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Fred IT Group to examine digital medications reconciliation and improvements in patient safety

The Fred IT Group has been named by the Australian Digital Health Agency to lead a new medicines safety project to explore the impact of digital health records in improving patient medication safety.

The medicines safety project is one of 15 Digital Health Test Beds announced on Tuesday by The Hon. Greg Hunt, MP Minister for Health. The project will investigate the impact of digital health systems in supporting patient safety and clinical decision-making as patients move between the care of their community pharmacy and hospital settings.

According to Fred CEO and pharmacist Paul Naismith, digital health systems can provide significant value to clinical and patient support as patients move through these settings.

"Hospital, community pharmacy and GP settings have evolved with different clinical systems which means that they have not necessarily spoken to each other. This has meant that real-time medications management and reconciliation is not necessarily visible to all parties as patients move between these different care settings, with concerning implications for clinical decision-making and patient safety."

"Fred believes that digital systems have a fundamental role to play in bridging gaps such as these in patient medicines history between different pharmacy settings. We are delighted to be involved in the process of gathering evidence about the real impact that digital health records have in strengthening medications management and patient outcomes."

Fred, together with partners including the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Monash University will measure the impact of digital medications reconciliation on patient safety and improving access to clinical decision-making data, using information from Fred's existing clinical tool, MedView together with the My Health Record.

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About Fred IT Group

Fred IT Group is Australia's largest provider of Pharmacy IT solutions servicing more than 3,000 pharmacies. Fred celebrated 25 years of operation in November 2017. The company was launched out of a deep commitment to the role of technological leadership in improving patient outcomes whilst making it easier and more efficient for health professionals to run their business. Fred's technological leadership during its 25 years has seen it invest in and launch a number of groundbreaking systems for health professionals, including Fred NXT, Australia's first cloud based management platform developed specifically for pharmacy, eRx Script Exchange, Australia's first and largest national electronic prescriptions exchange, and MedView, a consolidated medications picture available via the desktop.