

HOAG HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Health Information Exchange

This practice is participating in the Hoag Health Information Exchange (HIE), an electronic system through which it and other participating healthcare providers can share patient information according to nationally recognized standards and in compliance with federal and state law that protects your privacy. Through the HIE, your participating providers will be able to access information about you that is necessary for your treatment, unless you choose to have your information withheld from the HIE by personally opting out from participation.

If you choose to opt out of the HIE (that is, if you feel that your medical information should not be shared through the HIE), we will continue to use your medical information in accordance with our Notice of Privacy Practices and the law, but will not make it available to others through the HIE.

To opt out of the HIE, please ask for Hoag Information Exchange Opt Out Form, fill out, and return to our front office staff.

What is the HIE?

The Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian-enabled Community Health Information Exchange (HIE) provides a fast and secure way for doctors and other health care related entities like laboratories and pharmacies to share certain types of health information, such as lab results and radiology reports. The HIE is not a complete medical record of your health history. It provides a simple way for authorized health care providers to access patient medical information, thereby helping them to provide you with the best care possible.

Non-Participation in Hoag's HIE

Patients who do not want their medical information to be accessible to authorized health care providers through Hoag's HIE may choose not to participate, or to opt out of being included in the HIE. If you decide to opt out, health care providers will not be able to access your health information through Hoag's HIE. This means that, among other things, your health information will be unavailable to emergency personnel, even during life-threatening emergencies.

How Does Hoag's HIE Help You and Your Doctor?

Hoag's HIE Is Fast and Secure

Hoag's HIE is a fast and secure way for your doctor to locate your most up-to-date medical information. Only health care providers with a valid reason will be allowed to access your medical information. Information will be available to Hoag's Emergency Department health care providers that could help save your life in a medical emergency. Hoag's HIE also helps to safeguard your medical information in the case of an emergency like a fire or earthquake.

Hoag's HIE Protects Privacy

Hoag's HIE protects your privacy better than paper records by keeping track of who has looked at your information. A report of who has accessed your medical information is available from Hoag's HIE. Hoag's HIE does not allow employers or health insurance companies to access your medical information.

Hoag's HIE Improves Your Care

Hoag's HIE allows your doctor to have immediate access to a variety of medical information - information that can help your doctor make better decisions about your care. Accessing lost records through Hoag's HIE may also prevent your doctor from having you repeat tests, saving you time, money and worry.

Please Initial Here to Acknowledge You Read and Understand the Above: _____