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Medical Device Surveillance - The Real Problem

Americans have all sorts of medical devices inside them, including pacemakers and spinal implants. Now one doctor wants the government to create “a vigorous, robust system that keeps these devices under the microscope every day.”

The Food and Drug Administration already has the Medical Device Surveillance Network. It receives reports from 350 health care facilities nationwide. But the real problem may be a federal law that prohibits most lawsuits against manufacturers if the FDA has approved the medical device. Without that legal protection, medical device manufacturers would likely build their own surveillance systems so they could spot problems early and limit their exposure to lawsuits.


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