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Do You Want Paperwork or Patient Care?

It’s shocking. A study finds that 15.1 hours per week per doctor is spent entering and reporting health care quality data. The cost per physician per year is $40,069. Now imagine a practice with 30 doctors. That’s 453 hours per week at a total annual cost of more than $1.2 million for data entry and reporting. But only 27 percent of doctors think the data has any meaningful value.

This is a stunning sign of how bureaucratic medicine has become, and one reason health care costs are rising. The time doctors themselves spent doing this kind of busywork could have been used to see nine more patients per week. This must end.


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