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Feds Want to Analyze Vets Without Consent

The Departments of Energy and Veterans Affairs are planning to use supercomputers to analyze the medical records of 24 million veterans. The plan is to use this “trove of information” to try to get “more accurate and consistent diagnoses and treatment of certain conditions and diseases.”

Thousands of researchers will be given access to this private medical and genetic data. The Departments are seeking approval from an Institutional Review Board, likely to conduct the research on individually-identifiable data without patient consent. For example, they hope to build algorithms to determine who’s at risk for suicide so they can intervene. But how intrusive might this feel to those classified at risk?


“VA Partners With Department of Energy on Big-Data Initiative to Improve Health Care for Veterans,” VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, May 1, 2017: https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2896


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