

Information about Participation in HIEs

What is a Health Information Exchange (HIE)?

The Centers for Advanced Orthopaedics may participate in one or more health information exchanges (HIE). HIEs allow instant sharing of health information between doctors, nurses, health insurance companies, hospitals, and other providers involved in your care. By belonging to a HIE your healthcare team can see your medical records securely from other healthcare providers. HIEs are regulated by law. Your health information is never sold or used for marketing by the HIE.

Why is this important to you?

Sharing medical information through a HIE has been shown to:

- Reduce medication and medical errors
- Decrease unnecessary tests and procedures
- Improve the quality of care
- Improve care coordination

The Chesapeake Regional Information System (CRISP) is the HIE serving our area. Your healthcare providers may use the CRISP HIE to:

- Be notified when you are admitted to a hospital
- Share your health information with other providers who are caring for you
- Share your health information with your health plan or health insurance company to be sure you are receiving appropriate follow-up care
- When permitted by law share your information with public health officials
- Review your medical history to identified resources that may help you
- Identify research studies for which you may be eligible

For more information about CRISP please call 1-877-952-7477 or visit their website at www.crisphealth.org.

Your hospital or health care provider may also participate in other HIEs, including HIEs that allow your provider to share your information directly through our electronic medical record system.

It is your choice not to participate in these HIEs.

Your medical information is automatically shared through these HIEs, unless you chose **NOT to take part in this program.**

You may opt-out of the CRISP HIE by going to connect.crisphealth.org or calling 1-877-952-7477

You may also opt-out of the other HIEs that you're your CAO provider may belong to by contacting your Care Center's Administrator

Choosing not to participate in an HIE does not affect your provider's ability to share information with other outside of the HIE (e.g., via mail, fax, or phone) as allowed by law.