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## The Patient-Centered Data Home (PCDH) Pledge

*Ensuring clinical data is available whenever and wherever care occurs and is "centered" around the patient*

The Patient-Centered Data Home (PCDH) is a cost-effective, scalable method of exchanging patient data among health information exchanges (HIEs). PCDH is based on triggering episode alerts, which notify providers a care event has occurred outside of the patients' "home" HIE, and confirms the availability and the specific location of the clinical data. This enables providers to initiate a simple query to access real-time information across state and regional lines and the care continuum.

PCDH is an initiative of the Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC) that puts into practice the vision that clinical data should be available whenever and wherever care occurs and "centered" around the patient to improve patient care. In this model, all clinical data becomes part of the comprehensive longitudinal patient record in the HIE where the patient resides, called the PCDH.



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East Tennessee Health Information Network (etHIN) understands and supports the exchange of patient data from HIE to HIE through the PCDH Program. In addition, East Tennessee Health Information Network (etHIN) supports the principle of PCDH that, by connecting patient care encounters electronically back to a patient's data home or PCDH, clinical data is able to follow patients wherever they receive care and more comprehensive data can be aggregated in the PCDH.

East Tennessee Health Information Network (etHIN) is currently participating or plans to participate in the PCDH Program in the future when financial, governance, staffing or other constraining issues can be resolved.

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