

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

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STATEMENT ON THE MY HEALTH RECORD

The Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges acknowledges the My Health Record (MHR) is designed to improve the communication process between health care practitioners and minimise delays in patient access to health care.

The MHR represents an electronic summary of already existing information held in a secure platform and available only to treating doctors, pharmacists, nurses and the individual patient. The information collected is the record of treatment such as hospital discharge summaries, test reports and prescribed medication. Often this type of information is critical in an emergency situation.

The MHR has entered an opt-out period whereby any person may choose to opt-out at any point and if doing so, the data will be deleted.

CPMC supports the MHR as one communication mechanism for use by health care providers so as to provide the highest quality of care to all Australians.

The Council of Presidents is the peak body for specialist medicine in Australia, representing all fifteen of Australia's specialist Medical Colleges. This statement has been endorsed by all specialist Medical College members.

- The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians
- Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- Australasian College of Dermatologists
- The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
- The College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand
- The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- The Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators
- The Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists
- The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

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