
SHIN-NY Consent: Considerations for the Future

With the expansion of healthcare transformation efforts in New York State, including the implementation of DSRIP and a focus on improving care coordination, consent issues related to the sharing of patient health data have been among the challenges to the successful achievement of these efforts.

In 2016, the **SHIN-NY Policy Committee** embarked on a review and assessment of the current SHIN-NY consent policies to better understand the key factors of the framework. Stakeholders who currently participate in the SHIN-NY were surveyed to gather information on their perceptions about consent and how to improve the framework going forward. In-depth, follow-up interviews were also conducted with a targeted group of survey respondents to obtain further clarification on issues raised in their responses. In addition, a roundtable of attorneys with expertise in New York State healthcare law was convened to ascertain what opportunities for change or reinterpretation of the framework might exist, especially within the laws related to sharing of sensitive health information.

As an output of the consent policy review and assessment, NYeC developed a **SHIN-NY Consent White Paper** outlining three possible approaches to creation of a new consent framework for consideration by NY State.

[View the SHIN-NY Consent White Paper.](#)

Digital Health is Helping to Fuel New York City's Economy

New York City has emerged as a major hub for healthcare technology companies. According to a new report from the Center for an Urban Future, a nonprofit research group, this growth can be attributed to the ability companies have to take advantage of the area's renowned academic medical centers as potential investors and testing grounds for their innovative new products.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Crain's New York Business*)

Where is Digital Health Headed in 2017? Follow the Money!

According to StartUp Health, investment in digital health reached nearly \$4 billion during the first half of 2016, a 33% increase over the same time period in 2015. While there was more money to go around, it was spread across fewer deals overall. How will the market change for digital health investments this year? Patient and consumer experience companies were particularly attractive for investors in 2016. Will this trend continue or are other sub-sectors better positioned for growth? Which companies are ripe for acquisition or IPO?

[Watch the 2016 DHC panel.](#)

HEALTHeLINK Milestones Reached for Patient Queries and Alerts in 2016



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With more data sources and physician practices utilizing HEALTHeLINK, approximately 2.5 million patient records were securely accessed through the exchange in 2016 alone.

Participating HEALTHeLINK providers are notified in real-time with alert notifications of their patients' admissions, including emergency department visits and discharges and transfers from local hospitals and long-term care facilities. Through this functionality, providers can be prepared sooner with the patients' transitions of care. As of yearend 2016, 816 providers have subscribed 300,254 of their patients for alert notifications. A total of 234,059 alerts were delivered in 2016.

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(Source: *HEALTHeLINK*)

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NY Health Information Exchange Improves ED Quality, Efficiency



A recent study of hospital emergency departments found that health information exchange (HIE) use significantly improves operational efficiency and quality of patient care. Physician HIE access to EHRs reduce the length of patient stay, readmission risk, and number of doctors involved in patient visits.

"Now providers have the evidence they need to make HIE use a priority for their organizations. The study proves that New York State's visionary investment in HIEs is really paying off," said Christina Galanis, President and CEO of HealthlinkNY, the HIE observed in the study.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *EHR Intelligence*)

Social Determinants: A Must for Value-Based Care and Population Health

Experts contend that healthcare providers are starting to catch on to the importance social determinants of health play at the individual and patient population levels and that, increasingly, the factors will inform how they can ultimately improve care. A recent *Healthcare IT News* article addresses how managing social determinants within population health is critical to improving outcomes, closing care gaps, and lowering the cost curve.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Healthcare IT News*)

RHIO Spotlight: Health Home Care Managers Positively Impact Lives Using MyAlerts Service



In today's transforming world of healthcare, providers need to constantly stay on top of changes to their patient's health status. Rochester RHIO is a leader in supporting healthcare transitions. Rochester RHIO's MyAlerts service supports care managers by providing near real-time notifications so they can maintain high quality care for their clients.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Rochester RHIO*)

Survey: How will Healthcare Data Change in the Next 5 Years

40 percent of respondents to a new survey said genomic data will become one of the most useful sources of healthcare data in five years, up from just 17 percent today. And 40 percent said patient-generated data will be a top source of data in five years, opposed to 30 percent listing it as a top source today.

