

## Southern Tier HealthLink Joins the Statewide Health Information Network of New York Service Platform



Southern Tier HealthLink NY (STHL) announces its new partnership with the [New York eHealth Collaborative](#) (NYeC) and its [Statewide Health Information Network of New York](#) (SHIN-NY) Service Platform, which aims to create the infrastructure to connect health information across New York State. This will make a truly meaningful difference for patients in this rural community, who seek care from larger, specialized medical centers.

STHL, which covers the Broome, Chenango, Tioga, Delaware and Otsego counties in upstate New York, brings its extensive network of providers from its health information exchange to the SHIN-NY, along with a functioning patient portal serving 25,000 area patients. STHL is currently the top performing RHIO in the state, in terms of the highest number of transactions between providers and hospitals occurring over its network. STHL has also demonstrated great ability to implement innovative, patient-centered enhancements to their platform and will be sharing these strengths with other RHIOs as part of this partnership.

"Our reasons for joining the SHIN-NY are simple: We can consolidate costs and make better use of our grant dollars; we can collaborate more fully to build on strong ideas and execution; and—most importantly—this partnership allows us to reach more providers," explained STHL Executive Director Christina Galanis. "In short, we can offer more at a lower cost to our community."

STHL performed a crucial role in its region last year, when the devastating aftermath of Tropical Storm Lee decimated many of the region's small towns. Many displaced residents required medical treatment. At one point in the Binghamton University Events Center, as many as 1,700 sought shelter, some of those with disabilities, many elderly, and dozens with serious medical conditions. STHL was able to step in and provide emergency access to electronic health records through its health information exchange (HIE).

[Read more.](#)

## New York Health Information Technology Dashboard Published October 1st

To measure the advancement of our statewide efforts to adopt health information technology and drive better coordinated care, NYeC has published a "dashboard" of meaningful metrics to track progress in four categories: Health IT adoption, Immunization and Public Health, Public Opinion, and Meaningful Use. The dashboard will be updated regularly and, when available and appropriate, new information will be added.

[See the dashboard.](#)

## 2012 NYeC Gala and Awards Ceremony: October 15, Pier Sixty in New York City [nyecgala.org](http://nyecgala.org)

To purchase seats for this dinner event, visit [nyecgala.org](http://nyecgala.org). For other sponsorship opportunities, contact Tom Tagariello at (646) 619-6761 or [ttagariello@nyehealth.org](mailto:ttagariello@nyehealth.org).

## 2012 Digital Health Conference: October 15-16, Pier 60 in New York City



The New York's eHealth Collaborative's October 15-16 Digital Health Conference is less than two short weeks away and is on pace to completely fill to capacity! Over 700 healthcare and health IT professionals will descend on New York's Chelsea Piers to learn from and network with industry thought leaders and innovators who are shaping the future of healthcare through the use of technology.

### 10 Reasons to Attend this Year's Event:

1. The "Father of the U.S. health IT movement," Dr. David Brailer and the enthralling Freakonomics co-author Stephen J. Dubner will keynote the event.
2. Unveiling of the inaugural class of the [New York Digital Health Accelerator](#), a \$4.2 million program run by the New York eHealth Collaborative and the New York City Investment Fund for early- and growth-stage digital health companies.
3. NYeC's Gala & Awards show hosted by CNBC's Maria Bartiromo, honoring GE's Chairman & CEO, Jeff Immelt and IBM's Chairman Sam Palmisano.
4. A peer-driven educational program featuring 18 thought-provoking lectures, panels and interactive presentations.
5. IBM's Watson featuring IBM's Chief Medical Scientist, Dr. Martin Kohn and Memorial Sloan Kettering's VP & CIO Patricia Skarulis
6. The opportunity to network and increase your visibility with over 700 senior-level health IT professionals
7. Social Media Panel featuring Brian Ahier (@ahier), John Lynn (@techguy), Wen Dombrowski (@HealthcareWen) and Amy Dixon (@amyrnbsn).
8. Statewide Health Information Network of NY: HIE Strategy 2.0 led by NYeC Executive Director, Dave Whitlinger
9. Health Tech Innovation & Funding panel featuring StartUp Health's Co-founder Steven Krein, Health 2.0's SVP Jean-Luc Neptune, NY City Investment Fund's CEO Maria Gotsch, and Blueprint Health's Founding Partner Brad Weinberg, and NYeC's Director of Business Development, Anuj Desai.
10. All that New York and Chelsea have to offer—take a stroll on the High Line, visit Chelsea's art galleries, or taste an unrivaled restaurant scene.

Attend the conference: don't miss your opportunity to join over 700 of your peers as they come together to hear insights, ideas, and analysis from healthcare and health IT [industry thought leaders](#).

Attend the conference: [Register Today!](#)

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