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SWDSI Abstract

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Electronic Health Record (EHR) is hailed as a health information technology with great potential to significantly boost healthcare outcomes, reduce medical errors, increase legibility and minimize healthcare costs. The implementation of EHRs is expected to be completely mandatory in the United States by 2015. While evidence of EHR system implementation in research goes back over fifteen years ago, and is continually increasingly being adopted, it would seem be a good time to pause and take critical look down the years. Can it be said that EHR implementation has been a success, or, perhaps a failure? This study explores the subject through a content analysis of health information technology research spanning twenty years. The preliminary results of this study shall presented and the conference and its implications on the current adoption and implementation efforts by U.S. government are discussed.

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