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**Mayo to Use IBM SuperComputer to Find Patients for Research**

The Mayo Clinic is partnering with IBM and its Watson supercomputer to more quickly enroll people in cancer research. Forbes reports that Mayo runs 8,000 clinical trials. Rather than an hour for a doctor, the Watson computer may be able to match patients to research in seconds.

Mayo physicians will feed Watson patient data from electronic medical records and the computer will scour the clinical trials taking place and determine if a patient fits the criteria. Patients at any medical institution, including Mayo, need to carefully read research consent forms before they sign. Patients should also ask if they could be entered into medical or genetic research without their consent or if permission is required.

“**Mayo Clinic Turns To IBM'S Watson To Match Cancer Patients With Clinical Trials**,” Zina Moukheiber, Forbes, September 8, 2014.

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