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eHealth - Legal, Ethical, and Social Challenges

**KEYNOTE: Learning Health Systems, Ubiquitous Surveillance and Public Health:
Duties to Share, Obligations to Protect and Responsibilities to Serve**

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We are witnessing the rapid collapse of traditional distinctions among clinical care, biomedical research and population-level observational science. Fostered and mediated by health information technology, this blurring of empirical lines presents us with a fortune in ethical, legal and social challenges. From the duties of individuals to contribute their information to the obligations of society to protect it, the tensions between individual rights and collective needs are in strikingly sharp relief. This means that the tools of applied ethics are increasingly, perhaps urgently, necessary.