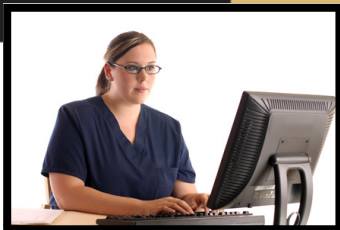


## About TAS eHealth Directory



### What is the TAS eHealth Directory?

The TAS eHealth Directory (the Directory) provides a secure and accurate source of information about where health care providers work and how they can most effectively be contacted.

The directory currently includes all GP's in Tasmania and is now being expanded to include contact details for other health providers groups such as specialists, allied health professionals and aged care facilities. This will ultimately make the Directory a central and authoritative source of health care provider contact details to enable secure communication of patient information across Tasmania.

### What is the TAS eHealth Directory used for?

The primary purpose of the Directory is to support the efficient transfer of clinical information such as referrals from one health care provider to another. The Directory is also used to communicate public health alerts (e.g. outbreaks of communicable diseases, food poisoning etc) and to distribute clinical information about patients such as discharge summaries.

### What benefits will the TAS eHealth Directory offer?

- A single secure Directory of healthcare providers that supports referrals and clinical communications;
- Is available via the web free of charge to all providers and supports referrals and clinical communications;
- Enables more appropriate referrals;
- Facilitates more timely and accurate distribution of patients' clinical information from hospitals and other health care facilities such as discharge summaries and event notifications.
- Saves time—providers will only need to update their contact details once whenever they relocate to notify all other health care providers listed on the Directory; and

- Enables public health alerts to be distributed more efficiently.

### Do I have to pay to be listed on the TAS eHealth Directory?

No, there are no costs to register with the TAS eHealth Directory.

### Who has access to the TAS eHealth Directory?

Any health related organisation (e.g. aged care facilities, hospitals) or health care provider delivering patient care who has a need to communicate with other organisations or other providers about their patients will have access to the Directory. The Directory will provide a single trusted source of contact details for providers of health care in Tasmania.

There is also a public online version available on the TAS eHealth website. This contains basic yellow pages contact information and has a service directory available for practices to populate if they wish.

Currently the Directory enables secure electronic communication from Hospital facilities directly to GP's. In the future it will enable this process for all health providers. For example the ability to receive electronic treatment summaries and progress notes from the Holman clinic at the RHH.

### Who owns the TAS eHealth Directory?

The TAS eHealth Directory is an initiative of General Practice Tasmania sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services.



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