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Medical Records or Research Tools?

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

According to PharmaTimes, a New York-based group plans to regularly access electronic medical records for research purposes. No mention of consent.

They say they will **re-use** private patient data collected during the delivery of care to more quickly identify research subjects. Their ultimate goal is an “accessible…statewide, Web-based clinical research system…”

Listen up. This is a plan to go on fishing expeditions without patient consent. What will they find when they’re in there?

The FDA supports them. The public doesn’t.

According to an adjacent article, 53% of the public says private health information should never be used without prior consent.

What do you think? Go to [www.healthfreedomminute.net](http://www.healthfreedomminute.net) and let me know. Click on the microphone and send me your feedback.

**Documents:**

“**PACeR initiative to leverage patient data for clinical research**” PharmaTimes. June 24, 2010

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