

Your Privacy

As part of your primary health care team we take your privacy very seriously.

All of your personal health information is stored in one record. It is only shared among members of the team involved in your care. With some exceptions your information cannot be shared outside of the team.

Examples of exceptions are:

- If we are concerned that you will harm yourself or others
- If there are child protection concerns
- If there is a court order to release your information

We assume that you are able to decide who your information is shared with. This is called “capacity to consent”. This is not based on age or health status, but rather is based on your ability to understand your health information and how it will be used. There are some common circumstances in which a patient may not be able to consent for themselves. For example, a parent will make decisions on behalf of their young child or a family member will make decisions on behalf of a person with advanced dementia.

If you have questions about your privacy please talk with us. If you want to know more about the Hamilton Family Health Team Privacy Policy please go to our website at www.hamiltonfht.ca. More information is also available at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Ontario at www.ipc.on.ca.

