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Bogus Claim on EHRs

Always go to the source. An article claims a study found electronic health records, or EHRs, to be key to reducing infections, bedsores and injuries during hospitalization. But I went to the federal study and found nothing more than a footnote written by the government making this claim.

The federal footnote references a paper that “indicated” there were fewer of these conditions at hospitals with EHRs but there was no study to determine if it was because of EHRs. So federal officials, eager to push electronic health records wrote in a footnote saying “one may hypothesize” that this reduction in infections and injuries “could have been partially due to” EHRs. Thus, this claim is completely bogus.

“AHRO: Role of EHRs among keys to reduction of hospital-acquired conditions.” Susan D. Hall, FierceEMR, December 3, 2015.


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