

1 Privacy Collection Statement – Patients

St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne must comply with all relevant Australian privacy legislation and is committed to protecting the privacy of the personal information and sensitive information which it collects and holds.

2 Collection and use of personal information

2.1 Types of personal information collected by St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne

St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne collects information which is necessary to provide you with health care services, enable you to participate in research studies and to enable St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne to manage and operate its business, including:

- (i) name
- (ii) address
- (iii) health history
- (iv) family history
- (v) past and current treatments
- (vi) lifestyle factors
- (vii) other information necessary to provide medical treatment.

2.2 How St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne uses your personal information

St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne will use your personal information to:

- (a) provide health care services and any ongoing related services to you;
- (b) appropriately manage our business, such as assessing insurance requirements and conducting audits;
- (c) assist us in running our health services business, including quality assurance programs, billing, improving its services, implementing appropriate security measures, conducting research and training personnel; and
- (d) effectively communicate with third parties, including Medicare Australia, private health insurers and Department of Veterans' Affairs.

3 Disclosing your personal information

We may provide your personal information to:

- (a) third parties involved in your care, such as:
 - (i) pathologists and radiologists who have been asked to undertake diagnostic testing;

- (ii) senior medical experts and specialists who have been asked to assist in diagnosis or treatment;
- (iii) other health professionals involved in an individual's further treatment (such as physiotherapists and occupational therapists);
- (b) your general practitioner (for example, by providing discharge summaries);
- (c) government agencies, such as Defence or Department of Veterans Affairs, where an individual is receiving services with St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne under arrangements with those agencies;
- (d) government departments responsible for health, aged care and disability where St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne has a legal or contractual obligation to do so;
- (e) relatives, close friends, guardians (unless St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne have been told otherwise);
- (f) third parties contracted to provide services to St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne, such as entities contracted to assist in accreditation or survey processes;
- (g) chaplains associated with St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne so that an individual may receive pastoral care during admission;
- (h) any of the related entities to St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne;
- (i) research institutions with which St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne collaborates;
- (j) private health insurance providers and Medicare Australia;
- (k) our legal advisors and the Health Services Commissioner Victoria;
- (l) anyone authorised by you to receive your personal information (your consent may be express or implied);
- (m) anyone St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne is required by law to disclose your personal information to.

4 Your consent

I, (print name) _____

of (add address) _____

consent to St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne collecting, holding, using and disclosing my personal information (including health information and other sensitive information) as set out in this collection statement.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

You can obtain a copy of St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne's privacy policy by contacting the Privacy Officer on 9411 7695 or by visiting www.svpm.org.au