

# A Multi-Factor Access Control & Ownership Transfer Framework

## Future Generation Healthcare Systems

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# Paper at a glance

## Securing connected healthcare where devices, users, and data constantly move.

The work proposes a lightweight, multi-factor framework for IoMT environments that combines access control, authentication, key exchange, and ownership transfer.

### Core contribution

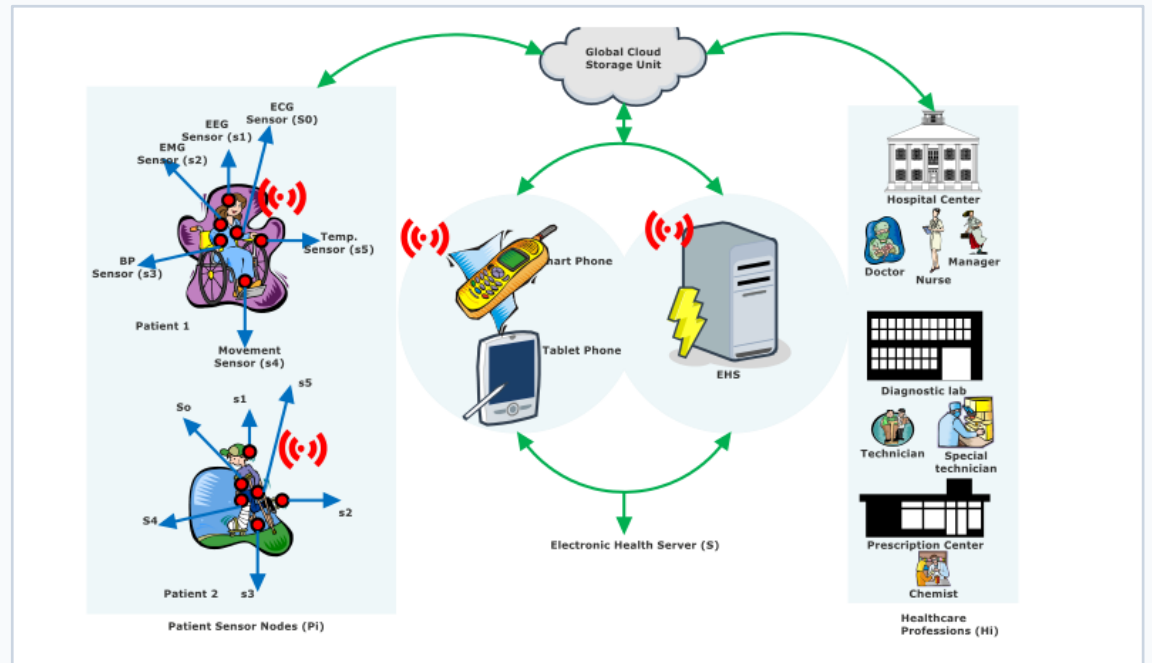
A protocol that lets authorized healthcare users transfer/revoke access rights while preserving patient privacy and system resilience.

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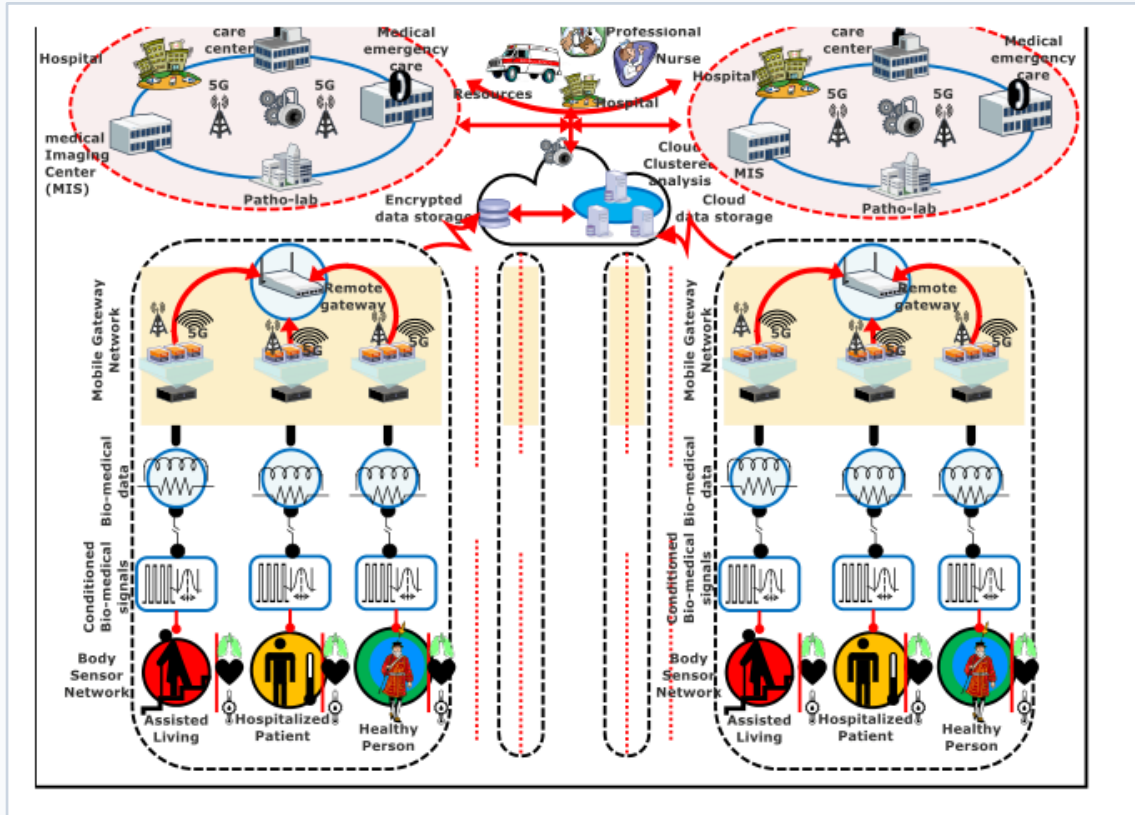
system entities  
Patient • Professional  
• EHS
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protocol phases  
E • S • AKE • OTP
- 5+**

