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Digital Health Conference Wrap-Up

Those two days at Manhattan's Pier Sixty drew over 1,000 attendees from across and beyond the healthcare and technology fields. Nearly twice as many attended this year's conference than last, and crowds packed into standing-room only talks and presentations, lining the perimeter of breakout sessions, tweeting, note-taking, and applauding.

At the opening of the conference, Dr. Nirav Shah, New York State Commissioner of Health, revealed the eight members of the inaugural class of the New York Digital Health Accelerator (NYDHA), a program of funding, mentorship, and access to providers, which will help New York to thrive as an ecosystem for the emerging digital health technology industry. Read more.

As diverse as the gathering was, what brought it all together was a unity of purpose—to improve healthcare through technology—and an intellectual curiosity and excitement about a field which is growing immensely, and in which New York State is a leader. As many speakers noted, this point in history is one of tremendous change, a theme which ran throughout the conference, particularly with the development of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY).

Watch a video of Day One Highlights here:
http://nyehealth.org/events/digital-health/

2012 Gala & Awards Ceremony

Hosted by the NYeC Board of Directors, and emceed by CNBC Anchor and Host, Maria Bartiromo, the NYeC 2012 Gala and Awards Ceremony honored those dedicated to advancing health IT in the State of New York and beyond.

Awards were presented in three categories:

Career Achievement in the Advancement of Health IT
Jeffrey R. Immelt, Chairman of the Board and CEO, General Electric
Samuel J. Palmisano, Former Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer, IBM

New York Health IT Visionary
Elmwood Health Center, Buffalo, NY

New York Health IT Practice Champion
Sumir Sahgal, MD–Medical Director, Essen Medical Associates, P.C. & EssenMED House Calls
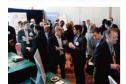Louise West–Practice Administrator, Myrtle Street Obstetrics & Gynecology, PC

The gala opened with a short video about why this work is important, told by a member of the NYeC staff whose father's death inspired her to take her technology background into the field of healthcare.

What People Are Saying!

Thanks for inviting us to present. It was an incredible experience and one of the best conferences I have ever attended.
– Fran Turisco, Director, Aspen Advisors

"The Digital Health Conference event was the best I've seen of a large number of "real" providers looking for new health technology. I hope that it spreads to other events."
– Dave Chase CEO, Avado, Contributing Writer and Editor, Forbes, HIMSS, California Health Care Foundation, & TechCrunch

"The technology of the inaugural class of the New York Digital Health Accelerator could contain costs, spur 1,500 new jobs and attract $200 million in venture funding." **– Crain's New York Business**

"...the New York eHealth Collaborative's wildly popular, overflowing literally, Digital Health 2012 shindig at Chelsea Piers..."
– Government T.G.I.W.: Editor's Weekly Notes, by Tom Sullivan

"A public-private consortium is about to make a quantum leap in the interoperability among disparate electronic health record (EHR) systems and health information exchanges (HIEs)."
– Interoperability Initiative Poised to Transform Healthcare, InformationWeek

"If you are an entrepreneur, take this slide home. Build a product that meets some of these needs, and I guarantee you've got a marketplace here in New York," David Whitlinger, executive director of New York eHealth Collaborative, said at NYeC's Digital Health Conference in Manhattan
– Plug and Play with the SHIN-NY, Health2.0

"It has been a real partnership," said Dr. Nirav Shah, the state health commissioner. 'These companies will get access to our clinicians.'"

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