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MiHIN Explores Bioethics of Sharing Big Data

Panel discussion examined how ethics, sharing may influence country's pandemic response

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – The Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN), a public and private nonprofit created for the purpose of coordinating and building the bridges between the healthcare providers throughout the state, yesterday gathered a national panel of experts to discuss the bioethics of sharing big data, including how ethics may influence our country's pandemic response.

“As electronic health information exchange becomes more prominent today, many questions surrounding the bioethics of sharing that information have come to the forefront,” said Tim Pletcher, CEO, MiHIN. “It’s important to discuss the salient issues that are facing health care today, especially in the context of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and the quickly approaching compliance dates set by the Department of Health and Human Services.”

The panel consisted of leading academics who offered their expert insights on the current landscape of data sharing in the field of health information technology. Panelists included **Ammon R. Fillmore, J.D.**, General Counsel and Privacy Officer, Indiana Health Information Exchange, **Shreya Patel, J.D.**, Chief Privacy and Policy Officer, MiHIN, and **Harm J. Scherpbier, MD, MS, FAMIA**, Chief Medical Information Officer, HealthShare Exchange.

The hour-long panel discussion, which took place virtually yesterday was free and had nearly 100 registered participants.

Watch a replay of the panel discussion [here](#).

About Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services

The Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) is Michigan’s state-designated entity to improve healthcare quality, efficiency, and patient safety by sharing electronic health information statewide, helping reduce costs for patients, providers, and payers. MiHIN is a nonprofit, public-private collaboration that includes stakeholders from the State of Michigan, Health Information Exchanges serving Michigan, health systems and providers, health plans/payers, pharmacies, and the Governor’s Health Information Technology Commission. For more information, visit <https://mihin.org>.

