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When Patient Safety Hurts Patient Safety

What if patient safety gets in the way of patient safety? Hospitals find it difficult to put federally-issued patient safety practices into place because collecting data to find mistakes takes substantial time and resources. Hospitals are also not sure which practices are effective despite federal claims. And they can’t guarantee consistent staff implementation.

That’s probably because doctors and nurses spend so much time now ‘treating’ the electronic health record instead of listening to and observing their patients. Medicare officials reduce payments if hospitals don’t comply with federal practices. But wouldn’t it be better to pay hospitals for assuring more time with patients so staff are not rushed, and errors are prevented?

“PATIENT SAFETY: Hospitals Face Challenges Implementing Evidence-Based Practices.”

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