Health System Plans to Tag All Patients with Alzheimer’s Risk Score

Without patient consent, a Chicago healthcare system is running every patient’s data through an analytics program to identify who’s at risk for Alzheimer’s. Each patient will be given a score for the likelihood that they’ll get Alzheimer’s disease, and the score will be sent to the patient’s doctor. These patients, identified far in advance of when the disease typically occurs, would be advised to take steps to not get the disease.

Now imagine going to the doctor and hearing you’ve been tagged with an Alzheimer’s risk score at age 5 or 30 or 60 -- as though the number were a fact. How would you feel? How would it impact your life? And how will doctors, paid according to patient compliance, be impacted if patients refuse to make lifestyle changes?

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