

What is the GPR?

The General Practitioner Register (GPR) is an initiative of General Practice Divisions Victoria (GPDV), funded by the Victorian Department of Human Services and the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing.

The GPR is a database of GP names and contact details maintained by GPDV. The purpose of the GPR is to facilitate the transfer of information from hospitals to GPs when patients are presented to ED, or are admitted or discharged. The original GP data was supplied by local divisions of general practice and has been added to and updated continuously through feedback from practices, divisions, and hospitals.

Hospitals can use the database to integrate with their information systems to streamline discharge communication procedures. The database is available for hospitals to download from the GPDV web site in several different file formats. There is no charge to the hospital for this service, but the hospital must first sign an agreement with GPDV to ensure the information in the database will remain confidential and will only be used for communication regarding patient ED presentations, admissions or discharges.

GPDV is confident this is the most up-to-date and complete record of GP contact details in Victoria.

GPR Validation

There are two methods that GPDV use to keep GP records as accurate as possible; annual validation and continual updates of the GPR.

Annual validation

GPDV validates the details for every GP at least once per year. As at April 2002, the GPR contained 4436 GP records. Of these, 4157 have been validated since January 2002.

GPDV staff faxed each of the GPs with the information currently held about them in the GPR and requested that they confirm, amend or add to it where required.

All the records that were not included in the 2002 validation process had been checked or updated since October 2001.

The value of the validation process is demonstrated by the fact that changes were made to 78% of the GP records.

- 26% of the changes involved updates to personal details such as names, mobile numbers and division membership
- 47% indicated a preferred method of contact
- 59% amended details of their practice

59 GPs were added to the GPR during the validation process, including GPs who were not division members.

Continual updates

As well as the annual validation GPDV also makes changes to the GPR whenever we are notified of changed GP contact details by a division or a hospital on a daily basis. In each case we only change the data after checking it with the GP.

There is an updated version of the database available on the GPDV web site every week.

Summary of Current GPR records

As at April 2002, of the 4436 general practitioner records:

- 92% include GP provider numbers.
- 99% include Fax numbers
- 67% have selected a preferred contact for receipt of patient information
 - 48% fax
 - 13% mail
 - 6% email
 - 0.3% telephone

Approximately 10 GPs have told GPDV that they do not wish to be included in the register, indicating a high level of GP acceptance.

How to Apply

1. Locate GPDV's Website at www.gpdv.com.au/GPRegister/
2. Read through the description of the GPR
3. Download the Agreement
4. Read through the Agreement carefully
5. Print out two copies
6. Insert your hospital's name and information
 - at the start of the Agreement and
 - in the Schedule
7. Have both copies signed by an authorised representative of the hospital
8. Send both copies back to GPDV
 - Please note: address is on back of this pamphlet
9. GPDV will sign both copies
10. GPDV will return a copy of the following back to the hospital:
 - Agreement
 - User Manual
 - Letter (inc. User and Subscriber codes)

Contact Details

If you would like to discuss the GPR or arrange a demonstration and information session for your hospital, please contact:

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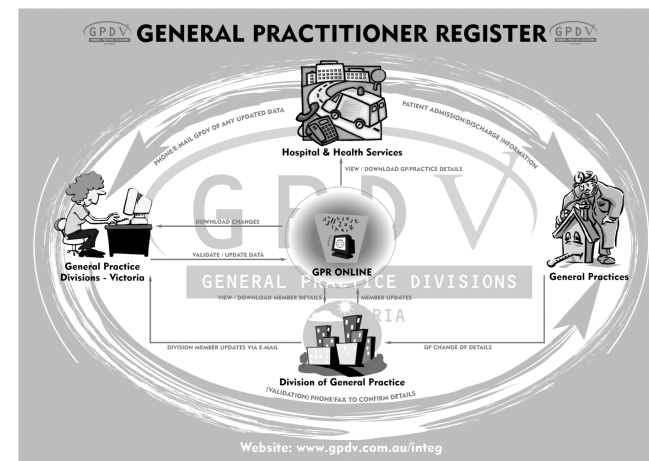


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