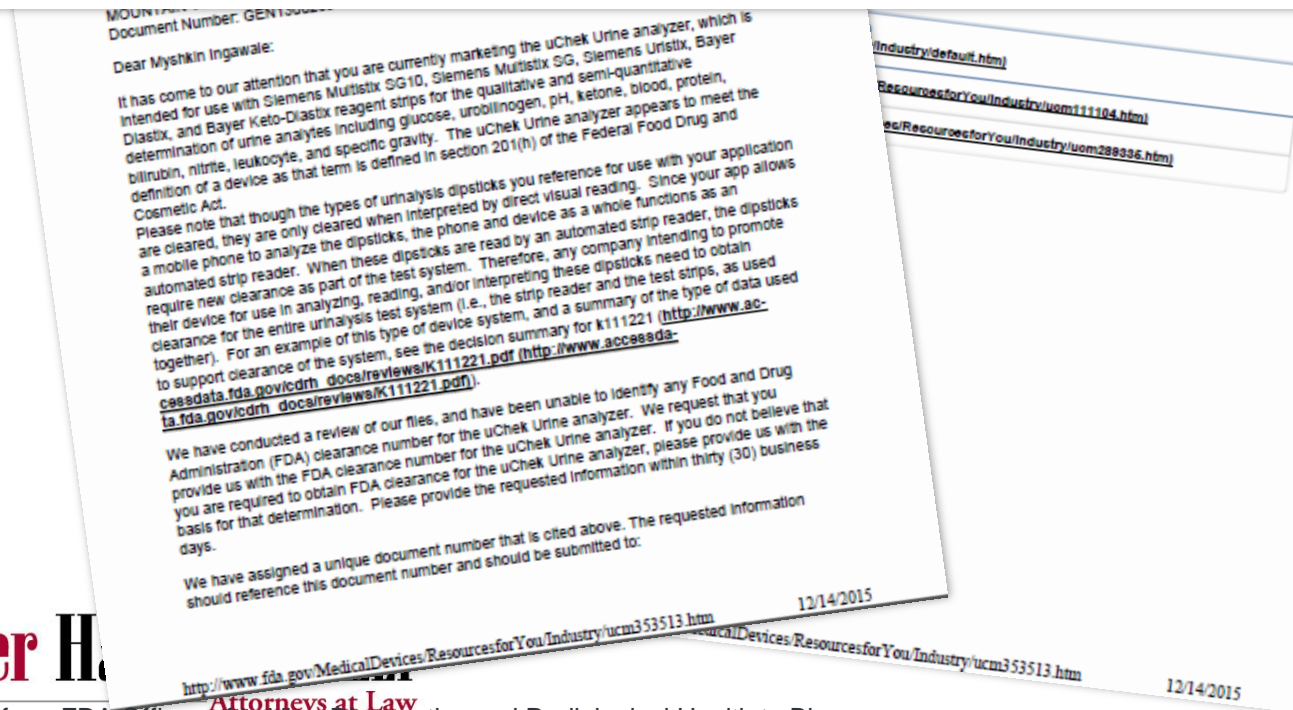
- ▶ Dipstick is a cleared Medical Device approved only for direct visual reading
- ▶ App now enables a mobile phone to analyze the dipstick



Approved Device Analyzed by App Requires New FDA Clearance



Since your app allows a mobile phone to analyze the dipsticks, the phone and device as a whole functions as an automated strip reader. When these dipsticks are read by an automated strip reader, the dipsticks require new clearance as part of the test system.



What about Regulation SaMD?

