



**Information document on making some of your health data available through the Brussels Health Network (Abrumet) as well as their transmission through Belgian health networks.**

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Dear Patient,

The Jules Bordet Institute is connected to the Brussels Health Network (Abrumet) through which it can communicate with other Belgian health networks approved by the federal eHealth platform. These online networks are designed to permit interconnection between patient hospital files and Brussels-based GPs.

We invite you to acquaint yourself with the implications of this form of computerised communication of your medical data so that you can be in full knowledge of the facts when indicating, on the past page of this document, your decision as to whether or not to make them available.

**You should know that:**

- It is only possible to exchange information on you through the health networks after your formal agreement and registration:
  - On one of the computer health networks approved by eHealth<sup>1</sup> or
  - On the "shared pharmaceutical file"<sup>2</sup> that enables pharmacists to exchange data on the medicines that you take or have taken in the past.
- Your agreement and withdrawal of any agreement for inclusion in these networks is global. It is not possible to register for one of these networks (medical or pharmaceutical) without adhering automatically to the others.
- Your registration as a patient on these networks as well as on the shared pharmaceutical file is voluntary and must remain free of any constraint. You are entitled to change your decision at any time for whatsoever reason without having to provide any justification.
- Your agreement can be given through a hospital, a chemist, a doctor or one of the health network websites. This then permits access to your health documents by every health professional participating in the networks in Belgium, provided
  - that these documents have been made available on one of these networks
  - that there is a treatment connection between this health professional and yourself (you have to confirm this link in the case of a GP; for a hospital doctor this link is declared by the doctor provided you are a patient at the hospital in question)
  - that this health professional (or institution to which he belongs) has accepted the network regulations, thereby undertaking in particular to respect the related legal and deontological framework
  - that you have not excluded this health professional by name from having access to your shared data.
- As a patient, you are entitled to ask your doctor not to make certain reports available on the health networks. You can also ask the Bordet Institute not to make available on these networks health data relating to you or produced at the Institute. If you are registered with the health networks each health professional who treats you is at liberty to decide whether or not to make available on these networks

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ehealth.fgov.be/fr/home>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.farmaflux.be>

the documents of which he is the author, this in the framework of the systems defined – if applicable – by the institution to which he belongs. As a result, the health networks are sources of medical information that cannot be regarded as exhaustive.

- Access to these networks is optional for the health professionals who are accompanying you.

### **Description of risks and benefits**

The aim of the Belgian health networks is to propose a common tool so that all health professionals who treat you can exchange your health data electronically in a standardised way. This improves the quality of exchanges and potentially patient follow-up.

These networks present certain risks, in particular undesirable access to data and the provision of incomplete information.

These networks have technological and regulatory barriers to limit access:

- It is forbidden to consult a patient's data unless this is necessary for treatment purposes.
- All persons who access patient data are health professionals bound by professional confidentiality.
- Access to a patient's data must always be justified by the patient's exclusive interests.
- Except for the cases foreseen by the law, no data can be communicated to third parties in whatsoever form without the patient's agreement.
- There is systematic tracking of health professionals who have accessed the documents of each patient.

Each patient is able, through the various network websites, to:

- consult the list of persons having access to his data
- view the index of documents concerning him
- himself limit access to certain of these documents
- ban access to certain health professionals

### **In practice:**

If you are not yet registered on one of these networks and would like to be, the Bordet Institute can register you on the Brussels Health Network.

Also, if you are already registered on an online health network the Institute Bordet will only publish your data if you have signed the enclosed authorisation (form on page 4). After receiving your agreement, the Bordet Institute will make your medical data accessible on the networks, in accordance with the following regulations: only the final and duly validated documents on the list below may be made available:

- reports on radiological and nuclear medicine examinations,
- results from the clinical biology laboratory,
- provisional hospital discharge letters,
- hospitalisation reports,
- surgical operations reports,
- certain other medico-technical examinations,
- mail and consultation reports sent to external GPs.

If the author of a report refuses publication than that report will not be made available on health networks.

The list of the type of documents made available will be changed by the Bordet Institute in accordance with developments in needs and in technology as well as ethical and deontological considerations; updates will be published on the website [www.bordet.be](http://www.bordet.be).

However, you can request that the Institute not publish documents relating to you that are produced at the Institute, while remaining registered with the health networks. In this case, if the Institute had already made available certain documents concerning you these will be removed from the health networks

and no new data generated by the Bordet Institute will be transmitted to the Brussels Health Network. Data published by the other health players will not be affected.

The original documents will be conserved and remain potentially accessible in your medical file at the Bordet Institute.

**In short, you can choose, by filling in the form below, from among the following three possibilities:**

- \* You register (or remain registered) with the health networks and accept that the Jules Bordet Institute makes available the documents relating to you.
- \* You remain registered with the health networks but request that the Jules Bordet not publish the documents relating to you.
- \* You deregister in full from the health networks.

**The form below must be completed, signed and deposited at the Accueil principal (Main Reception) on the ground floor at 121 Boulevard de Waterloo or sent to the Jules Bordet Institute, Service Accueil, Rue Héger Bordet 1, 1000 Brussels.**

In the near future an interactive terminal will be set up in the reception areas and our website <http://www.bordet.be> will also make it possible to give our choices.



**Request or refusal concerning the making available of my health data generated by the Jules Bordet Institute through the Brussels Health Network (Abrumet) as well as the communication of these documents through Belgian health networks.**

Last name:  
First name:  
Date of birth:

Or attach a Bordet sticker or mutual insurance vignette

I declare that I have been informed as to the purposes, nature and methods of exchanging information in the framework of Belgian health networks.

I have consulted the information document, a copy of which I have received.

I have had sufficient time to reflect on this and to discuss it with a person of my choosing (GP, relative, etc.).

**Please tick the appropriate box. Only one choice is possible:**

- I request that my health data generated by the Bordet Institute should be made available to health networks through the Brussels Health Network. If I am not already registered with a Belgian health network I authorise the Bordet Institute to register me on these networks via the Brussels Health Network.
- I refuse to have my health data generated by the Bordet Institute made available via the Brussels Health Network.
- I would like to withdraw my consent for the electronic exchange of data relating to my health through the Belgian health networks.

Last name:

Patient's signature

First name:

Date : ...../...../20.....

