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Team Based Care Leaves Everyone Unaccountable

Doctors are being forced into “team-based care.” One doctor says most psychiatrists no longer “decide which patients to see or how intensively. They work in teams that apportion their work.” I recently got an email from someone who said he was helping his hospitalized neighbor whose care was subpar. But he could find no one to take responsibility for her care. One hospital executive told him someone was in charge but refused to identify that person.

This ‘good neighbor” decided no one was in charge but watched everyone on the “team” do whatever the hospital computer directed. When your life hangs in the balance, do you trust a doctor or a computer? Ask your doctor for the name of who’s actually in charge.