

Health Information Privacy Statement

I understand the following:

1. This practice holds a contract for general practice services with Tū Ora Compass Health PHO, which is a not for profit organisation contracted to support the delivery of high quality primary care services.
2. By enrolling with this Practice, I become part of the Tū Ora Compass Health PHO enrolled population. The information I have provided on the Practice Enrolment Form will be shared with Tū Ora Compass Health PHO and the Ministry of Health in order to establish my eligibility for subsidised health care. Enrolment information may also be shared with other government agencies such as Immigration NZ (where this is relevant to my enrolment eligibility) and Ministry of Social Development (where this is relevant to additional subsidies eligibility).
3. Health information about me such as medical diagnoses, laboratory test results, radiology test requests, prescribed medications, immunisations given, screening investigations such as breast screening, and other clinical and administrative data will be shared with Tū Ora Compass Health PHO who may use it to:
 - a. Provide quality improvement feedback to GPs and nurses and others in my practice
 - b. Plan, deliver, fund, monitor, and improve health services
 - c. Contact me directly or via the Practice in relation to services I have used, or may wish to use.
4. The health information about me that is shared with the Tū Ora Compass Health PHO may change from time to time. Any information collection changes are overseen by a Tū Ora Compass Health PHO governance process and changes will be posted to the Tū Ora Compass Health PHO website.
5. My health data may be shared with external health agencies, where this is relevant to a publicly funded national or regional programme, including Breast Screening, Bowel Screening, Immunisation, Diabetes.
6. I have the right to access (and have corrected) my health information from my Practice and/or the Tū Ora Compass Health PHO under Rules 6 and 7 of the Health Information Privacy Code 2020.
7. My Health Information will only be held so long as is necessary for Tū Ora Compass Health PHO to perform its duties.
8. Members of my health team may add to my health record during any services provided to me and may share relevant health information with other health professionals who are involved in my care.
9. An electronic "Shared Care Record" allows authorised health care providers such as afterhours GPs and hospital clinicians access to a summary of information from my Practice, including laboratory test results, medical conditions, allergies, and prescribed medications. I can choose to opt out of the electronic Shared Care Record by telling my Practice, but if I choose to withhold my information, clinicians involved in my care may not immediately have important health information available when providing care to me.
10. If I visit a GP at another Practice who is not my regular doctor, I may be asked for permission to share information from the visit with my regular GP or practice. If I am under 18 or have a High User Health Card or Community Services Card and I visit another GP who is not my regular doctor, he/she can make a claim for a subsidy, and the Practice I am enrolled in will be informed of the date of that visit. The name of the Practice I visited and the reason(s) for the visit will not be disclosed unless I give my consent.
11. If my Practice is audited, my health information may be reviewed by an auditor for checking a financial claim made by the Practice. I may be contacted by the auditor to check that I have received services. If the audit involves checking health information, an appropriately qualified health care practitioner will view the health records.
12. My health information may be used for health research, but only if this has been approved by an Ethics Committee and will not be used or published in a way that can identify me. I understand that I may also be contacted and asked to consent to participate in research and that if I decline to participate this will not affect the care I receive.
13. I understand that individuals and organisations that may have access to my health information are subject to the Health Information Privacy Code, and are required to keep my information secure.

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For more information on health information collected by Tū Ora Compass Health PHO see: tuora.org.nz