- ▶ FDA acknowledges current regime not appropriate
- ▶ FDA (Draft) Guidance based on IMDRF
 - Harmonize quality of evidence
 - Analytical, Scientific, Clinical Validity
 - Function
 - Inform
 - Directing Decision-Making
 - Diagnoses or Treatment
 - Seriousness of Disease
- ▶ Pilot Program announced August 1, 2017
- ▶ Designed to inform regulatory status of Clinical Decision Software guidance

FDA and Cybersecurity

Premarket Cybersecurity

- ▶ On October 2, 2014, the FDA released a Guidance regarding the management of cybersecurity risks in the design and development of interconnected medical devices.
- ▶ Adopted the National Institute of Standards and Technology's proposed cybersecurity framework:
 - Limit access to trusted users
 - Ensure trusted content; and
 - Detect, respond, and recover
- ▶ Recommend submission of cybersecurity control information in premarket submissions.

FDA and Cybersecurity

Postmarket Cybersecurity

- ▶ On January 22, 2016, the FDA announced draft guidance identifying steps manufacturers should take to identify and address postmarket cybersecurity vulnerabilities that pose a risk to patient safety and public health.
- ▶ FDA recommends adoption of risk management program to monitor, identify, detect, assess, and mitigate cybersecurity vulnerabilities arising postmarket.
- ▶ “Uncontrolled” risks (posing an unacceptable risk that the clinical performance of a device could be compromised) may result in reporting obligations.



- ▶ Federal Trade Commission Enforcement

Start with Security

The FTC provided guidance from lessons learned from 50+ data security-related enforcement actions



1. Start with security
2. Control access to data sensibly
3. Require secure passwords and authentication
4. Store sensitive personal information securely and protect it during transmission
5. Segment your network and monitor who is trying to get in and out
6. Secure remote access to your network
7. Apply sound security practices when developing new products
8. Make sure your service providers implement reasonable security standards
9. Put procedures in place to keep your security current and address vulnerabilities that may arise
10. Secure paper, physical media and devices

FTC Best Practices for Mobile Health App Developers

- ▶ Minimize data
- ▶ Limit access and permissions
- ▶ Keep authentication in mind
- ▶ Consider the mobile ecosystem
- ▶ Implement security by design
- ▶ Don't reinvent the wheel
- ▶ Innovate how you communicate with users
- ▶ Don't forget about other applicable laws

Mobile Health Applications and HIPAA

- ▶ On October 5, 2015 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) released an online platform for mobile application developers and others to submit questions and comments to anonymously to OCR on HIPAA compliance issues.
- ▶ OCR posted health application use scenarios in February, 2016 to help provide clarity as to the application of HIPAA to use of mobile applications in certain situations.
- ▶ April 2016, Joint Guidance – Mobile Health Apps Interactive Tool

