The $30 Billion Unicorn Hunt for Interoperability

Congress wants to make medical records interoperable -- able to be exchanged, and used across different computerized record systems without any special effort. A 2016 law allows the government to issue penalties for “information blocking” between systems.

But interoperability has been called a “$30 billion unicorn hunt,” because that’s what we’ve spent already and it hasn’t happened. Even the federal departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs don’t have interoperable medical records after spending $1 billion. But knowing that HIPAA allows potentially 2.2 million entities, plus government, to access your data without your consent, do you really want them to succeed?


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