



Goals of Care Product Data Sheet

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Introduction

Goals of Care is a sub-type of the Advance Care Planning functionality in the My Health Record. A Goals of Care document that has been uploaded to an individual's My Health Record will be listed in the 'Advance Care Planning Overview' page, which can be accessed via the navigation menu. Once uploaded, the Goals of Care document will be accessible to those members of the patient's medical support network that the patient authorises.

A Goals of Care document clarifies treatment outcomes or limitations for an individual during an episode of care. This document is completed by a healthcare provider in consultation with the individual concerned, their family, their carer(s) and their healthcare team. It enables the documentation of high-quality discussions about what is important to the patient and how that best aligns with good decision-making and patient-centred care. The Goals of Care process covers many steps in healthcare decision-making, including decisions about specific treatments, the intensity of care, and even planning for future care needs (An Advance Care Directive). It is anticipated that Goals of Care documents will be utilised in order to support the effective management of significant episode of health care, including palliative care.

Content

The Goals of Care end product provides software developers of clinical information systems with the necessary specifications for the creation and display of Goals of Care documents. For the successful implementation of the Goals of Care document type, developers need a detailed understanding of the technical design decisions underpinning these specifications.

The Goals of Care document is a sub-type of the Advance Care Information. The Goals of Care end product leverages the same Advance Care Information - CDA Implementation Guide (CDA IG) and Advance Care Information - Structured Content Specification (SCS) as that used by the Advanced Care Planning document type. The Goals of Care conformance profile lists the constraints which are to be applied over the stated Advance Care Information - (SCS) and (CDA -IG).

Implementers of the Goals of Care document type need to adhere to the following specifications:

- *Advance Care Information – CDA Implementation Guide v1.0*¹
- *Advance Care Information – Structured Content Specification v1.0*

These publications need to be read in conjunction with the My Health Record technical specifications that are applicable to all supported clinical document types.

Downloads

The Goals of Care end product is available at the following location:

<https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/clinical-documents/ep-3024-2020>

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¹ <https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/clinical-documents/ep-2322-2017/dh-1532-2017>