

Shared Electronic Medical Record

Key Messages

Your health care team is improving communication and comprehensive care with a shared electronic medical record (EMR). Team members will access information in your chart that is pertinent to their role in your care.

Why?

To ensure necessary information about your health can be appropriately shared between all members of your health care team to improve your access to care, your experience and your health outcomes.

Who?

Your personal health care team can include Physicians, Omineca Medical Clinic administrative support and nursing staff, Primary Care Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Mental Health Clinicians, Primary Care Assistants, Physiotherapist, LPN Home Support Supervisor, Dietitian, and Team Lead.

How?

Your team members will communicate using the same computer system.

Benefits

- Improved Health Outcomes
- Comprehensive Care
- Comprehensive History
- Better Communication
- Improved Workflow
- Streamlined Referrals
- Team Care
- More Legible
- Less duplication
- Less repetition of same information
- Fewer Errors
- More secure (see below)

Security

PRIVACY AND SECURITY REMAIN OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE

- Ability to track access by all users second by second.
- More secure than paper charts.
- Regular Audits/Review of Chart Access.

Contact Information

Speak to you physician or community interprofessional team members.



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does EMR stand for?

- Electronic Medical Record.
- The BC Ministry of Health Website defines an EMR as: “a computer-based patient medical record used by physicians, nurses and administrative staff. EMRs contain patient information that authorized health professionals can access electronically rather than through a traditional paper chart”.

2. Who will access my information?

- Team members that play a role in supporting you and your health.

3. Where is the information stored?

- On a large local server.

4. How is Privacy and Confidentiality protected?

- Team members only access information needed for your care.
- All employees are bound by a confidentiality agreement.
- All employees receive training and education on appropriate access: team members access information appropriate to fulfill their role and functions in the delivery of your care.
- Audits performed regularly: review of chart access, in which access to the chart can be tracked second by second.
- Activity in electronic chart can be tracked second by second.

5. Can my chart be audited?

- Yes - audits are done regularly.
- Audits can be done by chart and by team member.
- Activity in electronic chart can be tracked second by second.

6. Why is an electronic medical record more secure than a paper chart?

- No way to track access when information is in paper chart paper in a filing cabinet.
- Electronic charts are password protected require team members to log-in with individual log-in information and personal passwords.