

Healthcare IT News: “SHIN-NY Goes Big for Statewide HIE”

Leaders from 33 digital health companies in New York are calling on the legislature to fund the **Statewide Health Information Network of New York**, or SHIN-NY, just as the organization's connecting HIEs and information systems are starting to build a critical mass. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is proposing an appropriation of \$65 million to the SHIN-NY, a part of the New York eHealth Collaborative, to help connect New York's ten regional health information organizations and increase provider participation.

Those ten RHIOs “are currently silo-ed,” the group wrote in a letter to legislators, and linking up to the SHIN-NY would leave New York as “the first large state to implement a statewide health information exchange that is not tethered to a specific healthcare provider.” The leaders are from a range of digital health startups, such as Anish Sebastian of IEQ, Frank Sculli of BioDigital and Chris Burrow of Humetrix, as well the EHR maker NextGen Healthcare and the investment firm New Leaf Venture Partners.

The funding would go a long way to creating a fully-integrated statewide HIE, for one thing, the group wrote. For another, it would help sustain New York as a hub for health technology innovation, with SHIN-NY expected to spur the creation of about 1,500 jobs across the Empire state over the next five years.

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(Source: *Health IT News*)



NY Digital Health Accelerator Accepting Applications

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The **New York Digital Health Accelerator** will choose up to 10 early- and growth-stage companies that are developing cutting-edge technology products in care coordination, patient engagement, predictive analytics, and workflow management for healthcare providers. Selected companies will receive access to customers, \$100,000 in investment capital, and invaluable mentoring from senior-level executives at leading hospitals and other providers in New York.



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HEALTHeLINK: 2013 Report to the Community



HEALTHeLINK, one of the leading clinical information exchanges in the United States, is making a significant and positive difference in health care in Western New

York. By safely and successfully connecting health care professionals to vital information about their patients when it's needed most, HEALTHeLINK is paving the way for a more efficient and more effective delivery of care. Learn more in [HEALTHeLINK's 2013 Report to the Community](#).

Study: Health Information Exchange May Reduce Hospital Admissions

Emergency department physicians are less likely to admit patients to the hospital when they have readily available electronic access to those patients' health records, [Weill Cornell Medical College](#) researchers have found. Their study, published March 12 in *Applied Clinical Informatics*, illustrates the value of combining multiple providers' digital patient charts into a single source for health care providers—particularly in an urgent setting like the emergency department. With information such as previous test results, prescriptions and other patient history immediately accessible, providers are able to treat patients more efficiently and effectively than when they lack that data. "New York State has made significant investments in health information exchange," said Dr. Joshua Vest, an assistant professor at Weill Cornell and the lead author on the study. "Our study shows that providing physicians, nurses and allied health care professionals such as physician assistants real-time access to community-wide, longitudinal health records does in fact benefit patients."

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(Source: [Weill Cornell Medical College](#))

NY Genome Center, IBM to Bring Watson to Genomics

Researchers are always looking for a better way to turn the flood of genomic data spit out by their DNA sequencers into better treatment options for patients. The New York Genome Center (NYGC) is getting the first crack at a potential answer to that problem: Watson. Today, the NYGC, the big genomics hub formed by 12 of New York's research institutions last year, is announcing a partnership with IBM. Through the deal, the NYGC will be able to use a custom-made prototype version of IBM's Watson as a genomics research tool—the first time the tech giant's cognitive supercomputer would be used in such fashion.

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(Source: [Xconomy](#))

New Roads on the EHR Interstate

First, the good news: We now know that some 83 percent of primary care physicians are using electronic health records (EHRs) in some fashion. In the best of all worlds, all that collected information would be securely available to a patient at the touch of a button. How close are we? For starters, New York is about to become the largest state with a unified patient portal and provider access to electronic health records. That's thanks to the [New York eHealth Collaborative](#), a non-profit initiative and participant in TEDMED 2013's Hive innovation showcase, which will be piloting the portal in a few hospitals over the coming months. It will reach patients across the state in 2015. The state's portal is Blue Button compliant, meaning it meets technical standards set out by that initiative, a public-private partnership with the goal of providing all Americans secure access to their health information.

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(Source: [TEDMED](#))

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Final Call: Apply to Speak at the DHC



Monday, March 31 is the final day to submit an application to speak at the **2014 Digital Health Conference** taking place November 17-18 at Pier 60 in New York City.

We want to hear from thought-provoking, engaging speakers who can inspire an audience of 850 health IT professionals. Proposals should showcase health IT innovations, explore new information technology tools & perspectives, suggest practical applications of existing technologies, or highlight the effects of health IT in healthcare advances. All ideas for speaking topics or presentations are welcome and the best and most relevant will be invited to speak. Speakers from across the healthcare industry are encouraged to apply.

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Webinar: Patient Centered Medical Home - Transform Your Practice

PCPs, NPs, PAs, and practice managers: Join us on Thursday, April 10th for a **webinar** where you'll learn about the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practice transformation process. You'll learn what a PCMH practice looks like; its benefits to your practice, how it aligns with MU and ACOs, and how your practice can become recognized as a PCMH. There is no cost to attend this webinar, but seating is limited.

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ONC, West Health See Mobile Interoperability Saving \$30B Annually

If mobile medical devices had greater interoperability, which means they could better communicate with each other, the nation could avoid more than \$30 billion a year in wasteful health-care spending, according to a joint white paper by the Gary and Mary West Health Institute, a San Diego-based mobile health technology advocacy organization, and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

"Waste reduction through greater medical device interoperability would lead to increased efficiency, improved quality and more affordable care," the report authors note. 'Commonly adopted standards can accelerate the move toward greater medical device interoperability and potentially reduce the cost of achieving interoperability. With all of the caveats associated with estimating the value of a process improvement not yet deployed, our combined top-down and bottom-up modeling suggests that annual savings in excess of \$30 billion may be liberated by widespread adoption of functional interoperability for medical devices.'

Read more.

(Source: Modern Healthcare)

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Crain's Health Care Conference: The Money Challenge for New York Hospitals

April 10, 2014 | New York, NY

Crain's New York has assembled key private equity players who will discuss their deals with hospitals in other states, public private partnerships, and the benefits to both investors and hospitals. To better understand the view from the hospital side, Crain's has gathered top executives from providers who have done deals with private equity firms.

Keynote Speaker Adam Blumenthal, Founder and Managing Partner, Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC

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2014 Annual HIMSS NYS Conference: Health IT - Managing Change Effectively

April 23, 2014 | New York, NY

The annual New York State HIMSS conference is one of the premier gatherings for those interested in health information technology in our state. This year's conference is titled 'Health IT: Managing Change Effectively', and features keynote speaker, David Whittlinger, Executive Director, New York eHealth Collaborative.

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