

“Caring and Sharing”

The quest to develop a strategy for the sharing of electronic patient records

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For the past year, Health Informatics New Zealand (HINZ) has been endeavouring to stimulate debate re the development of a national electronic health records strategy. Development of a viable information sharing strategy is becoming more and more important to the New Zealand health sector. On one hand the pressure on the system to develop safe, reliable and easy to use mechanisms for sharing patient information is mounting. On the other hand we are becoming more and more aware of the complexities and challenges of doing so.

At our fourth and final seminar on this topic we are very fortunate to have confirmed the attendance of Professor Trisha Greenhalgh (via video conference). Professor Greenhalgh is one of the world’s foremost authorities on shared electronic health records. Professor Greenhalgh led a team of researchers looking at the British National Health Service’s Summary Care Records Project which reported its findings in May 2008.

We have also confirmed the attendance of Karen Gibson, General Manager Clinical Information – NEHTA (The Australian National e-Health Transition Agency). Also speaking will be Dr Zoran Bolevich, Group Manager of Information Strategy and Architecture, New Zealand Ministry of Health. Zoran is leading the Ministry’s review of the Health Information Strategy and he is very influential in shaping the New Zealand EHR Agenda.

We have also invited Brian Rousseau. Brian is CEO of two of New Zealand’s District Health Boards; he has a strong interest in the practical application of information technology.

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Background Reading

For those intending to attend, the following background reading is recommended:

The Greenhalgh Report: Summary Care Record Early Adopter Programme

<http://www.healthlink.net/Documents/Reports/Greenhalgh.pdf>

BMJ Article: Introducing Shared Electronic Health Records – coauthored by Prof Trisha Greenhalgh

<http://www.healthlink.net/Documents/Articles/BMJ.pdf>

Invited Speakers

Professor Trisha Greenhalgh

Professor Trisha Greenhalgh is a non-principal GP in north London and Professor of Primary Health Care at University College London, where she has worked since 1986. Her diverse research interests include complex innovation in healthcare, especially the introduction and assimilation of 'networked' electronic health records. Professor Greenhalgh led a team of researchers looking at the British National Health Service's Summary Care Records Project which reported its findings in May 2008.

Karen Gibson

Karen Gibson is the General Manager, Clinical Information for the Australian National eHealth Transition Authority (NEHTA). Karen has established the National Terminology Service and contributed to international work, including establishment of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation, of which she is currently Deputy Chair. In her current role she is responsible for a range of strategic initiatives, including secondary uses of eHealth information and international liaison on eHealth issues.

Dr Zoran Bolevich

Zoran Bolevich is Group Manager for the Information Strategy and Architecture Group within the Ministry of Health's Information Directorate. In this role, he is responsible for formulating and implementing a Health Information Strategy for New Zealand, in conjunction with the wider health sector and the Ministry of Health.

Brian Rousseau (invited)

Brian Rousseau is the Chief Executive Officer of Otago District Health Board and Southland District Health Board. Brian joined the New Zealand health services from the South African pharmaceutical industry in 1994. A Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Business Administration graduate, Brian has a special interest in development of sustainable rural healthcare delivery models, with particular emphasis on human resources development and quality systems.