

## Better connecting Queensland's GPs and public hospitals

From mid-2017, Queensland's general practitioners will have secure online access to patient healthcare information from Queensland's public hospitals. This access will bridge the information gap between Queensland's general practitioners and public hospitals to help ensure you receive consistent, timely and better coordinated care.

### What are the benefits for me?

Providing general practitioners with secure online access to patient healthcare information from Queensland's public hospitals will improve your treatment outcomes. Having access to more detailed recent information will enable your general practitioner to make better-informed medical decisions about your care.

Sharing your hospital records with your general practitioner will:

- ensure your general practitioner and the Queensland Health clinical staff involved in your care have timely access to your public healthcare information
- lessen your likelihood of being referred for duplicate tests or being re-admitted to hospital
- reduce your need to recall and describe details of your recent treatments when visiting your general practitioner.



# GPs can now view your public hospital healthcare information online



### Need more information?

visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/hp-portal](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/hp-portal)

### Want to opt out?

call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

## How will my general practitioner access my public healthcare information?

General practitioners will be granted secure (read-only) online access to your healthcare information only once their personal and professional identity has been confirmed.

## What information will my general practitioner be able to access?

Your general practitioner will be able to access information including:

- blood tests results
- medical imaging results
- details of medications you received and have been prescribed
- details of your diagnoses.

## Will access to my public healthcare information be controlled?

Only registered Queensland general practitioners can access these records. General practitioners may only access these records for the purpose of providing care or treatment to you.

Appropriate use of the information is defined by the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* and *Privacy Act 2009*. Penalties apply to general practitioners for inappropriate access and use of information, including possible deregistration.

## Will this improve my general practitioner's access to my public healthcare information?

Yes. This online access will streamline the way your general practitioner previously accessed your public healthcare information. Having online access to patients' hospital information will allow general practitioners to make decisions based on the latest available clinical records. It should also allow your general practitioner to spend more time with you and less time requesting your information from public hospitals.

## Does this replace the Federal Government's My Health Record?

No. This access will provide your general practitioner with a more comprehensive overview of the health information collected by Queensland's public hospitals and health services.

*My Health Record* provides other health information such as treatment received interstate or from a private health provider. The two initiatives are separate but will help ensure your general practitioner has a more complete picture of your health.

## What if I don't want my general practitioner to see my public healthcare information online?

If you would prefer that your treating general practitioner did not have online access to your public healthcare information, you have the right to opt-out.

You can do this by calling 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84). Translation and interpreter services can be arranged to assist with the opt-out process.

