

This practice is participating in the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program

Practice Data & Privacy

The Australian Primary Care Collaboratives (APCC) Program, which is of international significance, will help general practitioners (GPs) and primary health care providers work together to improve patient clinical health outcomes, reduce lifestyle factors, help maintain good health for those with chronic and complex conditions. It will also promote a culture of quality improvement in primary health care.

What Data is collected?

The APCC Program collects aggregated practice level data only, specifically in the areas of diabetes, coronary heart disease and improving patient access to care. A practice participating in the APCC Program will only submit aggregated de-identified patient data (being percentage based measurements) and hence does not include the personal health information of any of the practice's patients.

What is aggregated data?

Aggregated data does not include the personal health information of any of the practice's patients (such as names, addresses, postcodes, phone numbers, clinical information such as medications or Medicare or Dept of Veterans' Affairs numbers.) At no stage can the data be used to identify individual patients.

How will this information be used?

This information will be used to track the progress of participating practices to enable support and advice to be given to guide improvement work. The overall results from the Program will be used to promote widespread quality improvement work in primary care. The APCC Program adopts the National Privacy Principles.

Do Commonwealth privacy laws require practices to obtain patient consent to submit data for APCC Program?

No. A practice participating in the APCC Program will only submit aggregated de-identified patient data (being percentage based measurements). Commonwealth privacy laws do not apply to de-identified information or statistical data sets which do not allow the patient to be identified.

Further Information

For further information on the APCC Program visit www.apcc.org.au