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Physicians with Cancer in an Informatics-Focused World: The Ethics, Science and Limitations of an Evidence-Based Approach to Care

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Medicine is being actively encouraged to adopt an evidence-based approach: unpacking data from genomics, deeply probing electronic health records, and relying more on large clinical trials as the standard of care for health care decision-making. But when the disease is rare, with little data to refer to (and that which exists is depressing), and few drugs in development it is harder to appeal to the evidence-based approach – especially if you are a patient. This unique joint lecture will delve into some of these issues from two unique perspectives, beginning first with Dr. Flockhart, a physician/scientist recently diagnosed with brain cancer (glioblastoma multiforme), followed by Dr. Meslin, a bioethicist who regularly studies these issues from an ethics and policy perspective.

