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2015-2016 Urgent Memorandum:

MedTrak VNG, Inc. will be offering all Videonystagmography (VNG) practitioners currently using Windows XP, a Windows 7 based **HIPAA compliance solution**.

Regulatory information:

End of life for Microsoft Windows XP ALSO Means the **End of HIPAA Compliance**. The most important thing you need to know is that Microsoft Windows XP **is no longer HIPAA compliant**. HIPAA Security Rule section 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) states that you must implement "procedures for guarding against, detecting, and reporting malicious software."

Since XP's manufacturer (Microsoft) will no longer be providing security updates, XP is vulnerable to attacks and data loss.

Installing a firewall and an anti-malware program is **not** a viable solution. You can still be **held liable** for failure to comply. This could lead to suspension of certifications or, in cases where confidential information is lost, payment of monetary damages.

Using an unsupported XP system is not just a "paper" threat. It is a real risk to your data integrity and network security. This is because many of the security patches that are issued for Windows 7 can be reverse engineered to design attacks for Windows XP.

Newer versions of Windows also include improved security features that make them much less susceptible targets.

Additionally, if you do not upgrade to Windows 7, it makes you **ineligible** for new software and upgrades.

MedTrak VNG end users: **HIPAA compliance issue - MedTrak VNG solution:**

MedTrak VNG, Inc. is offering all of its current customers, who have purchased the full priced extended warranty, a **NEW Windows 7 laptop computer (HIPAA compliant)**, for \$520. This new lap top computer will be factory loaded with the **latest VNG software** and drivers and will include the **newest video capture device** and a USB serial adaptor where required. This new lap top will be compatible with **all older versions** of MedTrak VNG hardware. For those VNG users who **DO NOT** have a MedTrak VNG extended warranty, the cost of coming into HIPAA compliance with this equipment is \$1,350.

Call MedTrak VNG, Inc. tech support at **718-926-2557** for details regarding this offer and make sure you receive information regarding our 2016 repair and support price increases for VNG end users who are not covered by our extended warranty.