

HealthNet Update Information for GPs in South Eastern NSW PHN

More GPs in South Eastern NSW to receive discharge summaries electronically from NSW Health

Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD has recently received an upgrade to its HealthNet clinical portal which means that hospitals in your area can now use the secure messaging services of the following brokers:

- HealthLink
- Argus
- Medical Objects

The addition of HealthLink and Medical Objects will greatly increase the number of GPs capable of receiving electronic discharge summaries from NSW Health.

A Discharge Summary will be sent electronically from NSW Health facilities when the following two activities occur:

- A clinician selects sign/submit at the end of the discharge summary, **and**
- The patient is discharged in the Patient Administration System (PAS) (Inpatients) OR the Depart Discharge process has been performed in ED FirstNet (Emergency).

Please note in your region, patients having an **Emergency or Inpatient encounter**, the following Discharge Summary templates can be sent electronically:

- Inpatient Discharge (including Multidisciplinary)
- Baseline (Inpatient)
- Emergency

*** Some templates and pathology reports will continue to be sent locally via the Argus message broker. ***

Re-submission of discharge summaries

Now that more GP's are able to receive discharge summaries electronically, you may wish to have a discharge summary re-sent to you. Rather than faxing discharge summaries to the requesting GP, Health Information & Record Services (HIRS) staff will be able to send the document electronically from within the eMR, via secure messaging.

If you wish to have a discharge summary re-sent, or to a different GP, please update your details at the same time as requesting the discharge summary.

Acknowledgement into GP's software

Hospital clinicians can now see confirmation that a discharge summary was successfully delivered to a GP's software. This will assist in better tracking of e-Discharge summaries sent from NSW Health facilities. Please note: this is an automated process and does not require any additional steps by the GP Practice.

What is HealthNet?

HealthNet is a state-wide clinical portal that

1. provides NSW Health clinicians with immediate access to up-to-date, aggregated summary information about a patient's recent health history from across all Local Health Districts (LHDs),
2. shares information with a patient's My Health Record, if they have one, and
3. sends **patient discharge summaries directly to GPs via secure electronic messaging.**