

Electronic Exchange (D-Hconnect, Care Everywhere, NHHIO, VITL) Opt-Out Form

Patient Name (print legibly)

Date of Birth

Medical Record Number

Your health care may be managed by both Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) and non-DH healthcare teams. We believe that fast, secure transmission of health information at the point of care reduces costs while improving care. D-H uses the following electronic exchanges to share your health information*:

- **Health Information Exchange:** We may electronically transmit your health information in a secure and confidential manner to other health care providers involved in your care through a health information exchange. These exchanges include the New Hampshire Health Information Organization (NHHIO), a New Hampshire non-profit organization that is authorized to operate a New Hampshire health information exchange, and the Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL), a Vermont non-profit organization that is the legislatively-designated operator of the Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE).
- **Care Everywhere:** Care Everywhere allows health care organizations that use Epic electronic health record (EHR) systems to instantly share your medical records via secure, encrypted connections with other Epic organizations. D-H uses the Epic EHR system. Care Everywhere allows your treating providers real-time access to your medical history, including previous diagnoses, test results, medications, allergies, progress notes and other crucial information, without having to wait for these records to be transferred from one facility to another.
- **D-Hconnect:** D-Hconnect provides health care organizations that do not use Epic EHR systems with secure access to real-time clinical data on patients seen at D-H. D-Hconnect allows your non-DH provider access to most information contained in your D-H EHR.

Opting-out of these electronic exchanges: You may request that we not use these methods to electronically transmit your health information. In order to opt-out, please complete this form and return it to Health Information Services at One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

Here are the key points you should understand when you opt out:

- If you opt out of one of the three electronic exchanges described above, you opt out of all three options.
- Opting out of these electronic exchange methods may delay the communication of your health information between providers treating you, which may result in their having incomplete information about your health status, which may further result in, among other things, duplicate tests and procedures.
- Opting out may require D-H to use less secure data transmission methods (such as fax or mail).
- Your opting out will be in effect until you notify us otherwise. To change your decision, contact Health Information Services.
- You will still receive medical treatment and services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock even if you decide not to permit the use of these methods of electronic exchange.

I do not consent to having my health information shared via the electronic exchanges described above. I understand that my health information may still be exchanged with non-DH providers involved in my care via fax or mail, as permitted by applicable state and federal law.

Patient (or Legal Representative) Signature

Date

Legal Representative Name (Please print)

Legal Representative relationship to Patient

* *The Dartmouth-Hitchcock Psychiatric Associates' Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) will not share information with non-DH entities and/or health care providers via these electronic exchanges without an authorization signed by you to share such information, except as required or permitted by law.*