

E-Health: The Future of Aged Care

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The **National E-Health Transition Authority Limited (NEHTA)** is a not-for-profit company established by the Australian Commonwealth, State and Territory governments in 2005. Its aim is to develop the building blocks for e-health – unique health identification, clinical terminology and authentication. NEHTA will discuss the governments commitment to developing a sustainable, national e-health infrastructure that will underpin the success of e-health programs nationally as e-health becomes more visible to patients. NEHTA will outline its work which will enable:-

- better ways of electronically collecting and securely exchanging health information,
- streamlining the care of people with long term illness and
- improving clinical and administrative efficiency, by standardising certain types of healthcare information to be recorded securely in electronic systems; uniquely identifying patients, healthcare providers and medical products.

NEHTA works in collaboration with the public and private healthcare sectors, medical software vendors, clinicians and consumers to find the right technology to suit all States and Territories.