



National Children's
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CHILD DIGITAL HEALTH RECORD DIGITAL BABY BOOKS

What is it?

A child's important health and development information is captured in different paper books across Australia (for example, the Blue Book in NSW or the Red Book in Queensland). Parents or carers must carry this vital information between various healthcare appointments but these books are often forgotten or misplaced, making it difficult for healthcare providers to access the information needed to provide safe, high-quality care at the time of presentation.



**Child Digital
Health Record
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Imagine a solution that harmonises and digitises the child health information captured in the baby books across all states and territories into a single, secure, national and more comprehensive digital health record.

This is the Child Digital Health Record (CDHR) – a user-friendly solution designed to meet the needs of families and healthcare providers (for whom the record will be sourced from, and displayed within, existing clinical systems).

The CDHR will provide features over time including:

- Birth details and newborn health checks;
- Child health check information;
- Immunisations;
- Growth charts; and
- Development milestones.

How will it benefit you?

The foundational phase of the CDHR was to harmonise the various paper-based records of child health checks in Australia (the 'baby books') into one national data set. The second phase, involving using data from a structured Child Health Check Assessment Form for the GP or Community Health worker to enter critical child health and developmental information, will be released later in 2020.

Once released, the CDHR will:

- Empower parents to have easier access to, and better control of, their child's health information;
- Create a comprehensive, easily accessible digital record that can't be misplaced or left at home;
- Track key childhood milestones and health interventions such as immunisations;
- Support better integration and coordination of care for children and young people;

- Minimise the risks associated with double-handling of information; and
- Enhance the overall safety and quality of care that a child receives.

If you are a health practitioner, once the CDHR is released it will support you to provide more efficient clinical care by:

- Providing easy access to updated and complete patient information – when and where it is needed;
- Reducing the time spent gathering information from other providers;
- Enabling collaborative decision-making; and
- Identifying children who are not following appropriate pathways

Who is involved?

- All jurisdictions (led by NSW in partnership with Victoria); and
- Trial sites in Western NSW and Western Sydney Local Health Districts (and surrounding GPs and community health services).



What is it?

A secure and comprehensive national digital health record that will compile a child's health information in a single, easy-to-use app.

How does it benefit parents?

CDHR empowers parents to have easier access to, and better control over, their child's health information.

How does it benefit healthcare providers?

CDHR provides clinicians with easy and secure access to updated and complete patient information – when and where it is needed.