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They Want All Your Data

Do you want your doctor knowing everything about you? A physician focused on informatics was interviewed about so-called “precision medicine.” He said it will personalize care based on genetic profiles, lifestyles, preferences, medical data, environmental factors “and other pieces of data that we know or could know about [patients].”

He said, “Broadly, we’re trying to gather as many data points on as many people as we can to better inform how to prevent and treat disease.” He mentioned concerns about data ownership, privacy and security, but thinks new regulatory safeguards will be in place within ten years so broad use of our data can happen. Well, that doesn’t sound like privacy to me.

“Precision medicine moves from promise to reality [Q & A].” Debra Beauliew-Volk, FierceHealthcare, December 22, 2015.