

# My Health Record update Better Faster Access

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# What is better and faster access?

**Better access:** introducing a legislative requirement for information to be shared with My Health Record by default, starting with pathology and diagnostic imaging reports.

**Faster access:** amending the 7-day delay to provide consumers with access to most of their results as soon as they have been uploaded to My Health Record. For some categories of results, there will be a 5-day delay before consumers can access them (based on the test type, not the result).



# Clinical Reference Group (CRG)

Supporting Better and Faster Access  
to information in My Health Record



The CRG provided strategic advice and clinical oversight for the design of legislative and policy changes to support improved access to information in My Health Record. This work will continue through a new body tasked with ongoing advice to support implementation and review of these initiatives

## Membership and composition

CRG membership included 24 representatives from a cross-section of the health sector including five consumer representatives.







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# Faster Access

Aligned with CRG recommendations

October 2025		March 2026	
Pathology Test Type	Patient Access Delay	Diagnostic Imaging Report type	Patient Access Delay
 Anatomical and cytopathology tests, genetic tests	5 days	 Cross sectional Imaging reports (CT, MRI, PET, Ultrasound) and X-ray reports – head and thorax (chest, abdomen, pelvis)	5 days
 Other pathology results	No delay	 X-ray extremities	No delay

# Faster access to health information

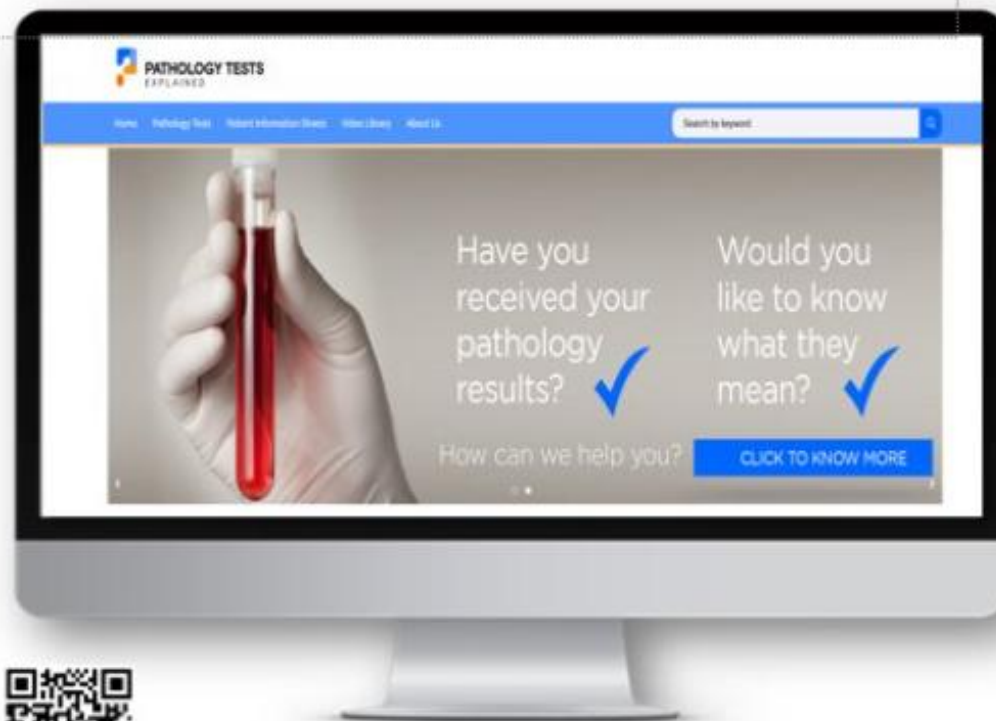
## Pathology - New test categories

- ACTH
- Albumin\*
- Albumin: creatinine ratio
- Ammonia
- Antinuclear Ab
- Beta HCG quantitation Blood culture
- Blood gas arterial
- Blood gas venous
- Blood group and antibody screen
- Calcium Ionised
- Calcium Magnesium Phosphate
- Calcium\*
- Coagulation profile
- Cortisol
- C-reactive protein
- Creatine Kinase
- D-dimer
- Deamidated gliadin Ab
- Digoxin level
- eGFR
- Electrolytes Urea Creatinine
- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
- FOBT
- Follicle stimulating hormone
- Free T4
- Full blood count
- Gentamicin level
- Glucose
- Growth Hormone
- HbA1c
- HDL cholesterol
- Hepatitis B surface Ab, Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis\*
- HIV serology
- INR
- Insulin
- Iron studies
- LDH\*
- LDL cholesterol
- Lipase
- Lipids fasting/non fasting
- Liver function tests
- Luteinising hormone
- Magnesium\*
- MCS genital
- MCS urine
- Neisseria gonorrhoea nucleic acid
- Oestradiol
- Paracetamol level
- Parathyroid hormone
- Phosphate\*
- Point of Care\*
- Prothrombin time
- RBC\*
- Respiratory\*
- Rheumatoid factor
- Sex hormone binding globulin
- Testosterone
- Thyroid function tests
- Thyroid stimulating hormone
- Troponin T
- Urate
- Urea urine 24h
- Urea\*
- Urine dipstick and microscopy
- Vitamin B12
- Vitamin D

[New test categories pdf](#)



# Link to more information about results



(Scan QR code for to access Pathology Tests Explained website)

## Now uploading pathology reports to My Health Record

The most convenient and secure way to access your results is on your mobile via the my health app.

For more information or to download, go to [digitalhealth.gov.au](http://digitalhealth.gov.au)



My Health Record

### What is My Health Record?

My Health Record is a safe and secure place to keep your key health information, available to you and your healthcare providers anytime, including in an emergency. You can manage important information, control who has access to it, and see what has been accessed. You can access your record through the website or my health app.

