



The 21st Century Cures Act and You

The 21st Century Cures Act is designed to make healthcare information more accessible and transparent. At UT Health Austin, this information will be made available to you through documents posted by your care team in your MyUTHA Patient Portal hosted by Athena.

These documents will appear under the “**Visit Notes**” under the “My Health” tab in your portal. Visit Notes refer to any documentation with details regarding a patient’s ongoing care or treatment.

Please be aware that Visit Notes can include patient-facing notes and documentation used internally by clinicians. **It’s important to be mindful that it may take up to 3 business days for your clinician to complete and close your Visit Notes.** Your clinician will notify you through the portal when the notes are complete. If you do not have access to, or do not use, the patient portal, Visit Notes are available upon request.

Which health-related documents do I have access to view?

- **Encounter Summary** – An encounter summary provides an overview of a visit with key chart data and may include notes intended for clinician use.
- **Procedure Notes** – A procedure note includes details and notes about a medical procedure (like an x-ray, MRI, or colonoscopy).
- **Discharge Summaries** – Your discharge summary from an area hospital will not be available from our team and you would need to reach out to the specific hospital where you were admitted to obtain those records.
- **Consult Notes** – A consultation note is a note with an opinion or advice from another doctor or specialist.
- **Lab and Test Results** – Please note, your lab or test results may appear in your portal before your provider has had a chance to review them and make recommendations. In general, your provider will notify you through your portal once they have reviewed your results.

For more information about the 21st Century Cures Act visit uthealthaustin.org.