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American Doctors Think EHRs Unsafe

European doctors are more confident than U.S. doctors that electronic health records improve patient safety. Thirty-nine percent of American doctors think the electronic health record has worsened care compared to only 11 percent of European doctors.

US doctors don’t like the electronic health record because it was designed for coding and billing rather than caring for patients; it’s distracting; the copy and paste functions mean too much irrelevant data hides meaningful data that the doctor needs, and they make taking care of patients less efficient and more time-consuming. No wonder American doctors think they are unsafe.

On the other hand, European records were designed for patient care, pure and simple.