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EHRs need to provide value at reasonable cost for what they do. So far, they only cost a lot, take 30% longer to do the same tasks, may require an intrusive “scribe” in the room and don’t seem to provide interoperability to easily collect data from hospitals (lab, imaging, hospital records) or from other physician providers with different EHR’s. Code “creep” is easy with cut and paste notes and may make up for lost productivity but costs the system more money for computer tricks.

Why can’t government demand interoperability to justify possible cost savings? EHRs are a big deal that consists of hundreds of incompatible EHR providers whose long term viability is in question and then what do we do with the data they have that can’t be used by the EHR winners?

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