



# Creating a Digital Health future for Australia

The Australian Digital Health Agency



# The current landscape

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## Chronic diseases

are the leading cause of illness, disability and death in Australia, accounting for

**90%** of all deaths

**1 in 4** Australian children are overweight or obese  
**(25%)**

## One million

Australians have been diagnosed with diabetes

Nearly **40%** of Australians aged 45 and over have two or more of the eight chronic diseases

January 2016, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare., Minister's announcement 2016



# The future

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“The great digital health revolution lies literally in the palms of consumers...what if you, as a consumer, were able to take your personal Medicare and Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme data to a health care service; to an app developer; to a dietician; to a retailer and say how can you deliver the best health services for my individual needs?”

*The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for Health, National Press Club address 21 October 2015*



# Improving lives with Digital Health

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- How can we help people live **healthier, happier** and **more productive** lives?
- Digital Health can make a real difference to people's health by giving them **greater control** and better access to information
- Digital Health enables people to **manage their own health** and be at the **centre** of their own healthcare



# The Australian Digital Health Agency

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- Tasked with improving health outcomes for Australians through the delivery of digital healthcare systems
- The Agency includes activities and resources transitioned from NEHTA, and also from the national **My Health Record system** operation activities previously managed by the Commonwealth Department of Health
- Commenced operations on 1 July 2016



# What now for Digital Health?

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- We are here to **listen**
- We are here to **consult**
- We are here to **engage** with **practitioners** and **people**
- We will collaborate on **improving health outcomes** with digital health
- We are champions of **innovation**



# Benefits to patients

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- Health information travels with the individual
- Ability to update personal data and view their health information online
- Better quality, safer and more efficient care for individuals (information availability & less time wastage)
- Reduction in duplications (tests, information etc)



# Access to health information

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- Current medications
- Medical history
- Allergies
- Immunisations
- Pathology reports
- Prescription and dispense information
- Advance Care Directive Custodian





# Benefits for healthcare providers

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- More time with patients – less time chasing clinical information
- Better information sharing between providers such as GPs, nurses, specialists and pharmacists
- Information available when you need it such as current conditions, medications and allergies
- Access to Discharge Summaries, pathology and diagnostic imaging results



# Software demos and Guides

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- Quick and easy step-by-step guides to use the **My Health Record system**
- Software demos showing providers how to use the **My Health Record system** within their software e.g. how to view and upload information to a patient's My Health Record
- Go to [www.digitalhealth.gov.au](http://www.digitalhealth.gov.au)



# On Demand Training

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- Accessible **whenever** you need, no booking required
- **Self-contained** and no registration process
- Can upload Shared Health Summaries **using test patient data**
- Go to [www.digitalhealth.gov.au](http://www.digitalhealth.gov.au) (Using the My Health Record system)
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# My Health Record Statistics

Consumer Statistics										Provider registrations		My Health Record Usage					
Demographic breakdown										Organisation Type*		Count					
35%		25%		26%		14%		General Practices		5,681		Clinical Document Uploads		871,484			
Aged <20		Aged 20-39		Aged 40-64		Aged >65		Public Hospitals and Health Services		530		Shared Health Summary		255,067			
State	ACT	TAS	SA	NT	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	Private Hospitals and Clinics		69		Discharge Summary		482,252		
% of pop.	20%	17%	15%	16%	16%	12%	22%	12%	Retail Pharmacies		1,236		Event Summary		91,451		
<p><b>4,054,968</b> Consumers registered</p> <p><b>54%</b> are female and <b>46%</b> are male</p> <p>Approximately <b>17%</b> of Australia's population is registered for a My Health Record.</p>										Aged Care Residential Services		162		Specialist Letter		22,860	
										Other categories of healthcare providers including Allied Health		1,096		eReferral Note		29	
<p><b>8,959</b> Healthcare providers registered</p>										Organisations with a cancelled registration		185		Diagnostic Imaging Report		19,825	
										<p>*Organisation type based on Healthcare Provider Organisation (HPI-O) data, except for Hospital provider data which is based on jurisdictional reported facilities that are connected to the My Health Record system.</p>							
<p><b>3,397,380</b> Prescription Documents</p> <p><b>1,173,375</b> Dispense Documents</p> <p><b>106,174</b> Consumer Documents</p> <p><b>65,381</b> Consumer Entered Health Summary</p> <p><b>29,624</b> Consumer Entered Notes</p> <p><b>10,838</b> Advanced Care Directive Custodian Report</p> <p><b>331</b> Advance Care Planning Document</p> <p><b>336,223,231</b> Medicare Documents</p> <p><b>746,809</b> Australian Immunisation Childhood Register</p> <p><b>354,624</b> Australian Organ Donor Register</p> <p><b>200,788,395</b> Medicare/DVA Benefits Report</p> <p><b>134,333,403</b> Pharmaceutical Benefits Report</p>										Organisations with a cancelled registration		185		Prescription Documents		3,397,380	
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## Contact the Agency

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