

National Health IT Week



It's that time of year again, and **National Health IT Week** commences today, Monday, September 16th.

The eighth annual collaborative forum is where healthcare IT professionals work together to educate industry and policy stakeholders on the value of advancing Health IT. To help celebrate National Health IT Week, we are highlighting a series of stories below that we have previously published along with new successes emphasizing the accomplishments New York State has made to advance healthcare through technology. Tune in by following us on Twitter @NYeHealth or by liking us on our Facebook page.

From the NYeC blog



New York's Success: A Study in Partnership

Posted by: David Whitlinger, Executive Director, NYeC on September 13, 2013

In 2009 my family and I moved from Portland to New York City so I could take my current position at NYeC. Having worked in the Health IT division at Intel, I knew how important the work at NYeC would be. It was the opportunity to help better the lives of many millions and set in place standards that would influence the rest of the nation. Four years later, as we launch the 2013 National Health IT Week, I take this moment to reflect on how far we have come. [Read more](#)



Technology, Training, and Payment Reform: The Formula for Better Health

Posted by: Amanda Parsons, MD, MBA, Deputy Commissioner NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on September 13, 2013

Prevention works. Many of us think of life-saving medicine as something that happens in emergency rooms and intensive care using the latest medical treatments, but we often ignore the power of basic healthcare services to prevent disease in the first place. There are hundreds of evidence-based services that can prevent disease and save lives, but many patients don't get them. With the right tools, health care providers can work together to help ensure patients get live-saving interventions like medications that control blood pressure and lower cholesterol, aspirin that reduces the risk of stroke, counseling and nicotine replacement therapy that help smokers quit. [Read more](#)



Transforming Health IT in Western New York

Posted by: Dan Porreca, Executive Director, HEALTHeLINK on September 13, 2013

When it comes to health IT in Western New York (WNY), HEALTHeLINK's goal is pretty straight forward. Promoting the use of technologies that support the Triple Aim—Better Health, Better Care, and Lower Costs. Since our first physician came on board in 2008, we have continued to create solutions for our local health care system through significant local, state and federal investment and through collaboration in the meaningful exchange of health information. The solutions we enable in Western New York are examples of just a few of the ways New York State is leading the charge when it comes to transforming health IT. [Read more](#)

Data Liberation Award Goes to Dr. Shah



At the June **Health Datapalooza Conference** in Washington, D.C., New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Nirav Shah accepted the First Annual Data Liberation Award on behalf of the New York State Department of Health. The award recognized the open data site **Health Data NY** (part of Governor Cuomo's **Open NY Initiative**), which allows healthcare providers and consumers better access to state health data. *Originally Published June 2013.*

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NY State Congressman Endorses EHRs



Watch Congressman Brian Higgins address the floor of the House of Representatives about the need for increased adoption. Originally *Published January 2013.*

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Watch: HIE, Making a Difference



Still skeptical about the benefits of HIE? You shouldn't be. Produced by the Office of the National Coordinator, this video, featuring David Whitlinger of NYeC, and Bronx-based healthcare provider, Dr. Sumir Sahgal, shows how radically HIE has improved physicians' practices and

patient care throughout the country. *Originally Published January 2013.*

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Regional Extension Centers: A Meaningful Year

2013 has been an eventful year for New York State's two Regional Extension Centers (RECs) – the **NYeC REC** and **NYC REACH**. For much of the year, New York State has been amongst the nation's leaders in helping healthcare providers attain Meaningful Use. To date, of the 13,918 providers enrolled in the Medicare and Medicaid Service's EHR Adoption and Incentive Program through a REC, over 5,300 have attained Meaningful Use.

In addition, New York State successfully launched a new EHR adoption program targeting behavioral health providers, seeking to improve clinical outcomes for the seriously and persistently mentally ill. The **HEAL 22** program is working to establish seamless exchange of health information within and across Medicaid **Health Homes** providers to achieve integrated care and improve health outcomes for this vulnerable population. HEAL 22 also supports pediatric providers of behavioral health services who are not yet participating in the Health Home program.

To date, over 30 Health Homes and 7,600 behavioral health providers across the state have enrolled in the HEAL 22 program.

"HEAL 22 has represented the first major grant funding health information technology (HIT) opportunity for our inpatient psychiatric facility to implement coordinated care. Providers will be able to get better access to patient information in treating patients with acute mental illness and other chronic health conditions that affect our patients. We will be using our electronic medical record solution NetSmart Tier and access to the Healthix RHIO to provide better real time access to our patient's health information."

– Robert E. Detor, President & CEO, South Oaks Hospital, Amityville, NY

State Health Information Exchange Program New York – Empowering Communities to Deliver a New Standard of Care*



Despite New York's notoriously fast past environment, enabling health information exchanges (HIE) across the state took more than a "New York Minute."