attack classes  
formally/informally  
assessed



# Why healthcare IoT needs stronger access control



IoMT creates value—but also expands the attack surface.

- Body sensors continuously send biomedical signals through wireless gateways.
- Edge computing reduces latency and supports real-time clinical decisions.
- Cloud/EHS storage centralizes data but increases privacy and authorization risk.
- Healthcare users need controlled, auditable, and revocable access rights.

Design goal: secure access without overloading resource-constrained sensors

# Threat model and motivation

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The model targets failures common in wireless, cloud-connected care.

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## Wireless exposure

Sensitive biomedical packets travel across vulnerable channels and gateways.

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## Credential theft

RFID/smart card data and password guesses are realistic attacker paths.

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## Data manipulation

Captured traffic can be edited, deleted, replayed, or used for traceability.

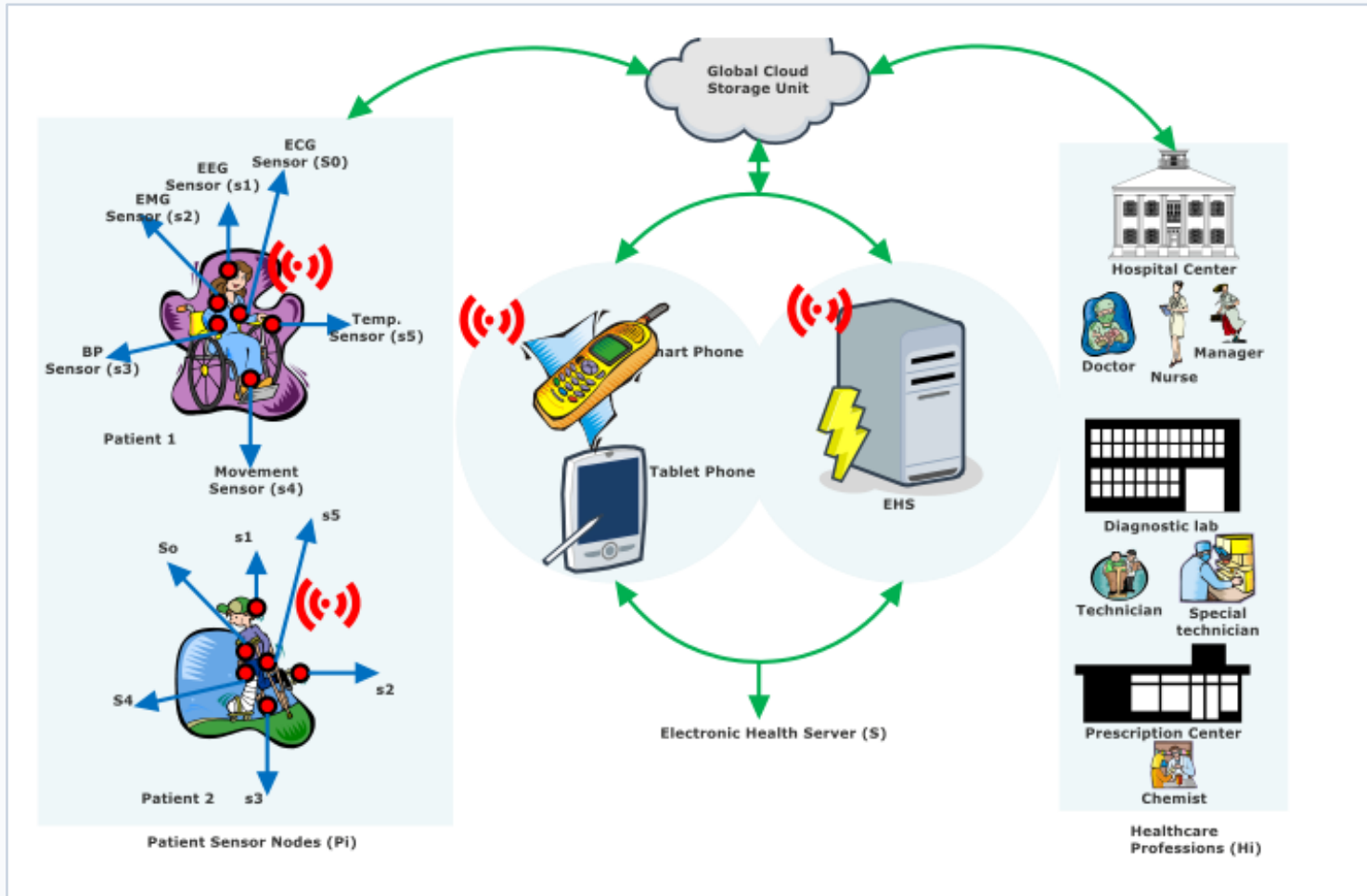
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## Emergency access

