

## 2015 NYeC Gala and PATH Awards Final Honoree Announced



We're thrilled to announce Montefiore Medical Center's President & CEO, Steven M. Safyer, MD, as our final honoree at the November 18th Gala and PATH Awards!

Our 2015 honorees for our fifth annual **Gala and PATH Awards**, taking place November 18th in New York City:

Specifically:

- **Jason Gorevic**, Chief Executive Officer, Teladoc, Inc.
- **Steven M. Safyer, MD**, President and CEO, Montefiore Medical Center
- **Thomas Mahoney**, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA)
- **Lisa Perry**, MBA, MPP, Senior Vice President, Quality and Technology Initiatives, Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS)

Hosted by **NYeC's Board of Directors**, our Gala and PATH Awards serve to recognize and honor recent achievement and innovation in the field of health information technology. Join 300 CEOs, C-level executives, and influencers from New York State health systems, health plans, large employers, and the public sector leading New York's healthcare transformation by reshaping it into a new secure, digital system.

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## Health Information Exchange in New York Continues Growth



Health information exchange (HIE) networks have just gotten larger in New York State. On October 18, HealthlinkNY, a regional HIE network, announced that it has connected the Hudson Valley and New York's Southern Tier to the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY). This will allow regions that are a part of HealthlinkNY to exchange health information with other regions that connect to the SHIN-NY.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *HR Intelligence*)

## Interview: The Collaboratory of New York with Anuj Desai

Anuj Desai, VP Market Development at New York eHealth Collaborative, brings over 15 years of experience in business development, strategy, and relationship management experience in the healthcare industry. On this podcast, he shares the latest information around the key milestones of interoperability, recent achievements in New York's collaborative healthcare model, and describes the mutually beneficial relationship that the Accelerator program provides between providers and companies.

To learn more about what the next evolution in healthcare is going to look like, [listen to the interview](#).

(Source: *Relentless Health Value*)

## New York Digital Health Accelerator Spotlight: CipherHealth Named No. 2 Best Place to Work in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare

CipherHealth was awarded the No. 2 spot on *Modern Healthcare's* eighth annual Top 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare list. This marks the second year in a row the New York City-based healthcare technology firm ranked in the Top 5. CipherHealth shares the list with healthcare providers, insurers, and suppliers nationwide.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *CipherHealth*)

## Virtual Health Tools Could Save Primary Care Nearly \$10B Annually

The use of virtual health tools in primary care could save nearly \$10 billion each year, **according to a new report** from Accenture, **FierceHealthIT** reports (Hall, FierceHealthIT, 10/20).

According to the American Association of Medical Colleges, the U.S. faces a projected shortage of as many as 31,000 primary care physicians by 2025. Meanwhile, the U.S. in 2010 spent \$2.6 trillion on healthcare, with wages making up more than half of the cost.

According to the report, a combination of virtual health tools and traditional patient care models can offset clinicians' challenges with labor costs and capacity (Landi, **Healthcare Informatics**, 10/19).

According to the report, digital tools—including biometric devices, analytic diagnostic engines, and virtual medical assistants—can help streamline work and allow clinicians to focus on high-value tasks by:

- Automating tasks;
- Replacing labor with technology; and
- Shifting tasks to patients (FierceHealthIT, 10/20).

The report said that virtual health tools can save time and money when applied to:

- Annual patient visits;
- Ongoing patient management; and
- Patient self-care.

The analysis found that using virtual health tools in ambulatory patient settings could save each U.S. primary care provider an average of five minutes per encounter, which amounts to a time savings equal to 37,000 PCPs, or 18% of the PCP workforce. From an economic standpoint, such savings amount to more than \$7 billion annually across the U.S. healthcare system.

