Mayo Physician Highlight Trouble with EHRs

An oncologist at the Mayo Clinic wasn’t particularly thrilled when a newspaper put Mayo’s roll-out of its new health records system on the front-page. She called for media coverage of the “still-cumbersome and inefficient process of medical documentation,” calling it a source of stress and burnout.

The federal electronic health record mandate that physicians and hospitals have been forced to invest in by Congress has been “costly and painful-to-implement,” she writes. And she says, despite claims otherwise, these electronic systems do not readily exchange patient data, even if the systems are manufactured by the same electronic health record company.

And, I might add, for privacy reasons, you may be very glad that that’s a fact.