



# Appletree Hill Medical Clinic

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## Health Information and Collection Use

As a patient of our medical practice we require you to provide us with your personal details and a full medical history, so that we may properly assess, diagnose, treat and be proactive in your health care needs.

We aim to protect the privacy and secure storage of your health information. We collect, use, disclose and handle your health information in accordance with our privacy policy, available from reception and on our website.

When you register and attend as a patient of Appletree Hill Medical Centre, you consent to our collecting personal information about you and to our using this information in the following ways and for the purposes set out below:

- Administrative purposes in running our medical practice
- Billing purposes, including compliance with Medicare, Department of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs requirements
- Disclosure to others involved in your healthcare, including treating doctors and specialists and allied health providers outside this medical practice. This may occur through referral to other doctors, or for medical tests and in the reports or results returned to us following referrals
- Disclosure to other doctors in the practice, locums, students etc. attached to the practice for the purpose of patient care and teaching
- For research and quality assurance activities to improve individual and community health care and practice management. Usually information that does not identify you is used but should information that will identify you be required, you will be informed and given the opportunity to “opt-out” of any involvement
- To comply with any legislative or regulatory requirements e.g. notifiable diseases
- For reminder letters which may be sent to you regarding your health care and management.

You can decline to have your health information used in all or some of the ways outlined above but it may influence our ability to manage your health care to provide the best outcome for you. If your information is to be used for any other purpose other than as set out above, your further consent will be obtained