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Have Mayo and Google Received Patient Consent?

The Mayo Clinic and Google have struck a 10-year partnership focused on the analysis and use of patient data. Google will set up an office in Rochester, Minnesota so its engineers can work closely with Mayo researchers, doctors and data scientists, reports Forbes. Google and Mayo will use artificial intelligence, data analytics, machine learning and cloud computing to sift through patient data.

The two companies hope to advance virtual care using digital diagnostics, and they want to boost the ability to conduct medical research. Mayo claims it will retain control over access and use of its patient data. They claim they could opt to share de-identified data. But how about patient consent? Where does that come in?


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