

# Direct Secure Messaging – At a Glance

What is Direct Secure Messaging? When and why should I use it?

Known simply as Direct, it provides a trusted, secure, and widely deployed mechanism for the exchange of health information that's as easy as email or fax.



## Available

Direct is available within your EHR, providing efficient communication with other providers/healthcare organizations to deliver the best possible patient care.



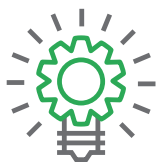
## Trusted

Direct uses the DirectTrust framework which requires identity verification, so you know and trust who you exchange with.



## Secure

Direct is as easy as email, but HIPAA-compliant. Messages are authenticated and encrypted to ensure that PHI is sent securely and received only by authorized parties.



## Efficient

Used as an alternative to fax, Direct provides the ability to transmit structured data so information like medications or allergies can easily flow into your EHR.



## Adaptable

Direct is utilized to send referrals, exchange consult notes, transitions of care across care settings, and simple messages.



## National Directory

DirectTrust accredited organizations allow access to a network of more than 2 million addresses across the US.





