

2016 DHC Featured Speakers & Topics



Our December 6-7 **Digital Health Conference** is less than six weeks away and is on pace to completely fill to capacity! Join 500 healthcare and health tech leaders to learn from and network with industry thought leaders and innovators who are shaping the future of healthcare through the use of technology.

Featured Speakers & Topics Include:

- C-level executives from leading health systems including Mt. Sinai, NewYork-Presbyterian, NYU Langone, Northwell Health, Dignity Health, and Staten Island PPS, amongst others.
- Industry leaders from Lenovo Health, Qualcomm Life, Dell, Quartet Health, WebMD, Hometeam, Syapse, and Comcast NBCUniversal.
- Innovators discussing the future of the Cancer Moonshot, universal patient ID, the patient room of the future, IoT, digital health venture funding, and the how we'll crack the code to patient engagement.
- Officials, policymakers, and analysts from New York State Governor's Office, The New York State Department of Health, Manatt Health Solutions, the Consumer Union, and Sachs Policy Group.

Join your peers and help shape the future of healthcare. Register today at www.digitalhealthconference.com.

2016 PATH Award Honorees Announced



December 6, 2016 | New World Stages, NYC
6:30 pm: Networking Reception
7:45 pm: Awards Ceremony

We're thrilled to announce the 2016 PATH Awards, taking place December 6th in New York City:

John D. Bennett, MD, FACC, FACP

President and CEO
Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP)

Dennis Whalen

Secretary of NYeC Board; Former President
Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS)

David Whitlinger

Former Executive Director
New York eHealth Collaborative

Hosted by NYeC's **Board of Directors**, our PATH Awards serve to recognize and honor recent achievement and innovation in the field of health information technology. Join 200 CEOs, C-level executives, and influencers from New York State health systems, health plans, and the public sector leading New York's healthcare transformation by reshaping it into a new secure, digital system.

Be a part of an exclusive community of who's who in New York State healthcare—learn more about **registration and sponsorship opportunities** today.

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MACRA: HHS issues final rule to enhance the reliability, transparency, accountability, and safety of certified health IT

On October 14, 2016, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a final rule to implement key provisions of the bipartisan Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) in a new program called the Quality Payment Program. The Program advances Medicare's value-based transformation for hundreds of thousands of physicians and other eligible clinicians by tying these payments to quality patient care. A number of the provisions in MACRA directly relate to the use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology and health information technology (health IT), including the Advancing Care Information performance category under the Quality Payment Program. The Advancing Care Information category will modernize, streamline, and replace the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for eligible professionals (also known as "Meaningful Use"). The Quality Payment Program advances the use of certified EHRs and health IT as tools to improve the flow of health information among clinicians and, ultimately, improve the quality of care provided to patients.

FACT SHEET: Quality Payment Program and Health Information Technology

[Read more.](#)

(Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology)

Video: The Institute for Family Health Uses Healthix Alerts to Help Coordinate Patient Care



Dr. Sarah C. Nosal, the Chief Medical Director of The Institute for Family Health (IFH), was an early adopter of the medical electronic health record as a way to improve patient care. Now she and the physicians of IFH are using the latest Healthix technology to help coordinate patient care.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: Healthix)

Cancer Moonshot Task Force Report Released

This month, Vice President Joe Biden delivered a new Cancer Moonshot report to President Barack Obama. The report, which details the past year of work and outlines a five-year plan for moving forward, identifies data as the key to breakthroughs in the Cancer Moonshot initiative. The Vice President detailed challenges and barriers that stand in the way and notes that, "ultimately, we have to build a network—centered on the patient—that makes data accessible, shareable, and meaningful," Biden's report states. "And we must advance a modern, interoperable electronic health ecosystem, with patient access and sharing capabilities between clinical care providers and research."

