

## Online access to imaging records through PocketHealth



Patients and their families now have online access to their medical imaging records.

Please note that Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital no longer releases imaging records via CD and provides imaging records to patients and their care providers only through **secure, online access**. If you wish to pick up an **Access Page** which will provide your care provider with secure online access to your imaging records, please visit the Diagnostic Imaging Department from 8:15am–3:45pm weekdays, or we can fax this access page directly to your care provider. If you prefer not to visit the hospital, you can also easily access and share your imaging records online by visiting [www.pocket.health/PSFDH](http://www.pocket.health/PSFDH).

If you are a health care provider, external hospital or imaging clinic wishing to learn more about the Access Page they received, you can download the following PDF:

[PocketHealth P2P Recipient FAQ](#)

## Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS)

PACS is an information technology system that replaces the traditional film and the film handling infrastructure both within a Diagnostic Imaging department and throughout an entire hospital.

Imaging modalities (CT, general radiography, ultrasound, mammography) send image information digitally over the hospital network to a central system (database and image storage). From this central system, images are distributed instantly as required to computer workstations for primary diagnosis by radiologists and to clinical areas such as Emergency, Critical Care Unit, and the Operating Room. Radiologists can view images on PACS through

remote access during a consultation with the ER after hours. PACS provides quicker results to the ER physician and also serves as a secure archive, eliminating the need for film storage.

## **Health Diagnostic Imaging Repository Services (HDIRS)**

Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital (PSFDH) sends diagnostic images to HDIRS (Health Diagnostic Imaging Repository Services). This is an imaging data centre where PSFDH is one of 36 member hospitals of the corporation. The HDIRS data centre allows radiologists and other health care providers to access patients' current and historical diagnostic images.

There are many benefits to HDIRS. For example, when a patient is admitted to one of these hospitals or transferred from one hospital to another, the need to wait for CDs or to repeat diagnostic examinations is eliminated. The patient's treatment time is shortened.