"The landscape is shifting from one of despair over the unfulfilled promises of big data to a more realistic vision of what sophisticated analytics can do to transform care delivery," wrote Dr. Amy Compton-Phillips, chief clinical officer for Providence St. Joseph Health, who authored the report.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *NEJM Catalyst*)

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Meaningful Use Update: MEIPASS Open for Attestations

MEIPASS is now open for meaningful use (MU) attestations. Please note that the MU attestation is hybrid as it is comprised of two parts:

1. Attest in **MEIPASS**
2. Complete the **Meaningful Use Workbook**

The deadline for 2015 MU is 6/30/2017. The deadline for 2016 MU is 9/15/2017.

Visit **MEIPASS** to begin your MU attestation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Nicole Melendez at NMelendez@nyehealth.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIO) Fair

Please join us on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Westchester County Center from 9-1pm

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Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP)

Registration information to follow.
If you have any questions, please contact:
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New York State Practice Transformation Network (NYSPTN)

The New York eHealth Collaborative has recently launched the **Clinical Core Plus** tool for the New York State Practice Transformation Network (NYSPTN). The Clinical Core Plus tool will allow our providers to more easily report their KPs and view how their practices are doing on different quality metrics in real-time. The Clinical Core Plus tool also embraces the "quadruple" aim of better care, better health, lower costs, and greater provider satisfaction.

Thank you to all NYeC PQRS Registry Subscribers!

The NYeC PQRS Registry supported a broad base of providers across the country with reporting PQRS measures to CMS.

Many providers are inquiring about support for MACRA/MIPS reporting. NYeC has been approved by CMS to offer MACRA/MIPS Quality Reporting Services. Details of the requirements for reporting for all categories (Advancing Care Information (ACI), Improvement Activities, eCQMs, and Quality Reporting) to come. Stay tuned for more information and updates about MACRA/MIPS reporting! **Contact us** if you have any questions.

Partner Events & Opportunities

The Physician-Patient Relationship: Strategies to Increase Engagement & Improve Outcomes



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April 27, 2017 | New York, NY

Given the many changes healthcare is experiencing, we expect patients to increasingly act more like consumers and demand more from all parts of the system. We will explore how to tap into this desire for a better healthcare experience to enable people to become better engaged and activated in their own healthcare. Our panel brings together a diverse set of thought leaders to highlight and to find innovative ways to improve the patient—provider interaction and to improve outcomes.

[Learn more and register.](#)

d.health Summit



May 10, 2017 | The New York Academy of Sciences

In collaboration with West Health, the University of Rochester is hosting the third annual d.health Summit, a unique forum for health and technology leaders, entrepreneurs, senior care advocates, and policymakers to exchange ideas, create new partnerships, and foster disruptive technological and process innovations to improve the lives of the nation's aging population.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Crain's Health Care Summit: Future of Behavioral Health



May 9, 2017 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. | New York, NY

New York's highest-need patients—and those with the steepest health care costs—tend to struggle simultaneously with physical and behavioral health conditions, including mental health and substance use problems. The integration of behavioral health and primary care is a priority under DSRIP, New York's \$8 billion Medicaid reform effort. At the same time, there's increased awareness about the need to bring people with mental illnesses and addiction into the health care system.

Opening keynote: How to address the stigma of behavioral health care

Patrick Corrigan, Psy.D.

Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Illinois Institute of Technology

Panel 1: Integrating behavioral health and primary care

Eric G. Gayle, M.D.

NYC Regional Medical Director, The Institute for Family Health

David Lim, M.D., Ph.D.

Chief Medical Officer, Quartet

Sabina Lim, M.D., M.P.H.

Vice President and Chief of Strategy, Behavioral Health, Mount Sinai Health System

Ian A. Shaffer, M.D., MMM, CPE

Vice President & Executive Medical Director, Behavioral Health, Healthfirst

Panel 2: From criminals to patients: caring for drug users

Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., MSW

Senior Director, Office of Behavioral Health, Medical and Professional Affairs, NYC Health + Hospitals

Terrell Jones

Outreach and Advocacy Manager, New York Harm Reduction Educators

Michael E. McMahon

District Attorney, Office of the Richmond County District Attorney

Barbara C. Zeller, M.D.

Chief Clinical Officer, Brightpoint Health

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