[Read more.](#)

(Source: Cancer Moonshot)

HealthConnections Consent Process Expanded to Include 10-17 Years Old



Authorized users of the health information exchange can now access patient records for minors ages 10 through 17 years old. Previously, there had been a restriction on consent for this age group, which permitted providers to enter a minor's record only in an emergency situation. This change expands access for providers to more comprehensive medical records for patients under 18 years of age, and is especially important for pediatricians, family practitioners, hospitals, and clinics.

Parents can provide consent for children ages 10 through 17 years old. When a patient turns 18, s/he will consent for him/herself. Using the same consent forms already in place at your facility, parents can select 'Yes', 'No', or 'No, except in an Emergency' for all children under 18 years of age. Emancipated minors* may provide their own consent using the same consent options that are available to all other patients.

*An emancipated minor (any person who is the parent of a child, has married, or is otherwise legally emancipated) may give consent for medical, dental, health and hospital services for him/herself and the consent of no other person shall be necessary.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: HealthConnections)

New York State DSRIP Whiteboard: An Eye toward the Future

In a recent presentation, New York State's Medicaid Director, Jason Helgeson, highlighted the Department of Health beyond the goals of DSRIP and beyond the goals of trying to achieve a more cost-effective health care delivery system.

The presentation also describes how the health care sector can collaborate with other similar systems to improve the health, well-being, and the happiness of all communities.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: New York State Department of Health)

Letting the Outside In: How Ridesharing Provides a Model for Healthcare Transformation



A recent article by HealthlinkNY President and CEO, Christina Galanis, discussed the evolution of a health information exchange serving 13 counties in New York. The article details the challenges the organization had to overcome and the building blocks they used in their success.

"Creating a successful HIE has been a long and winding journey marked by overcoming obstacles. Every bump in the road brought with it learning, and the road gets smoother every day. Our trek, and the challenges it brings, continues to be a noble and worthwhile effort because we're helping New York healthcare providers leverage tools, talent, and data to improve clinical outcomes as they provide the best care possible for the communities they serve."

[Read more.](#)

(Source: HealthlinkNY)

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Meaningful Use Update:

EHR Contracts Guide

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT recently published a contracting guide to assist providers with the acquisition of EHR products. Topics covered include data rights, interoperability, and switching EHRs. [Click here](#) to download the guide titled "EHR Contracts Untangled: Selecting Wisely, Negotiating Terms, and Understanding the Fine Print."

Attestation Portal

Launch of the new Meaningful Use attestation portal has been delayed due to issues found during testing. The NYS Department of Health wants to make sure that the system operates smoothly for the provider community. Please sign up for the [eMedNY listserv](#) to receive notifications about when the DOH will be accepting attestations again.

November 30th Deadline to File Appeal for 2017 PQRS Payment Penalties

CMS released provider's QRUR reports on September 26, 2016. Practices and providers who participated in the PQRS program in 2015 should review these reports to confirm if they will receive a payment penalty in 2017. These reports inform providers about their success in reporting PQRS and how CMS rated their cost efficiency. Performance ratings, as reported in the QRUR report, determine if a -2% to -6% penalty will be applied to all their Medicare Part B billings in 2017. Providers can request and informal review with CMS, if they believe their scores are not accurate. The deadline is November 30th to file these informal review requests. QRUR reports are available for review; to access your report follow this link: [How to Obtain a QRUR](#). Providers access these reports and file an informal review request via the EIDM system.

If you have questions about this process you can contact the NYeC PQRS team at supportpqrs@nyehealth.org.

Reminder: Registration is still OPEN for the BHIT HCBS Program Vendor Fairs in Rochester and Albany!

The NYC and ROS BHIT Team will be hosting vendor fairs as a forum for Adult Behavioral Health HCBS providers looking to contract and upgrade with one of the BHIT HCBS Qualified Vendor Solutions. This is an opportunity for providers to meet and greet these vendors in person to assist with the vendor selection process.

