EHRs Worsen Physician Decisions

Are electronic health records, or EHRs, good for patient care? Researchers interviewed 75 primary care doctors with computerized records. The doctors felt the EHR was “diminishing their ‘ability to make informed decisions around diagnosis and treatment.’” One professor warned that the thinking of “screen-driven” doctors can become constricted causing them to miss key diagnostic signals.

These researchers say EHRs are focused on data capture, which sacrifices their use for diagnosis. EHRs also limit treatment options. The president mandated computerized medical records. Foundational to Obamacare, they allow government to control physicians through computerized treatment protocols.