

Verso una nuova epistemologia dei dati sanitari: le promesse mancate del *secondary use*

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Towards a New Epistemology of Health Data: The Broken Promises of Secondary Use

Abstract: The way health data are managed in the digital age can strongly influence the ability to maximize the public value of health while protecting the rights of individuals. The interplay of medical, political, social, legal, ethical and technological aspects related to health data sharing highlights the need to reconceptualize the epistemology of the right to health throughout institutional responses. The article analyses the secondary use of health data in the context of the European Health Data Space, with a focus on the purpose of scientific research, to highlight the complexity and ambivalence of the term “health” and the related rights as well as the individual and collective dimensions derived from such a complexity. It argues that the multifaceted character of health data may enhance an integrated level of protection in so far as the participatory dimension of individual rights oriented to public interest is embraced and addressed.

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