

# **Professional issues: eHealth**

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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

- Increasing involvement in implementation sites
- Managing agent for PCEHR
- Support integration of eHealth
- National eHealth infrastructure

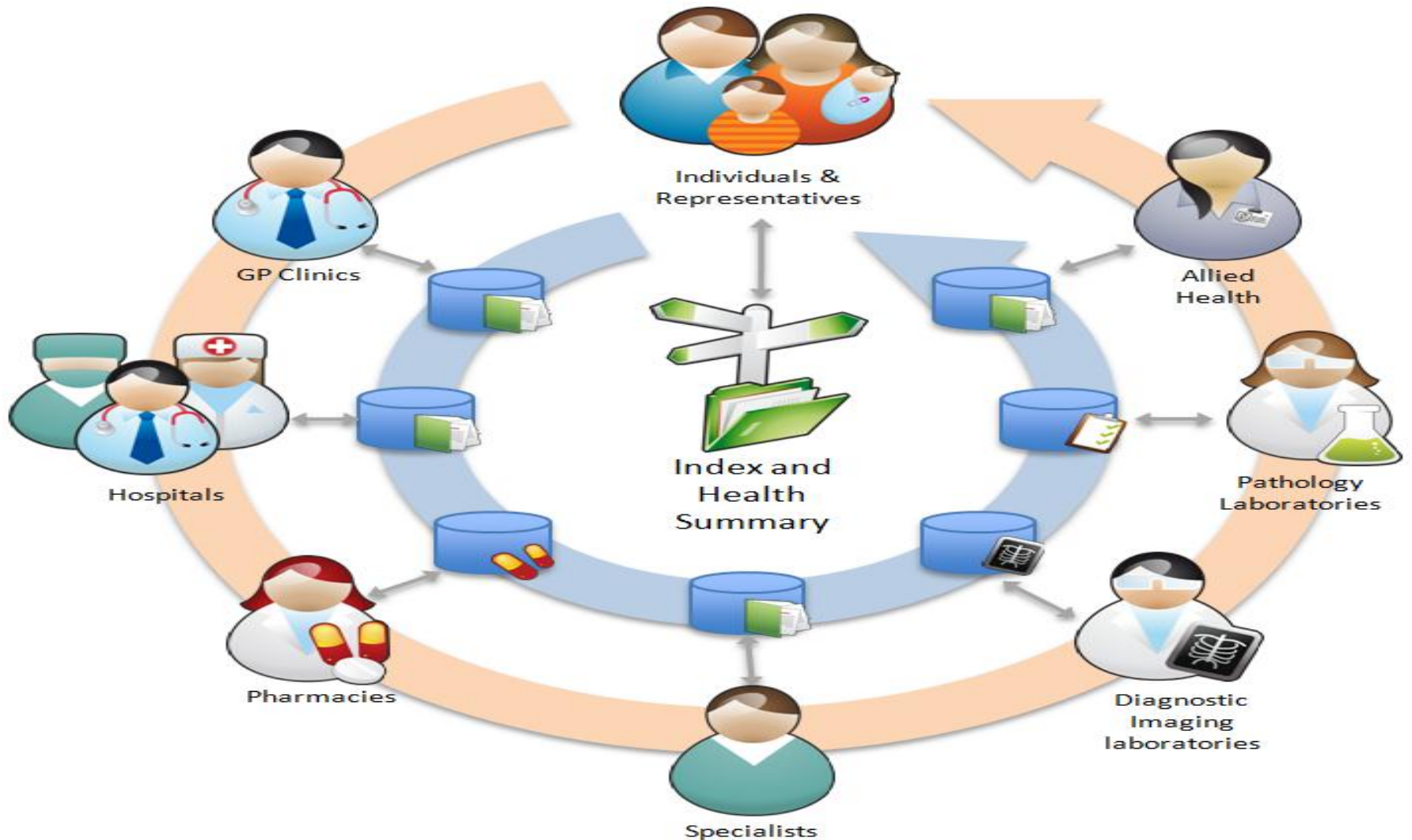


<b>Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record</b>	Clinical Information	Individual Information	Shared Information	[Others]
<b>E-Health Services</b>	Shared Health Profile	Events Summaries	Self Managed Care	Complex Care Management
<b>E-Health Solutions</b>	ePathology	eDischarge	eReferral	eMedications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

# eHealth: making it happen



# It's time for a PCEHR



# What is the PCEHR?



The PCEHR is a vehicle for Consumers to:

Share key pieces of their Health Information with Providers of their choice

It is not a replacement for existing point to point messaging or clinical systems

# The PCEHR - How is it different?



- Participation is voluntary – “Opt-In”
- Provider access is under consumer control
- The PCEHR is not a replacement for organisational clinical records
- The clinical component contains copies, not originals
- The “Source of truth” remains where it is today – in local clinical records

# Is the PCEHR a complete health record?



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

# Supported Content – July 2012



- Health Summary
- Event Summary
- Discharge Summary
- Medicare Data (MBS, PBS, ACIR, ODR)
- Consumer Data
  - Personal Health Diary (Not Shared)
  - Advanced Care Directives (Custodian)
  - Medicines & Adverse Reactions
- Support for Diagnostic Reports
- Specialist Letters
- Prescription and Dispense Notices

# Benefits



Better healthcare quality and safety – through better coordinated and more timely healthcare

Better use of time – spending less time searching for patient information

Better information sharing between providers – leading to improve decision support

Better quality information – less reliance on the individual to recall the details of their healthcare history

## Benefits (cont'd)

Better coordination of care – more effective shared care or supported self managed care means better management of chronic disease and complex health problems

Better use of treatment plans – through improved compliance

Better performance of healthcare providers – through availability of benchmarking data

Better support for clinical trials – leading to more effective healthcare treatments

# What do I need to do?



Gain an understanding of the intent and scope of the PCEHR

Start considering what it will mean for your practice and patient care

Discuss with your colleagues

Get involved and participate in the Public Consultation process

# Keeping up with the PCEHR program news



National E-Health Strategy

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Public domain resources

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DeptHealthAgeing>

Email alerts – send an update your details via:

[ehhealthsystems@health.gov.au](mailto:ehhealthsystems@health.gov.au)

General information

[www.yourhealth.gov.au](http://www.yourhealth.gov.au)

NEHTA specific information

[www.nehta.gov.au](http://www.nehta.gov.au)

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