UW Health is proud to participate in the electronic exchange of health care information along with other Wisconsin and national health care facilities using the Epic electronic health record.

Electronic Health Information Exchange

Now your health information can be where you are

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1. How will I benefit from electronic exchange of health information?

If you agree to electronic release of your health information, the health care team will have more complete information about you. This will help them better meet your health care needs in a safe, effective and timely manner.

2. How long is this authorization valid?

Your consent for electronic release of your health information will remain in effect until this phase of care is complete. The information received by any of the participating health care organizations may also be used to provide care for you in the future.

Each health care organization will use and maintain the information according to its own policies and practices. The participating organizations may re-disclose some or all of the information as permitted by law, if it pertains to your health care. By signing this authorization, you indicate your understanding that information released because of this authorization may be re-released as permitted by law.

3. What information will be shared electronically?

The information available depends on each organization’s electronic health record system. It may include:

- Allergies
- Medications
- Medical, Surgical, Family and Social History
- Immunizations
- Records from visits with your doctor
- Records from your Emergency Room or Hospital Stays
- Test Results (including HIV)
- Diagnoses (including HIV)
- Procedures

Note: You may be asked to sign a second authorization to allow the release of treatment records about services for mental health, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, drug dependence, or substance abuse. This is because Wisconsin law requires your specific consent for the release of these types of treatment records.

4. Can I choose the organizations that may be contacted to release information electronically?

Yes. We will obtain information only from the organizations that you name in the signed authorization.

Note: When you name an organization, all of the health care locations of that organization are included.

5. Who can view my information at the facility?

Health care professionals involved in your care.

6. If I change the authorization in any way, will my information be electronically shared?

No, it will not be shared electronically. Wisconsin law allows exchange of general health care records for purposes of treatment without your consent. Your records may be obtained through a paper process.

7. Is there a cost for me associated with sharing my information electronically?

No.

8. Can I receive a copy of the records that were obtained electronically for this visit?

Yes. You will need to contact the organization(s) that supplied the information about your care. You may be charged a fee.

9. As a legally authorized representative for the patient, am I able to sign the authorization for the electronic exchange of the records?

Yes.