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Reduce, Integrate and Deliver Health Solutions

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On Monday, General Practice Queensland released its election submission Healthy Queenslanders 2009 -2012 to the government and opposition for consideration.

“Our submission proposes a range of practical, evidence based solutions that align with the current health care reviews” said Dr John Kastrissios General Practice Queensland Board Chair.

Dr Kastrissios said “Solutions focus on shifting the current coordination of care from a manual to an electronic system ensuring quality and safety as well as improving patient care as they transition between primary, secondary and tertiary care settings”.

By investing in an online directory that connects services and providers across the health system, the foundation for the implementation of Individual Electronic Health Records and Unique Patient Identifiers will be created.

Gaps in continuity of care and the movement of patients between care settings result in fragmented care and dissatisfaction. “We support the need for local service planning and coordination” said Dr Kastrissios.

“By collectively engaging Queensland’s 3500 general practitioners, 1755 practice nurses as well as allied health professionals we can become the healthiest state by 2020” Dr Kastrissios said.

“Integration across the health sector will make best use of the health care dollar in times of fiscal constraint” said Dr John Kastrissios General Practice Queensland Board Chair.

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