

“When health care providers have access to complete and accurate information, patients receive **better medical care.**”

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)

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A large graphic of the CommonWell logo, consisting of a central cluster of white and light blue circles, surrounded by smaller, scattered circles of the same colors, all set against a dark teal background.

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Now Connected to the CommonWell Network

An Improved Way to Coordinate Your Health Care Across Different Care Providers

We at Westchester Medical Center Health Network believe the optimal way to provide you the best care possible is by having a comprehensive view of your health history.

Through the CommonWell network, we can do just that.



Westchester Medical Center Health Network is pleased to provide our patients the opportunity to participate in the CommonWell network, allowing your participating health care practitioners access to your health information nationwide, regardless of where care occurs.

The CommonWell network provides participating practitioners access to past and present medical information to make better decisions and better coordinate care across your care teams.

How does this help me?

- Participating health care practitioners can access your health record.
- CommonWell nationwide connectivity means that your data is more accessible to participating clinicians.
- Reduces time spent tracking down your health information providing you faster, better care.
- When enrolled, if you are unable to provide health data, such as in an emergency, your care team may locate it immediately.
- May save time and the hassle of filling out health history forms when seeing new practitioners.

Can I see which members of my care team participate in CommonWell?

To view participating provider sites, visit the CommonWell website at:

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How do I enroll?

- In some areas, patients are automatically enrolled as part of the registration process.
- If you are not automatically enrolled, a care team member will confirm select demographics and then enroll you.
- Once enrolled, a care team member can review your health data from participating locations where you received care.

What health information will be shared by Westchester Medical Center Health Network?

- Records of allergies and drug reactions
- Medication and immunization history
- Transcribed diagnostic and treatment records
- Procedure records
- Record of problems and diagnoses
- Notes from your care team

Is my data secure?

Yes. CommonWell takes your privacy and security very seriously. CommonWell does not store any of your health/clinical data and uses end-to-end encryption to help ensure your data is secure when sending data.

Can I exclude certain records from being shared?

No. In order to provide a comprehensive health history, we don't have the option at this time to exclude specific visits, tests or episodes of care.

Can I choose not to participate?

Yes. Participation is a personal decision you must make. If you opt out, your health information will not be available through the CommonWell network to other clinicians. To opt out, contact registration or the front desk to discuss unenrolling.

If I choose not to participate, will it affect my ability to receive care here?

Participation is not a condition to receiving care. However, if you opt out, it may affect the information available to your care team when receiving care.

Whichever decision I make, can I later change my mind?

Yes. If you decide to remain enrolled now, but later change your mind and want to opt out, you can contact registration or the front desk.