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MedView and eRx a winning eHealth team

And now for stage two in the PCEHR

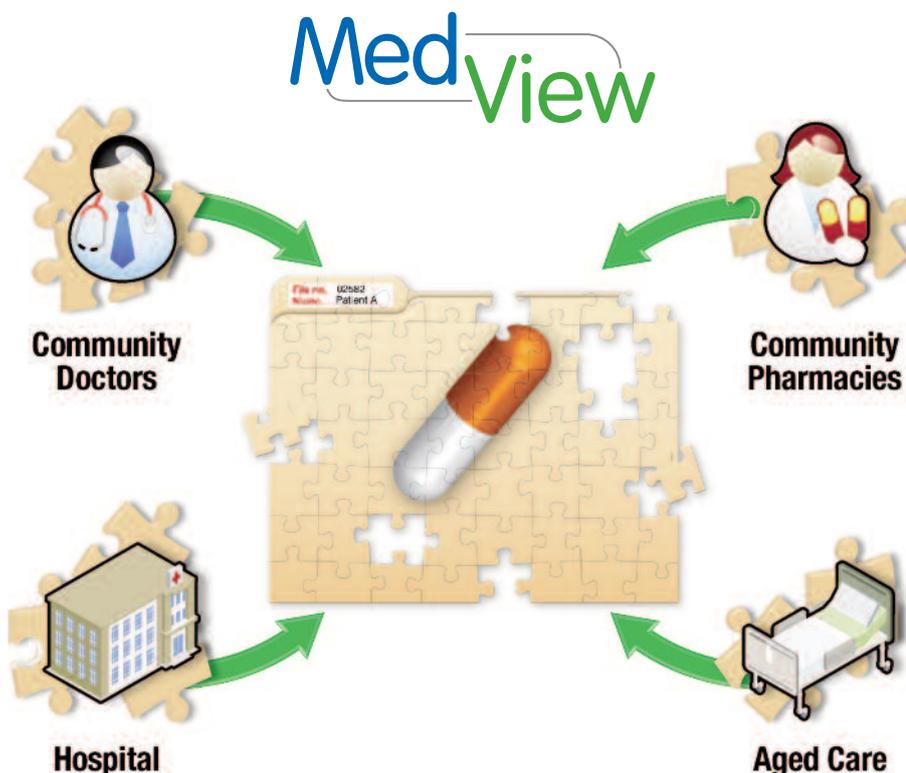
The vital role of eScripts in eHealth has again been highlighted with the successful completion of the first phase of MedView in June.

MedView is a national medicines repository containing prescribed and dispensed records from the acute, aged care and primary health care settings. MedView was funded as a trial site by the Australian Government to demonstrate how PCEHR functionality will work.

This first phase of MedView involved creation of the medicines repository itself. This involved a fabulous example of cooperation between GPs, pharmacy, hospitals, and aged care in the Barwon region of Victoria as well as between Australia's Health IT vendors.

Importantly, as a result, health care practitioners in the Barwon Region of Victoria saw substantial improvements in the visibility of their patient's health care information.

“ 190 of 198 pharmacies across the project trial areas agreed to get on board. ”



What's new

- MedView success
- MedTech launching eRx
- Zedmed dispense notifications
- 3.5 million eScripts weekly
- 500,000 uploads by GPs weekly

The statistics during the three-month trial speak volumes:

- 10,046 patients had their medications information shared electronically between their care team
- 149,000 records were created
- 190 of 198 pharmacies (95%) got on board

In other words, the health care team was able to view a more complete and up-to-date record of their patient's prescribed and dispensed records.

Improvements in discharge and medications management will result, as practicing pharmacist and CEO of Fred IT, Paul Naismith, emphasised. "This is good news for patients and their care teams, as healthcare providers will be able to access a more complete and up-to-date record of their patient's health care picture.

With the successful completion of this first phase, MedView will now be transitioned to Australia's national infrastructure under the PCEHR as the National Medications Repository (NMR). Pharmacy and GP vendors are currently integrating with the PCEHR which means that health care professionals will have access to the PCEHR for patients who elect to have a personal eHealth record. This will ensure the benefits of better medications management become available on a national scale moving ahead.

The success of MedView also underscores the importance of the eHealth care team collaborating on eHealth initiatives and being able to view and update patient records.

eRx Script Exchange provided the vital link by enabling consented data to be securely shared with the national repository.

If you haven't already, registering for eRx is vital in becoming part of the collaborative eHealth team of tomorrow.

