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$2,000 or $20,000 plus Trouble

Forget all the hype about electronic health records. Dr. Craig Wax tells his sorry saga. For ten years, he had reliable paper records that cost only $2,000 per year to maintain and store. Three years ago under federal law, his office spent $20,000 for computers and supplies.

Since then, he’s spent many hours every week correcting errors, maintaining the system, fixing software bugs and paying consultants. He’s glad his office manager insisted that all the data be printed out and maintained in paper charts. It has kept their data safe. Dr. Wax suggests a new medical record, one owned, controlled and carried by the patient on an electronic card.

“Data equal power; Patients and their physicians should own them.” Craig M. Wax, D.O. Medical Economics, December 25, 2011.

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