

Hira Programme

"...Connecting health information..."

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Kia ora tātou

These regular pānui aim to keep everyone with an interest in the [Hira Programme](#) up-to-date on our latest programme activities. This includes healthcare consumers, whānau and communities, health professionals and providers, digital health suppliers, and others with an interest in digital health.

Thank you to the many groups and individuals who are so generous with their time, support, and advice as we continue towards our goal of empowering people to see, manage, and contribute to their health and wellbeing information.

Ngā mihi nui,
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What we are delivering

Hira is putting in place the foundations for people's health information to be joined up across settings and across the country. Currently, this information is often stored in different places, in different formats, and can be hard to access across healthcare settings.

Consumers & whānau can access their health information and share with trusted others through **My Health Record**

Healthcare providers can view a **New Zealand Patient Summary** record allowing access to key health information nationally

Digital suppliers and developers can access and connect to application programming interfaces (APIs)

Better sharing of health information enabled through **improved interoperability** and standards adoption



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Connectathon showcases international engagement on health data standards



The March 'Ring of FHIR' Connectathon showcasing international engagement on standards across Oceania is being hailed a success.

Over 130 people gathered in Auckland to take part in the symposium and Connectathon run by Health NZ, Health Information Standards Organisation (HISO), and HL7 New Zealand.

The event focused on the importance of having the same standards for the use and exchange of health information.

Group Manager Data and Digital Standards Alastair Kenworthy says the Connectathon supported the sharing of ideas across different aspects of interoperability.

“It showed the power of bringing together those who select and develop the standards and those who implement them. Participants spoke of how important the [FHIR](#) (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources), [SNOMED CT](#), and [International Patient Summary](#) standards are to our digital future.

“It’s exciting to see the New Zealand Patient Summary being formed, and how it will let me, as a healthcare consumer, tell my story in digital form at all my interactions with health services.”

Read the full story [here](#).

New features in My Health Record

In March My Health Record released some new features to help consumers view their health records online. Alongside immunisation records, being able to submit a COVID-19 RAT test result and view COVID-19 test results, people can now log in and:

- view their National Health Index (NHI) details
- update their NHI details - preferred name, ethnicity, gender, and physical and postal address
- view their High Use Health Card and Community Services Card details
- view their linked children's COVID-19 test results, and
- view some NHI details for their linked children.

There is also the option for parents to link the immunisation records of their children under 12.

My Health Record replaced My Covid Record in February 2024. People can login to <http://my.health.nz> using their My Health Account login details, which many people set up to use My Covid Record. Some people will need to upgrade their My Health Account login for extra security to update their NHI details, link their children, and access their wider immunisation records.

The screenshot displays the 'My Health Record' web application. At the top, it says 'View immunisation records, and COVID-19 test results.' Below this is a user profile section with fields for 'Name' and 'NHI number', both represented by blue ovals, and an 'Identification level: Complete' status with three green dots. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has two sections: 'Immunisations' with a sub-header 'Immunisation saves lives. Getting your tamariki immunised is one of the best ways to set them up for a healthy future. Vaccines on the National Immunisation Schedule are free for all tamariki under 18 in Aotearoa New Zealand.' and a 'View Immunisations' button; and 'COVID-19 test results' with a sub-header 'If you have reported a rapid antigen test (RAT) result for yourself, it will show in My Health Record. If you had a PCR test, your healthcare provider will report your result for you.' and a 'View test results' button. Below this is a section for 'Report a rapid antigen test (RAT) result' with a sub-header 'If you have taken a RAT you can report it online. You can also report a RAT for someone else.' and a 'Report a COVID-19 RAT' button. The right column has a section titled 'I want to...' with four links: 'Book a vaccination', 'Get a COVID-19 test', 'View My Health Account details', and 'Add children under 12', each with an external link icon. At the bottom, there is a notification box titled 'Add tamariki under 12' with a close button (X) and text: 'If your name is on a child's birth certificate, and they are under 12, add them to your My Health Account to view their immunisation records.' with a link 'Add tamariki to My Health Account' and an external link icon.

New Zealand Patient Summary – clinical view

Work is underway on the New Zealand Patient Summary – clinical view, which will give healthcare providers secure access to someone's health information wherever they are in the country. The New Zealand Patient Summary is an adaption of the HISO International Patient Summary (IPS), with extensions that reflect our local nuances and cultural needs.

It will be able to be accessed in different ways, including via a webapp that healthcare providers can log onto using My Health Account Workforce, or by launching from their existing clinical applications such as EMR, PMS, etc. An API to be published on Health NZ's Digital Services Hub will also enable direct integration with existing clinical applications such as practice management systems, case management, and clinical portals who want to use the data from the NZPS as part of their own system workflows.

Progress updates

- The next iteration of the **NZ Patient Summary (NZPS)** FHIR design is being developed following a successful two days on the NZPS track at the March Connectathon. NZPS will help consumers to tell their health story in digital form to streamline their interactions with health services.
- Work is underway on the **Health New Zealand Digital Services Hub**, which is the next iteration of the Hira Marketplace. The Digital Services Hub will provide a broader range of services than are currently available on Marketplace, including a developer portal with API testing capabilities and identity and access protections. It will replace Marketplace in June 2024.
- The **NZ Health Terminology Service (NZHTS)** continues to extend its list of code systems and value sets, with over 40 companies now using the service. The latest six-monthly release of the SNOMED NZ Edition, NZ Pathology Observation Code Sets (NZPOCS), and NZ Universal List of Medicines (NZULM) have been added.
- Te Manawa Taki pilot **community connector workshops** have taken place in Rotorua, Whakatāne, and Gisborne. Community connectors work directly with communities, encouraging and supporting involvement in the sharing of health information, from healthcare consumers, local Māori and iwi-based IT vendors, and healthcare providers.
- The **National Event Management Service (NEMS)** moved into production in March 2024 enabling notification of death events. In April, the first publisher (the Health Identity Platform) connected to NEMS publishing death events to the NEMS broker. By the end of May, the first subscriber will onboard to NEMS, receiving these notifications in real time. The service will let healthcare providers know when information relating to a patient has changed or when they have had an interaction with the healthcare system (for example, they have been seen at an emergency department).
- A **technical standards committee** has been set up under the Health Information Standards Organisation (HISO) to provide feedback on API standards drafted by Health New Zealand, and reviewing of standards has begun. Drafting of standards and policies is progressing well with the API Design and Development and API Security standards reviewed and published.
- A new standard called the **NZ Core Data for Interoperability (NZCDI)** is under development by HISO. NZCDI is modelled on the United States CDI standard and

sets standards for the most commonly shared health data in clinical workflows and consumer access to data.

Questions or comments

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