

What Is Edge Management in Healthcare?

Edge management refers to real-time, local data processing at the point of care—smart beds, monitors, mobile workstations, and autonomous robots. It represents a shift from centralized computing to decentralized models that bring compute power closer to where data is generated.



The Data Overload

Healthcare organizations face a mountain of unstructured data scattered across devices running on proprietary or disconnected systems.

> Without clear policies for retention, backup, or recovery, visibility into critical information is lost.



54% of known edge vulnerabilities were fully remediated



Median patch time: 32 days



22% of breaches stemmed from edge device vulnerabilities

Security Snapshot

Security remains a top concern in edge environments.

60% of breaches involve human error





Ransomware appeared in 44% of breaches, up from 32%

Phishing remains the dominant social engineering technique



How Edge Management Supports Healthcare IT

Healthcare IT teams face a range of challenges when managing edge environments. These include fragmented data systems, security vulnerabilities, and limited resources.

Common Challenges

Fragmented data across disconnected devices



Centralized policy control for consistent device management

Practical Solutions

Security vulnerabilities due to delayed patching



Automated patching and vulnerability remediation

Limited visibility into device performance and logs



real-time threat detection

across edge devices

Unified dashboards for visibility

Al-driven monitoring for

and staff shortages

Resource constraints

IT leaders should evaluate a few key areas to support clinical goals, while ensuring robust security and operational efficiency.

Al as a Forcing Function

Al initiatives can serve as a catalyst to audit edge readiness.

Are smart devices patched? Are logs monitored?

Is data captured for clinical goals?



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