



Pathology reports are being shared with the My Health Record

From April 2017, pathology reports will start being shared in the My Health Record.

You and any healthcare professionals involved in your care will be able to access these pathology reports via your My Health Record, wherever and whenever they are needed.

Sharing pathology reports with the My Health Record will help:

- Improve access to information;
- Reduce duplicate testing; and
- Save your doctor or other members of your healthcare team time trying to locate or request copies of results.

It will also help you:

- Keep track of the tests you have had; and
- Allow a comparison of your results over time.

When and where is this happening

Over the next 12 months, pathology reports will be shared in the My Health Record for inpatients from public hospitals in New South Wales Health, Northern Territory Department of Health, Tasmanian Health Service, ACT Health and Queensland Health. The Northern Territory Department of Health are already uploading diagnostic imaging reports to the My Health Record. Other pathology and diagnostic imaging providers are also working to participate in sending reports to My Health Record. This means, you may not find pathology or diagnostic imaging reports in the My Health Record just yet. However, within the next year or so, you will start to see more of these reports becoming available.

What you need to know

Your pathology report will still be sent to your regular GP, or whoever has requested the tests, as usual.

If you have a My Health Record:

- Your pathology report will be uploaded to your My Health Record and will be immediately available to members of your healthcare team; and
- Your pathology report will be available for you to view after seven days. This is so your doctor can review the report and contact you about the results, if need be, before you can see it in your My Health Record.

If you do not want a report uploaded to your My Health Record, **please tell your doctor.**

In some parts of Australia, State or Territory legislation prohibits the disclosure of sensitive information (e.g. AIDS or HIV status) without the express consent of the individual. In these instances, the reports will not be sent to the My Health Record.



Reading your pathology report

- It is always best to discuss your results or any concerns with your doctor;
- Reading the results can be confusing; and
- All that is red or outside the range is not always abnormal.

For more information about reading your pathology report visit:



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<http://www.labtestsonline.org.au>

For more information or to register for a My Health Record:

- Go to myhealthrecord.gov.au
- Ask your doctor
- Call 1800 723 471
- Visit a Medicare Office

If you have a complaint or feedback about My Health Record you can:

- Call the My Health Record Help line on 1800 723 471
- Send your complaint to:
My Health Record
PO Box 9942
Sydney NSW 2000
- Contact the Australian Information Commissioner, see <https://www.oaic.gov.au/>