What to Expect at this Fair:

- Meet the vendors and learn about the Adult BH HCBS functionality
- Understand the workflow HCBS built into the Qualified vendor solutions
- Get a chance to discuss pricing options with each vendor
- Meet the BHIT Team for information on program deliverables and/or technical questions

Who Should Attend:

- Agencies that have been designated as Adult BH HCBS providers and who are either looking to implement or upgrade their current EHR system.
- Agency IT staff
- Administrative and/or Program Staff
- Executive/Senior Leadership

Dates and Locations:

Friday, October 28th

City: Rochester

Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

(providers may come anytime during this time slot)

Location:

CCSI Erie Canal Training Room
1099 Jay St., Building J, 3rd Floor
Rochester, NY 14611

[Register here.](#)

Thursday, November 10th

City: Albany

Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

(providers may come anytime during this time slot)

Location:

Empire State Plaza Meeting Rooms
Concourse Level - Meeting Room 5
Albany, NY 12242

Click [here](#) for directions.

[Register here.](#)

Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative (TCPI)

The New York State Practice Transformation Network (NYSPTN), has successfully obtained funding for Option Year One (Year Two funding), beginning September 29, 2016. With Transformation Agents helping eligible providers all throughout New York State, we are successfully on our way to transform at least 3,888 clinicians throughout New York State. Interested in learning more about the program? Please visit www.nysptn.org for more information.

Already a member of the NYSPTN and interested in meeting other like-minded clinicians?

Save the Date: The annual CMS Quality Conference is happening on December 13 - December 15th in Baltimore! Join more than nearly 2,000 thought leaders in American health care quality improvement at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' 2016 Quality Conference. With attendees from across the health care spectrum, the conference will explore how patients, advocates, providers, researchers, and the many leaders in health care quality improvement can develop and spread solutions to some of America's most pervasive health system challenges.

The 2016 CMS Quality Conference will be the most expansive yet, with both new and existing participants from programs across CMS, HHS, and community stakeholders. The collaborative format of the conference and strong focus on data-proven outcomes is underscored by this year's conference theme, Aligning for Innovation and Outcomes. Please visit www.cmsqualityconference.com or speak to your Transformation Agent for more information.

Partner Events & Opportunities

NYCHBL Presents: Privacy Please: How Healthcare Is Managing Cyber Risk



October 27, 5:30 - 8:00pm | Cooley LLP | 1114 Avenue of the Americas (42-43 Sts) | 46th Floor | New York, NY

What is keeping healthcare CEOs up at night? The threat of cyber attacks. Cybersecurity is one of the most critical issues facing healthcare executives across the ecosystem. From HIPAA breaches to medical identity theft to safeguarding intellectual property, protection from cyber attacks has become an urgent imperative. During this discussion, the panelists will cover the current legal, regulatory, business, and technological environment and explore options for effective management for senior management and boards of directors.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Health Care Reform. Where Are We in New York State?



November 16, 5:30 - 9:00pm | Revolution Hall
421-425 River Street | Troy, NY

Come join the HIMSS Chapter New York State for an evening of networking and discussion with the healthcare thought leaders around healthcare Reform. Panel discussion points include:

- Current state of ACOs in NY
- Current state of DSRIP in NY
- Issues with managing both DSRIP and ACOs, including behavior change for those seeking and maintaining care in the Medicaid population and Value-Based Payments

Current speakers include Bill Spooner, Chuck Fennell, Steve Roth, Patricia Hale & Gregory Allen.

[Learn more and register.](#)

MedStartr Momentum 2016 (#MedMo16)



November 28th & 29th | Gerald Lynch Theater
524 W. 59th Street | New York, NY

MedStartr and Health 2.0 NYC is proud to bring you their second annual Momentum year end conference which is focused on helping early stage innovation in medicine get what they need to succeed. With over 70 speakers and 20 Startups pitching on stage competing for over \$250,000 in funding and entry into the MedStartr Crowd Acceleration program, you won't want to miss MedMo16, produced by MedStartr and the Health 2.0 NYC Meetup group.

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