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6 Things you cannot ignore about using Windows XP in your Medical Practice:

1. Exposure to Viruses is higher than any other operating system:
 - a. XP has been around for over 12 years, giving virus programmers plenty of time to find all of the “holes”. With the end of security patches coming this **April 8**, there will still be “holes” that won’t get filled, leaving your XP systems even more vulnerable.
2. Technology has changed (so should your OS)
 - a. It has been over 12 years since XP was released. The technology it was built to work with has since become obsolete. Many Hardware and software vendors (Including ANTIVIRUS providers) have already begun phasing out XP support on new products.
3. Security is a whole new ball-game compared to 12 years ago,
 - a. In addition to Viruses, system hacking is at an all-time high, and XP just isn’t capable of defending itself like newer OS’s.
4. Smartphones, Tablets, and the Cloud, - Oh my!
 - a. None of these things existed when XP was released. Can you remember a time before your smartphone? XP can! While they may function together, you may be missing out on valuable features and benefits to these technology add-ons by staying with XP.
5. The Internet has moved on
 - a. You have to go back 2 generations of Internet Explorer to get one that works on XP. The rest of the world is on IE 9 or 10, moving on to 11 in the near future. XP is stuck at IE8. Websites have to be written to work with specific Browser versions, and IE 8 is not at the top of that list. With access to information via the web a critical factor in just about any business, this will be a real problem.
6. Come April 8, 2014, your Medical practice could be exposed to HIPAA Non-Compliance penalties
 - a. Since the security and reliability of XP will no longer be addressed by Microsoft, the open “holes” that could lead to breaches and leaks that will leave your practice at risk of being fined in a security audit.

Don't let XP put your practice at risk. Call us today to make sure you stay up-to-date with Technology and HIPAA regulations

