

6. Security and confidentiality

The Brussels Health Network is **highly secure**. It meets the most stringent security criteria and all data is encrypted and all access can be traced. Access to a medical record is reserved only for healthcare providers with a therapeutic relationship with the patient in question. The Brussels Health Network respects current laws relating to data protection (GDPR) and patient rights.

The advantages of a shared health record:

- Your health records are kept together in the same location
- No unnecessary examinations or prescriptions
- **Better care in the event of emergencies**
- Guaranteed confidentiality and security
- Your record is available throughout Belgium 24/7

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1 - The Brussels Health Network, what is it?

An electronic sharing network for health data that allows healthcare professionals to provide better care for you. It links all Brussels-based and Belgian hospitals with your doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dentists, etc. With this network, only those professionals involved in your treatment will have a comprehensive view of your health, in a secure way, wherever you might receive treatment in Belgium.

In this way, they will be able to **provide better care as they will have access to your medical history.**



2 - First stage: your consent

Consenting to the sharing of your health record, is granting consent as a patient so that your health record can be shared on health networks between the various professionals who treat you.

Your consent is voluntary and informed, at no cost and valid throughout Belgium as the Brussels Health Network is linked with the equivalent networks located in Wallonia and Flanders.

In practical terms, you can grant consent in a number of ways: via doctors, pharmacists, hospitals, insurance companies or when registering on the Brussels Health Network portal (registration is interpreted as consent). You can withdraw your consent at any time. "Withdrawal" is applicable nationally.

Any change to your consent status recorded by an institution is notified to you by email to your citizen ebox.

3 - Who has access to your data?

All healthcare professionals with whom you have a therapeutic relationship, strictly within the context of continuity of care. There are as many therapeutic relationships as there are healthcare providers who treat you.

A therapeutic relationship is time-limited depending on the type of relationship you have with your healthcare provider: 15 months for general practitioners and pharmacies, 3 months for nurses and physios, 1 month for emergency care.

Depending on their role, your healthcare providers can access your records in part or in full. Consult our privacy statement on our website for further information.

Your occupational physician, "mutuelle" health insurance doctor or your insurance company's physician do not have access to your data.

4 - What kind of data is shared?

The data held by healthcare professionals **to the extent that this information is useful to your treatment.**

These are, for example:

- The summarised electronic health record created by your general practitioner (also known as the SumEHR),
- Blood test results,
- X-rays,
- Consultation and hospitalisation reports,
- Reports from other professionals such as community nurses, midwives, dentists, etc. if they are linked up.

All of this data forms the shared health record.

5 - How can you manage your shared health record?

The secure Brussels Health Network platform is the way to access your shared health record.

Therefore, you can:

- Manage access to your medical records
- Consult the list of shared documents and their content provided the author has given you access
- Check who has accessed which document
- Consult your profile and add notes (aide-mémoire)
- Authorise or refuse access for one or several healthcare providers to a **specific document** or the **entire file**
- Appoint a trusted person
- Register as the legal representative for your children

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