

# OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

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### OVERVIEW

Ohio State University Medical Center is one of largest medical centers the state of Ohio with over 25,000 employees, including 1,813 physicians, and 5,312 on the nursing staff. The mission of the Ohio State University Medical Center (OSUWMC) is to improve people's lives in Ohio and across the world through innovation in research, education and patient care.

With security threats on the rise, the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center began seeking guidance and support of a certified Microsoft partner to help assess, shape, and define the organization's Microsoft 365 A5 security vision. OSUWMC is licensed for Microsoft 365 A5, which includes advanced security workloads to keep the center safe from cyberattacks. Forsyte I.T. Solutions (Forsyte), worked with OSUWMC to create a roadmap and assist in getting the most out of those capabilities and owned technology.

### PROJECT GOALS

- 1 Review and assess OSUWMC's Microsoft Office 365 A5 security vision and direction going forward.
- 2 Assess and recommend solutions and systems for faster and more reliable threat detection and response capabilities.
- 3 Create a more secure and collaborative environment for OSUWMC's 25,000+ physicians, nurses, and staff

### ORGANIZATION

#### Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

**Website:**

<https://wexnermedical.osu.edu>

**Location:**

Columbus, OH

**Industry:**

Medical

**Implementation:**

A5 Security Assessment

**Size:**

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including 1,800+ physicians  
and 5,300+ nursing staff

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### CHALLENGE

Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (OSUWMC) realized the need for a more secure environment and began evaluating Microsoft partners to assist on its journey to heightened security. It began its search and discussions with companies knowledgeable in advanced security and ultimately chose Forsyte I.T. Solutions (Forsyte) to run the project due to its 25+ years of expertise with Microsoft technology.

Forsyte's expert team conducted an assessment of the Microsoft A5 security suite, making it easier for OSUWMC to select the necessary capabilities to best address its security needs and achieve cost savings. Forsyte also assisted in identifying gaps or threats in OSUWMC's environment and provided recommendations, guidance, and best practices needed to get the most out of the available Microsoft 365 A5 security features.

### SOLUTION

As a Microsoft Gold Partner, Forsyte provided the guidance and best practices to improve OSUWMC's online security and get the most from its Office 365 A5 licenses. With a better understanding of O365 and its security features, like Azure Information Protection (AIP) & Microsoft Cloud App Security, Forsyte aided in creating a more secure and reliable environment. OSUWMC now enjoys a much faster and reliable threat detection and response solution with connected data sources into Azure.

OSUWMC is able to provide a more collaborative and secure environment with infinite possibilities to scale in Azure and security needs met with Office 365. OSUWMC has stood up a more secure environment and set up a proactively faster response to threats before damage sets in. Costs have been reduced, and the IT department has relief with Office 365 A5 security features monitoring its threat landscape.



**Fully utilize  
Office 365 A5  
security features.**



**Intelligent security  
analytics through  
Power BI.**



**Advanced security  
solutions.**

### BENEFITS

Equipped with insights and recommendations from Forsyte's security assessment, OSUWMC maximized the benefits and security solutions available through it's Office 365 A5 licensing while creating a safe and reliable environment for it's 25,000 employees.

OSUWMC and Forsyte continue to work together to ensure a secure environment, taking great strides in improving the security posture of the organization as a whole. Security continues to be a top priority for OSUWMC and efforts will continue to be made to further advance the utilization of advanced security technology.