Dear «Title» «Surname»

BEACH Follow-up query

Thank you for participating in the Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health Program during the past year. As part of this program you answered questions about how computers were used by you in your practice at the time you participated in the BEACH program. Through this letter, we hope to ascertain the specific type and quantity of patient information held in computerised medical records by the GPs who have indicated that they use a computer for clinical purposes.

To provide this information, all you need to do is tick one of the options listed below and return this letter in the enclosed reply-paid envelope, or fax to 02 9845 8155. If you wish to add any comments please feel free to write them on the bottom of the letter.

Once again our thanks for your valuable contribution to the overall results of this study of Australian general practice. If you have any queries, please call Joan Henderson on Freecall 1800 62 73 75.

Yours sincerely

Dr Helena Britt
Director.

To what extent did you use a computerised medical record for your patients at the time you participated in BEACH?

1. (Please tick) All clinical patient information (eg. patient history, diagnoses/problems, treatments, referrals, requests etc) generated by you is held on computer, i.e., no paper records generated. All test results and other external correspondence are imported or scanned into the computer record. OR

2. All clinical patient information (eg. patient history, diagnoses/problems, treatments, referrals, requests etc) generated by you is held on computer, i.e., no paper records generated. All test results and other external correspondence are kept on paper. OR

3. Patient history
   Current problems being managed
   Prescriptions
     - problem for which script was given
   Tests ordered
     - problem for which test was ordered
   Referrals
   Immunisations
   - are held on computer (through software); all other clinical patient information is recorded on paper. Tick as many as apply. We will assume that any item not ticked is held on paper.

Comments

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