

SA Health's patient electronic medical record (Sunrise EMR)

South Australia's patient electronic medical record is a state-based system called Sunrise EMR & PAS (Sunrise EMR). The system is used at many [public hospitals and healthcare facilities](#) where it replaces the need for paper-based medical records, and delivers many benefits to patients and healthcare workers.

This fact sheet outlines some of the advantages of the electronic medical record for patients and healthcare workers. External healthcare providers like GPs and community pharmacists can find more information at the SA Health website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sunrise.

Benefits for patients

There are many benefits to having one electronic medical record:

- > With the same system in use at more public healthcare facilities in South Australia, patients may experience improved consistencies in administrative and clinical processes along the patient journey.
- > Safer care as a result of healthcare workers having immediate access to your medical records and history as you move between healthcare sites.
- > A link between Sunrise and the federal government's My Health Record allows your GP to access details about your hospital treatment to provide you with follow-up care. You will need to have a My Health Record and give consent to your GP for this to happen.
- > Improved security and confidentiality. Unlike paper documentation, Sunrise EMR makes a record every time a patient's medical information is accessed or viewed including any changes made and by whom.
- > More efficient care from healthcare workers who can immediately access your medical record at the time and place of treatment from any Sunrise-networked facility.

Benefits for clinicians

There are also benefits of the electronic medical record for clinicians and their patients:

- > Clinical handover is streamlined and more efficient. On commencing a shift, patient medical information is immediately available electronically.
- > Receive real-time clinical information to help with decision making, and monitoring patients' movement and progress across a healthcare site.
- > Improved legibility of patient notes and pharmaceutical prescriptions.
- > Opportunities to contribute to the continuous improvement of Sunrise EMR via a formal governance process.
- > Coordination of healthcare services is improved due to increased timeliness and accuracy of patient information.
- > Receive a more complete picture of each patient including linking history for diagnosis, treatment, medication ordering, and care planning.
- > Order diagnostic tests, and review and discuss results on-screen at your patient's bedside.
- > With previous diagnostic results readily available, there may be a reduced need to repeat certain tests.
- > Improved collaboration. Multiple clinicians can access the same patient record simultaneously from [Sunrise-networked healthcare sites](#).



Would you like to know more?

Visit the SA Health website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sunrise to view:

- > The public hospitals and healthcare sites in South Australia using Sunrise EMR.
- > System [training requirements](#) for SA Health and agency staff, GPs, and students.
- > What an electronic medical record means for access to [patient paper medical records](#).
- > Information for community pharmacists about improvements to medication management and how to interpret [electronically generated prescriptions](#).
- > Information for GPs about Sunrise EMR and My Health Record as well as referrals and outpatient letters.

For more information

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