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The “Minority Report” of Health Care

In the 2002 film called *Minority Report*, a specialized police department apprehends criminals based on foreknowledge—before they commit a crime. But its system sometimes wrongly identified, and jailed, the innocent.

Similarly, a former Medicare administrator wants to predict the health future of patients. Mark McClellan says “We don’t have a healthcare system that’s good at identifying who’s at risk before they come in.” This kind of intrusive, predictive analytics is called “population health.” I discuss its dangers at length in my new book, “Big Brother in the Exam Room.” Find it at BigBrotherintheExamRoom.com.
