

Can I access my own health information online?

Yes! Please contact the WMC Health Information Management Department at 304.797.6121 and request a WMC Connect patient portal account. You will need to provide your name, address, phone number, date of birth and a valid e-mail address.

What is available in the patient portal?

In approximately, 36 hours after service or discharge, you will have access to your:

- Radiology reports
- Lab results
- Transcribed reports
- Pathology reports

Please note: your entire record is not available through the portal.

What is available in the patient portal?

If you have previously completed a Request to Opt-Out form, you can change your mind. Talk to your healthcare provider about reversing your request to opt-out. Please talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions about WMC Connect or call our Customer Support Center at 304.797.6124.



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WMC NOW OFFERS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS!

Weirton Medical Center now offers the WMC Connect Health Information Network, a Health Information Exchange (HIE). WMC Connect provides fast and secure exchange of test results and reports among doctors and you, the patient. When you take advantage of this convenient service, there are many benefits to you and your family including more complete and accurate information, improved care and patient empowerment.

- WMC Connect allows doctors and hospitals to view all of your available health records to provide you with better care.
- WMC Connect may prevent you from having to fill out the same forms and carry your lab, x-ray results and medications to different doctors.
- Sharing your health record through WMC Connect may prevent you from having to have tests repeated.
- Most importantly, sharing your health record through WMC Connect may allow your doctors to have access to life saving information in the event of a medical emergency.

Who will have access to my health record?



Your medical information is viewable only by authorized healthcare providers. Doctors and other healthcare providers that are participants of the WMC Connect will be able to see your health record. Your health record would only be viewed when they are treating you.

What information is in my electronic health record?

Your healthcare provider uses an electronic medical record to keep track of the treatment provided to you. This may include:

- Medical history
- Lab and imaging results
- Medications
- Allergies
- Known drug reactions
- Doctor's and nurse's notes



WMC Connect is **NOT** a complete record of your health history. It is simply a way for your healthcare providers to access the health information they need to provide you with the best possible care.

What about my sensitive health records?

Federal and State laws protect the privacy of certain kinds of medical records including:

- Drug or alcohol abuse treatment records
- Psychotherapy notes
- Mental health records

When required by law, your consent will be obtained before WMC Connect will allow the sharing of your sensitive health records.

Are there privacy risks and how is my privacy protected?

Doctors, hospitals and anyone else who is treating you are already responsible for keeping your health records private. The only added risk is that your health record will now be seen through a computer rather than by mail or fax. WMC Connect uses modern technology to keep your health records private and safe by:

- Encoding your health record so only the

people who need to see it can

- Making sure passwords are used
- By tracking who looks at your health record through the WMC Connect

Do I have to participate in WMC Connect?

To allow your health record to be shared through WMC Connect, you do not need to take action. If you do not want to participate, you must complete a Request to Opt-Out. This form is available from your healthcare provider. Opting-out means that doctors and other healthcare providers will **NOT** be able to access your health record through WMC Connect.

Even if you choose not to participate (opt-out):

The WMC Connect will keep your personal information (name, address, birth date ,etc.) on file in its Master Patient Index to permanently record your decision to opt-out. Your doctor or healthcare provider will still be able to use the WMC Connect to report:

- Communicable disease
- Immunization data
- Quality reports
- Other required public health information to state and federal agencies.

It is important to understand that choosing to opt-out of WMC Connect does NOT mean your health information cannot be shared electronically. Healthcare providers may use other electronic methods such as secure email or electronic lab results delivery to share patient information. Read your healthcare provider's notice of privacy practices for more information.