



Dear Patient,

We believe that patients and your caregivers should have easy access to your medical information, no matter where you receive care. That's why we're participating in CommonWell, a service that allows a network of healthcare providers to identify you, securely send and receive your medical information, and help ensure that you receive optimal care.

### What is CommonWell?

A *free, secure service* offered by your doctor, so your health information can be available to you and your doctors regardless of where you've received care.

You simply need to enroll in the service with a driver's license and then confirm the other CommonWell network doctors you see. Don't worry if you don't have a government-issued picture ID, you can still register.

### How do we use the health information we share through CommonWell?

- **Better coordinate your care across different doctors** — We'll provide and request to receive your information *where* and *when* it's needed for your healthcare provider to deliver the care you need as you move from doctor to doctor.
  - Only healthcare staff directly involved in your care will access your medical information shared through CommonWell.
- **Support better care decision-making** — With timely access to information from other healthcare providers you've seen, your doctors may be able to make better decisions about your health.
  - This information will only be used to help improve your care; and won't be shared without your permission or unless it's required by law.
- **Deliver care more promptly and efficiently** — With less time wasted on tracking down your test results and other health information, your healthcare providers can treat you more efficiently, and spend less time on paperwork and more time on your care.
  - We do need your help in confirming the other doctors or hospitals you've visited when you enroll in CommonWell.
- **Securely and confidentially** — Your Protected Health Information ("PHI") will always be confidential and used to inform the CommonWell participating healthcare providers. We won't use your PHI for discriminatory purposes of any kind or to deny medical treatment.
  - You can opt-out of this service anytime by calling or visiting this doctor's office and asking them to unenroll you from CommonWell.

### How do I sign up?

It's quick and easy. Show the staff at the front desk or during patient discharge your government-issued ID (driver's license, etc.) and tell them what other doctors, hospitals and healthcare providers you've seen.

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### CommonWell Health Alliance

The CommonWell services are provided by the CommonWell Health Alliance trade association. We are devoted to the notion that patient data should be safely, securely and immediately available to patients and doctors regardless of where care occurs to deliver better care. We are committed to fostering standards that make this possible, and in having health information technology companies build these capabilities into their systems. The end results: higher quality, more timely, more cost-effective care that delivers better health outcomes. Participating vendors are: Allscripts, athenahealth, Cerner, CPSI, Greenway, McKesson, and Sunquest.