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## **Choice of Network members for eHealth – value for money**

The Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) has welcomed the Federal Government's commitment to incrementally roll out its electronic health records initiative through three of Australia's progressive general practice Network Members.

Dr Emil Djakic says the members: GP Partners in QLD, GP Access in NSW and Melbourne East GP Network in Victoria, will serve as excellent starting points for examining the impact of this new approach to health care in Australia.

"These electronic health records are essential to improving health outcomes for patients by ensuring important health information is made available at the point of care," Dr Djakic said.

"For eHealth initiatives to be successfully rolled out across Australia, it must be supported across both the hospital and the primary health care sectors. This program will showcase the effectiveness of primary health care organisations in providing that primary care support and their role in eHealth across Australia," Dr Djakic said.

"The three Network members chosen for this initiative are high functioning, high capacity and well developed primary health care providers and will provide excellent value for money in terms of giving a clear road map for the future roll out of this system.

"For the Network, these three members will be representative of what other Network members are capable of producing and implementing for eHealth. The next stage of implementation of this \$12.5m initiative will require consistent and co-ordinated 'change and adoption' activity across the entire primary care sector.

"We look forward to exploring how the Network can deliver this activity and provide the country with the integrated, patient focused health system it deserves." he said.

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