#### Who we are?

We are an initiative of doctors, psychotherapists, dentists and pharmacists and want to inform the public about the planned use of their health data and the associated risks.

We are supported by IT security specialists.

## Why are we committed to the security of your health data?

- We do not want to and must not harm our patients.
   If we no longer keep your records in the medical practice, but have to upload them to the ePA, we can no longer guarantee confidentiality.
- For the first time in over 2500 years, this great good is being called into question.
- We believe that only you should decide about the access to your data. With an ePA this will be impossible.
- We are extremely critical of the fact that the legislator is forcing practitioners, hospitals and pharmacies to transmit their data via the data network.
- It makes the ePA mandatory for everyone and ignores critical voices from doctors, psychotherapists and IT specialists.

Most patients have not yet been informed at all about the benefits and risks.

We want this to be discussed publicly.

#### **Further information can be found at:**

https://www.widerspruch-epa.de

https://www.gesundheitsdaten-in-gefahr.de

https://www.bayerischerfacharztverband.de

https://www.freie-aerzteschaft.de

https://www.ig-med.de/

https://www.medi-verbund.de

https://www.dpnw.info

https://www.patientenrechte-datenschutz.de

http://www.wispa-ms.de

"Die elektronische Patientenakte – das Ende der Schweigepflicht" (book on the subject by A. Meißner)



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# PATIENTS DATA PROTECTION?



RISK AND SIDE EFFECTS
OF THE ELECTRONIC
PATIENT RECORD (ePA)

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# Starting in 2025, those with public health insurance will automatically receive an electronic patient record (ePA)<sup>1</sup>.

#### What does that mean for you?

You must actively object to your health insurance company if you do not want the electronic patient file. You can respond by letter, but also by entering a few details on the website: https://widerspruch-epa.de



Otherwise, your practitioners will be forced to fill in the ePA with your medical data.

The data is then stored on central servers of private companies and automatically transmitted to the state research center. They will remain stored there for up to 100 years.

The healthcare industry will also use your data (and those of your children and grandchildren). The Minister of Health is already talking about Al being able to automatically record practice consultations and forward them to the ePA.

#### We think so:

This means the end of medical confidentiality! Your health data is at risk!

### The electronic patient file – is it safe?

#### One thing is certain,

- ... that your data ends up permanently on the central servers of private companies.
- ... that once your health card has been scanned, practices, care facilities and clinics have automatic access to the ePA for 90 days, pharmacies for three days, for all employees.

- ... that the legislator can extend the access rights to your data at any time.
- ... that centrally stored data is of interest to employers, insurance companies, authorities and criminals.
- ... that the technology can be paralyzed by software errors or external attacks.
- ... that even the "most secure" data center cannot be permanently protected against hacker attacks or data leaks.
- ... that the electronic patient file generates high costs that are not spent on patient care.
- ... that the ePA does not save time in treatment, but causes additional work.
- ... that the data from the practice computers should be automatically transferred to the ePA and forwarded from there.
- ... that the data flows are non-transparent and difficult to understand.
- ... that there is no time to search for data in the ePA in an emergency.
- ... that this data is unsuitable for good quality research.
- ... that uploading or deleting data is only possible with mobile devices.
- ... that it is not so much doctors, therapists or patients who benefit, but industry and the healthcare sector.

#### What can you do?

- Object to the creation of an ePA with your health insurance fund (as mentioned on the left).
- If you do want to have an ePA, you can still object to the uploading of findings with doctors and therapists.
- According to the law, you must not suffer any disadvantages if you decide against the ePA or its filling.
- Discuss the opportunities and risks of the ePA with family, friends and acquaintances and on social media.

#### Support our work with a donation!

(Donations are not tax-deductible as we are not an association).

#### Account details:

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<sup>1)</sup> This only applies to privately insured persons if their insurance company offers an ePA as part of the data network.