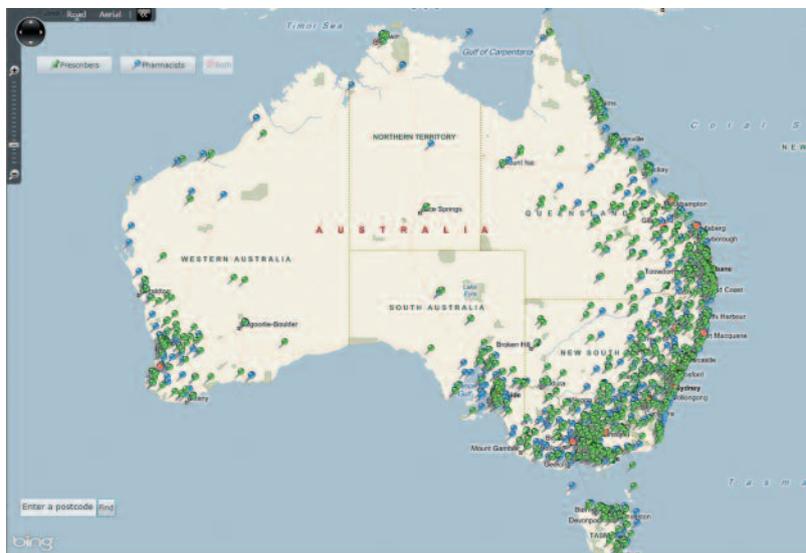
eRx eScripts and eHealth growing, growing, growing

Did you know that every week in Australia, 3.5 million dispense events take place with the support of eRx? And that every week, GPs upload 500,000 new scripts to eRx?

This means that 60% of all dispensing across Australia is powered through eRx. With 13,500 doctors and 3,200 pharmacies having used eRx eScripts, the secure electronic sharing of accurate and up-to-date patient health records that underpins eHealth is growing apace.

Australia's health care users are the clear winners here. Every new eScript transmitted contributes to a more accurate and faster dispensing experience. In other words, a safer experience for patients, with reduced risk of medication misadventures.

For the bigger picture of personal eHealth records, every new eScript also contributes to the quantity of



information potentially available in the PCEHR. Health care professionals across community, aged care and hospital settings will be able to see and contribute to a more up-to-date patient record.

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medtech launching eRx eScripts

Australian GP users of popular clinical software MedTech32 will have improved medication management at their fingertips with the launch of eRx eScripts in version 9 of the software this month.

Beta testing was successfully completed in June.

According to MedTech General Manager & Chief Technology Officer, Rama Kumble, "Australia is fast catching up with the eHealth revolution worldwide, and MedTech Global is committed to ensuring that its users stay at the forefront of these changes, wherever they practice."

"With successful beta testing under our belt, the launch of eRx eScripts will enable our GPs to electronically communicate health information efficiently and securely straight from the desktop.



Rama Kumble, MedTech.

Practicing pharmacist and CEO of Fred IT, Paul Naismith, emphasises, "Fundamental eHealth benefits such as better medicines management all start with eScripts and we applaud MedTech's commitment to staying on the front foot with this important change."

MedTech Global is one of six software companies on the GP Desktop Vendor Panel, funded by DoHA to incorporate NEHTA specified infrastructure components and functionality into their clinical software to help facilitate the transition of Australia's clinical practitioners to eHealth.

Dispense Notifications now in Zedmed

Zedmed GPs can now view their patient's dispensing history with the launch of dispense notification functionality within its eScripts.

Grant Williamson, General Manager, Zedmed, said that this will benefit the company's 9,000 + professionals in high-volume medical sites around Australia by giving them a more complete picture of patient care after patients leave the practice.

"Dispense notifications are useful for patients with chronic disease

management who might forget to regularly take their medication. Similarly, for patients with health issues or sensitive medications who have misplaced a script or forgotten whether a script has been dispensed. You can now very quickly double-check how often their medication is dispensed by looking at the patient's clinical record."



How-to-guides for GPs now available

Guides on setting up and finding your patient's dispense notifications in MD, BP, Zedmed, and MedTech32 software. More to come as these are developed.

Go to our website (www.erx.com.au) to find the guide for your software.



Exhibitions in 2012

Pharmacy

18-21 October – PAC

Pharmacy Australia Congress 2012, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC



Medical

16-20 October – AAPM

Australian Association of Practice Managers, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, QLD

25-27 October – GP12

GP12 – The Conference for General Practice, Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, QLD

16-18 November – GPCE

The General Practitioner Conference and Exhibition 2012, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC



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