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So Many Breaches

A federal government website, called the “Wall of Shame” lists data breaches affecting 500 patients or more. The reporting and recording began in 2009, the year Congress mandated electronic medical records. Breaches affecting less than 500 patients don’t have to be reported but often are. The website does not list them; however, the federal government has received nearly 345,000 reports of smaller breaches and nearly 2,300 reports of larger breaches. That makes a total of more than 347,000 breaches affecting about 178 million individuals.