

2016 Digital Health Conference

On December 6th and 7th, over 500 attendees convened for the fifth Digital Health Conference, bringing together a community from all sectors of healthcare and technology to share innovative ideas, research, best practices, and our personal experiences to better the delivery of healthcare.

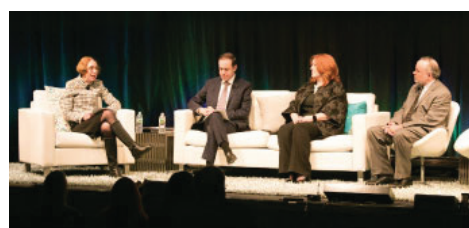
Senior-level health IT professionals, CIOs, CMIOs, investors, entrepreneurs, physicians, business and policy experts, and a multitude of solutions providers gathered for two days of lively exchange and exploration of new digital health innovations and how providers are utilizing technology as a part of value-based care and health system transformation.

Dr. Robert Wachter, Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco and author, and Steven Johnson, PBS Host and bestselling author, delivered the keynote addresses. In addition, the conference featured 15 interactive panels and talks, including NYec's Executive Director, Valerie Grey, sitting down with New York State's Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services, Paul Francis, to discuss the future of New York State's HIE, the **Statewide Health Information Network for New York** (SHIN-NY). Additional hot discussion topics at the conference included the impact of value-based care, DSRIP's continued transformation of New York's care delivery system, the potentially game changing emergence of the Cancer Moonshot and the Precision Medicine Initiative, and an incisive look at patient engagement.

We'd like to thank all of our attendees, sponsors, partners, and speakers who helped to make this year's Digital Health Conference a resounding success.

Presentations and videos approved to share can be found [here](#). Visit twitter.com/hashtag/dhc16 to view additional highlights from the conference.

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2016 PATH Award Honorees



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Hosted by the NYeC Board of Directors, the 2016 PATH Awards Ceremony honored the achievements of those who champion the cause of advancing healthcare through technology for all New Yorkers and beyond. Awards were presented to:

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

Dr. Robert Wachter on Healthcare's Digital Transformation: "We Haven't Seen Anything Yet"



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Healthcare is only a few years into its digital journey, and the future will look nothing like it does now, according to digital healthcare expert, Dr. Robert Wachter. A recent *Healthcare Informatics* article reported on his keynote address at the recent Digital Health Conference, which outlined the critical factors for industry success going forward.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Healthcare Informatics*)

Hixny Now Providing Alerts from Other Regions in New York State



Hixny is now working with the New York Care Information Gateway (NYCIG) to provide Cross Qualified Entity (XQE) alerts, which is the first step in providing real-time alerts throughout New York State. This will allow for real time notifications when patients, with consent, are admitted to and/or discharged from hospitals contributing data from NYCIG. In the near future, XQE alerts from Healthix hospitals will be included as well.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Hixny*)

HealthConnections' Population Health Improvement Efforts Featured in *MDNews*



HealthConnections

MDNews recently profiled the HealthConnections Population Health

Improvement team, which began work in February 2015. The team engages with a large and diverse network of stakeholders to improve the health of Central New Yorkers, using a variety of strategies, from promoting best practices for clinical prevention to community-wide prevention that benefits the total population. This work is supported by several state and national funders.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *HealthConnections*)

New Consumer Reports Review and Ratings of Cost Estimator Tools

A new New York State Health Foundation-funded report in the *Consumer Reports* January 2017 issue offers ratings of health cost estimator tools, both nationally and New York State-specific. The ratings score the tools on ease of use, functionality, content, price estimates, drug cost information, patient outcomes, and value. Additionally, a NYSHealth-supported issue brief by Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of *Consumer Reports*, provides more analysis of the cost estimator tools available to New Yorkers, with user experience feedback and recommendations on how health plans and policymakers can improve the availability and quality of such tools. The issue brief identifies best practices and features of those tools that can be used as a model for others.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *New York State Health Foundation*)

Weill Cornell Medicine: New Master of Science in Healthcare Policy and Research

Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell University's medical school in New York City, introduced a new Master of Science in Healthcare Policy and Research with tracks in Health Informatics, Health Policy and Economics, and Biostatistics and Data Science.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Weill Cornell Medicine*)

DSRIP Digest

The New York State Department of Health launched a monthly newsletter, DSRIP Digest, to provide updates on recent news and upcoming events. The digest also highlights success stories of PPSs and the projects that they are implementing across the state.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *New York State Department of Health*)

Access to Consented Minor Patients Now Available in HEALTHeLINK



HEALTHeLINK™

Later this month, HEALTHeLINK will launch access to data on minor patients, aged 10-17, for any participating provider with whom the patient has a treating relationship. This access is dependent on a parent or legal guardian signing an affirmative HEALTHeLINK consent form for the minor patient.

The ability to access a minor's data was addressed earlier this year through changes to the New York State policy regarding access to patient data through a Qualified Entity. Consent forms can be collected on minors starting now. HEALTHeLINK has completed changes to its software to allow for a minor patient to be consented. This represents a change in the long standing inability to consent and subsequently access to minor patient data through HEALTHeLINK.

For more information on access to minor patient data based on a parental consent, please contact HEALTHeLINK at (716) 206-0993 ext. 105.

(Source: *HEALTHeLINK*)

Mount Sinai Partners with Insurance Startup to Build Oscar Center

MobiHealth News recently reported on Mount Sinai Health System and health insurer Oscar partnering to create The Oscar Center to offer primary care services in its Brooklyn location. Services will include walk-in visits, basic mental health, wellness services, and classes. The space will be fully integrated with Oscar's technologies, providing connections between patient members and physicians, and allowing for data and analytics to improve health outcomes over time.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *MobiHealth News*)

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Meaningful Use Reporting in 2016 and 2017

CMS finalized a continuous 90-day EHR reporting period in 2016 and 2017 for all returning EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs that have previously demonstrated meaningful use. The EHR reporting period will be any continuous 90-day period between January 1st and December 31st in calendar year 2016 and calendar year 2017.

Partner Events & Opportunities

Advancing Care for Patients Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer (mBC) Challenge



Pfizer Oncology is sponsoring the Advancing Care for Patients Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer (mBC) innovation challenge, in collaboration with Health 2.0, to encourage healthcare innovators to harness technology and develop cutting edge solutions that will help enrich the lives of patients living with mBC.

The challenge is organized into 3 phases, with milestones that correlate to successive stages in technology development. The development to beta phase involves additional mentoring, funding, and support to get to a viable prototype.

A total of **\$250,000** in prize funding will be awarded to technology-enabled solutions with the greatest potential to enrich the lives of patients with mBC. Organizations, developers, entrepreneurs, designers and innovators are encouraged to submit applications at www.AdvancingMBCPatientCare.com by **January 20, 2017!**

Health 2.0 WinterTech: Focusing on Digital Health Investing



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Health 2.0 WinterTech explores emerging platforms, products, players, and partnerships in the rapidly evolving digital health investing ecosystem. With the entry of technology giants into the digital health space, at Health 2.0 we are seeing shifts in the start-up landscape as well as new opportunities for investors, employers, providers, and policy makers as all sectors adapt to the rising trend of the digitally connected and engaged health consumer. WinterTech takes place in San Francisco's financial district during the nation's leading investment mecca, JP Morgan Week, and is the only event dedicated to health tech investing.

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