Smart migration paths to increased security

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Don't compromise security because of the unknown

The world of healthcare facilities is constantly evolving. The systems and technologies that are a foundation of these facilities are no different. Often, healthcare facilities make choices based on current needs, not looking to the future (because none of us know exactly what the future holds).

Selecting access control hardware is no different. As new compliance standards or processes and procedures are implemented and hinge on new technology, your original investment of wall-mounted or door units may be lost. Optimally, you want to install an electronic lock or credential reader that meets your needs today, and will grow and adapt with you into the future.

This ability to maximize your investment to meet current and future needs is the driving force behind the development and introduction of Schlage's adaptable electronic lock – the AD Series. Its modular design lets you update the device without ever taking it off the door. When credential technologies used in the facility change, the credential reader is simply changed out. If a door that is offline/stand-alone today needs to be put on the networked access control system at a later date, the communication module can be upgraded. With the AD Series, you change only the parts you need to change – and only when you need to change them.

Technology should be flexible!

As changes are made to software or technology platforms in your facility, your access devices should be flexible enough to adapt to new technologies as well as work with systems already in use. That's why open architecture platforms and multi-technology devices add real value to your system.

Open architecture devices are compatible with a variety of head-end systems that you currently use or may choose in the future. This allows you to develop the solution that really fits your needs and not settle for a brand that locks you into their proprietary devices. Schlage offers a full portfolio of open architecture access control products that work with Schlage and most other manufacturers' software solutions. This portfolio includes Schlage AD Series electronic locks, credential readers and a wide selection of other system components for your openings.

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Although new technology can be a great thing, the migration to that new technology can be difficult and expensive. As facilities plan an expansion, whether it's an addition to an existing hospital or construction at a new location, the planning team must take into consideration what new systems they would like to use and how these systems work with those already in place. Here is where the benefits of multi-technology devices such as the proximity/smart card combination readers from Schlage come to the forefront.

Here's an example. In the current facility, the staff uses proximity cards to gain access to different parts of the building and for time and attendance. Smart card technology is being specified in the new space to allow staff to use their card for logical access to the Electronic Medical Records systems. The cost and time required to replace all of the proximity devices in the existing facility and issue new smart card badges to the existing staff would be extensive. However, by utilizing Schlage multi-technology readers and electronic locks in the new facility, your current staff could use their existing proximity badges, and new staff could use smart card credentials on the same reader – letting you migrate the existing building/staff to smart technology as budget and time allow.

Increase security in existing facilities without disruption
Healthcare facilities require specialized solutions. If your situation calls for the addition of access control to existing openings, whether it's because of changes in the Security Management Plan or relocating departments, wireless technology may be the best solution. With Schlage wireless access control devices, it's easy to create a networked system for increased security and more efficient control – all while not disrupting the healing environment during installation. By not running wires to the device on each opening, you not only reduce cost and installation time, but also keep disruption to a minimum and reduce the possibility of additional infection control measures.

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Learn more about technology migration options

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