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Apple Software Anonymizing Medical Data

Apple is working hard to anonymize your data. The Wall Street Journal says Apple is receiving millions of pieces of information daily from Macs, iPhone and iPads. In September, they rolled out differential-privacy software. It “lets researchers analyze sensitive data such as medical records without being able to tie the data back to specific people,” the article reports.

The software inserts statistical noise into the data collected so that Apple has a general idea of what’s happening, but isn’t sure exactly who it’s happening to. That said, use of patient records without consent, is a violation of individual property rights and could be used for research that rationalizes denial of care and limits treatment options.


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