



Open Notes gives you easier access to your medical notes through the *myBeaumontChart*, your electronic health record. When provider notes are readily available, patients are more likely to read them and be more engaged with their health care. With Open Notes, you can also view or print more of your medical record without having to call another office or put in a request for your paper record to be mailed to you.

While *myBeaumontChart* has already been your place to see an after-visit summary, test results, appointment information, request prescription refills, or even send a message to your doctor, with Open Notes, you can review more details from your office visit or inpatient hospital stay.

A lot of information is shared during office visits or during hospital stays. Reading your notes after an office visit or hospital stay may help you remember what you and your health care provider talked about and may help you feel more in control of your care. You may also remember details about your plan of care to help you better manage your health. Reading the notes may not be for everyone. If you are unsure, you may want to start by talking or reviewing a note with your health care provider.

After a physical exam, your doctor may share information such as blood pressure or how your heart and lungs sound.

- your doctor's diagnosis and thoughts about your condition or symptoms (this may also be called the assessment or impressions)
- the treatment plan recommended by your doctor and discussed with you
- next steps, including upcoming tests, follow up appointments or referrals

Possible reasons include:

- Your health care provider may not use Beaumont's Electronic Health Record system, called Epic.
- The note may have been written before June 4, 2019, when sharing doctor's notes through *myBeaumontchart* started.
- The health care provider may not yet be sharing notes.
- The note may not be ready. Health care providers review their notes for accuracy before they approve them; once approved electronically, the note will become available.
- Certain notes may not be shared.

If you have questions, talk with your provider or call *myBeaumontChart* support: 248-597-2727.

If you have signed up for *myBeaumontchart* access, you will have access to your notes from office visits or hospital stay as of June 4, 2019. In addition, it is important for you to think about who has full proxy access to your *myBeaumontchart* account: Any person you have given full proxy access to will be able to open and see the health care provider's notes shared through *myBeaumontchart*.

To view who has account to your account, select 'Personalize' under the Settings folder. Each user that is able to view your account will be listed under 'Who Can View My Record.'

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Your note may contain medical language, abbreviations, or terminology that are not easy to understand. If you have questions about your note, write them down and share them at your next appointment, with your health care provider. You may wish to print your note and bring it to your next appointment. You can also view the following website for a reference of medical terminology and abbreviations:
<https://medlineplus.gov/appendixb.html>

There are a few ways in which you can address any possible errors in your note:

- You may wish to contact your health care provider's office and discuss the possible error