

Factsheet

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A shared health summary represents the patient's health status at a point in time. Shared health summaries may include information about a patient's medical history, including:

- Medical conditions- Problems
- Medical conditions- Diagnoses
- Medications
- Allergies and adverse reactions
- Immunisations
- Procedures

A shared health summary can only be authored by a patient's nominated healthcare provider (as defined in the *My Health Records Act 2012*). A nominated healthcare provider can be:

- a registered medical practitioner; or
- a registered nurse; or
- an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner

Before uploading an SHS the healthcare provider must read and agree to the three statements:



The screenshot shows a digital interface for a healthcare provider. At the top, there is a box containing three statements to be read and agreed to:

- I am the patient's nominated healthcare provider in accordance with the My Health Records Act 2012.
- I am providing ongoing care to this patient.
- I have prepared this Shared Health Summary in consultation with the patient.

Below the statements is a 'Show Details' button. At the bottom of the interface, there are four buttons: 'Save and Upload to My Health Record', 'Print', 'Close', and 'Help'.

Under the *My Health Records Act*, healthcare professionals are authorised to upload information to the My Health Record system. Generally, this means you do not need to obtain consent prior to uploading information to the system, however, **best practice** is to ask for consent to upload.

A patient can request that certain information is not uploaded to their record, and healthcare professionals must comply with these requests.

Four things to help you decide if you should send a SHS;

1. Are you completing a patient assessment such as an adult or child health check?
2. Are you the persons usual health care provider?
3. Does the patient have comorbidities?
4. Do you have important information or changes to a patient's medical conditions, medications, allergies and adverse reactions or immunisations that are beneficial to share?