**Tips on Providing an Asset Inventory for the**

**Security Risk Assessment**

The Security Risk Assessment identifies where all electronic protected health information (e-PHI) is stored, received, maintained or transmitted. The asset inventory is used to determine the scope of the security risk analysis.

An information system is an interconnected set of information resources under the same direct management control that shares common functionality. A system normally includes hardware, software, information, data, applications, communications, and users.

A portable electronic device is any electronic apparatus with singular or multiple capabilities of recording, storing, and/or transmitting data, voice, video, or images. This includes, but is not limited to laptops, personal digital assistants, pocket personal computers, palmtops, MP3 players, cellular telephones, thumb drives, video cameras, and pagers.

Electronic storage media includes memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card.

The Asset Inventory should include:

* Computer hardware and software;
* Laptops, tablets, and smart phones;
* Flash drives, thumb drives, external hard drives, and magnetic media;
* Printers, Fax machines.