

21st Century Cures Act



What is the 21st Century Cures Act?

The 21st Century Cures Act is intended to empower patients by providing faster and more complete access to their health data, whether that be via patient portals such as MyChart or by providing more direct access to requesting and receiving complete medical record information.

What this means for you

Our patients can now see new test results and notes immediately in [MyChart](#). This means you may see your results before your care team or provider has reviewed them. You may also see your results within another organizations' patient portal prior to the being available in The Portland Clinic MyChart patient portal. This may happen because we utilize external organizations for processing certain tests such as lab and pathology and results may not have come across yet from the external organization. This may cause a slight delay in your results being available in your Portland Clinic MyChart account.

Some results are easy to understand, and others may be more confusing. You can decide if you want to review your results on your own or wait for your care team to contact you once they have been reviewed by discussing this with your health care provider during your visit when the tests are ordered. Please be patient and give your care team at least 3 business days to review your results. We will contact you if there are concerns with your results or if any follow up is needed.

Resources

For more information about the 21st Century Cures Act, please see the links below:

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(cms.gov\)](https://www.cms.gov)
- [What ONC's Cures Act Final Rule Means for Patients \(healthit.gov\)](https://www.healthit.gov)
- [21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program \(federalregister.gov\)](https://www.federalregister.gov)