

Dear Doctor and practice staff, every person in your area will soon get a My Health Record.

Your area has been chosen to trial the automatic creation of *My Health Records*.

- The Nepean Blue Mountains region is one of two regions in Australia that will introduce this new approach to getting a *My Health Record* (previously known as the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record or PCEHR).
- By 15 June 2016 anyone who lives in these areas and is registered with Medicare or the Department of Veterans' Affairs will have a *My Health Record* automatically created for them, unless they tell us by 27 May 2016 that they don't want one. It is expected that over one million new records will be created in these two regions.

My Health Record can give you a more complete view of your patients' health.

- *My Health Record* gives you access to information about a patient's medical information that you may not otherwise have. Information uploaded into the record can include things like allergies, adverse drug reactions and medication history, prescribed medications and discharge summaries.
- *My Health Record* does not replace your local clinical records. It can be particularly valuable when treating patients who see a range of healthcare providers because they have complex health conditions, as well as patients who don't have a regular doctor or who travel to receive healthcare services.

My Health Record is easy to use.

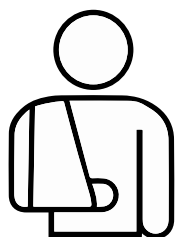
- The system has been designed to minimise the time it takes to input or access information. If the data in your local clinical information system has been maintained, you can create a Shared Health Summary in two clicks.

The learnings from the trial in your area will be applied nationally.

- We want to hear your feedback on what works well and what you think can be improved so that we can apply these learnings more widely if the Government decides to implement the automatic creation of records nationally. We will get in touch with you about this over the coming months.

My Health Record can help your practice day-to-day.

Everyday
>1 in 5
GPs
see a patient
for whom they
have no health
information



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the number of
interactions the
average Australian
has **with the health
system** each year

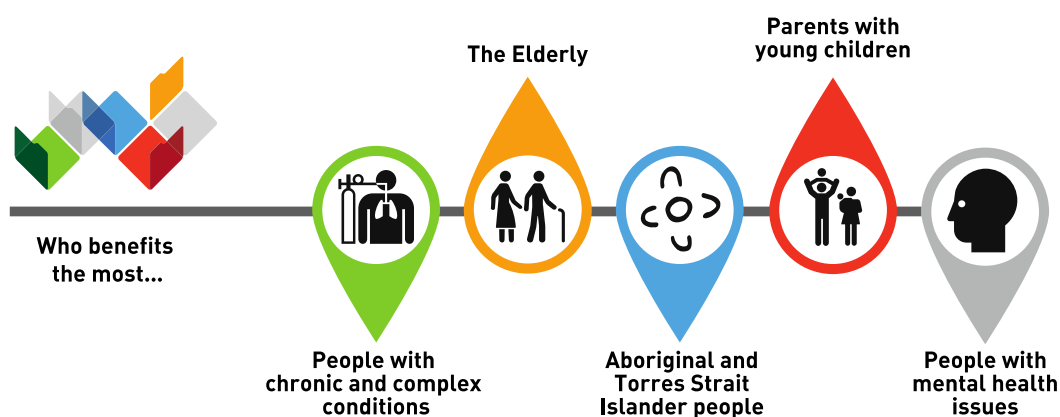
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Healthcare
providers
registered to use
the My Health
Record system



As a doctor, what do I need to do?

- 1 Keep talking to your patients about the benefits of having a *My Health Record*.**
Patients who have complex health conditions or who see several healthcare providers will benefit from having a record that is accessible by their treating healthcare providers.
- 2 View your patients' records.**
You may see important health information that you might not otherwise have been able to such as summaries of their medical history including allergies and adverse reactions, hospital discharge information and prescription and dispense information.
- 3 Prioritise uploading a Shared Health Summary for those patients who need it most.**
We know you won't have time to upload a Shared Health Summary for all your patients, so prioritise these patients as they will benefit the most from having one.



- 4 Make time for training.**
We have some simple, online training resources that are easy to use and quick to work through. Schedule a little time to explore these online resources and build your understanding of *My Health Record*.
- 5 Get in touch if you'd like support.**
We can provide you with assistance, including face-to-face support if required and details of our GP helpline. We will also be providing you with information to assist you throughout the year. As a start, we have assembled some "frequently asked questions" to help you explain the benefits to your patients, as well as for you and your practice. Just visit myhealthrecord.gov.au/providers or give us a call on the number below.

For more information and support, visit:
myhealthrecord.gov.au/providers
Or call: 1800 723 471