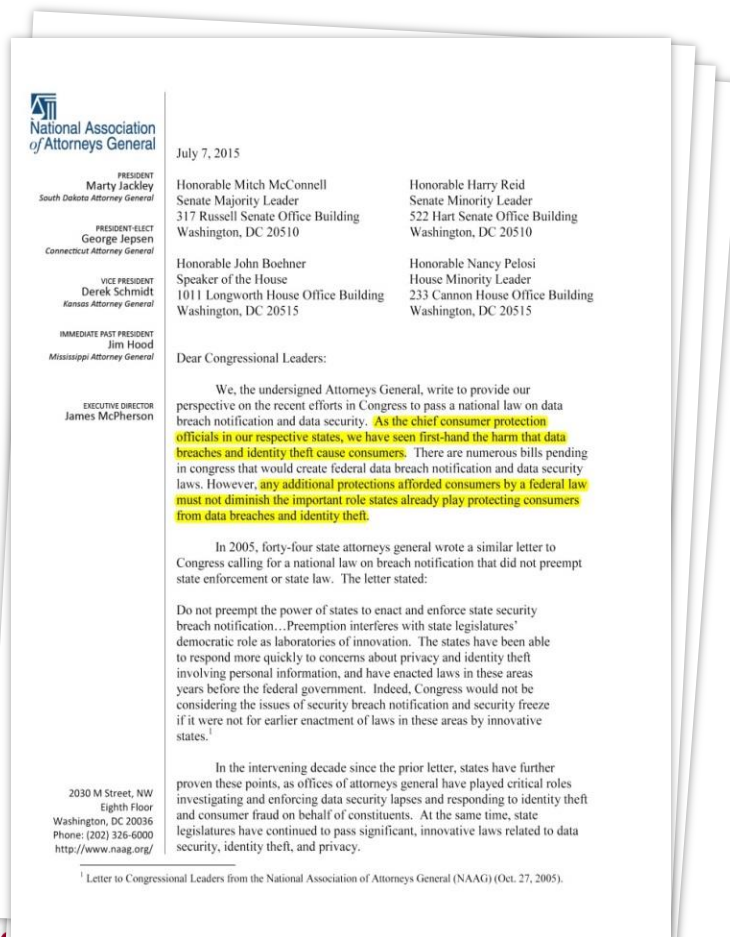


National Association *of* Attorneys General

- ▶ State Attorneys General
Regulation and Enforcement

State AGs: Intense Interest

Letter to Congressional Leaders from the National Association of Attorneys General (Oct. 27, 2015)

