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## Queensland's largest private radiology provider uploads reports to My Health Record

Queensland X-Ray, part of Sonic Healthcare, is now sending diagnostic imaging reports to My Health Record from their network of more than 50 practices, servicing communities around Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Toowoomba, the Gold Coast, Ipswich and Brisbane.

Many of their patients have been asking about My Health Record and Queensland X-Ray, the state's largest private radiology provider, is pleased to now be uploading reports.

This means that patients, GPs and specialists using Queensland X-Ray can view diagnostic imaging reports quickly and easily online, along with emergency department staff if a patient has to go to hospital. It avoids unnecessary repeat images when the latest report is not easily accessible, and the days of faxing results are over. This digital solution can help fast-track care and save lives in an emergency.

Amanda Cattermole, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Digital Health Agency, congratulated Queensland X-Ray.

"This is good news for local consumers and for healthcare providers because Australians want to access their medical information online," she said.

"We have all seen first-hand how COVID-19 has been a catalyst for healthcare providers and consumers to use and build their trust in digital health."

"In addition to checking their immunisation records and pathology reports, consumers viewed 224,000 diagnostic imaging reports in My Health Record in August."

Ms Cattermole said significant progress in the development and introduction of digital health technologies was continuing to deliver a better-connected healthcare system.

"A key part of this is the government's investment of more than \$300 million for enhancements to My Health Record, which is continually being upgraded," she said.

My Health Record has your key health information in one safe place. You can now also access your COVID-19 vaccination details and the proof of vaccination certificate along with your pathology results.

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.

An updated list of diagnostic imaging and pathology organisations sharing reports with My Health Record is available at <a href="https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/my-health-record/pathology-and-diagnostic-imaging-providers-uploading-to-my-health-record/">https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/my-health-record/</a>pathology-and-diagnostic-imaging-providers-uploading-to-my-health-record

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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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