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Ransomware Attack Affects Data Of 128,000 Patients

Arkansas Oral & Facial Surgery Center discovered in July that it was the victim of a ransomware attack that eventually affected the information of 128,000 patients.

The hackers' motivation appears to be extortion and not the theft of patient information, according to the organization. A limited set of protected health information was affected, primarily diagnostic images and attachments, and patient information appears to have not been stolen. However, the ransomware apparently rendered image files, documents and all electronic patient visit data during the previous three weeks inaccessible. In addition to radiology data, other compromised information included patient names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, diagnoses, treatment plans, conditions and health insurance information.