



Simplify and standardize user account lifecycle management.



Inspira Health Network is a non-profit healthcare organization consisting of three major hospitals and over 60 outpatient care locations. With this many locations, and over 6,000 employees, account management was becoming a tedious task prone to many errors.

There were several different employees at Inspira in charge of creating accounts, each using their own conventions. Some would fill out all required information, while others would leave out important components. Without a standardized method in place, each employee would also name a department what they wanted, for example some would label a department emergency room, while others would call it ER.

Andrew Gahm, Systems and Security Engineer at Inspira Health Network said "We needed a way to standardize all of our Active Directory administration." In addition Inspira also needed a method in place which would delegate account management to certain employees without giving full access to Active Directory.

Client

Inspira Health Network

Challenge

Inspira Health Network had no standard method in place for user account creation, which led to many errors in account information. There were also many employees with full access to systems that they didn't need.

Solution

IAM provides employees electronic forms to create accounts without receiving elevated access rights.

Products and connectors

Identity Access Management (IAM) - Previously known as UMRA

Result

Employees in charge of user accounts now have a standard method in place for account creation which has reduced error and cleaned up Active Directory.

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Andrew Gahm, Systems and Security Engineer, Inspira Health Network

Gahm was familiar with Tools4ever’s software suite as he had previously used IAM in a prior position. He knew of the benefits the solutions could provide so when he started at Inspira, realizing the issues they were having with account management, he quickly introduced Tools4ever’s IAM to mitigate these issues.

Standardization of accounts

Tools4ever worked with Inspira Health Network to customize several secure electronic forms in IAM, that would simplify the account creation process and drastically reduce errors. Instead of free form data entry, the electronic templates have drop down menus with department names, radio buttons with locations and addresses built in as well as having some mandatory fields required in order to create the account. This ensures that all employees in charge of creating accounts are doing so in a consistent fashion instead of using their own techniques.

Increased Security

Inspira Health Network also wanted to ensure that all employees have the appropriate access to systems and applications. Certain employees needed to be delegated the task of account management, but not have full access, which could be a security risk. Many employees needed additional access in order to perform their jobs. With IAM, access rights can be easily assigned to the correct people, starting with the team that manages passwords. This had increased the overall security of their systems by reducing the number of users who have full access to secure data.

With IAM in place, Inspira Health Network knows that all their account information is correct and they no longer need to focus time on cleaning up messes from accounts that were not created correctly. IAM also ensures that only the appropriate employees have full access, which is beneficial for audits and meeting strict healthcare regulations such as HIPPA. Gahm added, “IAM has helped clean up AD to make it more consistent and useful for our entire organization.”