### Can I choose not to have information uploaded?

Yes, you can ask your healthcare provider not to upload a particular report. Your nominated or authorised representative can also make this request for you. If a report isn't uploaded, you and your healthcare providers won't be able to see it in your record. You may not be able to change this in the future. If you don't have My Health Record, reports won't be uploaded for you.

### How is my privacy protected?

My Health Record has strong privacy and security protections:

- You decide who can see your information
- You can see who has accessed your record
- There are penalties for unauthorised access or misuse
- Audit trails and access history are available to you
- Emergency access is tightly controlled.

Learn more about privacy and access controls.

### What if I change my mind?

If you choose not to upload a report, you may not be able to change this in the future. Only some providers have computer systems that allow them to upload a report after it was created.

If a report is uploaded and you decide later that you don't want it in My Health Record, you can remove it, hide it from view, or restrict who can see it by using the privacy and access controls.

### Your pathology and radiology reports in My Health Record

You'll soon notice some important updates to the way your information is shared in Australia's healthcare system.

The goal is to make sure your key health information like blood test and x-ray reports are added to My Health Record, unless you choose otherwise.

Learn more about sharing to My Health Record by default.



## GUIDE

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#### New test categories

In addition to those tests already immediately available for consumers to view (HbA1c, INR, COVID-19 and other respiratory infection tests), most tests from each new category listed below will also be available for immediate access once uploaded to My Health Record.

- ACTH
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- Hepatitis\*
- HIV serology
- INR
- Insulin
- Iron studies
- LDH\*
- LDL cholesterol
- Lipase
- Lipids fasting/non fasting
- Liver function tests
- Luteinising hormone
- Magnesium\*
- MCS genital
- MCS urine
- Neisseria gonorrhoea nucleic acid
- Oestradiol
- Paracetamol level
- Parathyroid hormone
- Phosphate\*
- Point of Care\*
- Prothrombin time
- RBC\*
- Respiratory\*
- Rheumatoid factor
- Sex hormone binding globulin
- Testosterone
- Thyroid function tests
- Thyroid stimulating hormone
- Tropoin T
- Urate
- Urea urine 24h
- Urea\*
- Urine dipstick and microscopy
- Vitamin B12
- Vitamin D

\*Note: some categories are specific to one of several related test variants. We broadened the category to include these other related tests. An example is the "Calcium, Magnesium Phosphate" panel. We included any individual test for Calcium, Magnesium or Phosphate (including the combination of the three).

<https://emphn.org.au/for-health-professionals/digital-enablement/my-health-record/#better-faster-access-resources>

## In Summary:

- Healthcare providers need to be aware of the changes so they can understand how this may change their workflows.
- Legislation to mandate providers to upload is coming in June 2026.
- The 7-day rule changed for Pathology uploads on 15/10/25. The 7-day rule for Radiology in March 2026.
- The Healthcare Provider has the option of requesting Pathology or Radiology not be uploaded to the My Health Record but need to document why in the patient record.
- More Information is available at: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/better-and-faster-access>

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If you can please use this link to answer 6 quick survey questions about Better Faster Access