

# NYeCNews

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## Announcing the 2019 Gala & Awards Honorees

We are proud to announce the honorees for our  
2019 Gala & Awards!



Please join us on November 20, 2019 at the Edison Ballroom in New York City as we celebrate the achievements of our honorees. Hosted by NYeC's Board of Directors, our Gala & Awards recognizes those improving healthcare through groundbreaking leadership and innovation.

Join us to be a part of an exclusive community of who's who in New York State healthcare!

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## It's Time for Change in Health IT — and We're Ready



NYeC's Executive Director Valerie Grey lends her voice to *Healthcare Innovation* on proposed improvements to EHRs —

*“Improving the transparency of EHRs is critical if we want to continue to improve healthcare in our communities... There are changes afoot and programs underway that will allow providers to communicate more freely and address usability and safety issues and facilitate better choices, but we need healthcare experts and other stakeholders to actively play a role in the process.”*

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## NYeC Submits Comments to CMS and ONC on 21st Century Cures Implementation

As previously reported, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) earlier this year released proposed rules aimed at improving interoperability and patient access, preventing information blocking, and promoting innovation, patient safety, and choice. Together, these proposals have the potential to advance the healthcare industry and accelerate interoperability across the country; however, they also raise significant questions related to privacy, security, legal interpretation, and enforcement. We asked for feedback from our stakeholders in an effort to provide cohesive comments back to the federal government on these wide-reaching proposals. After extensive stakeholder discussion, NYeC submitted comments earlier this month.

At the highest level, we are very supportive of the spirit and intention of the proposals. We urged CMS and ONC to work together, and with other offices within the Department of Health and Human Services, to ensure harmonization among any finalized regulations. We also encouraged both agencies to be realistic with regards to the implementation timeframe given the breadth and complexity of certain requirements within the rules. Additionally, we encouraged clarifications to ensure the SHIN-NY can be leveraged by providers and payers in New York to fulfill certain requirements proposed, such as hospital event notifications and payer participation in trusted exchange networks. Furthermore, given the potential complexities in complying with the information blocking provisions and exceptions as proposed, we asked ONC to provide a safe harbor for providers who participate in robust, mature health information networks like the SHIN-NY.

## How Health Records Reflect Wider Social Conditions



Social factors — including substance use disorders, mental health or behavioral issues; access to food, safe

housing and transportation; and the ability to understand and follow a doctor's recommendations — play a big role in each person's health. In fact, the National Academy of Medicine estimates that social factors may determine up to 90 percent of health outcomes.

"We have to look at the whole person and all of their needs," says Lori Petersen, business analyst at Alliance for Better Health, a performing provider system (PPS) in New York's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program.

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## Using Collaboration and Conversation to Increase HIE Usage



At HealtheConnections, the HIE team is developing new ways to increase usage and

deliver value through participant engagement, education, and collaboration. The critical importance of peer-to-peer forums and open dialogue cannot be overstated, and HeC is striving to provide these opportunities to its customers.

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## Wellness Company Noom Raises \$58 Million



[New York Digital Health Innovation Lab](#) alumni Noom, a mobile wellness company, has raised \$58 million led by Sequoia Capital to grow Noom's team and improve its consumer offering.

Noom combines the power of technology with the empathy of human coaches to deliver successful behavior change at scale by offering direct-to-consumer mobile weight loss and wellness behavior change programs. Their mobile diabetes prevention program was the first of its kind to be recognized by the CDC and the only 100% mobile program clinically proven in a peer-reviewed journal.

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## Using Data to Provide Better Health Care to New York's Homeless



Photo: C. J. Burton/Getty Images

New York City has the largest homeless population in the country, an issue the city has tackled through prevention, affordable housing, and health care initiatives. New York City Health + Hospitals, which serves more than one million people a year, is identifying and helping to care for homeless New Yorkers as a part of transformation efforts using data science to identify and “phenotype” homeless patients. This allows the ability to tailor care and match patients to the right hospital and community-based supports, including housing.

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## Unleashing the Power of the Digital Patient



Photo: Emergency Live

With an estimated 2.77 billion users worldwide, social media is having a transformative impact on our lives. In South Africa, almost half the population uses the internet, including 8 million Twitter users and 16 million Facebook users. This digital revolution has unlocked enormous opportunities for the creation of online communities for large-scale engagement around often complex topics like the management of health conditions.

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## Join Our Team!

Healthcare is undergoing an unprecedented transformation through digital health—do you want to be at the center of it in New York State State?

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- [Counsel & Corporate Compliance Officer](#)
- [Grants Compliance Specialist](#)
- [Innovation Manager](#)
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- [Healthcare Data Analyst](#)
- [Jr. Healthcare Data Analyst](#)
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### **NYSPTN Summer Event: Understanding APMs**

The NYSPTN is hosting a summer event on June 20, 2019 for PTN participants. This is an opportunity to participate in a payer discussion about how to negotiate new APMs, how to showcase your practice to payers as a value-based enterprise, and have questions answered.

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### **MEIPASS Meaningful Use Attestations Begin July 1**

The NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will accept Payment Year 2018 Meaningful Use Attestations in MEIPASS beginning on **July 1, 2019**.

Having the following items available and up to date before you attest in MEIPASS will facilitate your attestation process:

- CMS registration
- Medicaid Fee-For Service Enrollment
- ETIN Certification
- ePACES/MEIPASS credentials
- Payee affiliation
- CEHRT ID for 2018 Meaningful Use
- Contact information in MURPH
- Security Risk Assessment for calendar year 2018

The Medicaid Eligible Professional Program (EP2) is a New York State Department of Health initiative providing FREE outreach, assistance, and support services for achieving Promoting Interoperability Program (formerly Meaningful Use) objectives.

If you're planning to attest for the 2018 reporting year in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and would like more information or assistance, please contact the EP2 Team at [EP2Info@nyehealth.org](mailto:EP2Info@nyehealth.org).



## NYeC to See You!



HAPS team members Ryan Stoner, Chloe Winther, and Jessica Ohlssen pictured with Dr. Frank Illuzi of CityMD at a recent video shoot. Look for CityMD's practice transformation story out soon!



Some members of the Albany NYeC team participated in the 2019 CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge! Pictured from left: Kathryn Lucia, Kayla Germain, Toby Lewis, Luke Doles, Gamble Heffernan, and Rachel Eager (top).

## Partner Events and Opportunities



**June 19, 2019**  
**New World Stages**  
**New York, NY**

### **HIMSS NY State Annual Conference**

**Big Data on Broadway:  
Trends Driving Consumerism in Healthcare**

The HIMSS NY Annual Conference will highlight the cutting-edge trends driving consumerism in digital health and provide a meeting ground for healthcare professionals to learn about what's new in health tech here in New York and beyond. The opening session will feature NYeC's Executive Director Val Grey discussing the federal health IT landscape and the changing rules.

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