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New My Health Record pathology training modules as more labs are uploading patient test results

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) and Australian Digital Health Agency launched new My Health Record Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at the [Pathology Update 2021](#).

To enable healthcare providers to get maximum value from My Health Record and increase the number of test results uploaded for viewing by GPs and their patients, RCPA and the Agency developed the CPD modules for the estimated 35,000 people employed in pathology in Australia.

Dr Michael Dray, pathologist and RCPA President said, “Pathology services range from diagnostic testing and monitoring of chronic diseases to cutting-edge genetic research and blood transfusion technologies. Pathology is integral to the diagnosis of every cancer and Australians are becoming more familiar accessing their own test results in My Health Record.”

“This new education resource will help pathologists, scientists and other laboratory team members to develop a comprehensive understanding of My Health Record.”

The two modules of the eLearning course provide an overview of My Health Record and its use in pathology and obligations with respect to privacy, security and access.

Amanda Cattermole, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Digital Health Agency, welcomed the support of the College with the development of the training course.

“There are more than 110 million pathology reports currently available in My Health Record and each month more and more consumers are viewing their own information with nearly 720,000 pathology reports viewed by consumers in May alone,” she said.

Ms Cattermole said Australian consumers are making it really clear that they want their pathology information in My Health Record and this new training course will enable more awareness across the sector.

Pathology staff [can access the new training course here](#).

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About the Australian Digital Health Agency

When it comes to improving the health of all Australians, the role of digital innovation and connection is a vital part of a modern, accessible healthcare system. Against the backdrop of COVID-19, digital health has seen exponential growth in relevance and importance, making it more pertinent than ever for all Australians and healthcare providers.

Better patient healthcare and health outcomes are possible when you have a health infrastructure that can be safely accessed, easily used and responsibly shared.

To achieve this, the [National Digital Health Strategy](#) is establishing the foundations for a sustainable health system that constantly improves. It underpins and coordinates work that is already happening between governments, healthcare providers, consumers, innovators and the technology industry.

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