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Baby Dies from Computerized Medical Record System

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

Patients are dying because of computerized electronic medical record systems. A federal Food and Drug Administration official has testified that 6 people have died and 43 have been injured. He said this may be just the tip of the iceberg because reporting is not required.

Late last year, a newborn baby died in Illinois when a pharmacy technician made an error processing an electronic IV order. The error resulted in a massive overdose – more than 60 times the dose ordered by the doctor. The baby’s heart stopped.

Many people believe computerized data systems in hospitals and clinics improve safety. Expect these kinds of safety issues to grow as electronic systems spread nationwide under a federal mandate and hands-on patient care diminishes.

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