



Biometrics *Direct* Solutions Case Study

**North Florida Medical Center
Healthcare**

Biometrics Direct secure access solutions featuring SAFLINK, ComputerProx and Panasonic allow North Florida Medical Center to comply with HIPAA regulations by quickly and efficiently managing end-user authentication onto its network environment.

About North Florida Medical Center:

North Florida Regional is a 278-bed, full-service medical and surgical acute care referral center serving 14 counties and offering comprehensive heart care, cancer care, women's health, diabetes care and neuromusculoskeletal services. A proven leader, North Florida Regional Medical Center is committed to providing the community with the highest quality healthcare with technological sophistication in a comfortable, caring environment.

Problem:

NFRMC was looking for a solution to secure access to shared workstations in compliance with [HIPAA and JCAHO guidelines](#) for end user authentication.

NFMC was looking for an end-to-end security solution that positively identifies each end-user accessing patient care records.

Biometrics Direct / Smart Card Supply Solution:

SAFLINKs **SAFsolution Enterprise Edition** featuring the **Panasonic Authenticam** Iris scanner and the **ComputerProx TF-2000** creates an environment whereby NFMC is able to positively authenticate each individual accessing these records on their network.

As an added feature of the solution, when the individual accessing patient records walks away from the active workstation, the session accessing these records is automatically terminated without additional intervention by the end user. This "post authentication security" eliminates the possibility of an unauthorized user piggy-backing on an authorized users access.

The security solution is currently being deployed as part of a first stage rollout to clinicians and physicians in NFMC headquarters, which will be completed by March 1, 2003. At that time, all clinics will require users to log on via an iris scan to access patient records.

Benefits:

This solution allows NFMC to comply with the 'unique end user authentication' and 'automatic logoff' requirements under the NPRM/HIPAA security guidelines.

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