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## THE DIGITAL SOCIAL CONTRACT: PATIENT SOVEREIGNTY AND DATA DIVIDENDS

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In the legacy healthcare data economy, patients are often viewed as passive subjects whose information is extracted and monetized by third-party intermediaries without their explicit consent or financial benefit. This extraction model erodes trust and fails to acknowledge that personal healthcare data are "rights-laden emanations of the person" that should be protected as a human right. Furthermore, patients face significant financial pressure, with high out-of-pocket costs remaining a primary concern for 71% of consumers.

## THE CRISIS OF TRUST AND PRIVACY

As younger generations become more digitally proactive—with 75% to 80% using health technology monthly—there is a growing demand for a "digital social contract" grounded in dignity and participation. The current centralized storage of medical records increases the risk of large-scale data breaches and identity theft. Patients frequently have no visibility into how their data is used or whether it contributes to clinical practices that are actually effective for their specific conditions.

## THE CIRCLE DATASET INTERVENTION: SELF-SOVEREIGN IDENTITY AND DATA DIVIDENDS

A primary feature of **Circle Datasets** is the integration of **Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI)** and the **Circle Health Coin** to return control and value to the patient.

- **Direct Compensation:** Through the Circle Health Coin, patients receive direct, measurable rewards for contributing their longitudinal data to the healthcare ecosystem. This transforms patients from passive subjects into "creators" who receive royalties based on the intellectual property value of their health data.
- **Enhanced Privacy:** SSI allows patients to manage their health credentials using private keys and zero-knowledge proofs. This technical framework ensures that only necessary facets of their data are shared, significantly minimizing the risk of identification and data breaches.

- **Cost Reduction:** By utilizing the deterministic evidence within Circle Datasets, the platform steers patients toward clinical practices proven to be effective while avoiding unnecessary or ineffective procedures. This targeted approach directly addresses the out-of-pocket burden by ensuring healthcare spending is focused on high-value care.

Download RegenMed white paper "[Bridging The 17 Years Evidence to Practice Gap](#)" to go deeper.

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