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Algorithm-Directed Patient Care Needs Scrutiny

Experts say machine learning needs a watchdog. Of course it does, especially when artificial intelligence and its algorithms override the treatment decisions of doctors standing right next to the patient. Or when one-size-fits-all treatment protocols on the computer permit non-physicians to treat patients without ever checking in with a doctor.

Industry leaders want “better ways to evaluate the usefulness of machine learning algorithms, audit them for bias, and put in place regulations” to “ensure reliability, fairness, and transparency.” If algorithms are “off” they admit patient’s lives are at stake. It’s dangerous to substitute a physician’s brain with a computer algorithm. Ask your doctor if their treatment plan is what they want to do or what the computer tells them they have to do?

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