Dr. Watson

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Computers will play a larger role in health care. Laws require online electronic medical records. Health Information Exchanges are being set up for a national medical records system. Health plans put treatment protocols on computers for doctors to follow.

Now comes Watson. Watson is the IBM super computer that won Jeopardy. It is 200 million pages of content stored on 4 terabytes of disk space. It uses 10 server racks and multiple refrigeration units.

Now IBM has inked a contract to apply Watson’s “Deep Question Answering” to health care. The technology could be used to parse out clinical studies into treatment protocols or to spit out real-time diagnoses. Would you want this Dr. Watson as your doctor?

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