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How HIM leadership roles need to evolve in data strategy

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HIM leaders are constantly asked to compile complete, longitudinal patient records from dozens of systems that don't speak the same language.

Easy task, right?

Despite advances in interoperability, like the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA), the reality is that patient records are spread across hospitals, outpatient clinics, imaging centers, and legacy platforms. This creates compliance risks, clinical blind spots, and administrative gridlock.

HIM leaders need to become strategic data stewards, according to **Mika Newton**, CEO of xCures. In this Q&A, Newton shares insights on record reconciliation, AI's role in streamlining data normalization, and how HIM teams can move beyond managing files to architecting trust and truth in healthcare data.

The fragmentation problem in modern EHRs

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