The impressive numbers –

3.5MM patient consents; 65 percent of New York's hospitals actively engaged in query-based exchange, 42 percent actively engaged in directed exchange; nearly 30,000 clinical and administrative users – resulted from the state's hard work and thoughtful, long-term courtship with health information technology (HIT) and HIE stakeholders.

[Read more](#)
(Source: ONC)

*Statistics as cited in the ONC's December 2012 Bright Spots Brief

2013 Gala Honorees Announced

NEW YORK eHEALTH COLLABORATIVE

GALA & PATH AWARDS

Also, in the spirit of National Health IT Week, the New York eHealth Collaborative is pleased to announce its **2013 Gala and Awards Ceremony** honorees, for their achievement and innovation to advance health IT. The

event is hosted by the **NYeC Board of Directors** and will be held the evening of November 14th at the Digital Health Conference at Hilton New York.

PATH Honorees

George C. Halvorson
Chairman, Kaiser Permanente

Michael J. Critelli
CEO, Dossia

PATH Awardees

Mr. Alan Aviles
President, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

Mr. David Cohen
Senior Vice President, Clinical Integration
Senior Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine
Maimonides Medical Center

Catholic Medical Partners

CipherHealth

Mary Zelazny
CEO, Finger Lakes Community Health

Master of Ceremonies

Robert Bazell
Adjunct Professor, Department of Molecular, Cellular and
Developmental Biology, Yale University;
Former Chief Science and Health Correspondent, NBC News

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2013 Digital Health Conference



This Friday, September 20 is the final day to take advantage of early bird rates for the November 14-15 **Digital Health Conference** in NYC — **Save over 20% on registration!**

Don't miss your opportunity to network with 1,200 fellow healthcare professionals and hear insights, ideas, and analysis from leaders in the health IT community.

To learn more and register, visit www.DigitalHealthConference.com

Provider Interconnectivity Initiative: Improve Care Coordination and Patient Outcomes



Imagine how much time you could save with new patients if you could get immediate access to their medical records. Think of how much

easier it would be to track down specialist reports and diagnostic image results with reliable interoperability. Access to the patient data you need would mean improved care coordination for you and for your patients. Learn how to make this possible with the **Interconnectivity Initiative** from the Primary Care Information Project (PCIP) of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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NYS Medicaid Specialists Can Receive Up To \$63,750.00

The **Medicaid Specialists Program** is the third EHR adoption and implementation program available and coordinated by New York State's the two Regional Extension Centers (RECs): NYeC which services the entire state, with the exception of New York City, and New York City Regional Electronic Adoption Center for Health (NYC REACH), which provides services to the five counties within the city. The program is designed to service and support Medicaid Specialists Providers in the adoption, implementation, and use of EHRs across New York State who may have previously been ineligible to receive support from the RECs for earlier Meaningful Use initiatives (offered and funded via the Office of the National Coordinator). Eligible providers are encouraged to enroll in the Medicaid Specialists Program so they can receive support services to help them qualify for Meaningful Use Incentive payments, which if fully realized, would equal \$63,750.00. Specialists who may have previously been referred to as being 'out-of-scope' in the original ONC RECs provision will be supported by this program. For more information, or to learn if you qualify for this program please contact: Peggy Frizzell, HIT Implementation Project Manager, for NYeC at pfrizzell@nyehealth.org or by phone at (646) 619-6562.

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Partner Events

New York's New Health Disruptor: Meet Cornell Tech



Alexandria Center for Life Science

450 East 29th Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY
Thursday, October 10, 2013, 8:00 – 10:00 am breakfast

The new Cornell Tech is now taking shape, bringing academia and industry together to turn ideas into products and solve problems directly relevant to New York's leading industries. Healthcare features prominently in the school's curriculum and research agenda. In partnership with the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Cornell Tech will be designing the "Healthier Life" hub with an innovative two-year degree, industrial research projects and intense corporate engagement around health.

For the first time, Cornell Tech Dean Dan Huttenlocher and Professor Deborah Estrin — a mobile health pioneer with a joint appointment at Weill Cornell Medical College — will share their vision for how the campus will contribute to the city's tech, health and life science ecosystem. They will be joined by Dr. Curtis Cole, Chief Information Officer at Weill Cornell, one of the experts and thought leaders that the campus is engaging to navigate the complexity inherent in health and medicine.

NYeC eNews subscribers, receive a \$10 discount on this event by using the code **NYEC13**

[Learn more and register.](#)

Health 2.0's 7th Annual Fall Conference



Health 2.0's 7th Annual Fall Conference covers the consumers, big data, health care marketplaces, and the unplatform technology revolution that is changing every sector of health care. Join over 2,000 health tech executives, entrepreneurs, practitioners, politicians, and investors congregated to watch over 200 LIVE demos and hear from over 180+ speakers on more than 40 panels including our **DC to VC Startup Health IT Showcase** in partnership with Morgenthaler Ventures. This year we have keynotes from Humana CEO, Bruce Broussard, and the Lt. Governor of California, Gavin Newsom.

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