



# United Family Medicine

A COMMUNITY CLINIC

## Consent to Share Frequently Asked Questions

**What is a shared or common electronic medical record?** A shared or common electronic medical record is a single source of your patient health information from the health care providers who use that record system. If you have been treated at a clinic and/or a hospital who uses this shared system, your medical documentation will be available to your caregivers in a single, shared record. Information in the electronic medical record may be viewed, stored and shared by your clinics and hospitals.

### **Who are you sharing it with?**

The clinics and hospitals you authorize to share your health information in order to treat you and provide you health care services. The health care providers who use this shared record today are Allina Hospitals and Clinics, Lakeview Health, and United Family Medicine. As more health care providers choose to participate in using a shared record, you can find the updated list by asking at your next visit, by visiting our website at [www.UnitedFamilyMedicine.org](http://www.UnitedFamilyMedicine.org).

### **What is Excellian?**

Excellian is a secure electronic medical record system. It provides a single source of documentation for your medical information from all providers who use that system. Use of the same electronic medical record allows your treatment providers to coordinate your care, improve exchange of important information about your treatment, and get complete and up-to-date information to each of the providers who treat you.

### **Why should I consent to share my electronic medical records?**

A shared electronic medical record gives your health care providers timely access to medical information from each provider, immediate safety checks (such as cross checking allergies, immunizations, medications), more rapid access to test results, a one-time collection of information (it will reduce the need to repeat your information to multiple care providers), and may prevent duplication of tests and examinations.

### **What if I don't consent to share my electronic medical record?**

Your clinic, or hospital will maintain a separate electronic medical record for you, but it will not be as easy for them to electronically coordinate your care and quickly obtain complete and up-to-date information about your care with other health care providers who use the shared electronic medical record.

### **What if I change my mind and don't want to share my electronic medical record after I said "yes"?**

You have the right to "cancel" your consent to share by contacting your primary clinic or hospital. You must inform us in writing. If you cancel your consent, it will apply to medical information that is created after the notice is processed. It will not affect information that has already been shared among your providers or combined based on your original consent.