



# how to join

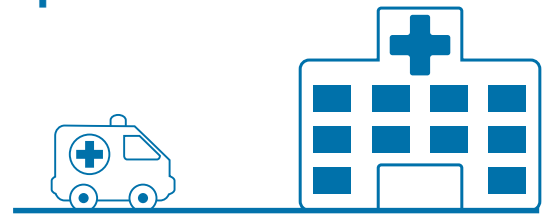
**Wherever you go...**

**Your doctors are connected. Your records are protected.**

## Your Health Information Can Save You In An Emergency

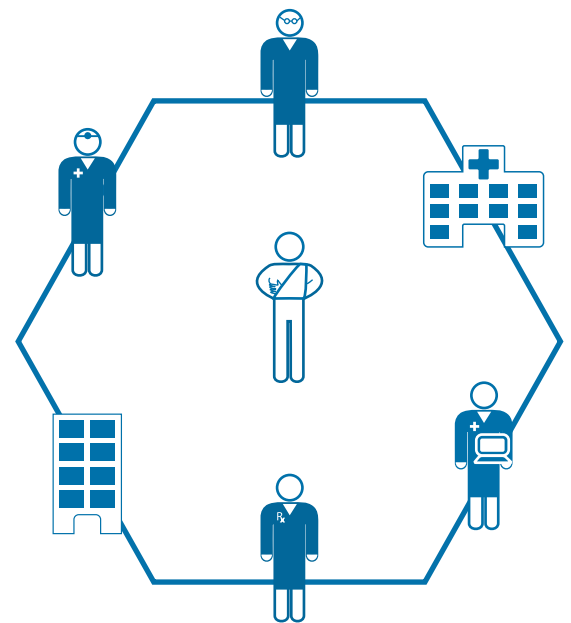
In an emergency, it's important your doctor has your past medical records.

By giving your permission to share your health records, your doctors can securely access your medications, allergies, diagnoses, lab results and images through Greater Houston Healthconnect.



## Your Signature Lets Your Records Follow You

Healthconnect is the regional health information network created to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of care for everyone. Your secure health records can follow you wherever you go!



## Privacy & Security

Healthconnect is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your health information at all times. State and federal guidelines are in place to protect you. Healthconnect's policies and procedures comply with all HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)) and Federal and State laws concerning the protection of patient information.

# patient **FAQs**

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## **What is an HIN?**

A health information network is a system of electronic health records designed to link all providers in a specific region. With this network your patient information moves electronically between the physicians, hospitals, labs and pharmacies that you visit.

## **Who is able to see my health information?**

Only members of your health team will have access to your information in the health information network. This may include doctors, nurses, medical assistants, pharmacist and other clinical staff involved in your care.

## **How can I find out if my doctor or local hospital is taking part in Healthconnect's network?**

Visit our Connected Providers page at [www.ghhconnect.org/#/connected-providers](http://www.ghhconnect.org/#/connected-providers) to see a full list of participating provider. New providers are joining the system all the time.

## **What if I receive care at a health care organization that is not participating in Healthconnect's network?**

Only providers participating in Healthconnect's health information network can access and update your HIN records. However, Healthconnect's goal is to have all providers in the Greater Houston area connected in the future.

## **Do I need to do anything to participate in the regional health information network? Is there a fee?**

If your provider is already connected to the health information network then you will have the option to "opt-in" during your office visit. Patients will complete the "opt-in" process by signing a form in their provider's office. There is no fee for patients to participate in the HIN.

## **What if I change my mind about participating in the HIN?**

If at anytime you change your mind about participating in the health information network you can "opt-out." Opting-out will prevent providers from accessing records outside of their office with the Healthconnect network. Patients may opt-out by signing an opt-out form (available online at [ghhconnect.org](http://ghhconnect.org)) with their providers.