

# ConnectingOntario Electronic Health Record System

## PRIVACY INFORMATION

York Region Public Health is a user of the ConnectingOntario electronic health record system, a secure, provincial electronic system that enables medical records to be shared among family doctors, hospitals, long term care homes and home and community care services. The system, which is overseen by eHealth Ontario, has the overall goal of improving the health care you receive by making your health records available on a secure electronic format. This means that authorized members of your health care team have immediate access to your important personal health information including:

- Medical history
- Medication information
- Emergency department visits
- Lab results
- Hospital reports
- Home care services information
- Diagnostic imaging

ConnectingOntario takes your privacy seriously by adhering to rigorous privacy standards, policies and procedures in accordance with Ontario's health privacy law (Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004). To protect your privacy, ConnectingOntario limits access to your health records to only those health care providers who need to care for you, and allows you to see, upon request, whom within your health care team has accessed your information. Only York Region programs that currently manage individuals experiencing diseases designated as reportable under the Ontario Regulation 135/18 and the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* will have access to this system. York Region program access is also limited to information that is relevant to current diseases of public health significance under investigation only.

With the use of ConnectingOntario, care will become more coordinated resulting in less need for you to repeat your health history when visiting different health care providers, fewer duplicated tests and enable your health care team to make better decisions about your care at the time of your visit.

If you have any questions about ConnectingOntario or would like further information, you can connect with eHealth Ontario at 1-866-250-1554. For more information on ConnectingOntario's commitment to your privacy go to <https://www.ehealthontario.on.ca/en/about-us/our-privacy-commitment>.

