

## Sharing NSW Health Pathology results with the My Health Record

*Information for GPs & Primary Health Networks regarding the addition of NSW Health Pathology results in the My Health Record*

### What is HealthNet?

HealthNet is the NSW Health state-wide clinical information system which enables efficient sharing and access to patient information across all Local Health Districts (LHDs) and Specialty Health Networks (SHNs) via the HealthNet Clinical Portal. The HealthNet Clinical Portal can only be accessed through a patient's NSW electronic medical record (eMR).

HealthNet also shares NSW Health emergency and inpatient hospital discharge summaries with a patient's national My Health Record, if they have one, and with a patient's nominated GP electronically via secure messaging, giving easier access to information that supports timely clinical decision-making.

### What information is shared by NSW Health with the My Health Record?

NSW Health currently only shares emergency and inpatient hospital discharge summaries with a patient's My Health Record, from all NSW LHDs.

Now, NSW Health Pathology reports from hospital inpatient and emergency departments will also be shared with a patient's My Health Record.

Note - GPs will still receive pathology reports from NSW Health Pathology laboratories through their existing channels.

Pathology test results shared with the My Health Record will not be accessible to the patient for seven days, but can be viewed by their healthcare providers as soon as the result is validated within the laboratory.

### What NSW Health Pathology test results will not be shared with the My Health Record?

Pathology test results identified as sensitive will not be sent to the My Health Record.

Results identified as sensitive at a NSW Health state level are: (i) HIV (ii) Other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) (iii) Genetics and Genomics (iv) Pregnancy testing in minors (v) Drug and Alcohol (iv) Andrology (vii) Mortuary and Autopsies.

Individual Laboratory Information Systems can also flag individual tests as 'sensitive', and these will not be sent to the My Health Record either.

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Patients also have the right to request that information for a particular hospital encounter not be sent to their My Health Record. NSW Health is obliged to follow this request from the patient.

### When will NSW Health Pathology results be available in a patients' My Health Record?

Pathology results will gradually become available from NSW Local Health Districts. eHealth NSW's HealthNet team will notify Primary Health Networks as these upgrades occur:

Availability	Sharing results ordered from NSW Health organisations:
By mid-2017	South Eastern Sydney & Illawarra Shoalhaven LHDs The Children's Hospital at Randwick Western Sydney & Nepean Blue Mountains LHDs Southern NSW & Murrumbidgee LHDs Far West & Western NSW LHDs
By end 2018	North Sydney & Central Coast LHDs Hunter New England LHD Mid-North Coast and Northern NSW LHDs Sydney & South Western Sydney LHDs

### What patient information will be shared with the My Health Record next?

NSW Health is now working on sharing **diagnostic imaging** reports and **iPharmacy discharge dispense records** with the My Health Record in the near future. More information will be coming soon.

### For more information

Contact your PHN Practice Support Officers for more information about HealthNet or visit:  
<http://www.ehealth.nsw.gov.au/programs/clinical/healthnet>