

# **Research as a primary function of Electronic Health Records: rethinking the regulatory framework to fit consumer expectations**

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The increasing usage of a variety of eHR platforms has promised to deliver enhanced abilities to discover ways to improve health outcomes. However, the use of these is still managed within a regulatory framework where fears about patient privacy and confidentiality are used to significantly impair use.

In this presentation we will examine whether these fears are indeed grounded in reality and if there is a new way to maximise benefit for the community whilst managing the legitimate need to protect individuals.