

eHealth: making it happen

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NEHTA's purpose



Lead the uptake of eHealth systems of national significance; and coordinate the progression and accelerate the adoption of eHealth by delivering urgently needed integration infrastructure and standards for health information

- Established and funded by the Australian, State and Territory governments

NEHTA's place in eHealth



New inclusion of PCEHR

New alignment around plan, build, run model

New focus on operations

...and in the broader reform agenda

- eHealth a vital part of national health reforms – one of the 8 streams of work
- Key recommendation of NHHRC

We understand the drivers for a national eHealth system



Australia's life expectancy is one of the highest in the world, second only to Japan

In 1996, chronic disease accounted for 80 per cent of the burden of disease, measured in terms of loss of years and quality of life

Over three million Australians, or nearly one in seven, suffer from chronic disease

Health expenditure as a proportion of Australian GDP has more than doubled over the last four and a half decades from 3.8% to 9%

Impact on consumers



It is estimated 5,000 Australians die each year due to adverse medical events.¹

Up to one in six (18%) medical errors are due to inadequate patient information.²

Nearly one in three (30%) unplanned hospital admissions in those over 75 years are associated with prescribing errors.³

Reshape health system around the consumer – not the hospital – and empower consumers to self manage care.

1 Australian Patient Safety Foundation, www.consultmagazine.net

2 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, *Australia's Health 2002*, 2002

3 Chan. M, 2001, *Internal Medicine Journal*, Adverse drug events as a cause of hospital admission in the elderly; 31: 199-205

Impact on clinicians

Clinicians spend around a quarter of their time collecting information rather than treating patients.⁴

ePrescription systems in Sweden, the US and Denmark increased health provider productivity per prescription by over 50%.⁵

eReferrals in Europe reduced the average time spent on referrals by 97%.⁶

4 For Your Information, Australia Audit Commission, Canberra, 1995

5 Karl A Stroetmann KA, Jones T, Dobrev A, Stoetmann VN, 'An Evaluation of the Economic Impact of Ten European E-Health Applications', 2007

6 Ibid

Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	Clinical Information	Individual Information	Shared Information	[Others]
E-Health Services	Shared Health Profile	Events Summaries	Self Managed Care	Complex Care Management
E-Health Solutions	ePathology	eDischarge	eReferral	eMedications
National Infrastructure Components	Terminology	Secure Messaging	Identifiers	Authentication

NEHTA achievements this year



HI Service goes live – 23 million individual healthcare identifiers allocated

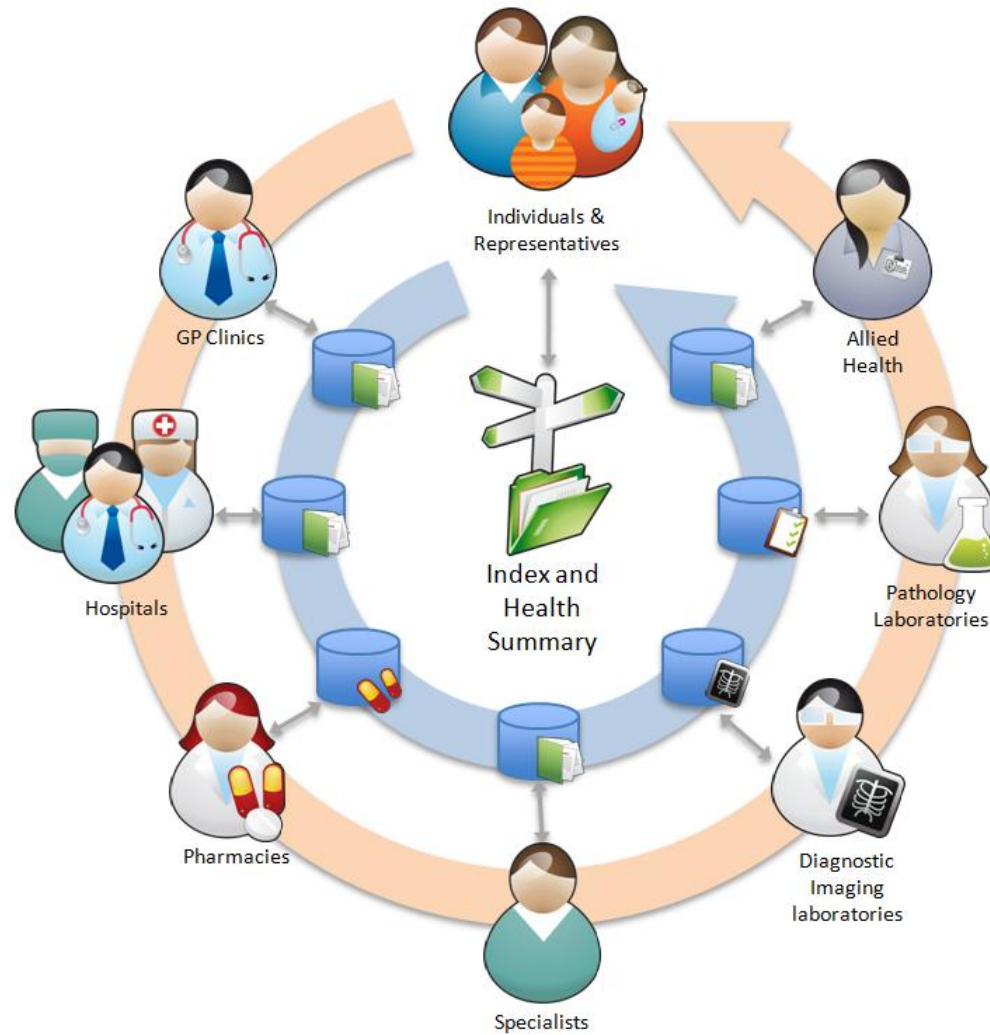
First clinical use of AMT now live

NEHTA eDischarge technical specifications waiting endorsement from Standards Australia

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It's time for a PCEHR



What the future might look like



eHealth will have penetrated remote areas and taken medical care facilities right to the bedroom of patients

The majority of Australians will take advantage of the benefits of a personally controlled electronic health record

Individuals will be able to obtain and share their personal genome sequence

Selling the benefits of eHealth



Thank you

