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Doctors at our clinic use POLAR GP software to make sure you and your family get the best medical care. POLAR also sends some information to your Primary Health Network, so they can better plan for your community's health needs. All records have personal information removed and are securely stored.

What information is used and how?

POLAR GP helps our doctors find health issues and trends among our patients to ensure you get the right treatment. The de-identified information is grouped and passed onto your local Primary Health Network. Primary Health Networks study the needs of their community to work out how to fund and support health services that best improve local health outcomes.

If this practice approves, some de-identified data may also be shared with researchers (e.g. in universities, hospitals) to improve patient outcomes and health services. All research has ethics approval.

How is my information used?

Your information is de-identified using Outcome Health's Extraction Tool.

This is done by ensuring:

1. Data is de-identified and encrypted before it is sent securely to the protected data warehouse.

2. The local health organisation can only see grouped data, not individual data.
3. Researchers can only access the subset of de-identified data that is relevant to their study.

The types of questions this data can answer includes:

- How many people in the area have diabetes?
- What treatments offer the best outcomes to people with diabetes?
- How many children with asthma have an asthma plan?
- How many people over 75 years get regular health check-ups?

Don't want your health data used?

Tell our reception staff and they will remove your information from the grouped data.



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