



Biomedical and Health Informatics Lecture Series

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“Inviting patients to read their doctors’ notes: A quasi experimental study”

A growing number of electronic personal health records (PHRs) allow patients to view test results and communicate securely with providers, but access to providers’ clinical notes is rare. Small trials of PHR-accessible notes have shown promise for improving clinical outcomes and care experience. In this seminar, Dr. Ralston will present the results of a quasi-experimental study involving 105 primary care providers who shared notes with 13,564 patients over PHRs.

James Ralston, MD, MPH, is an Associate Scientific Investigator at Group Health Research Institute at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle. His research focuses on web-based and mobile communications technologies to improve health and health care for patients with chronic medical conditions. Dr. Ralston is an Affiliate Assistant Professor of Health Services and Biomedical and Health Informatics at the University of Washington. Dr. Ralston also practices internal medicine at Group Health Cooperative.