



# eRx script exchange

# NEWS

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Australia's first nationwide e-prescription solution



*Seasons Greetings*

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Welcome to the final edition of eRx news for 2009. eRx achieved several major milestones this year, with the goal of national electronic scripts becoming a reality, generating real improvements in patient safety and dispensing and prescribing efficiency.

We thank you for your support, and wish you a safe and happy festive season.

## Amfac and Pharmacy Pro e-scripts live

Amfac dispense and Pharmacy Pro this week completed their integration to eRx and have been accredited to install pharmacy sites. This brings the total to 8 systems installing eRx across Australia. Look out for more details in the New Year.

## WHAT'S NEW

- Dispense vendors Amfac, minfos®, and Pharmacy Pro begin installation
- First scripts passed through HCN's Medical Director prescribing software
- Five largest dispensing providers now installing
- The year ahead

## minfos® goes live

Australian pharmacy management software company minfos® has now been accredited to begin installing eRx sites.



From left: David Freemantle, eRx, presenting Matt Lalor of minfos® with the Accreditation Certificate

According to David Freemantle, National Project Director, eRx, 'We applaud minfos® for their commitment in ensuring that electronic prescriptions are fully integrated with and interoperable across all dispensing software, ensuring that the highest standards of security and interoperability are achieved. As one of our major vendor partners, minfos® has worked extensively with us to achieve accreditation, which means that integration is successfully completed and fully tested to eRx's satisfaction. This is a vital step in ensuring that all pharmacies can dispense electronic scripts, regardless of which software they use.'

Mr Matt Lalor, Manager minfos® said "Pharmacies, doctors, and patients will all benefit from e-prescribing, through improved accuracy of dispensing, faster dispensing, and reductions in prescription fraud.

Since our involvement with the launch of the electronic prescription trial in the Northern Territory last year, we have worked extensively with providers of electronic prescription software to ensure that all electronic prescriptions are fully integrated and seamless within our software. We are very pleased to now be able to begin installation of eRx for our users throughout Australia."

## KEY STATS

- 5.1 million scripts sent to eRx and 1.5 million dispensed
- 3,800+ GP's and pharmacies registered

## 1st script through Medical Director

Medical Director software is on schedule to launch eRx to its subscribers by the end of February, with the first live e-script sent from a Medical Director test site this week.

HCN CEO, John Frost, said, "We have concentrated on ensuring that our GPs and specialists have access to the most robust and reliable form of ePrescribing available. The successful achievement of electronic prescribing through Medical Director this week means that we are on track to make the quality and safety benefits of eRx available to our subscribers from the end of February."

eRx will become available to other Medical Director subscribers through the February software upgrade.

## REGISTER NOW!

[www.ERX.com.au](http://www.ERX.com.au)

Registration is free to doctors and pharmacists, and transaction fees are currently funded for Guild and AFSPA members.

Once you have registered, eRx will pass your registration details onto your software vendor who can progress your installation.

# THE YEAR AHEAD...

2009 has been a significant year for eRx Script Exchange, with the five largest dispensing companies Fred Health, LOTS, Simple Retail, minfos® and AMFAC now installing sites, along with Best Practice.

2010 will also be impressive, with:

- Medical Director set to launch eRx from the end of February
- Zedmed and Genie in development and available for expected release early in the year
- All pharmacies that have registered for eRx set to be installed by early 2010

As the number of GP and pharmacy users continues to grow, eRx will continue to work closely across with industry to achieve the full potential of electronic scripts to underpin the pathway towards independent e-health records. This includes working with Nehta (the National E-Health Transition Authority) on implementation of key e-health initiatives such as the Individual Health Identifier (IHI).

Thank you again to our major vendor partners for working tirelessly to make national electronic prescriptions a reality, as well as for the overwhelming support of pharmacy and medical sites around Australia. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable end of 2009, and look forward to continued innovations in e-health in 2010.

## BACKGROUND

eRx Script Exchange is an industry-driven collaboration established to improve health outcomes for Australians.

Led by Fred Health, it is being developed with the e-health expertise of Simpl New Zealand and Microsoft Australia, and rolled out throughout Australia in collaboration with leading software vendors.

## THOSE INVOLVED SO FAR...

### eRx Vendor Partners



### Endorsement Partners



### Development Partners

