

## What is the Bronx RHIO?

The Bronx RHIO is a Bronx-wide computer information system that helps healthcare providers securely share your medical records. Providers are doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, hospitals and clinics. The Bronx RHIO enables authorized medical professionals involved in your care to quickly access the information they need to give you the best care.



## Which organizations share information through the Bronx RHIO?

- Hospitals
- Physician Groups
- Community Health Centers
- Diagnostic and Treatment Centers
- Private Practice Physicians
- Nursing Homes
- Home Health Agencies
- Other (Public Health, Health Plans, etc.)

To see a full list of participating providers visit [www.bronxrhio.org](http://www.bronxrhio.org)



**The Bronx  
Regional  
Health  
Information  
Organization**



You probably receive medical care from more than one clinic, doctor or hospital. Each place keeps its own medical records. Medical records include information about your test results and the medicines you use. If the doctors and nurses at each site could see all your medical information they could give you better care.



## How can the Bronx RHIO help make your care better?

**In emergencies:** If you go to the emergency room and can't remember what medicines you are taking, the doctor can get that information immediately from the Bronx RHIO, which can help the doctor make better decisions about your treatment.

**If you are pregnant:** If you have to go to the hospital, the doctors and nurses at the hospital will be able to see a record of your pregnancy care. They will be able to make safer decisions about how to take care of you and your baby.

**Avoid taking tests more than one time:** If you just had lab tests at your doctor's office or clinic, and then you are admitted to the hospital, you may not have to take those tests again. The hospital can get your test results from the Bronx RHIO.

## Why do healthcare providers share information?

Health providers make better choices about your care when they have information on lab and x-ray tests, medical history, prescribed medicines and other reports. They can get this information faster if they use the Bronx RHIO.

## What are your rights?

As a patient, you have the right to share or not to share your health information with the Bronx RHIO. When you and your doctors are part of the Bronx RHIO, doctors get the information they need to give you the best care. It could save your life.

## Is shared health information kept private and confidential?

Yes. Federal and state laws are very specific about privacy and confidentiality. We strictly follow those laws. The Bronx RHIO will not share your health information with anyone who is not involved in your care, or is not a member of the Bronx RHIO.

## How do I sign up?

All you need to do is sign a consent form. Ask your healthcare provider for a Bronx RHIO consent form and check the 'I Give Consent' check box. A sample consent form can be found at [www.bronxrhio.org](http://www.bronxrhio.org)

