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Protection of the right to privacy in e-health: the case of Poland

ABSTRACT

In the last few years, Poland has seen a significant acceleration in digitalization of health solutions with ground-breaking projects already implemented. This article presents the legal basis for the information system in Poland's health care. The concept of information autonomy and patients' rights and standards of General Data Protection Regulation constitute the starting point for such an analysis. The paper will be based on thorough research into laws and regulations, and a detailed analysis of documents applied in the public administration in Poland as well as a review of literature. In the e-health system, some data are collected without patients' consent. Moreover, there are cases in which patient's data can circle in the e-health system even without their knowledge. It appears that protection of the right to privacy should be addressed by legislature.