

SPINE SURGERY

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On July 27, 2016 New Jersey Spine Center, 40 Main St., Chatham, NJ, was the victim of a malware virus. The virus encrypted all of the practice's electronic medical record files containing clinical information (such as procedures, office notes, and reports), demographic and personal information and some financial information. The malware was blocked by our virus protection software but unfortunately not before the damage had already been completed to our records. We notified the FBI and local authorities regarding the incident. The virus likely gained access by utilizing a list of stolen passwords by running an automated program, and demanded a ransom payment to obtain an encryption key to unlock the files.

After obtaining the key, we worked diligently to rebuild our system and were able to access the files as of August 1, 2016.

While we have no information to suggest that any medical, personal or financial information was used or stolen by the individuals, we are providing notification of this incident to our patients. Please call the following number if you have any questions or need additional information: 844-749-5102.

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