Electronic Health Records: How they connect you and your doctors

Where We Were

There was a lot of paper. Most doctors didn’t use electronics; so the exchange of information between these following health care providers may not have been possible:
- Your doctor and a pharmacy
- Your doctor and a hospital
- Your doctor and a hospital
- Your doctor and a hospital provider
- Your doctor and a hospital

Where We Are Now

Many doctors are using electronic health records.

80%
 Doctors, labs, pharmacies, and hospitals can access patient health records electronically.

65%
 Patients and doctors can communicate via secure email.

E-health tools and mobile devices can help you better manage your personal health and wellness.

What can you do with access to your health record?

Having access to your electronic medical record can help you better manage your health.

80%
 Americans who have access to their medical history via the internet.

65%
 Access to medical history.

How your medical history should be used:
- Making a doctor’s appointment
- Your health records
- Requesting a refill
- Reviewing your medical history
- Checking lab results

What Does This Mean For You?

How technology will improve your health:

- Less paperwork
- Easy, electronic access to your records
- Better care coordination among health care providers
- Faster, more accurate prescriptions
- Faster, more accurate referrals
- Better control over your health

Remember to ask your health care providers if they use and provide access to electronic health records.

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