**Title**

General Practice Registrars - ready for My Health Record?

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**Background**

My Health Record (MyHR) is the next iteration of a national electronic health record (EHR), identified as a critical pillar of Australia’s future health infrastructure. Initial development was focussed on establishing national standards and stakeholder buy-in, with opt-in enrolment for consumers.

General practitioners (GPs) had little impetus to use MyHR when enrolment levels and functionality were low, however this is changing rapidly. Practice Incentive Payments for eHealth and the critical mass provided by an opt-out transition in 2018 will necessitate a firm understanding of MyHR in both principle and practice.

The GP registrar curriculum is a busy space with a steep learning curve for new registrars. Where MyHR finds room in the curriculum is uncertain, and registrar preparedness for the opt-out transition is unclear.

**Aims**

To explore GP registrar preparedness for the MyHR expansion and identify opportunities for enhancement.

**Method**

1. Review the literature on the GP experience with EHRs
2. Survey GP registrar attitudes, knowledge and experience towards MyHR, recruited at mandatory workshops for first-term registrars.
3. Semi-structured interviews of a subset of respondents, analysed for common themes.
4. Interviews with key stakeholders including GP medical educators, policy makers from the Digital Health Agency, practice software vendors, consumers and clinicians will identify opportunities and key learnings.

**Results**

A literature overview of GP experience of MyHR will be given, followed by a summary of survey results. This research is being conducted as part of the RACGP Academic Post program.

**Conclusion**

EHRs will become a major vector of healthcare information transfer. Training in this area must be established in the GP Registrar curriculum to enable effective use of this tool.