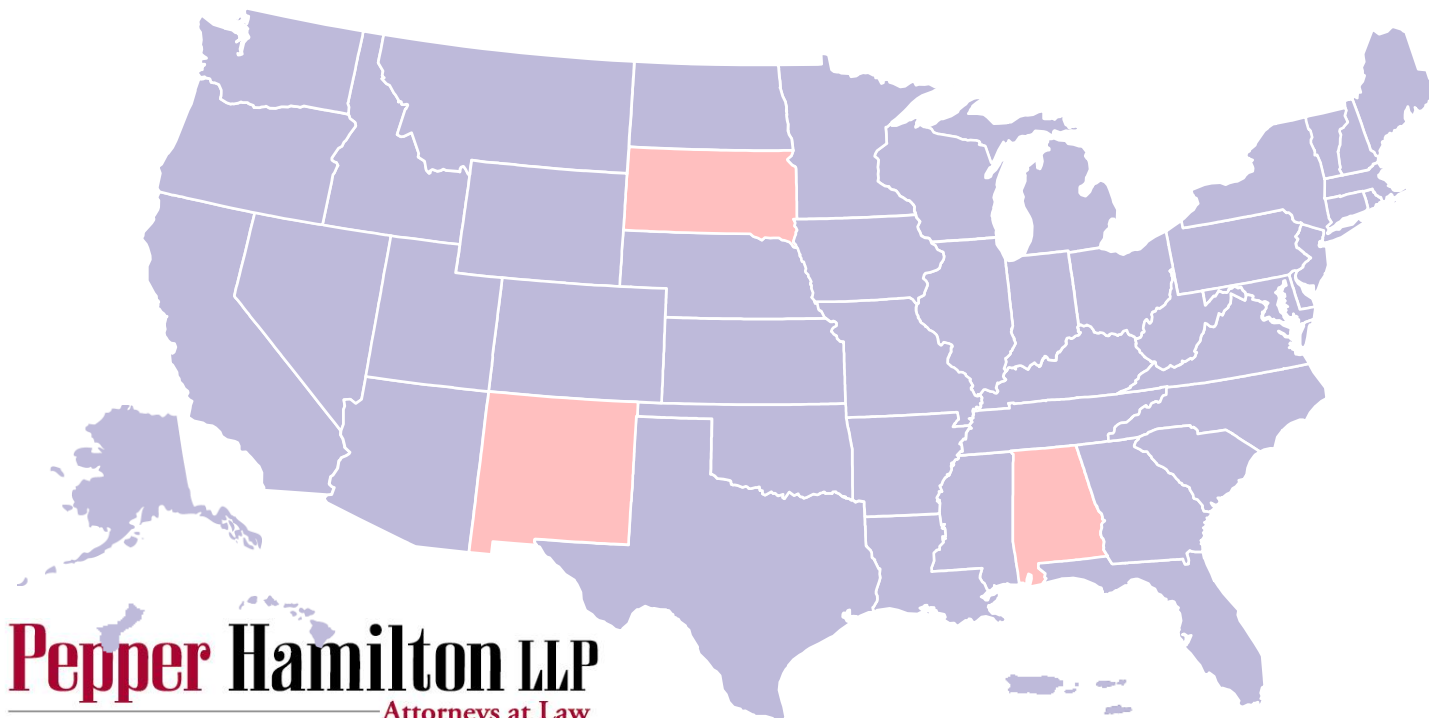


- Data Breaches and Identity Theft Cause Significant Harm to Consumers
- States Play an Important Role Responding to Data Breaches and Identify Theft
- Federal Law Should Not Preempt State Law
- Data Security Vulnerabilities Are Too Common

State AGs

Data Breach Notification Laws

- ▶ 47 states have enacted data breach notification laws
 - All require prompt notification of breach to consumers
 - Some require companies to adopt reasonable data security practices
- ▶ Provide for additional liability and impose civil penalties



State AGs

