



You may have heard the terms **My Health Record, WA Health patient record and records kept by your GP or specialist**. These records are related, but they are not the same.



Each record supports your care in a different way. None replaces the others.

## WA Health patient record

This is the clinical record of care you receive in WA Health hospitals and services.

It:

- includes detailed notes about your diagnosis, treatment and care
- may be electronic or paper
- is governed by WA laws and policies.

Only copies of some documents appear in My Health Record.



Your WA Health patient record will not contain medical reports from private health services that you have seen, unless that service has sent them to WA Health.



## GP and specialist records

Your GP or specialist keeps their own medical record

It:

- is held by their practice or clinic
- includes visit notes, test results and letters
- is separate from your WA Health patient record.

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When you receive care at a WA Health service, your GP may receive a summary so they can support your care after you leave hospital.

## My Health Record

My Health Record is a secure, online summary of your health information that belongs to you. It:

- is a national system, not operated by WA Health or your GP
- holds selected information, such as discharge summaries, test results, medicines and referrals
- stores copies of information from other medical records - it does not replace them.

You can:

- view your record online
- control who can access it
- hide or remove documents.