

Sample Executive Assessment

Healthcare Launch Edition

River Valley Medical Group

Representative multi-site healthcare practice

Illustrative representative assessment

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Independent executive technology judgment before expensive decisions.

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Healthcare Scenario

Operational continuity, ransomware resilience, and technology decisions that protect patient care.

This assessment shows how Nā Pali helps leadership teams move from uncertainty to informed decision-making. It does not attempt to document every technical detail. It surfaces the decisions leadership should make before technology becomes more expensive, more complex, or more difficult to unwind.

Representative Client Profile

- 180 employees
- 42 providers
- Four clinics plus administrative office
- Microsoft 365, EHR, imaging, scheduling, billing, patient portal, telehealth, and outsourced IT support

Initial Business Concerns

- Leadership is concerned about ransomware and the ability to continue seeing patients during disruption.
- MFA and access reviews are inconsistent across clinical, administrative, and vendor accounts.
- Several critical vendors have unclear recovery responsibilities.
- Clinicians experience friction from technology changes that are not well communicated.
- AI tools are being discussed for documentation and administrative work without a governance model.

When Nā Pali would be brought in

Before cyber insurance renewal, EHR changes, ransomware tabletop planning, or AI usage in clinical workflows.

Executive Decision Brief

A concise leadership summary of what matters most, what decisions are needed, and what should happen next.

What We Learned

River Valley Medical Group has reached a point where technology is no longer a background function. It now affects risk, operations, client service, growth, and leadership decision-making. The organization has a workable technology foundation, but several decisions should be made before vendors, staff, or events force those decisions under pressure.

What Leadership Should Decide

1. What minimum operations must continue if core systems are unavailable?
2. Which vendors are truly accountable for recovery, and how is that verified?
3. How should AI be governed before staff adopt tools independently?

What Should Happen Next

- Close the highest-risk access and governance gaps first.
- Create a technology roadmap tied to business outcomes rather than vendor recommendations.
- Establish a quarterly leadership rhythm for technology risk, vendors, investments, and progress.

Nā Pali point of view

Most technology failures begin long before the outage. They begin when leadership commits to decisions without enough independent judgment.

Technology Confidence Snapshot

The snapshot is not a technical grade. It is an executive view of where leadership has confidence, where uncertainty remains, and where decisions should be made next.

Domain	Confidence	Executive Interpretation
Protect	Limited	Identity and vendor access require stronger discipline.
Stabilize	Moderate	Operations are functional, but recovery planning needs validation.
Optimize	Moderate	Workflow improvements are possible if clinical impact is considered.
Govern	Limited	Leadership lacks a consistent technology decision rhythm.
Grow	Moderate	AI and patient-access improvements are promising but need guardrails.

Confidence Areas

- Leadership clearly connects technology resilience with patient care.
- The organization has stable core systems and experienced operational leadership.
- There is willingness to strengthen cyber resilience before an incident forces action.

Priority Risks Leadership Should Not Ignore

These risks are not listed to create alarm. They are listed because they are decision points. Each represents an area where leadership can reduce uncertainty before it becomes more expensive.

Patient-care continuity risk

A technology outage could delay appointments, billing, communications, or access to clinical information.

Vendor dependency risk

Critical vendors may be assumed to provide recovery capabilities that are not contractually clear or tested.

Identity exposure risk

Inconsistent access controls across clinical, administrative, and vendor users increase ransomware and privacy risk.

The Decision Behind the Risk

The question is not whether every risk can be eliminated. It cannot. The question is whether leadership understands which risks it is accepting, which risks it is reducing, and which risks it is unintentionally ignoring.

Technology Judgment Framework

Nā Pali evaluates technology decisions through five business lenses. The purpose is not to make leadership more technical. The purpose is to give leadership enough independent judgment to make the next decision well.

Lens	Leadership Question
Risk	What risk does this decision reduce, transfer, or create?
Resilience	Will the organization be more able to recover, adapt, and continue operating?
Operations	Will this simplify the work or add complexity people will struggle to manage?
Governance	Who will own the decision after the contract is signed?
Value	What business outcome justifies the investment?

