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Will Distracted Doctors Diagnose Well?

When doctors get out of medical school, they enter internship, the first year of residency. A new study finds that these interns spend 87 percent of their work time away from patients. In fact, 43 percent of the day is with the computer, not the patient. To be more specific, more than 10 hours of a 24-hour period were spent on the electronic health record. Only 13 percent of their day was on direct patient care.

This is particularly troubling given that studies find physicians are able to diagnose most patients simply by fully listening to their story, taking a thorough history and using direct observation. Will newer physicians still be able to do this?
