

Patient health information privacy statement

Purpose

We respect privacy and confidentiality. The purpose of this document is to explain what information we collect about you and how data gathered by your health provider, as well as by Pinnacle as a primary health organisation and its affiliates, is used in providing health services to you.

To learn what a primary health organisation is and how this practice is connected please see our website <https://pinnacle.health.nz>.

You directly consent to your health information being collected when you sign an enrolment form to register with a practice health provider.

Overview

- Maintaining your trust and privacy is important to us.
- We are bound by law to collect and retain data about the delivery of health services to you.
- We only collect and retain what we need to deliver health services for you and your whānau.
- We only use what we know to improve your health and the health of the community.
- We don't sell the information collected or retained to anyone.
- We only share what we know with people in the health system who we know will look after your information the way we do.
- We look after the information we hold about you and keep it secure.
- Your health record is your health record - you can see it, correct it, and know what we have done with it - just ask.
- From time to time, we may collect information about you from other health providers and health services involved in your care. Examples may include telehealth and virtual providers such as Practice Plus, and other healthcare or after-hours providers.
- If we collect information about you indirectly and you have not already been informed that this may occur, we will, where practicable, notify you. This may be done through your health provider's patient portal or other appropriate means.

What type of information is collected and how it is used?

- Information about you (such as your name, date of birth, gender, address, ethnicity, citizenship, NHI number).
- Information about your health.
- Information about the financial transactions around consultation charges.

The information collected will be:

- used for the delivery of health services by your health provider and Pinnacle
- used by Health New Zealand / Te Whatu Ora to give you a National Health Index (NHI) number or update any changes
- summary information is sent to Pinnacle and Health New Zealand / Te Whatu Ora to support both planning and general practice funding
- may be shared with your consent to specialist, public hospitals, other health providers or after-hours providers (such as Practice Plus) to support your healthcare
- used to determine eligibility to receive publicly funded services. Information may be compared with other government agencies but only when permitted under the Privacy Act.

Complaints

If you're not happy with the way your health information is collected or used, you can talk to the privacy officer of your health provider about your concerns. By law, all health organisations are required to have a privacy officer.

For specific questions related refer to the privacy section on the Pinnacle Website –
<https://www.pinnacle.co.nz/privacy-policy>

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