**Read more.**

(Source: **iHealthBeat**)

## NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

### Medicaid Providers are Encouraged to Attest by 12/14/15 to Avoid Payment Delays

Eligible Providers participating in the Medicaid EHR incentive program—who are ready to submit their Attestations to MEIPASS for AIU or Meaningful Use Stage 1, Year 1—are encouraged to do so **prior to December 15, 2015**. The recently released Final Rules and Regulations go into effect on December 15, 2015, at which time the NY MEIPASS website will not be able to accept Attestations. The site will be temporarily under construction to accommodate for the alignment of new objectives and measures as published per the Final Rule. This means that all Eligible Medicaid providers who do not attest by December 15, 2015 will be required to Attest using new objectives and measures as defined in the new rules and regulation, and will have to wait until the website has been updated prior to being able to Attest and receive their EHR Incentive payment. Should you have any questions, please contact the HAPS team at **HAPSinfo@nyehealth.org**.

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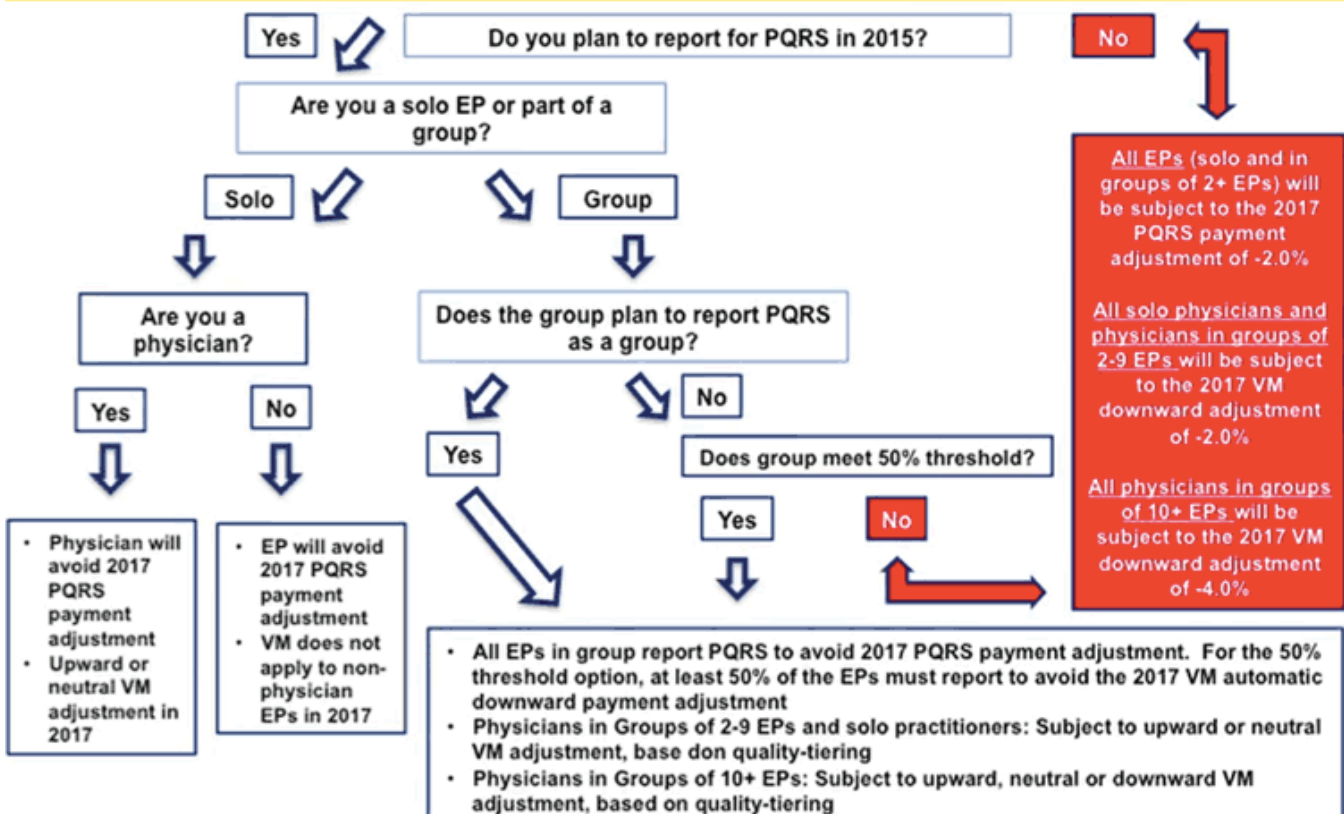
### Eligible Professionals Required to Participate in PQRS Reporting in 2015 to Avoid Compound Negative Medicare Payment Penalty in 2017

