Texas A&M Health Science Center Guidelines

29.01.03.Z1.01 Guideline: Network Access

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Reason for the Guidelines

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (HSC) network infrastructure is provided as a central utility for all users of HSC information resources. It is important that the infrastructure, which includes cabling and the associated ‘active equipment’, continues to develop with sufficient flexibility to meet HSC demands while at the same time remaining capable of exploiting anticipated developments in high speed networking technology to allow the future provision of enhanced user services.

1. Official Guideline

1.1 Users are permitted to use only those network addresses issued to them by HSC IT Services.

1.2 Remote users may connect to HSC information resources only through an internet service provider (ISP) and using protocols approved by HSC.

1.3 Users inside the HSC firewall may not be connected to the HSC network at the same time a modem is being used to connect to an external network.

1.4 Users must not extend or re-transmit network services in any way. This means you must not install a router, switch, hub, or wireless access point to the HSC network without HSC IT Services approval.

1.5 Users must not install network hardware or software that provides network services without HSC IT Services approval.

1.6 Non HSC computer systems that require network connectivity must conform to HSC IT Services standards.

1.7 Users must not download, install or run security programs or utilities that reveal weaknesses in the security of a system. For example, HSC users must not run password cracking programs, packet sniffers, network mapping tools, or port scanners while connected in any manner to the HSC network infrastructure.

1.8 Users are not permitted to alter network hardware in any way.
2. **VIOLATIONS**

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action which may include termination for employees and temporary workers; a termination of employment relations in the case of contractors or consultants; dismissal for interns and volunteers; or suspension or expulsion in the case of a student. Additionally, individuals are subject to loss of HSC information resources access privileges, civil, and criminal prosecution.

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