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Medical Treatment or Medical Tracking

If you have a medical device in your body, it may be tracking your heart beat and much more. For example, according to The Wall Street Journal, cardiac defibrillators collect and transmit heart-rhythm changes, device performance and hundreds of other data points. Hundreds. Manufacturers are adding biosurveillance capabilities to their implants. One manufacturer, Medtronics, calls this data, “the currency of the future.”

Here’s the problem. You don’t have a choice, and you can’t get access to whatever is being collected about you. Obamacare originally included a medical device registry for government data collection, but it never became law. Consider discussing this privacy issue with your member of Congress.