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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**ABU DHABI HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND
CYBER SECURITY STANDARD
[ADHICS]**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Question:	What is ADHICS?																
Answer:	ABU DHABI HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY STANDARD (ADHICS) is a sector level standard by Department of Health (DoH), mandated to all healthcare entities in Abu Dhabi.																
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Answer:	Any entity which stores, processes and/or deals with health information from the emirate of Abu Dhabi needs to be compliant with the applicable controls of the standard.																
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Question:	What is AAMEN Program?																
Answer:	All information security standards, related Audits, Compliance Monitoring & Certifications, and all activities initiated by Department of Health towards the enforcement of these initiatives are collectively called the AAMEN Program.																
Question:	Will Department of Health help us in achieving the required compliance?																
Answer:	The entities are required to be capable of understanding and implementing the requirements. Department of Health may assist by providing guidelines.																



Question:	Where can I get more information about the standard?		
Answer:	Information related to all initiatives under the AAMEN program including the ADHICS Standard is available on the DOH Website (doh.gov.ae) under Initiatives & Programs -> AAMEN ADHICS Guidelines is available on DOH website under Resources->Guidelines or from the below link: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for the implementation of the Abu Dhabi Healthcare Information and Cyber Security Standard 		
Question:	Do I need dedicated Information Security personnel to be compliant with ADHICS?		
Answer:	The roles and responsibilities need to be defined and assigned to the competent personnel.		
Question:	We are a small clinic with one doctor, two nurses and an administrator. Do we need to be compliant with ADHICS?		
Answer:	Yes. The minimum mandated controls are defined in the standard as per the category/type of the entity.		
Question:	What happens if we don't comply?		
Answer:	The compliance requirements shall be added to the existing Audit process and the license registration/renewal process.		
Question:	Will we be able to integrate with Malaffi, Abu Dhabi Health Information Exchange (ADHIE) if we don't comply?		
Answer:	The Malaffi team has identified a minimum set of controls from ADHICS. Compliance to these controls is a pre-requisite to onboarding with Malaffi. You shall obtain more information about Malaffi integration from contact@malaffi.ae or Malaffi website www.malaffi.ae		
Question:	What about cloud computing compliance requirements?		
Answer:	Controls related to cloud computing are defined in the standard under CM4. Also, it is not permitted to store, develop, or transfer data and health information outside UAE that is related to health services provided within the country as per the Federal Law No. (2) For the year 2019 On the Use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Healthcare.		
Question:	Where can I contact for more details?		
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