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**More Privacy in The Wedge**

Hackers like electronic health records because they often contain social security numbers, medical ID numbers, driver’s licenses and credit card numbers. The federal government keeps a record of all breaches of medical records that affect 500 or more individuals. It’s been called the Wall of Shame. Some breaches affect millions of people.

Patients may face not only identity theft, but medical identity theft. Criminals can commit fraud by sending invoices and getting paid for care never received. And patient records can be dangerously altered to reflect these newly created (and very false) diagnoses and treatments. Consider finding a Wedge practice, which is not on the grid, to increase your protection against hacking. Go to JointheWedge.com