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Privacy of personal health information

All information collected by this practice is deemed to be private and confidential. The right of every patient is respected.

This practice complies with federal and state/territory privacy regulations including the *Privacy Act 1988* and *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012* as well as complying with standards set out in the *RACGP Privacy and managing health information in general practice*. The *RACGP Privacy and managing health information in general practice guideline* is available through the RACGP.

‘Personal health information’ is a particular subset of personal information and can include any information collected about a person in order to provide a health service.

The information we collect about a patient can include medical details, family information, name, address, employment and other demographic data, past medical and social history, current health issues and future medical care, Medicare number, accounts details, and any health information such as a medical or personal opinion about a person’s health, disability or health status.

Personal health information also includes the formal health record (written or electronic) and information held or recorded on any other medium (e.g. letter, facsimile, electronic, verbal).