Enforcement Mechanisms

- ▶ What does a typical consent decree look like?
 - Penalties and fines dependent on the extent of the breach
 - Creation of new policies and procedures to ensure future compliance
 - Free identify theft protection/mitigation services
 - Mandatory audits and reporting back to State AGs
 - Creation of security based roles, including Chief Privacy Officer
 - Mandatory employee training on data security practices
 - Updates to technological infrastructure

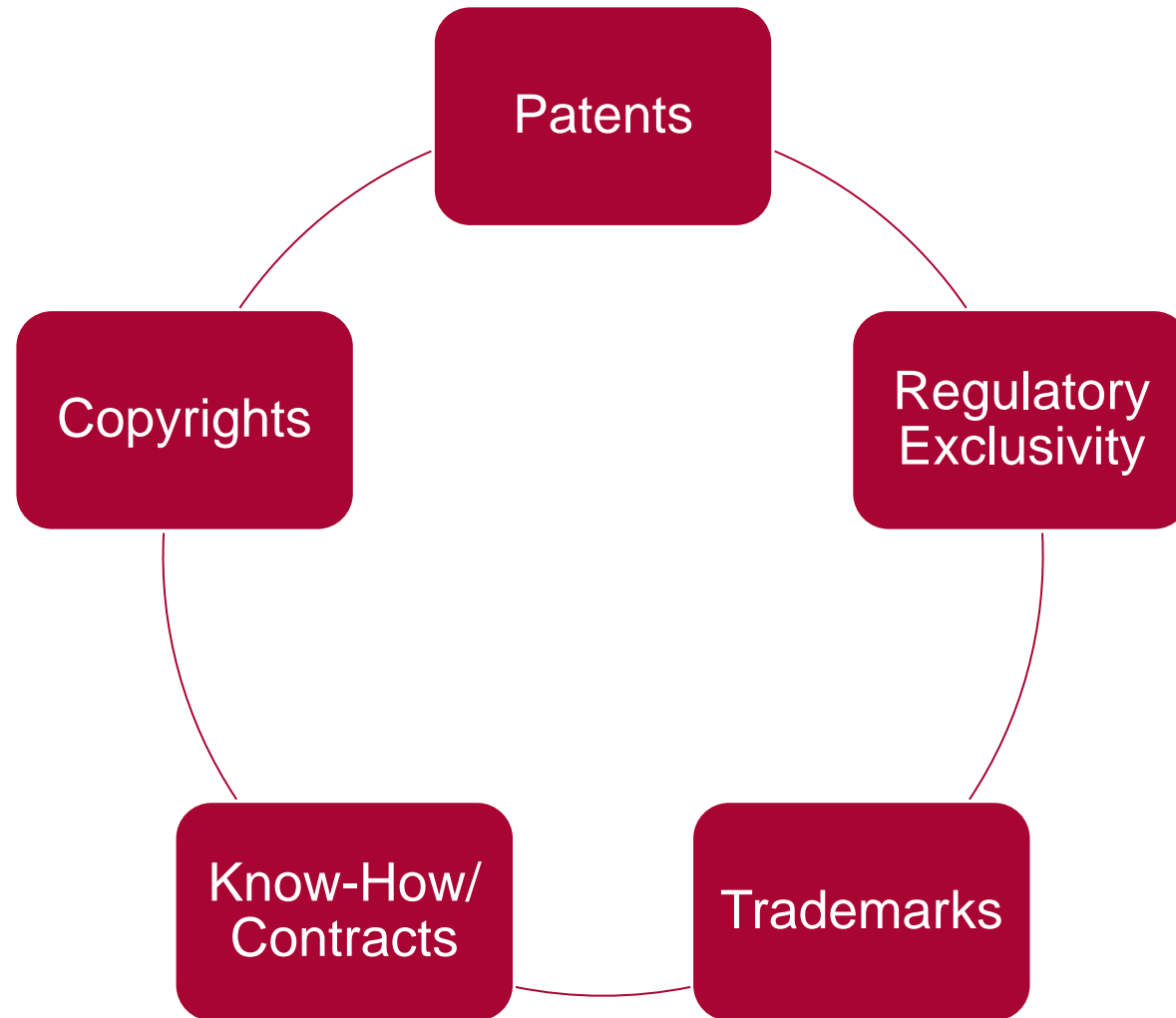
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Consumer Protection

