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Connecting patients' health records across the Niagara region

St. Catharines, ON – The Niagara Ontario Health Team – Équipe Santé Ontario Niagara (NOHT-ÉSON) encourages Niagara residents to register for ConnectMyHealth. This new digital health solution provides patients with a single access point to view their health records from participating hospitals.

ConnectMyHealth can be used on desktop and mobile devices, and there's no cost to use it. The platform differs from other patient portals because it combines various health records created at hospitals in southwestern Ontario that patients have visited into one consolidated view. The participating hospitals include Niagara Health and Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre.

"ConnectMyHealth can be an ideal complement to in-person or virtual visits with a person's health care team by providing patients with easy access to their hospital records," said Sonali Kohli, Executive Vice President of Digital Transformation and Chief Information Officer at Niagara Health.

"This new tool also aligns with the provincial digital health strategy that aims to bring the patient experience into the 21st century by offering more choices and making health care simpler, better, and more convenient for patients."

Key functionality of ConnectMyHealth includes patients receiving email alerts when they have new results available, a customizable dashboard, and the ability to view a timeline of upcoming hospital visits.

Patients can view their electronic medical information, collected from a variety of source systems across southwestern Ontario, including:

- Radiology reports and their corresponding images (where available)
- Cardiology-related reports and images (where available)
- Laboratory test results
- Clinical reports, such as discharge summaries from hospital visits
- Select medication information
- Allergies documented while in hospital
- Pathology and genetics reports
- Details of past and upcoming hospital visits (where available)

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For a complete summary of the types of data available in ConnectMyHealth, visit <u>https://info.connectmyhealth.ca/data-availability</u>. To learn more about ConnectMyHealth and how to register, visit <u>https://info.connectmyhealth.ca</u>.

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