The Dangers of Texting While Treating

The government requires your doctor to use electronic medical records and report data electronically. If they refuse, their pay will be docked by the Medicare administration. Two doctors call this federal requirement a patient safety hazard because doctors who are busy filling in computer fields are not fully listening to patients and therefore miss signals of depression, disagreement and confusion they would otherwise observe.

Essentially doctors are texting while treating. Doctor are also wasting at least three hours per week by doing clerical tasks as required by the feds. Ask your doctor to put down the computer and give you his or her full attention. Your health and life may depend on it.