



Health Information Exchange (HIE) Patient Opt-Out

- ☐ I DO NOT wish to participate in the **release** of my health and medical information from UCI Health via secure health information exchanges to my non-UCI Health care providers.

*Please note that secure electronic exchange of health information helps ensure better care and coordination of care. By honoring this request, UCI Health will not share my health information with my other providers, except as otherwise authorized under California or Federal patient health information privacy laws. I understand that my non-UCI Health providers will be able to request my health information through other approved release of information processes.

- ☐ I DO NOT wish for UCI Health to **receive** my health and medical information via secure health information exchanges from my non-UCI Health care providers.

*Please note that by opting out of UCI Health receiving external health information, UCI Health providers may have less information about me when making a diagnosis or when making decisions about my care. UCI Health cannot prevent non-UCI Health care providers from releasing health information to others. I must contact each provider to communicate my desire that they do not release my health information.

All fields are required for UCI Health Health Information Management to process your request.

First Name _____ M. Initial _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (mo/da/yr) Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: _____

Patient Signature or Legal Representative* _____ Date _____ Time _____ AM / PM

*By signing as a legal representative, I am certifying that I am legally authorized to act on behalf of the patient.

Mail the completed and signed form to:

UCI Health Attn: Health Information Management Department
101 The City Drive South, Building 25A
Route 118
Orange, CA 92868

Please allow 2 business days for processing the form. You may also opt-out electronically at opoutcareeverywhere@hs.uci.edu.

For questions, call UCI Health - Health Information Management at (714) 456-5670 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm PST).

Health Information Exchange Patient Opt-Out Information

This form is to be used by patients who do not wish to participate in UCI Health's national and regional Health Information Exchange (HIE). Please read the following information carefully before submitting your opt-out form.

What is a Health Information Exchange or HIE?

A Health Information Exchange, or HIE, is a way of sharing your health information among participating doctors' offices, hospitals, labs, radiology centers, and other health care providers through secure, electronic means. The purpose is so that each of your participating caregivers can have the benefit of the most recent information available from your other participating caregivers when taking care of you.

What is in my UCI Health HIE patient record?

Your UCI Health HIE patient record will include your medications, allergies, current and past test results, and summaries of your past and current health problems. It will not include psychotherapy and sensitive notes or other information that requires your specific authorization to release under federal law. Having timely access to a more complete and accurate health record will help your caregivers work together more easily, make better decisions about your care, eliminate redundant forms, and reduce mistakes, especially in an emergency.

Who can see my records?

Only health care providers who are treating you and their associated staff who are specifically given rights to the HIE network can access your records through UCI Health HIE. For example, if one of your providers participates in UCI Health HIE, he or she can access your health information maintained by your other providers who also participate in UCI Health HIE.

How is my health information protected?

UCI Health is committed to keeping your records private and secure. Clear and strict federal and state guidelines govern how your health information can be exchanged, viewed, or used. Information that identifies you will not be sold or made available for other purposes. Only those that care for you will be able to view your health information, and only when needed to provide or coordinate your care, make referrals, submit mandatory public health reports (such as your vaccination history), or to provide health care benefits to you.

What can UCI Health HIE do for me?

If you see multiple doctors who participate in UCI Health HIE, they may see a more complete picture of your health, and make more informed treatment decisions. The goal is for you to receive coordinated care more efficiently. Your health care information is available to participating health care providers where and when they need it without delay.

Are there risks to opting out?

Yes. The goal of UCI Health HIE is to provide your caregivers outside UCI Health secure access to the best available information about your health. By opting out of health information exchange, your caregivers outside UCI Health may have less information about you when making a diagnosis for you, or when making decisions with you about your care.

I don't want to participate. How can I opt out?

Your health information will be visible to your caregivers through UCI Health HIE unless you opt-out using this form or by contacting UCI Health Health Information Management at (714) 456-5670. you may also opt-out at opoutcareeverywhere@hs.uci.edu. Please allow up to two business days for processing your opt out request.

Your choice to opt-out of the Health Information Exchange will not affect your ability to access medical care. Opting out will not prevent your caregivers from sharing your health information with authorized entities when necessary for public health or research purposed that are permitted for required by UCI Health as well as federal and state law. In cases of medical emergency, your doctor may request to view your health record to diagnose or treat your emergency medical condition and UCI Health HIE will make your records available under such circumstances.