- ▶ Violating Data Breach Disclosure Laws can be a violation of Unfair Trade Practices Act
- ▶ State consumer protection laws based on Section 5 of FTC:
 - “Capable of misleading”
 - “Violates public policy”
 - “Unfair”
 - “Concealing or omitting a material fact in selling product”
 - Misrepresenting “characteristics or benefits...”
- ▶ Injunctive relief, restitution, civil penalties, disgorgement
- ▶ No proof of harm to collect civil penalties

Patents only get you so far, for so long

- ▶ Increasing need to use different modes of protection

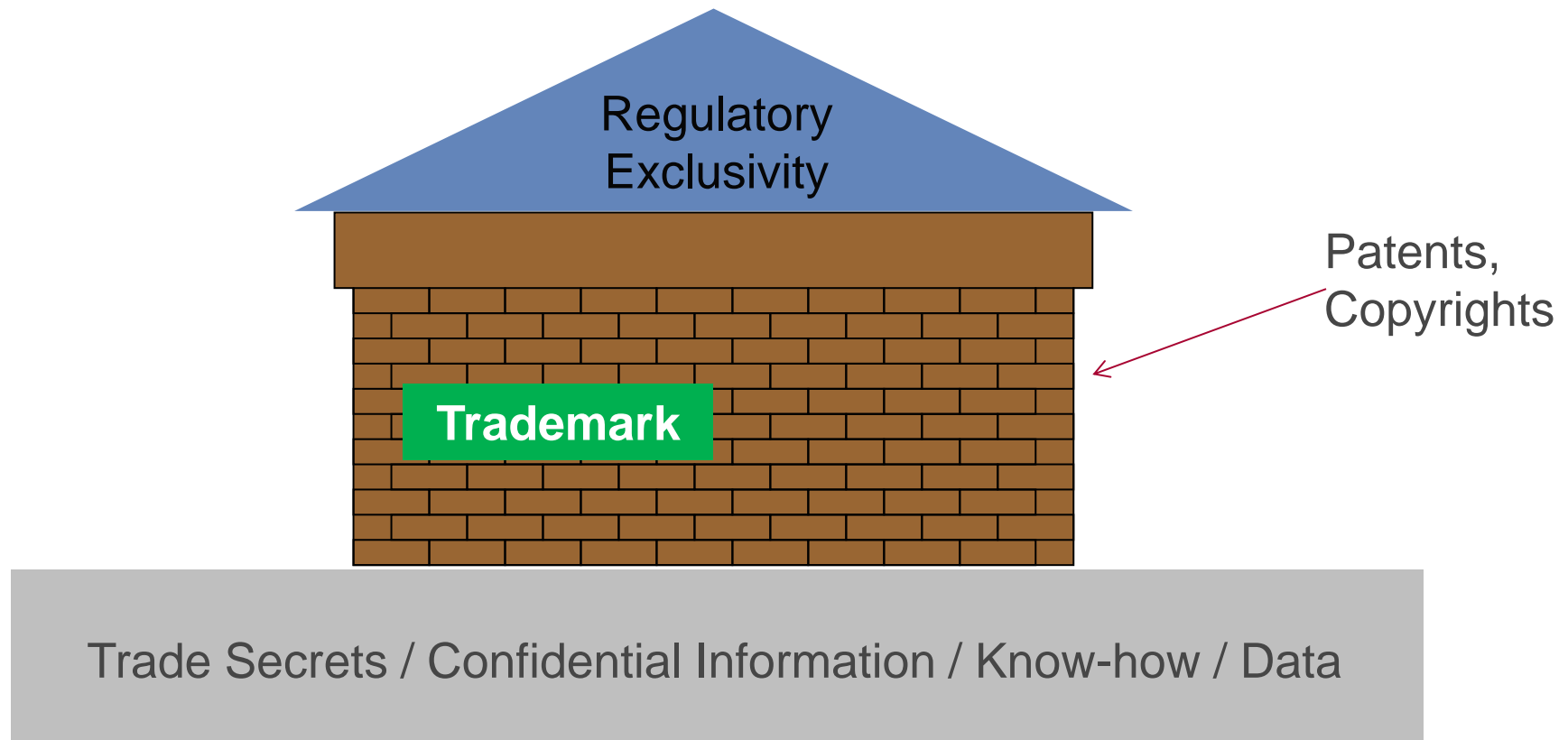


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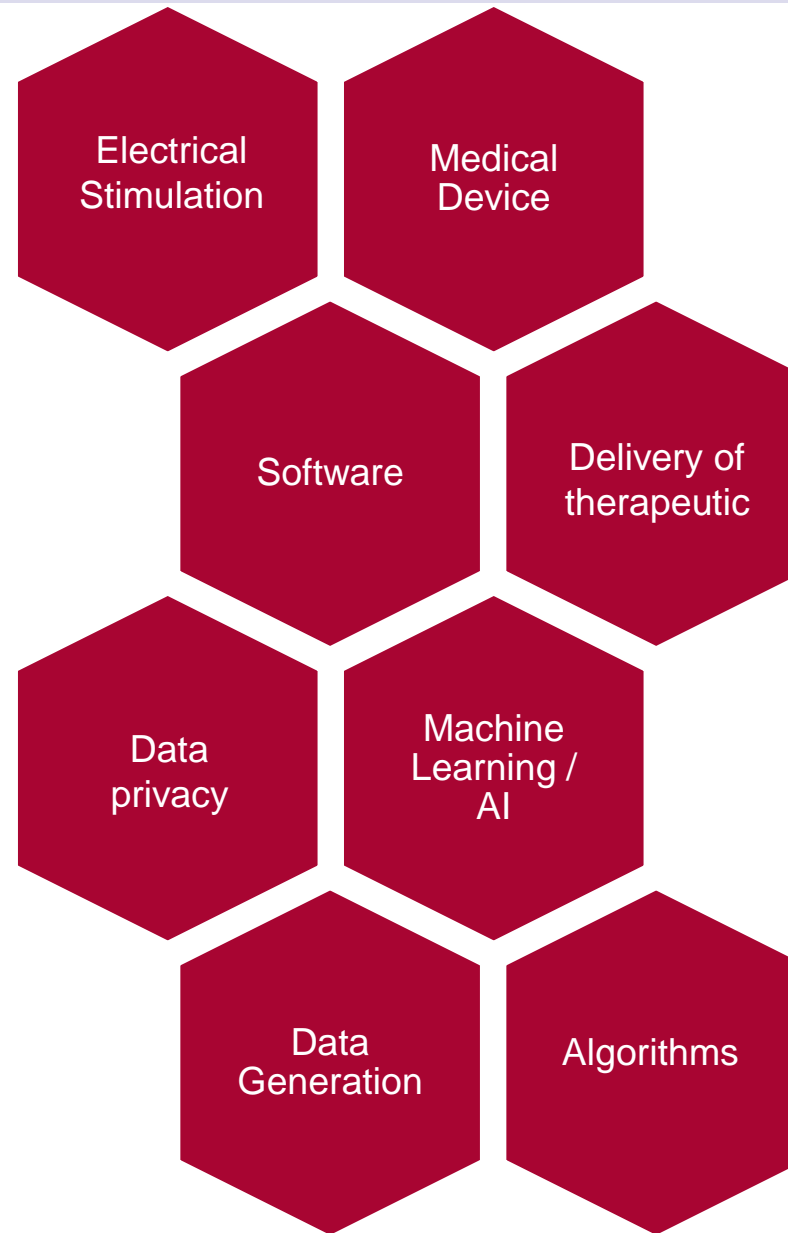
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Integrated Fortress of IP

