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Claim on huge patient data leak

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Patients pass through thermal scanning as they enter Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok. Their records may be among the reported huge data theft from the hospital. (File photo: Chanat Katanyu)

About 39 million purported patient records allegedly from Siriraj Hospital have been offered for sale on an internet database-sharing forum in what appears to be the latest hack of the country's public health sector.

Authorities are investigating the post, which was on [raidforums.com](#).

The leak is said to include records of VIP patients.

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to sell 30.9 million patient records really had such a huge trove of data.

However, the poster said a sample file was available. Contact could be made through a Telegram app account.

The data supposedly comprises names, addresses, Thai IDs, phone numbers, gender details, dates of birth and other information, according to the poster, who used the name "WraithMax".

The poster said the price for the data was negotiable and it would go to only one buyer.

"There was a large data leak concerning Siriraj's patient records that has been offered for sale," Dr Sutee Tuvirat, an information systems security professional, told the *Bangkok Post*.

The data is not only from Siriraj Hospital but also from nearby Siriraj Piyamaharajkarun Hospital, which has records of VIP patients, he said.



Most local hospitals still had no cybersecurity teams or chief information security officers who could monitor threats.

"Even some department stores which invested in cybersecurity have been hacked, but hospitals which keep a great deal of sensitive data still do not make investment in this area a priority," Dr Sutee said.

This latest possible leak from the public health sector follows a series of hacks over the past couple of years.

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[Siriraj Hospital has denied its database was leaked](#)

In October last year, another post on raidforums.com offered data on 100,000 people from 11 Thai hospitals.

Last September, state-run Phetchabun Hospital saw the theft of the data of more than 10,000 patients through its web-based app, which was said to be below standard.

In September 2020, at Saraburi Hospital, a hacker blocked access to patients' medical records and shut down the hospital's telephone lines. The hacker demanded the hospital pay 63 billion baht in Bitcoin.

"Healthcare is one of the targeted sectors as it contains a lot of sensitive information," said Dr Sutee.

"Once data is breached, hackers will steal all the data. They work professionally, making money and gaining credibility."

The acting deputy secretary-general of the National Cyber Security Agency, Grp Capt Amorn Chomchoey, said he was aware of the Siriraj case and was investigating it.

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