

Robert Lord

Robert Lord is the Co-Founder and President of Protenus, an analytics platform that leverages artificial intelligence to detect data breaches in healthcare. Protenus protects the nation's top healthcare systems, ensuring trust for tens of millions of patients, and was named the 2016 International Association of Privacy Professionals' Privacy Innovator of the Year.

Robert is a sought-after speaker and commentator in the fields of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, healthcare analytics, and data privacy. He has been invited to speak at premier industry conferences like the HIMSS17 National Conference, to brief at the U.S. Senate, and to provide insight to national, state, and local leaders on cybersecurity preparedness. His insights have been featured in The Wall Street Journal, The Hill, Forbes, The Baltimore Sun, and a wide array of other publications.

Robert is a Fellow at New America and the Institute for Critical Infrastructure Technology, and teaches courses on entrepreneurship at Johns Hopkins. He has been named to the Baltimore Business Journal's "Tech 10" and to Becker's Hospital Review's "Healthcare Entrepreneurs to Know."

Before co-founding Protenus, Robert was an MD candidate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Robert received his A.B. in Social Studies, magna cum laude, from Harvard University.

Nick Culbertson

Nick Culbertson is Co-founder and CEO of Protenus, a platform that protects patient data in electronic health record (EHR) systems for some of the nation's top-ranked hospitals.

As a medical student, Nick saw first-hand how the EHR systems could be used to improve patient care and share clinical data more efficiently, but also observed that this technology created a whole new slate of serious security and privacy concerns. In 2014, Nick and his co-founder Robert Lord developed the initial prototype and algorithms that launched Protenus, fulfilling a critical need to advance health data security and better protect patient data.

Prior to co-founding Protenus and his time at medical school, Nick served eight years in the U.S. Army and completed his service as a highly decorated Special Forces operator (Green Beret). He was awarded two bronze stars during his service, one for extraordinary valor. While serving in the military, Nick specialized in Human Intelligence network gathering and analysis.

After his service, Nick spent four years as a biomedical researcher at Johns Hopkins University, where he participated in a variety of studies including synthetic biology, cellular engineering, and clinical outcomes. Nick holds a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University in Cellular Biology and helps run The 6th Branch, a veteran-led community service organization in East Baltimore.