

Electronic Health Record (iEHR)

What is the Interoperable Electronic Health Record (iEHR)?

An Electronic Health Record is a secure and private lifetime record of your key health history and care within the health system. The record will be available electronically to authorized health professionals anywhere, anytime in support of high quality care.

The Interoperable Electronic Health Record (iEHR) is a system that will ensure that your Electronic Health Record will be available to health professionals across the NWT if and when they need it.

How will this benefit me?

When NWT health professionals have access to your Electronic Health Record, they can make more timely clinical decisions, based on comprehensive information about your medical history. Systems that allow electronic sharing of health records are improving health care across Canada.

How far back will my Electronic Health Record go?

The Electronic Health Record will initially contain text reports from Stanton Hospital (i.e. consultations, discharge summaries, operative procedures, and delivery summaries) and laboratory results from Stanton, Hay River and Inuvik laboratories as well as those referred by NWT to DynaLife Laboratory in Alberta. This information will be available from June 30, 2009 and forward in time. As more electronic information is added to the EHR, information from those systems will also be available as of the dates they get connected.

What will my Electronic Health Record include?

Your Electronic Health Record will include only information that will assist clinicians in providing care, such as demographic information, laboratory results, diagnostic imaging reports, clinical reports, and medical event history information.

Who can view my Electronic Health Record?

Only authorized health professionals will have access to your records, just as they do now. Just as with a traditional health record, you can request a copy of your electronic health record from your health professional.

What are you doing to make sure my record is private and secure?

Information will be housed in a fully-protected data centre that follows best practices used across Canada. Only authorized health professionals will be able to access your information, and only using secure methods.

Will the iEHR be available from outside of Yellowknife?

Information is fed into the repository for the iEHR from the four acute care facilities in the NWT: Yellowknife, Hay River, Inuvik, and Fort Smith. Authorized health professionals will be able to access the iEHR from anywhere, regardless of location.