



Surf Beach Surgery

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

Surf Beach Surgery aims to protect the privacy and secure storage of your health information. You can request a copy of our privacy policy, which includes information about the collection, use and disclosure of your health information. You have the right to decline to have your personal health information used in some of the way outlined below, but this may limit our ability to manage your health care and provide you with the best outcome.

Surf Beach Surgery will collect your personal information for:

- Communications regarding treatments, notifications about recommended preventative health care services and appointments, and for accounting and billing purposes
- The diagnosis & treatment of health conditions, including disclosure to other doctors in the practice, specialists, locums and other health care providers to ensure quality patient care
- Accreditation and quality assurance activities within the practice, using de-identified aggregate patient health information
- To allow medical students and staff to participate in medical training and teaching, using de-identified aggregate
- Patient health information

Disclosure of personal information

Surf Beach Surgery will not disclose your personal information to a third party unless:

- You have consented to the disclosure
- In accordance with the Privacy Act (1988), the disclosure is to your responsible carer, if you are physically or legally incapable of giving consent to the disclosure or for compassionate reasons, unless there is good evidence of your wish to the contrary
- Where legally obliged to disclose the information
- Disclosure is necessary to prevent a serious or imminent threat to an individual's life, health or safety or to prevent a criminal offence or seriously improper conduct
- It is required for judicial, administrative or coronial proceedings or is requested under a court order or subpoena
- It is the subject of a search warrant or is required to help identify or locate a patient

Full or partial access to your medical records may be refused in circumstances where:

- Disclosure of health information may result in physical harm or mental harm to you or any other person
- The information may impact on the privacy of other individuals
- Information relates to existing or anticipated legal proceedings

To be patients at Surf Beach Surgery, and to allow our doctors and nurses to provide you with comprehensive and safe health care, all patients must consent to policy outlined above.