

# Health Care Provider Access to Prescription Drug Claims History

## Attention: Recipients of Ontario Drug Benefit Program

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has been providing prescription drug claims history of patients receiving benefits through the Ontario Drug Benefit program (including Trillium Drug program recipients) to Ontario hospital emergency departments.

Access to drug claims information in hospital emergency departments has resulted in significant benefits to ODB recipients such as improved patient care through the reduction of harmful drug reactions.

This is to notify you that the ministry is now beginning to provide more health care providers with access to the drug claims history of ODB recipients for the purpose of providing health care.

Participating health care providers may only access your drug claims history for the purpose of providing care to you. Health care providers are required by law to protect the privacy of your personal health information.

You have the right to withdraw your consent. *Before making a decision to withdraw consent, you are encouraged to consult with a health care provider about potential health risks. A decision to withdraw consent will have no effect on your eligibility for the Ontario Drug Benefit program.*

You can change your instructions by submitting a signed consent form to the ministry. Consent can also be temporarily reinstated during your visit to a participating health care provider.

If you have already withdrawn your consent to the sharing of this information with hospital emergency departments, the ministry will not share your drug claims information with any participating health care providers. These instructions will continue to apply unless you request a change.

**For more information visit: [www.health.gov.on.ca/dpv](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/dpv)**

Or call the ministry INFOline at 1-866-752-6405 (Toll-free in Ontario only)  
TTY 1-800-387-5559 Hours of operation : 8:30am - 5:00pm

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