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Texas Specialty Practice Warns 200K Patients of Ransomware Attack

A specialty practice in Texas has notified more than 200,000 patients of a ransomware attack that might have exposed their personal information.

On 24 March, Urology Austin sent out notification letters to 279,663 patients informing them of an incident that occurred back in January.

Investigators have determined the attack may have compromised affected patients' personal information including their names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security Numbers, and medical information. It's not clear if the bad actors took or misused the data. But as the attack affected more than 500 patients, the specialty practice complied with Texas law in disclosing the incident to its base of patients.

The ransomware infection appears to have affected everyone from current patients to individuals who haven't used Urology Austin's services in some time.

Officials at Urology Austin are currently investigating the incident and working to improve the network's security safeguards. Healthcare IT News reports employees have received phishing training. This could suggest the attack originated from a phishing attack.

Urology Austin, which restored all affected data from a backup, has also set up a hotline for patients and is offering two years of free credit monitoring for all individuals affected by the incident.