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Immunity Passports Could Declare You “Unsafe”

Judith Faulkner, founder of Epic, the nation’s largest electronic health record system, says her company is working on immunity passports. She wants you to be able to use this technology, which may be a marker on your phone, to say, “Look, I’ve been tested and I know I have antibodies. I’m clear.” The marker would indicate whether you are safe or “not safe.”

However, all COVID-19 testing has proven unreliable, including nasal swabs and antibody tests. Furthermore, experts say people can have other immunities that don’t show up as antibodies, including genetic resistance, the innate immune system, and previous infections with common cold coronaviruses. Immunity passports are a dangerous idea. Is Epic even thinking about the potential liability of technology that wrongly declares someone unsafe?