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New training modules for clinical radiologists to increase number of test results on My Health Record

The latest statistics from January 2020 show that 43% of pathology and diagnostic imaging practices are connected to my Health Record. To enable providers to get maximum value from My Health Record and increase the number of test results uploaded for viewing by GPs and their patients, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) and Australian Digital Health Agency (Agency) have launched My Health Record Continuing Professional Development (CPD) modules for clinical radiologists and imaging practices.

Over 2019 the Agency's focus was on GPs and pharmacists as primary healthcare providers and to date 90% are registered and over 70% are now actively using My Health Record. The Agency is working closely with other key healthcare provider groups such as clinical radiologists, to increase use of My Health Record so that both consumers and healthcare providers can view this important health information.

This new education resource will help clinical radiologists and other members of an individual's healthcare team to develop a comprehensive understanding of My Health Record and how to navigate the system.

Dr Lance Lawler, RANZCR President said, "Clinical information in radiology reports supports decision making across the whole healthcare system. This learning module is a key building block towards seamless access to clinical radiology reports for other members of an individual's healthcare team. It will assist clinical radiologists in understanding how My Health Record can ensure more healthcare providers can access their medical expertise.


I would like to thank the RANZCR e-Health Reference Group, and particularly its chair, Dr Nick Ferris, for their commitment to developing this module."

The five modules of the My Health Record eLearning course cover:

1. Introduction to the system – how to navigate key features and functionalities, how to explain the benefits and how usage can complement local record-keeping to improve patient health
2. Clinical documents and patient-entered information – outlines the types of clinical information found in the system and how each might help inform a decision on clinical care
3. Viewing and uploading to the system – the basic principles for viewing, amending and uploading information and the clinical significance of uploading high quality data
4. Privacy, security and consent – outlines obligations for maintaining patient privacy and the security practices needed to meet them, available security features, the patient consent process and how they relate to the use of My Health Record
5. Supporting patient use of My Health Record – how patients can manage the privacy and security of their record, how to address patient concerns, how patients can cancel their record and what happens with the contents

Bettina McMahon, Interim CEO of the Agency congratulated RANZCR and those involved in the development of the CPD training.

"I would like to thank the College executive team for their leadership in developing this education resource.



Including My Health Record into professional development programs shows that healthcare professionals are embracing digital tools and valuing ongoing professional development to help them make the most of data when providing healthcare. These CPD programs demonstrate that the My Health Record and digital tools more generally are becoming a routine part of delivering care in our complex health system.

Working with medical colleges and other health professional organisations to develop capabilities to deliver better health and care outcomes is a priority for the Agency.”

The training resource which is available at <https://training.digitalhealth.gov.au/> will be open for use by all staff working in diagnostic imaging practices. The module can be claimed under *CPD Category 3.2 Web-based Learning* which earns 1 CPD point per hour.

The latest update to the published My Health Record statistics report there are over 1.7 billion documents in more than 13 million My Health Records, including over 50 million clinical documents uploaded by clinical radiologists, hospitals, and pathologists.

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