



## Patients and clinicians benefit by sharing visit notes

### *What is a visit note?*

Clinicians write notes about your visit.  
Reading them can help you!

- Take more control of your health
- Revisit and remember the details of your visits
- Remind yourself why and how to take your medications
- Gain insight into your clinician's thinking
- Prevent harm by catching possible mistakes
- Review next steps and what to look into
- Share your notes with family, friends, and other caregivers

### *Join the OpenNotes movement*

OpenNotes does not sell any software or product. We provide free tools and resources that help clinicians and health care systems share notes with patients.

- Ask for your notes
- Register for your patient portal
- Spend time on [opennotes.org](http://opennotes.org)
- Give us suggestions. We welcome them!

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## OpenNotes: Clinicians and patients sharing visit notes

### *Benefits for you, the clinician*

- Help patients to remember and understand their care plans
- Facilitate shared decision-making and better outcomes
- Improve adherence to medications
- Invite patients to spot mistakes and help prevent harms
- Enhance patients' ability to keep caregivers informed
- Answer questions through your notes
- Build trust and partnership

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- Offer your patients easy access to visit notes
- Work to make your notes accurate and clear
- Avoid acronyms and language that offends
- Encourage patients to read your notes
- Suggest patients share notes with others

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