

HealthNet

Factsheet for clinicians

What is HealthNet?

HealthNet provides NSW Health clinicians with access to a consolidated summary view of a patient's clinical information from across NSW Health and from a patient's national Personally Controlled eHealth Record (PCEHR) via the NSW Clinical Portal. It also includes the secure electronic messaging of discharge summaries to GPs using national standards, and the sending of discharge summaries to a patient's national PCEHR, where a patient has an eHealth record.

What is the NSW Clinical Portal?

The NSW Clinical Portal consolidates clinical information about your patient from outside your electronic medical record (eMR).

The screenshot displays the NSW Clinical Portal interface for a patient. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Document View:** A sidebar on the left showing a tree of available clinical documents, including Discharge Summary, National eHR Access, and various LHD documents.
- Patient Demographics:** A section at the top right showing patient details such as Sex (Male), Address, Date of Birth, and Other Identifiers (e.g., SESIAHS AUD, SWAHS AUD, Lihgew MRN).
- Alerts (Discharge Summary History):** A table showing alerts from the Department of Community Services (DOCS), including a notification about a patient's visit to others.
- Allergies & Adverse Reactions (Discharge Summary History):** A table listing allergies such as Papular rash, Migraine, and Sneeze.
- Encounter History - Inpatient & Emergency:** A table showing hospital admissions and discharges, including dates, reasons, and visit types.
- Encounter History - Outpatient:** A table showing outpatient visits, including dates, reasons, and visit types.

Annotations with arrows point to specific features:

- A blue circle highlights the 'Other Identifiers' table, with a callout box stating: "Linked to the Enterprise Patient Registry to collate all identifiers for the patient."
- An arrow points from the 'Other Identifiers' table to a callout box: "Linked to the NSW Enterprise Imaging Repository, showing NSW Health Medical Images and Reports for the patient."
- An arrow points from the 'Alerts' table to a callout box: "A summary of the patient's Alerts & Allergies across LHDs."
- An arrow points from the 'Encounter History - Inpatient & Emergency' table to a callout box: "A summary of the patient's Outpatient Encounter & Inpatient Visit History across LHDs."
- An arrow points from the 'Document View' sidebar to a callout box: "Document Tree - containing all available Clinical Documents from other LHDs and the PCEHR for the patient."

Patient information available in the NSW Clinical Portal includes:

- Patient identifiers from across NSW LHDs including Medical Record Numbers (MRNs), Area Unique Identifiers (AUIDs) and a patient's National Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI)
- Cross-LHD discharge summaries, alerts, allergies, hospital visit histories and event summaries from community health services at Western Sydney & Nepean Blue Mountains LHDs
- Cross-LHD medical imaging studies and reports
- National PCEHR information (if a patient has a PCEHR) including Discharge Summaries from other States, Medicare Information, GP Shared Health Summaries, Specialist Letters, eReferrals and Consumer Entered Information.

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How do I access the NSW Clinical Portal?

You can access the NSW Clinical Portal by clicking on the 'eHealth' link in a patient's record in Cerner eMR. The NSW Clinical Portal will open in a new browser window - no additional login is required.

Via the Summary MPage (if available)

Via the Results FlowSheet

Where are Discharge Summaries sent?

HealthNet sends Discharge Summaries* electronically to three places:

1. To the **NSW Clinical Portal** for access by NSW Clinician's with an eMR connected to HealthNet
2. To a patient's **nominated GP** via secure messaging
3. To a patient's **PCEHR***, where they have an eHealth record and have not requested that their discharge summary is not uploaded to their PCEHR on admission.

*Alerts are removed from discharge summaries that are sent to the PCEHR.

Do clinicians need to do anything differently?

The process for creating discharge summaries in Cerner eMR will not change. HealthNet will only distribute a signed discharge summary electronically.

Where is HealthNet live?

HealthNet is state-wide and all LHDs can access the NSW Clinical Portal. All LHDs except for Sydney & South Western Sydney LHDs are contributing Emergency and Inpatient discharge summaries to HealthNet. The HealthNet team are working on including Community Health and Sydney & South Western Sydney LHDs discharge summaries in the future.

How can I get more information?

If you would like more information, please contact EHNSW-HealthNet@health.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively, please visit: <http://www.ehealth.nsw.gov.au/programs/clinical/healthnet>.