

# Informed consent for patient data processing electronic health records

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## Abstract

57.89% out of 19 countries require patients' informed consent to store patient data, 26.32% allow selective storage of patient data as defined by the patient, 89.47% require patients' informed consent when sharing or transferring or

accessing patient data, 68.42% of the countries allow patients access their own EHR, 73.68% facilitate correction/modification in EHR, and 26.32% facilitate deletion of patient records. 89.47% of countries highlight mechanisms to assure privacy and security of EHR. Policymakers' emphasis on various ethical concerns raised by EHRs has been increased highlighting patient rights related to eHealth as well as the requirement for compliance to different standards and regulations. eHealth policies must address requiring patients' informed consent in processing of patient data whereas patients have the ability to grant or withhold consent to different processing operations related to their EHR. Furthermore, facilitating patients with access to their own records, facilitating patients with modification, correction and deletion of EHR are widely discussed topics.

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