Break-glass access must work quickly without permanently weakening policy.

**Motivation: combine authentication + access rights + ownership transfer in one lightweight protocol**

# Proposed architecture



**Three entities coordinate access securely.**

## Patient entity ( $P_i$ )

Healthcare sensor nodes attached to the patient capture physiological data.

## Healthcare professional ( $H_i$ )

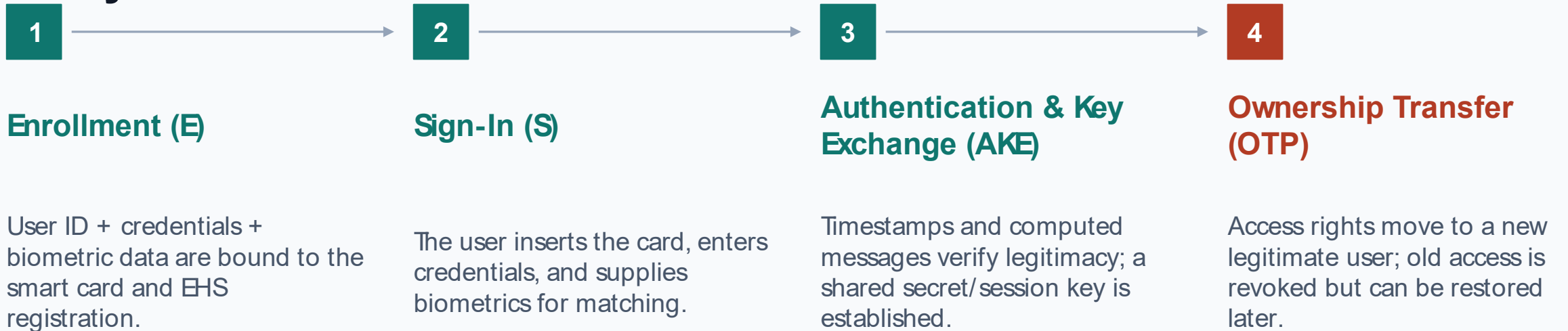
Doctors, nurses, lab technicians, chemists, and staff registered through smart radio cards.

## Electronic health server ( $S_i$ )

EHS, gateways, and cloud infrastructure enforce policy, keying, and data availability.

# Protocol flow

Access is granted through a staged, policy-aware flow.



**Outcome: only verified users reach allocated EHS data segments, and rights can change safely over time**

# Ownership transfer and break-glass access

The framework supports real-world clinical handoffs.

In healthcare, access is not static. Doctors change, emergencies occur, and patient data must remain protected during every transition.

## Normal route

Registered professional authenticates with card + password + biometric match before accessing allocated data.

## Emergency route

Break-glass access bypasses regular phases only for immediate response scenarios, preserving auditability.



## OTP transfer

H<sub>2</sub> supplies credentials and biometrics. EHS validates the new owner and sends H<sub>1</sub> deregistration notification.

## Revocation support

The previous user's details remain stored for future revocation/restoration without exposing current owner privacy.

# Requirements translated into design choices

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The protocol is evaluated through three requirement families.

## Functional

Access control

Energy optimization

Break-glass access

Ownership transfer

## Security

Policy-based authentication

Data confidentiality

Information integrity

Data availability

## Privacy

Entity privacy

User non-traceability

Old owner privacy

New owner privacy

**Design principle: minimize sensor burden while preserving data ownership, access traceability, and patient confidentiality**

# Security analysis highlights

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The framework is designed to resist common IoT attack paths.

 **Stolen card attack**

Smart card alone is insufficient without user ID, password, and biometrics.

 **Offline password guessing**

Critical parameters are additionally protected by biometric details.

 **Insider attack**

Policy-based server checks and cryptographic validation reduce unauthorized access.

 **DDoS + traceability**

Formal/informal analysis targets availability and user non-traceability.

**Security message: multi-factor credentials + timestamp checks + hash-based protection strengthen access control in IoMT**

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## Key takeaway

- Connected healthcare requires stronger identity and access governance.
- Edge-enabled IoMT systems must balance latency, privacy, and energy limits.
- Ownership transfer is a critical feature for clinical continuity.
- Multi-factor authentication improves resilience against practical threats.



Thank you

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