- ▶ Anticipate the need to educate on the value of “other” types of IP
- ▶ Build an integrated fortress *and present as such*



DBS – A Little Something for Everyone



Artificial Intelligence Applications for DBS

- ▶ Sensors gather neurological information and provide to Machine Learning/AI Algorithms (e.g., IBM's Watson)
 - Determine whether information matches identified patterns
 - Associate information with known patient issues for test data
 - Update and refine algorithms based on data
- ▶ Provide DBS / delivery of therapeutic / alert medical professional
 - Electrical and/or pharmacological stimulation to correct Parkinson's, dystonia, bipolar, OCD etc

How to Create and Protect IP for DBS

- ▶ We have worked with Dr. Rezai for 20 years
 - Coincidentally, patent rights expire after 20 years
- ▶ Original subject matter developed by Dr. Rezai is entering the public domain just as DBS is advancing into new areas
- ▶ Newer developments are building upon the foundation of the original research
- ▶ Need to consider whether patent protection makes sense in light of design cycle

Patent Considerations

- ▶ Device
 - electrical and/or mechanical workings of the sensory, data storage and delivery and therapeutic storage and delivery components
- ▶ Method of using / implanting the device
 - surgical exception
- ▶ Method of making device
- ▶ Software...

Patent Considerations for DBS Software

- ▶ *Alice Corp.* – eligible subject matter
 - Software that is described and claimed functionally (based on what it does) is having significant issues at the PTO
 - Software should be claimed in terms of:
 - The system that is being improved OR
 - Structurally in terms of the software elements used to perform the operation
 - Software in a DBS system can be claimed as part of the system as a whole
 - Software can also be claimed based on the structural elements of the data flow (nodes in a neural network, linked lists, etc.)
 - Machine Learning algorithms have an inherent advantage of improving the machine on which they run

What Complementary Protections Exist?

- ▶ Trade Secret
 - What is a trade secret? Limitations?
 - Data Sets, algorithms- results in quicker approval, better patient outcomes
- ▶ Copyright
 - What does a copyright protect? Limitations?
 - Software
- ▶ Trademark
 - Brand recognized for accuracy, reliability, predictability, privacy / protection, patient-focused (DTC advertising)
 - Better reimbursement
- ▶ Data/Marketing Exclusivities
- ▶ Best practices for contracts / licensing

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