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Why ‘Quality’ Care is Dangerous

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

“Quality metrics” are being used to measure your doctors compliance with a uniform set of treatment protocols, and to financially reward or penalize your doctor accordingly.

But the Wall Street Journal describes the dangers of quality metrics. For instance, one treatment protocol requires tight control of blood sugar in diabetics. But two studies found more patients dying under tight control. Metrics also decrease access to care. Two studies found doctors refusing to treat patients who might make their quality metrics look bad. Clearly, there’s no quality in a system that puts metrics first and patients last.

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