



# POLAR GP: Working for you and your community

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Doctors at our clinic use POLAR GP software to make sure you and your family get the best medical care. This Clinic uses your data and also shares some de-identified information with local health organisations, so they can better plan for your community's health needs. There is no identifiable patient information that leaves this practice and all data is securely stored within Australia.

## What information is used and how?

POLAR GP helps doctors at this clinic target health issues and trends to ensure you get the best treatment. The de-identified information is grouped and passed onto your local health authority who study the needs of the local community to work out how to fund and support health services that best improve local community health outcomes.

If this practice approves, some de-identified data may also be shared with researchers (e.g. in Universities, Hospitals) to improve patient outcomes and health services. All research has RACGP ethics approval.

## How is my information used?

1. Data is de-identified and encrypted before it is sent to the secure data warehouse.
2. The local health organisation can only see grouped data, not individual data.
3. Researchers can only access the subset of de-identified data that is relevant to their study.

The types of questions this data can answer includes:

1. How many people in the area have diabetes?
2. What treatments offer the best outcomes to people with diabetes?
3. How many children with asthma have an asthma plan?
4. How many people over 75 years get regular health check-ups?

## Don't want your health data used?

Tell our reception staff and they will remove your information from the shared health data.