

Patient Electronic Health Record Notification

As part of our commitment to patients in providing the highest quality healthcare services, the physicians and staff of this office utilize an electronic health record (EHR) system. The EHR system allows our physicians and staff to consolidate, store, retrieve and share medical information about a patient's medical history. The EHR is endorsed as a way to increase accuracy, improve efficiency and reduce medical errors.

Medical records are created when you receive treatment from a health professional, as you do from our office. Records may include your medical history, details about your lifestyle (such as smoking or involvement in high-risk sports), and family medical history. In addition, your medical records contain chart notes, consultation notes, laboratory test results, medications prescribed, and reports that indicate the results of operations and other medical procedures.

Information will be entered directly or scanned into a web based medical record system in the computer. This chart is connected to a network of local physicians and offices associated with the Brown & Toland Medical Group. The physicians in the Brown & Toland Medical Group network are members of hospital staff at various hospitals including California Pacific Medical Center, Seton Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital. Your medical records are shared in this network and may be accessed by other physicians within the system. In turn, this office has access to records generated by other network physicians who see you and these records are shared only where there is a treatment relationship. The EHR has levels of security to protect against inappropriate access or disclosures. We believe patient care will be enhanced by immediate access to information we might not know otherwise exists.

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss this with your physician or our practice administrator, Yvonne Hawkins.