The 2015 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) reporting year, also known as the performance year, is critical for all Eligible Professionals (EPs) to participate and report their quality measures. Physicians who do not submit PQRS measures in 2015 will be automatically be subject to a **-2%** payment adjustment to their Medicare Part B billing in Payment year 2017. Eligible Physicians that fail to report their 2015 measures **will also** be subjected to a **-2%** adjustment based on their Value Modifier (VM) based on a quality tiering rating. Successful participation in the 2015 PQRS reporting year allows solo practitioners and groups with of up to 9 providers to potentially receive up to a **+2%** incentive payment for their Medicare Part B billing. Practices with 10+ EPs participating in PQRS and earning a positive rating in their VM score have the potential to receive a combined **+4%** incentive payment. Neglecting to participate in reporting or failing to meet satisfactory VM performance could result in a **-4%** payment adjustment for these practices/provider groups.

NYeC is offering PQRS Registry services starting with the 2015 reporting year. NYeC's CMS certified PQRS Registry supports all 175 individual Measures and 22 Specialty Measure Groups. NYeC can support GPRO reporting services for those organizations that have registered to use this reporting method.

For more information please email Peggy Frizzell at [pfrizzell@nyehealth.com](mailto:pfrizzell@nyehealth.com) or call 646-619-6562 to discuss your PQRS reporting requirements.

## How Does 2015 PQRS Participation Affect the VM in 2017?



## Partner Events & Opportunities

### 2015 mHealth Summit



November 8-11, 2015 | Washington, DC

Join us at the **7th Annual mHealth Summit** on November 8-11th at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in the Washington, DC area, centering around the theme of "Anytime, Anywhere: Engaging Patients and Providers."

The 2015 mHealth Summit is the premier conference and expo for exploring what is new in mobile, telehealth, and connected health—from the impact on healthcare delivery, clinical care, and patient/consumer engagement to new technologies, business, research, and policy.

What to expect:

- Education focused on connected health innovation and market opportunities
- Networking with industry giants on the expo floor
- Concurrent events for specialized interests  
[Venture+ Forum](#)  
[Startup Boot Camp](#)

For \$100 Off, use code **NYEC100**.

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### Crain's Health Care Summit: Transforming Patients into Satisfied Customers



November 17, 2015 | New York, NY

#### Do you really know what drives patient satisfaction and loyalty?

There's a key figure that doctors and hospitals fret about, and it's not one of their patient's vital signs. It's the percentage of patients likely to recommend a healthcare provider or facility. Crain's panel of experts will explain that patient satisfaction is about much more than tasty food or a fancy lobby. It's all about hospitality: Making a patient feel cared for.

Crain's has asked **Danny Meyer** to be the keynote speaker at our summit. Mr. Meyer is joined by **Susan Reilly Salgado**, Managing Partner, Hospitality Quotient; **Michael J. Dowling**, President and Chief Executive Officer, North Shore-LIJ Health System; and **Louis A. Shapiro**, President & CEO, Hospital for Special Surgery.

For a deeper dive, a second panel will be the experts who know how to move the needle on patient satisfaction scores.

#### Early Bird Pricing:

\$275 individual ticket(s)

\$2,750 table(s) of ten

\$4,250 table(s) of ten + full page event journal ad

For discounted prices on individual tickets (\$250) and table of ten (\$2,500), use the code **NYEC**.

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