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Spoon Feeding Patients Bad Data

The term “shared decision-making” has such a nice sound. Almost like freedom. But it’s not. Medicare may soon require doctors to document the “shared decision-making process” for certain procedures. If they don’t they may lose 10% of their Medicare payment in the first year increasing to 20% over ten years.

Shared decision-making is actually a process of spoon-feeding patients the data that bureaucrats want them to see to encourage patients to choose the treatments that bureaucrats want them to choose. It includes giving patients biased data and statements about the likelihood of getting better. In short, the process is a tool of persuasion intended to discourage expensive treatment options.


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