

# Microsoft HealthVault

The screenshot shows the Microsoft HealthVault website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Microsoft HealthVault logo (including 'BETA') and links for Home, Add to my favorites, Sign in or, and Create an account. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome to HealthVault**: A section with the tagline "Be well. Protected." and a paragraph explaining the service's purpose: "When it's your job to protect your family's health, you need every advantage. Imagine if you had a way to collect, store, and share the health information critical to your family's well-being." It also states "HealthVault is the new and FREE way to do just that." and "Imagine controlling the flow of your health information. Whether you need to search the Web for the most up-to-date treatments, catalog existing health records, receive test results, or monitor current physical readings — HealthVault gives you the control you need." A photograph of a woman kissing a young girl on the cheek is positioned to the right of this text.
- Our Health Privacy Commitment**: A list of four points: 1. The Microsoft HealthVault record you create is controlled by you. 2. You decide what goes into your HealthVault record. 3. You decide who can see and use your information on a case-by-case basis. 4. We do not use your health information for commercial purposes unless we ask and you clearly tell us we may. Below this list is a link: "To read our full Privacy Statement, [click here](#)."
- HealthVault Search**: A section titled "The new way to search for healthcare articles and health information on the Web." with a "Learn More" link. To the right is a "Web Health Search" box with a search input field and a "Search Health" button.
- HealthVault Account**: A section titled "The revolutionary and FREE way to collect, store, and share your health information with Web sites and doctors." with a "Learn More" link. It includes links for "Already a member? [Sign in](#)" and "Not a member? [Create a HealthVault Account](#)", and a link for "Web sites that use Microsoft HealthVault".
- HealthVault Connection Center**: A section titled "Connect a wide variety of HealthVault-compatible devices from partners to your PC, and upload the data to your HealthVault account." with a "Learn More" link. It includes links for "Download Device Drivers" and "Download HealthVault Connection Center".

Earlier this month Microsoft launched HealthVault, a free software and services platform aimed at helping people better manage their personal health information. HealthVault is a culmination of two years of preparation which included assembling a team, gathering expertise, building the technology, and creating partnerships with hospitals, disease-prevention organizations and healthcare companies. Current partner organizations include the Mayo Clinic, the American Heart Association, Johnson & Johnson, and MedStar Health, among others.

While the program allows users to enter in their own health information, it is expected that most patients will also give permission to doctors, clinics, and hospitals to do so. Since privacy and security are obvious concerns, Microsoft has taken measures to ensure that data is stored in secure, encrypted databases. The program also offers an online search engine specifically designed for health queries.

These tools, similar forms of which will likely be offered by other major technology companies in the near future, represent a major step toward personalized, patient-oriented healthcare.

For more information, please visit: [www.healthvault.com](http://www.healthvault.com).