Applied to This Assessment

- Risk: reduce exposure created by unclear access ownership and vendor dependencies.
- Resilience: clarify which systems must recover first and what recovery expectations are realistic.
- Operations: simplify workflows and reduce tool sprawl where possible.
- Governance: define who owns technology decisions after vendors make recommendations.
- Value: align investments with business outcomes leadership can explain and defend.

Executive Recommendations

The recommendations below are intentionally sequenced. The goal is not to do everything at once. The goal is to protect the next major decisions by reducing the uncertainty around them.

1. Close access and identity gaps first

Access risk is one of the fastest places to reduce exposure without disrupting the business. Leadership should know who has access, why they have it, and how quickly access can be removed.

2. Clarify resilience before the next disruption

Recovery assumptions should be tested before the organization needs them. Leadership should know which systems matter most and what continuity really requires.

3. Replace reactive technology decisions with a roadmap

Vendor recommendations should support leadership priorities, not define them. The roadmap should make investment decisions visible, sequenced, and defensible.

4. Govern AI before adoption becomes informal

AI can create value, but only if confidential data, approved tools, and acceptable use are clearly understood.

5. Establish quarterly executive technology reviews

Technology decisions should have a rhythm. Quarterly reviews create accountability without overwhelming leadership with technical detail.

Executive Technology Roadmap

A roadmap should not be a long project list. It should help leadership decide what matters now, what can wait, and what should be sequenced deliberately.

Now: 0-90 Days	Next: 3-6 Months	Later: 6-12 Months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validate MFA coverage across EHR, Microsoft 365, remote access, and vendor portals. • Identify systems required to continue seeing patients during a disruption. • Clarify vendor recovery responsibilities for EHR, billing, imaging, and patient portal systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a ransomware tabletop exercise with clinical and administrative leaders. • Create a technology governance rhythm for leadership decisions. • Publish AI and data handling guidance for clinical and administrative workflows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a quarterly resilience scorecard for leadership. • Develop a multi-year technology roadmap aligned to patient access and operational growth. • Evaluate workflow automation where it reduces burden without increasing risk.

Roadmap principle

The roadmap should protect leadership from making disconnected technology decisions. Every initiative should connect to risk, resilience, operations, governance, or measurable value.

Executive Readout

The readout is designed as a leadership conversation, not a technical lecture. The goal is for decision makers to leave with fewer unanswered questions and a clearer view of what to do next.

Suggested Readout Flow

4. What leadership wanted to understand
5. What Nā Pali observed
6. Where the organization has confidence
7. Where hidden risk remains
8. What decisions should be made next
9. What the roadmap recommends
10. Where Nā Pali can continue to provide independent judgment

Questions for Leadership

- What minimum operations must continue if core systems are unavailable?
- Which vendors are truly accountable for recovery, and how is that verified?
- How should AI be governed before staff adopt tools independently?
- Which recommendation would create the most confidence within the next 90 days?
- Where do we need vendor input, and where do we need independent judgment before vendor input?

From Assessment to Better Decisions

An assessment is useful only if it improves what leadership does next. After reviewing the findings, organizations typically choose one of three paths.

Implement Internally

Use the report and roadmap to guide internal leaders, IT teams, and vendors.

Engage Nā Pali for Strategic Advisory

Bring independent judgment into a specific decision, vendor evaluation, roadmap, AI initiative, or risk review.

Engage Nā Pali as Fractional CIO

Establish an ongoing executive technology leadership rhythm for quarterly reviews, vendor oversight, roadmap execution, and board-ready decision support.

What This Sample Demonstrates

This sample shows how Nā Pali would translate the technology realities of a representative multi-site healthcare practice into business decisions leadership can understand, prioritize, and act on.

Wonder what your next technology decision should look like?

You do not have to become a technology expert. You need enough independent judgment to make the next decision well.

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