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MORE patients than clinicians use My Health Record, and most users – both doctors and patients – are generally negative about the system.

But much of the negativity may be because users don't understand the system, a new factor analysis of studies shows.

By March 2015, about 9% of all Australians were registered with the My Health Record (MyHR) system, previously known as the PCEHR, with some 5000 GP practices (almost 75% of those eligible) and 11,000 clinicians on board, and 44,000 shared health summaries available.

But the analysis notes that most people viewing the information on the system are consumers, with around 20,000 patient viewings per month.

According to the study, published in the *Internal Medicine Journal*, the potential reasons for GPs not accessing the system are:

- Doctors believing they know most of what they need to about their patients.
- The “clunky” MyHR summary display.
- The fear of missing important information, placing doctors at risk of litigation.
- The lack of evidence showing the system helps deliver better patient outcomes.

“These findings suggest that Australian consumer and healthcare providers are generally negative towards the PCEHR [now MyHR],” it says.

“Participants’ uncertainty appears to stem from not knowing the mechanics of the PCEHR”.

The analysis found that although most Australians appeared ambivalent or negative about the value of the system, a large minority of 42% seemed positive.

And answers to two questions about having an opt-in or opt-out model suggested the people interviewed struggled to tell the difference between the two.

“A trial of the opt-out model has been announced, but the education campaign in Australia needs to be better targeted to achieve greater awareness about the PCEHR to allow individuals to make an informed choice whether to have a PCEHR or not.”

The analysis suggests future efforts to increase MyHR uptake should:

- Include easier ways for healthcare providers to get the information they want.
- Evaluate the impact of MyHR on healthcare delivery and patient outcomes to show it makes a difference.
- Track consumer and healthcare provider knowledge and awareness of the system's potential benefits.

"Without demonstrating to people the benefits of having a PCEHR, the potential for broad uptake and use of the system will be difficult to achieve," it says.

- The full analysis can be found [here](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imj.12956/abstract) (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imj.12956/abstract>).

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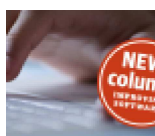
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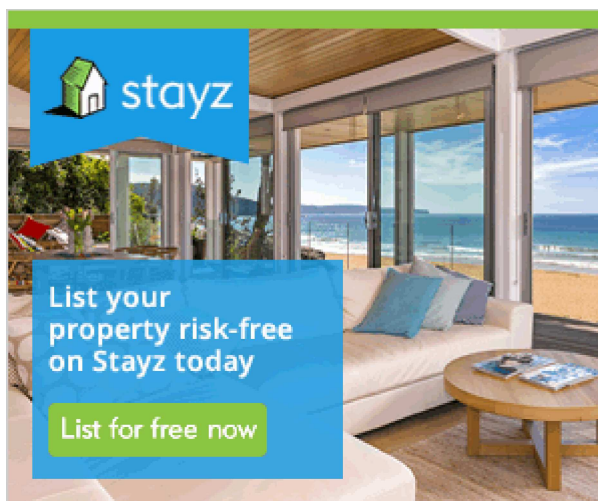
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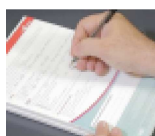
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