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One Practice Scrapped Electronic Health Records

The Illinois Pain Institute ditched their electronic health record and went back to paper medical records. They did it two years ago and the founder of the Institute says they’ve never regretted it. He says, “We felt the level of patient care was not enhanced by an electronic health record. We saw it was inefficient and added nonproductive work to physicians’ time.”

He also said that the electronic health record hinders data exchange because most record systems don’t talk to each other. The advantage of a dictated note, adds the news report, is that it is “short and succinct, with the important information right there, rather than looking through pages and pages of an EHR.”