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Queensland, Northern NSW and Tasmanian consumers can now access a pathology lab that uploads reports to My Health Record

Consumers across Queensland and Tasmania as well as Northern New South Wales can now access a pathology lab that shares reports with My Health Record.

QML Pathology General Manager, Kerri McPhie, announced that QML, IQ Pathology and TML Pathology are sharing reports with consumers and healthcare providers in My Health Record.

"Consumers in <u>Queensland and Northern NSW</u> can take any pathology request form to one of more than 500 QML collection centres from Port Douglas to Ballina, and we will send a copy of their report to My Health Record."

"For consumers in Tasmania, their reports are sent to My Health Record from our 22 <u>TML collection centres</u> that service the state's north from Burnie to Launceston, and in the south in and around Hobart."

Healius Pathology Chief Executive, John McKechnie, is pleased to see labs connecting to My Health Record across the country.

"We are planning to complete our national My Health Record connections in Western Australia and Northern Territory in the new year, and this is something we are excited about and will see all our laboratories and business connected."

Amanda Cattermole, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Digital Health Agency, said "Across Australia pathology labs are now uploading over 1.6 million reports each week into My Health Record for their patients, with further growth expected due to the latest connection by the Healius labs in Queensland and Tasmania."

"Once uploaded to My Health Record patients' pathology reports are being viewed by both healthcare providers and consumers, with 1.35 million viewed by consumers in August."

"This makes it easier for hospitals, GPs and specialists to see test results and means consumers no longer have to keep hard copies of reports to carry around whenever they see one of their healthcare providers."

"This is possible because Australia is replacing traditional paper and phone-based care models with a digital-first approach."

"To support consumers by having all their key personal COVID related information in one safe place, My Health Record is being continually upgraded. When you log into My Health Record you can already access your COVID-19 vaccination details and the proof of vaccination certificate," she noted.

My Health Record is a safe and secure place for your key healthcare information. With an up-to-date record, your vital health information can be accessed by you and your healthcare providers at any time to make informed decisions about your treatment and care.

For the <u>latest statistics on My Health Record</u> go to: <u>www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/my-health-record/statistics</u>

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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 <u>National Digital Health Strategy</u> 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.

For further information: www.digitalhealth.gov.au.

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