



“The shared care record enables us to access the patient’s medications and long term conditions when we most need these – when a patient is unwell and confused, or in the middle of the night. It makes the patient journey through the emergency department so much safer.”

- ED doctor

“It was a real relief to have access to the Shared Care Record. Not only could I be confident I was not prescribing something that would cause known harm, but the patient avoided a potentially long wait for me to be able to access the information I needed, and consequently, the next patient avoided an unnecessary wait too.”

- A patient visited an after hours GP and informed them that she was on eight medications and had allergies to several others, but could not recall the names of either the current medications or the ones to which she was allergic.

Questions

If you have any questions about the Shared Care Record, you can ring the free-phone number **0800 727 664**, or talk to your GP.

The Shared Care Record is a collaborative initiative.



Safer health care for YOU

by improving how your
health information is
shared

What is happening now

Currently your most up-to-date health information is only available at your general practice. Information is shared as appropriate with other medical professionals such as specialists, if you are referred for any reason.

At present if you are unable to attend your regular practice and have to visit another practice, an After Hours Medical Centre or Hospital Emergency Department they will not have access to your most recent information such as test results, medical conditions, allergies, and prescribed medications.

But by sharing this health information through a Shared Care Record you will get the best care possible, as quickly as possible by:

- Making sure tests aren't repeated unnecessarily when results already exist.
- Enabling faster and better decisions to be made about your care.
- Alerting health professionals to any risk that treatment may cause due to your medical conditions, medications you are taking or allergies you may have.



The Shared Care Record

Improvements are being made to the way your information is shared.

The new electronic Shared Care Record will let authorised health care providers, in settings such as General Practice, After Hours Medical Centres and Hospital Emergency Departments, access a summary of information from your GP.

The information that is shared will only include test results, medical conditions, allergies, recalls, immunisations and prescribed medications. The information will be available at any time, even if your medical practice is closed.

The information is stored securely in New Zealand and all access to the information is recorded and routinely audited.

You have the choice to fully opt-out at any time or to withhold some of your information. However, we recommend discussing this with your GP first.

Please be aware of the following if you choose to opt-out: In an emergency or After Hours situation the health professionals caring for you would not immediately have valuable information available to them. This could mean additional tests are needed and may delay appropriate treatment.

Shared Care Record

Opt-out form

You can choose to opt-out at any time by:

- Calling us on **0800 727 664**
- Talking to your GP, or
- Filling out the form below and sending it in an envelope to:

Freepost Authority Shared Care Record
PO Box 27380,
Marion Square,
Wellington 6141. *(No stamp required)*

Full name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Contact Phone Number _____

Name of General Practice (if known): _____

Name of Doctor (if known): _____

☐ ***I do not wish my Shared Care Record to be available to other health professionals and I am aware this could mean additional tests or delay appropriate treatment.***

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

