

Why we need to collect Patient Information

In accordance with the Health Information Privacy Code 1994, the Lakes District Health Board advises that it is necessary to obtain from all patients certain personal information necessary for:

- Care and treatment
- Administration
- Professional training and education
- Health monitoring
- Pass on necessary information about your care to your caregiver or others to enable effective co-ordination of your care

The personal details you supply assist staff in providing you with the best possible care. Your medical file is confidential to you and those Lakes District Health Board staff involved in your treatment. Some information may be shared with other health agencies for your continuing care and treatment.

Supply of information is voluntary however should you decline to supply us with particular information this may mean that:

- Appropriate treatment may not be provided; or
- You may not be eligible for a subsidy; or
- A claim cannot be granted or processed.

You may have access to and request correction of any personal information held by the Lakes District Health Board.

Your health information will be retained by the Lakes District Health Board for a minimum of 10 years following your last visit.

From time to time we are asked to carry out audits of clinical records for administrative purposes. This information is then reported to the Ministry of Health in a way that ensures your anonymity.

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