

Abstract

Due to the ubiquitous use of informational technology, data protection can be counted among the most pressing issues of our society. This is particularly so because of the excessive and often unnecessary disclosure of personal information, which can have a negative impact on the privacy of data subjects. The sector of healthcare delivery is no exception in this regard. On the contrary, in terms of processing and protection of personal data, the healthcare sector is considered to be one of the most data intensive policy areas.

The main aim of the thesis is to analyse and assess the current Czech legislation regarding the protection of personal health data. This topic will be further set into a broader framework of the doctor-patient relationship and the principles of confidentiality and informed consent. The thesis will address the concepts of privacy and trust and their relationship to the protection of personal health data and the rights and responsibilities of the main actors, including the possible legal liability. Furthermore, the existing case law of the European Court of Human Rights will be analysed, which will finally answer the question, whether or not the Czech legislation regarding the protection of health data corresponds to the safeguards afforded by Article 8 ECHR.