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Data-intensive medicine: is there a role for social analysis?

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Medical practices are becoming ever more data intensive and the data produced in the health services are now to support not only patient care, but also administrative research and innovation goals. What is driving this data intensification and what are the implications? Significant investments are aimed at integrating data infrastructures to facilitate reuse and to make data travel across international borders. Drawing on fieldwork, policy analysis, and interviews, I describe some of the many competing interests in data and how they have both intended and unintended consequences focusing on why social scientists need to get involved.

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