

Health-e-Nation 2006

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Progressing the e-Health agenda

- Recognition that e-health is critical to quality health care
- Local e-health systems
- Achieving commitment to national approach

NEHTA

- Established by federal, state and territory governments
- Not-for-profit company established July 2005



NEHTA projects

- Clinical information standards, clinical terminologies and medicines directories
- Individual health identifier
- Individual health provider identifier
- Interoperability framework, secure messaging, user authentication, supply chain efficiency, standards implementation
- Privacy/consent Framework, SEHR design, SEHR benefits realization

COAG communiqué - February 2006

“From February 2006, governments will ***accelerate work on a national electronic health records system*** to improve safety for patients and increase efficiency for health care providers by developing the capacity for health providers, with their patient’s consent, to communicate safely and securely with each other electronically about patients and their health. This requires:

- developing, implementing and operating systems for an individual health identifier, a healthcare provider identifier and agreed clinical terminologies; and
- promoting compliance with nationally-agreed standards in future government procurement related to electronic health systems and in areas of healthcare receiving government funding.”

Implementation

- Establishment of national standards by NEHTA
- NEHTA over-sighted by governments via NEHTA Board and reports to COAG
- Compliance in state government ICT programs

Victorian HealthSMART ICT strategy - compliance with national standards

HealthSMART approach:

- Clinical information systems
 - will use SNOMED CT
 - Medication Management System will incorporate national medicines directory as it is available
- Adoption of the individual health identifier as the primary patient identifier
- Discharge summaries to National standard
- Messaging standards

Additional developments across the Jurisdictions

- Access to developments under contracts
- Messaging standards
- Additional catalogues (eg for Laboratory Services, Radiology Services)
- Work processes for managing medications in hospitals using new technologies
- Prototyping of medications management systems

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