

Health Summaries

A good health summary assists other medical professionals to rapidly obtain an overview of all components of the patient's care and reduce the risk of inappropriate care and side effects.

RACGP 4th Edition Standards

- 1.7.2A** *Our practice can demonstrate that at least 90% of our active patient health records contain a record of known allergies.*
- 1.7.2B** *Our practice can demonstrate that at least 75% of our active patient health records contain a current health summary. A satisfactory summary includes, where appropriate:*
- *adverse drug reactions*
 - *current medicines list*
 - *current health problems*
 - *relevant past health history*
 - *health risk factors e.g. smoking, nutrition, alcohol and physical activity*
 - *immunisations*
 - *relevant family history*
 - *relevant social history including cultural background where clinically relevant*

Assessment methods

- Document review of patient health records

The GP Surveyor will review active medical records, randomly selected by the Surveyor on the day of the visit.

Meeting the standards

At least 75% of active records shall contain an up-to-date health summary, including all information as outlined in 1.7.2B. 90% of these same records shall contain a record of allergies or 'no known allergies'.

Ideal

- Active medical records shall have 100 percent completed health summaries
- Active medical records shall have 100 percent completed allergy data