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CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER | GLOBAL CYBERSECURITY EXECUTIVE

Executive Summary

Transformational security leader with 20+ years building and scaling global cybersecurity programs across complex, regulated environments. Proven ability to align security strategy to business objectives, drive board-level risk governance, and lead high-performing teams across distributed geographies. Deep operational experience spanning cloud, application security, and security operations – with a consistent record of maturing programs, reducing risk exposure, and earning C-suite and board confidence. Fluent in NIST CSF, ISO 27001, HIPAA, GDPR, and emerging AI governance frameworks. Brings a builder's mindset, an executive's presence, and the credibility to lead security at global scale.

Core Competencies

- Enterprise Security Strategy
- Vendor Risk Management
- Governance, Risk & Compliance
- Security Operations
- Security Transformation
- Attack Surface Management
- Risk Treatment & Mitigation
- Zero Trust Enterprise Architecture
- M&A Security Integration
- Executive & Board Reporting
- Regulatory Compliance
- Business Continuity / Cyber Resilience

Professional Experience

Fresenius Medical Care, Waltham MA | Global Head, Cybersecurity Architecture & Strategy (2025 – Present)

Fresenius Medical Care, Waltham MA | Interim, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) (2024 – 2024)

Fresenius Medical Care, Waltham MA | Global Head, Cybersecurity Engineering & Operations (2022 – 2023)

Steer the development of global cybersecurity strategy and roadmaps in partnership with cross-functional leadership stakeholders. I led the creation of a high-performing cyber architecture team, serving as a mentor and promoting a culture of solutions excellence to bolster technical expertise and security capabilities.

- During 2024, I was appointed the Interim Global CISO, leading enterprise information security, cybersecurity, and technology security strategies across a global healthcare organization.
- Lead the enterprise deployment of 26 cybersecurity capabilities and 163 controls to strengthen risk reduction, control maturity, and global security standardization.
- Built and operationalized the company's first global 24x7 Security Operations Center (SOC), establishing centralized cyber defense capabilities and materially improving enterprise security posture across attack surface management, threat intelligence, and incident response.
- Partnered with Human Resource to establish new cybersecurity teams, encompassing training, skills matrices, and salary bands to facilitate ongoing professional development and standardization of career pathing.
- Successfully manage a \$30M operating budget, delivering \$5M in savings over two years while modernizing cybersecurity capabilities to enhance efficiency, resilience, and business alignment.

Alexion Pharmaceuticals, New Haven CT | Senior Security Leader, Global Security Solutions (2019 – 2022)

Brought on to transform an integrated global cybersecurity program, joining physical, cyber, network operations, and cyber threat intelligence into a single team. Developed and delivered engineering strategies and solutions as the threat reduction SME across various groups to mitigate security risk and strengthen resiliency organization-wide. Mentored junior security analysts and IT staff in best practices and techniques to effectively manage cyber risk and security operations.

- Captured \$2.5M in annual cost savings by reducing dependencies on 3rd-party services and implementing a talent acquisition pipeline in partnership with regional colleges.
- Improved the overall NIST CSF security maturity score 1.5 points during the 1st 18 months of tenure by working across the organization to accelerate security maturity and in alignment with industry peers.
- Led a 13-person team for incident response, threat hunting, purple team, and cyber hygiene initiatives.

Digitalware, New York, NY | Cyber Intel Watch Commander (2019 – 2019)

Oversaw daily operations of a 24-member 24x7 fusion center environment. Managed the development of a long-term strategy while leading a highly talented group of technology engineers, data scientists, security analysts, and threat researcher charged with serving clients across banking, entertainment, and government verticals.

- Established and built a 24-member cybersecurity fusion center from the ground up, one of the largest globally, holding full accountability for integrating an existing security operations center with a network operations center, cyber threat intelligence, staff, and processes to identify threats, and reduced response times by 27%.
- Partnered with C-suite executives, including the CISO, CSO, CIO, and CTO, to advise and support city agencies in managing cybersecurity operations and threats.

CBS Corporation, New York, NY | Director, Information Security (2013 – 2018)

Structured and built the 1st global security operations team to secure broadcast events. Managed enterprise security measures and technology integration using findings to develop a global threat intelligence strategy and improve visibility of the security landscape.

- Bolstered transparency into the security landscape at the executive level by generating threat metrics, advisories, and daily threat briefings to support informed decision-making while effectively ensuring the safety and security of information.
- Realized zero production disruptions by administering a \$6M budget used to create core cyber capabilities, develop a hybrid staffing model of security practitioners, and manage security service providers.
- Launched the 1st bug bounty program, inviting hackers and penetration testers to evaluate the security posture of publicly accessible resources and delivering 100% visibility into runtime vulnerability and application exposure.

Early Career Success: Served in roles of increasing responsibility, beginning career as an **Information Security Specialist** at Symantec, The Active Network, and subsequently serving as **Principal IT Security Analyst** with GlobalFoundries (2005 – 2013).

Education

- **Carnegie Mellon University** - Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Executive Education Certificate
- **Harvard University** - Cyber Risk Management in the Information Age Graduate Certificate
- **Ithaca College** - Cyber Security Leadership Graduate Certificate

Certifications

- ISACA Certified Risk Information Systems Control (CRISC)
- ISC2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- ISC2 Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP)
- US Government Active Secret Clearance

Boards & Affiliations

- Advisory Board Member - New Haven College (2026 - Present)
- Member - ISACA, Hartford CT Chapter (2022 – Present)
- Member - ISC, Southern CT Chapter (2017 - Present)
- Member - InfraGard (2013 - Present)