



Advance Care Directive Version 1.0

Executive Summary

Introduction

An Advance Care Directive is a statement by a competent person expressing decisions about his or her future healthcare, should he or she become incapable of participating in medical treatment decisions. Each Australian state and territory has their own Advance Care Directive (or Advance Health Directive) form.

Currently, a completed directive is kept in a safe place, and copies of the document are given to the custodian/s.

The PCEHR System will provide a link to access the custodian details of an Individual's Advance Care Directive through the Consolidated View.

The Advance Care Directive document will not be stored in the current version of the PCEHR, however future versions of the PCEHR System may include electronically stored Directives.

The individual, their authorised representative or their healthcare provider may enter the Directive custodian information into the PCEHR. The authorised representative may be a relative, friend, attorney, healthcare provider, Medicare or PCEHR Call Centre staff.

The individual or their authorised representative will enter the Advance Care Directive custodian information via the Consumer Portal.

This is a newly created utility developed from the PCEHR Concept of Operations document and derived via the associated national consultation process. NEHTA will continue to liaise with consumers, clinicians and vendors to define the detailed process associated with the functionality.

Purpose

This package is intended to initiate and foster the ongoing development of a series of national specifications and methods to support the structured exchange of Advance Care Directive custodian link information.

Approach & Consultation

The requirements for this package were based on the PCEHR Concept of Operation document. This document has been through a national consultation and review process.

Benefits

The Advance Care Directive Custodian link package is designed to provide information about the location of an Individual's Advance Care Directive.

This location information will enable health practitioners to more easily access an Individual's Advance Care Directive, which may inform them about their patient's wishes for treatment.

Structure

The Advance Care Directive Custodian link Version 1.0 package is built upon a series of interlocking national infrastructure services, developed by NEHTA's e-Health Foundations program, specifically designed to support the appropriate exchange of clinical and administrative information between participating healthcare providers.

Feedback

The NEHTA Continuity of Care Team welcomes feedback from national stakeholders on the content of the package documents. Feedback can be emailed to nethasupport@nehta.gov.au as can any questions relating to this package.