

COVID-19 update

Capturing patient preferences and key medical information

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During the COVID-19 response, Acute Plans (on Health Connect South/HealthOne) are the digital solution for all clinicians to record decision making, investigations and goals of care that need to be communicated.

Why use Acute Plans?

- Key information for acute teams can be kept up-to-date and relevant to the patient.
- They enable secure information sharing between hospital, primary and some community-based clinicians across the South Island.
- Health professionals can easily read, write and edit plans as appropriate, even if they are not the original author.
- St Johns clinical control centres can access Acute Plans.
- There is an alert in Health Connect South to inform clinicians that the patient has an Acute Plan.

What should I document in an Acute Plan?

Acute Plans can contain simple information, such as alerting staff that a pain plan exists and where to find it, through to more detailed information about social situations or complex medical issues. For example:

- current clinical decisions/guidance resulting from goal of care discussions for this episode
- enduring not for resuscitation (DNACPR) decisions
- specific medical interventions that are either indicated or not indicated e.g. IV antibiotics, non-invasive ventilation
- key patient treatment goals and priorities
- decisions or actions captured in other forms (such as **COAST** in Southland, **Shared Goals of Care** in Canterbury DHB and **OtTER** in Nelson Marlborough Health), so the information is regionally consistent and accessible across the health system
- any social or medical information that would be useful to acute services treating the person in an exacerbation of their illness.

Acute plans are part of the South Island suite of electronic shared care plans. They are hosted on Health Connect South and accessible across the South Island health system via HealthOne.

Advance Care Plans (ACP) are the place to document in detail patients' needs and wishes for end-of-life care and have legal validity.

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