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What Should Happen to our Medical Records When we Die?

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Lunch provided; first come, first served.

Digital innovation is transforming healthcare, and the amount of digital healthcare data being generated will likely have increasing research utility over time. Despite the seemingly logical and inevitable application of healthcare data from deceased persons for research and healthcare both now and in the future, the issue of how best to manage posthumous medical records is currently unclear, including elements of resource governance, issues of law and infrastructural challenges. This presentation explores current issues surrounding how to manage the medical records of the dead, integrating evidence from the field of body donation to inform and guide the discussion on the use of posthumous medical information.

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