

# Notice to patient on cross-border processing of personal data via the National Contact Point for eHealth (SiNCP)

## Patients receiving treatment in Slovenia

The purpose of this notice is to inform patients travelling to Slovenia about the processing of their personal data.

### 1. What is the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure?

The eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure (eHDSI or eHealth DSI) is an information and communication infrastructure that enables safe and simple access to a patient's health data in the case of medical treatment or the dispensation of medicinal products in pharmacies when the patient is receiving healthcare or medicinal products outside their country of origin. The data can be accessed at any time by health professionals anywhere in the EU.

The cross-border exchange of health data takes place via a network of secure communication hubs known as National Contact Points for eHealth (NCPeH), which are managed by Member States. Every EU Member State is responsible for managing personal data in its territory.

The National Contact Point for eHealth in Slovenia is called **SiNCP**. The authorised administrator of SiNCP is the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ), which is also the controller responsible for processing personal data in the context of cross-border exchange.

The transmission, recording and storing of your personal data in the context of cross-border exchange is carried out in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the national legislation of the Member States participating in the cross-border exchange.

### 2. What categories of personal health data are processed?

#### *Patient Summary*

The Patient Summary is a collection of basic health data that are essential for high-quality and safe healthcare provision. It contains the most important information such as allergies, current medication, current and previous illness, past surgeries and vaccinations, and administrative personal data (name, date of birth).

Data are collected in your country of affiliation and transmitted to other EU Member States<sup>1</sup> in order to ensure that you receive the best possible treatment in another country.

These data are available if appropriately recorded in electronic form in your country origin.

### 3. What is the legal basis for the processing of your personal data?

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<sup>1</sup> Currently the system also enables access in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

The authorised institutions of EU Member States have signed an “Agreement between National Authorities or National Organisations responsible for National Contact Points for eHealth”. This agreement sets out the criteria that Member States must meet in order to participate in cross-border eHealth information services, including data protection obligations.

The legal basis for processing your data in Slovenia is the [Healthcare Databases Act \(Uradni list Republike Slovenije \[Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia\] \(UL RS\), Nos 65/00, 47/15, 31/18\)](#).

The legal basis for the transmission of your data from your country of origin is the applicable legislation of your country of origin. If your data are transmitted to Slovenia on the basis of your consent, you must give your consent in your country of origin.

#### **4. What is the purpose of processing?**

Your health data will be used in Slovenia exclusively for the purpose of medical treatment.

#### **5. Who processes and has access to the data? (recipients of personal data)**

Authorised data processors in Slovenia are:

- the healthcare institution where you are receiving treatment,
- the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ), as the administrator of information and communication infrastructure and eHealth solutions and the administrator of the National Contact Point for eHealth (SiNCP).

Only authorised health professionals involved in your treatment will have access to your personal data in Slovenia. Access to the Patient Summary is only granted to doctors who log in to their respective information systems using an electronic identity (digital certificate, professional card).

#### **6. Where and how long are personal data stored?**

Data in the Patient Summary are only accessed during treatment or the dispensation of medicinal products.

Patient Summary data are stored in the national eHealth system for 5 years after the end of the calendar year in which the access to the Patient Summary took place.

Data in the Patient Summary are not stored in the local information system of healthcare providers.

Details of transactions (log of consultations or audit trail) are stored within the national eHealth infrastructure for five years after the end of the calendar year in which the transaction took place.

## 7. Your rights

You can obtain information on the processing of your personal data in Slovenia from the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ), the administrator of the National Contact Point for eHealth (email: [vop@nijz.si](mailto:vop@nijz.si)).

You can obtain information on the processing of your personal data in other EU Member States from the administrators of their National Contact Points for eHealth ([https://health.ec.europa.eu/ehealth-digital-health-and-care/electronic-cross-border-health-services\\_en#which-services-are-available-in-which-countries](https://health.ec.europa.eu/ehealth-digital-health-and-care/electronic-cross-border-health-services_en#which-services-are-available-in-which-countries)).

If you believe that your data in the Patient Summary are inaccurate, contact the administrator of the National Contact Point for eHealth, i.e. the NIJZ (email: [vop@nijz.si](mailto:vop@nijz.si)).

You have the right to submit a complaint to the supervisory authority in your country of affiliation or in Slovenia (where you receive treatment). The supervisory authority in Slovenia is the Information Commissioner (<https://www.ip-rs.si/>).

Contact details of the supervisory authorities of other EU Member States are available on the website of the European Data Protection Board: [https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/about-edpb/members\\_en](https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/about-edpb/members_en).

### Contact details:

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#### Personal data protection officer at the administrator of the National Contact Point for eHealth

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#### Personal data protection supervisory authority (Information Commissioner)

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