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## IT enabling transfer of information between primary and secondary care

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A number of studies have identified the risks to patients when information about changes to their medication are not communicated from secondary to primary care in a timely manner. In Wales national IT systems have been developed to share this information and thus reduce these risks. As well as sending discharge information to patients' GPs, the medicines information can be shared with the patient's chosen community pharmacy. The pharmacist is then able to use this information, as part of the discharge

medicines review service, to reconcile the medicines prescribed on discharge with those prescribed by the GP. Any differences are then resolved, avoiding potential patient harm. This technology is being implemented in hospitals and community pharmacies across Wales with ongoing evaluation in place to determine the impact of the developments on patient care.

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