

What do I need to know about **Real Time Prescription Monitoring (RTPM)**?

There are some new digital innovations for scripts. They should make it easier to keep track of medicines from a phone, tablet or computer. They will help patients, pharmacies, doctors and the ACCHO health team make sure everyone gets the right medicine when needed. You can use this information to educate your team and community.

For Health Professionals

- Each State and Territory has developed a RTPM system that interacts with the National Data Exchange to support prescribers, pharmacists, and clients in the safe use of S8, and some S4 medicines that can potentially cause dependence and harm.
- Check with your state-based system to see which medicines are covered.
- RTPM will inform doctors and pharmacists, to help protect patients at risk of dependence or misuse.
- It will not stop you prescribing medicines when needed.
- RTPM is not an opt-out system and is separate to My Health Record.

For Community

- RTPM is part of the computer system used by doctors and pharmacists.
- RTPM checks the medicines prescribed and dispensed for you, to prevent errors that could put your health at risk.
- The RTPM system alerts the doctor and pharmacist to dangerous combinations of high risk medicines.
- Medical records are kept confidential. It doesn't stop your doctor prescribing the drugs you need.

To find out more visit:

www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/national-real-time-prescription-monitoring-rtpm

