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My Health Record Roadshow

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Following the Australian Government's commitment to expand My Health Record, the Australian Digital Health Agency roadshow is coming to town next week to help GPs and other health providers get ready for the system to go opt-out in 2018.

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) and the Australian Digital Health Agency are co-hosting The My Health Record Roadshow which includes GP forums, a webinar and practice workshops.

The various events will provide an overview of the My Health Record system, demonstrate its benefits for doctors and patients, and discuss privacy and security.

This comes hot on the heels of the COAG Health Council's endorsement of the National Digital Health Strategy which aims to ensure health information is available to patients and providers whenever and wherever it is needed by 2022.

Speakers include Dr Steve Hambleton and Dr Monica Trujillo from the Australian Digital Health Agency and prominent local health professionals Dr Hannah Seymour (Medical Director of FSFH Group) and Dr Marianne Wood (Aboriginal Health Council of WA and Hospital Liaison GP at RPH).

GP and WAPHA Chair Dr Richard Choong says the roadshow is the ideal opportunity for GPs not already using the system to get on board and make sure they are geared up for the opt out.

"GPs will find out how My Health Record can give them easy access to up-to-date, comprehensive patient information that will also be available to other health practitioners in an emergency, on admission to hospital or when travelling interstate.

"WAPHA is very supportive of My Health Record as an important enabler of a wider approach to reducing fragmentation within the health system," Dr Choong said.

Roadshow details

- **Wednesday 16 August:** Breakfast forum for GPs at Fiona Stanley Hospital; webinar in conjunction with the Royal College of General Practice (RACGP) WA branch.
- **Thursday 17 August:** Breakfast forum for GPs at Royal Perth Hospital
- GPs in regional and remote areas can access the breakfast forums via a video link, provided by the Statewide Telehealth Service.
- All events are eligible for QI and CPD points from the RACGP (Category 2).

For more information or to register for any of the events visit wapha.org.au/MHR-roadshow or email digitalhealth@wapha.org.au.



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About My Health Record

My Health Record is an Australian government initiative operated by the Australian Digital Health Agency to enable sharing of clinical information with registered health providers across Australia. It is one of the few national scale platforms of its type in the world.

Benefits of the system include:

- Better access: information is stored in one place online making it easily accessible for individuals and health professionals.
- Improved safety: in a medical emergency, healthcare professionals can view health information and provide the best possible care quickly. This may include information on allergies, adverse reactions and medical conditions.
- More convenient: people don't have to worry about remembering details such as medications, chronic conditions and tests.
- Strong security and privacy: strict rules and regulations control who can see or use a My Health Record.

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