

PCEHR program: Components Operation and Implementation

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Who is NEHTA?

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The National eHealth Transition Authority (NEHTA) is working with the Department of Health and Ageing to deliver eHealth.

What is eHealth?

eHealth is the combined use of electronic communication and information technology in the health sector.



Connecting the dots between services

Why is eHealth important?

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eHealth is an integral part of the Australian Government's agenda for Health Reform, an agenda that aims to create a continuously improved healthcare system for the 21st century. A system that is accountable, affordable and sustainable, with safety and quality at its centre.

Currently health information is stored across different locations – for example with your GP, pharmacist or hospital. Having access to health information will allow healthcare providers to make better decisions about healthcare and treatment. This will save time and improve the continuity of care.

What is the PCEHR?

- From 1st July 2012, every Australian can choose to register for a Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record.
- The PCEHR will allow patients and the healthcare professionals of their choice, secure online access to their vital health information.

Some Principles of PCEHR:

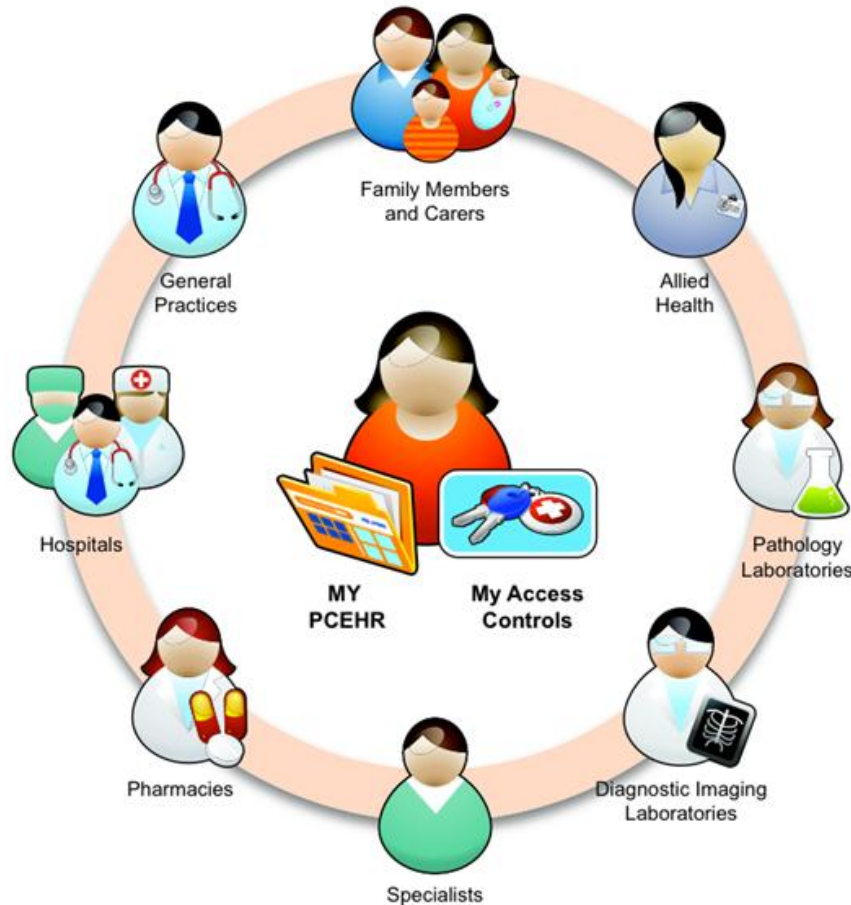


Figure 4: PCEHR System concept

- Participation is voluntary – opt in
- Provider Access is under Consumer Control
- PCEHR is *not* a replacement for clinical records
- “Source of truth” remains where it is today - in local clinical records

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Over time, depending on their interest, consumers may then (but are not required to):

- Nominate a healthcare provider to create and maintain a shared health summary.
- Manage access rights for providers and records.
- View their own medical records, for example current medications, allergies and adverse reactions.
- Use a personal health diary to record health-related information as part of their PCEHR.

What is proposed for the PCEHR System?



The PCEHR will contain:

- Shared Health Summary
- Event Summary
- Discharge Summary
- Medicare Data (MBS, PBS, ACIR, ODR)
- Consumer Data
 - (Pathology)
 - (Specialist Letters)
 - (Prescription and Dispense Notices)



What is a Shared Health Summary (SHS)?

Clinical document which provides a summary of an individual's healthcare status and provides information about an individual's:

- Allergies and adverse reactions
- Medicines
- Medical history
- Immunisations

The 3 healthcare professionals who will be able to write a SHS at the release of the PCEHR are: Registered Medical Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Registered Aboriginal Health Practitioners.

Is the PCEHR a complete record?



- No, it will only contain clinically significant information that is important to the ongoing care of an individual
- Individuals can request that information not be loaded on to their PCEHR
- Individuals can limit access to certain clinical documents

To summarise.....



The PCEHR System:

is	opt in	is not	compulsory
is	an enhancement to medical treatment	is not	a requirement for medical treatment
is	a source of selected clinical data and documents	is not	a substitute for normal clinical records
is	a source of information to assist enquiry	is not	a replacement for normal sharing of information between an individual and their healthcare provider
is	aligned with current privacy obligations	is not	immune to current sharing and reporting rights and obligations of providers
is	a distributed system of service providers working together	is not	a single government store of personal information

PCEHR System: Underpinning Legislation



Key Milestones Include:

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May 2011: PCEHR Concept of Operations public consultation process

May 2011: Legislation Issues Paper public consultation process

Sep 2011: PCEHR Concept of Operations release

Sep 2011: Exposure Draft of the PCEHR Bill public consultation process

Nov 2011: PCEHR Bill introduction to Parliament

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Implementation and Uptake



How can your organisation prepare for eHealth and PCEHR right now?

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- Gain an understanding of the intent and scope of eHealth and the part the PCEHR plays;
- Familiarise yourself with developments in eHealth currently underway;
- Consider what eHealth and the PCEHR will mean for you, your practice (how work will be affected) or organisation and discuss with colleagues;
- Think about the key messages and best ways to communicate with your colleagues and members on the PCEHR system and the benefits eHealth will bring;
- Consider how best to drive adoption in your organisation and community.

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Questions?



- How do we best engage your organisation?
- What channels of communication work best for you and your consumers?
- What can NEHTA do for you?

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