

EXPLAINING PATIENT AUTHORIZATION

Participation is Your Choice

Healthconnect's Health Information Network (HIN) is a secure electronic system of health records designed to link hospitals, physicians and healthcare providers in a 20 county region for patient safety and convenience.

How Does It Work?

FIRST	NEXT	LATER
<p>Current Participating Provider Informs The Network</p> <p>With your authorization, your participating provider will notify Healthconnect that you want to participate.</p>	<p>Information Available to Other Providers You Visit</p> <p>Healthcare providers you see at other clinics and hospitals that participate in Healthconnect will have access to your information.</p>	<p>You Can Change Your Mind at Any Time</p> <p>If you no longer wish to participate you can remove yourself from Healthconnect. No provider going forward will be able to see records through Healthconnect.</p>

All or Nothing

Some patients may ask, "What happens to my data if I choose not to connect?" If a patient does not authorize participation with Healthconnect then his or her data will continued to be shared in other ways authorized by your office (fax, phone, mail, etc.), but none of the data will be available with Healthconnect.

Furthermore, when a patient signs an authorization form, all medical information about that patient will be available for exchange by the participating providers who care for that patient. Information cannot be selectively excluded at the request of the patient.

This document is intended to be a resource for providers and staff members to answer questions and inform patients about participating with Healthconnect.