Big Database in the Sky

The Institute of Medicine wants a unified health database they call a “Knowledge Network of Disease.” It would hold data from doctors, labs, medical device companies, insurers, government, medical record companies, researchers, and patients. The data would include DNA, diagnosis, treatments, clinical trials data, claims data from insurers and other data.

They assume that analysis of all our data will improve health care. But some say it’s an overhyped fad. Regardless, there are at least two challenges. First, privacy concerns, and second, if they get the data, how will they make sense of it all? Let’s start with patient consent and see whether the data will even be available.


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