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Who Will Stop Health IT?

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Electronic health data systems have injured and killed patients. A recent federal report calls for a new federal agency to regulate the health information technology industry.

This is insufficient. Congress, the president, and federal officials have essentially mandated that hospitals and doctors install these untested systems. Now that patients have died, the report’s best solution is a new bureaucratic agency?

Where is the call for the mandate to be lifted or health IT efforts to be put on hold? This prudent action apparently does not fall in line with federal plans for a nationwide medical records and tracking system. Yet, how many more patients will die because no one said, “stop”?

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“The Health IT and Patient Safety: Building Safer Systems for Better Care.” Institute of Medicine, November 2011.