

Patient Safety: Bill Clinton urges healthcare stakeholders not to leave patients "sicker and broke"

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Former president Bill Clinton urges the medical device industry to eliminate unnecessary patient injuries by working together and sharing data.



Former President Bill Clinton addressed an audience of healthcare industry stakeholders last night, asking them to help leave the system better than they found it through coordinated efforts to leverage technology and expertise in the interest of patient health.

Clinton offered the closing remarks of the Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit in Laguna Beach, Calif., addressing medical device industry executives, clinicians and other healthcare workers gathered to discuss ways medical device interoperability might help prevent the estimated 200,000 annual deaths attributed to medical errors in the U.S. alone.

"I know that none of you want to be part of a system that leaves us sicker and broke," Clinton said. "The promise of science and technology is important, but we have to develop the right mindset - one that says we have to work together, one that says we need networks, one that says we've got to share data, not hoard it."

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