

Computers are good for your health

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A report by Ross Koppel of the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, told the Journal of the American Medical Association that using computers to prescribe drugs has helped doctors curb dangerous errors caused by messy handwriting and bureaucratic mishaps.

According to CNN, Koppel said that in some cases, fragmented computer displays have resulted in prescription errors, and drug inventory information from the pharmacy were mistaken for dosage guidelines. Sometimes doctors' orders to renew a drug were placed on paper charts but not in the computer system, drugs were incorrectly ordered more than once, incompatible drugs were ordered simultaneously, and the computer system's inflexibility generated its own mistakes.

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