



Victoria: Chronic Disease Project Live

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On-line Chronic Disease Record Management Live in Victoria

Cystic Fibrosis patients at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne are now benefitting from better healthcare provider access to their electronic health records.

Since September 2003, CF patients' health records at The Alfred are being captured electronically. When patients attend clinics at The Alfred, an electronic health record for the clinic is created and stored in a secure, on-line data base.

This record is available to members of the CF team without them having to locate patients' paper files, saving them time and providing more informed, knowledge based care for the patients.

The patient's on-line record can also be made available to healthcare providers outside The Alfred when CF patients seek medical assistance in between clinic visits, providing better care and further improving patient safety. A workstation has now been installed at Ballarat Base Hospital and plans to provide access to the system across multiple hospitals and clinics are in progress.

Access to the on-line clinical records is available only to healthcare providers that have been specifically authorised by the patients. The healthcare providers use secure tokens and cryptographic technology to access the records, which are stored in a Commonwealth Government accredited secure data centre.

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