



HIE Watch: Tech Update

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SNY Neurosurgeons Completes HEAL 1 Project

This month, the Southern New York Neurosurgical Group completed their HEAL 1 project to install the NextGen electronic medical record (EMR) system. All neurosurgeons have been trained in the electronic medical record and have been incorporating it into their daily schedules at a steady rate. Their efforts at this point are to simplify and learn to use the system more efficiently for their practice's needs. The NextGen system is extensive in what it offers, and SNY Neurosurgeons providers are currently learning to use the EMR system to its highest potential in order to better serve their patients.

UMA NextGen EMR Interoperability Pilot

Also this month, providers at UMA sites that are utilizing the NextGen EMR system will be piloting the automated flow of clinical patient data (for their patients who have provided consent) from the STHL Health Information Exchange (HIE) into their NextGen EMR system. When pulling up a patient's electronic record, providers will see not only clinical information that originated from that office, but also rich clinical data from other providers that patient may have seen in our region who are contributing information to the STHL HIE. Doctors will be able to get a more complete view of their patient's health which helps them make good decisions about their care.

Consent Campaign Update

STHL's consent campaign went into full gear during February and March. United Medical Associates practices began collecting STHL HIE consent forms from patients February 1st and presently collection is underway at each of the 45 practices slated for collection. Lourdes hospital, too, has begun collection. Now, patients visiting the hospital for outpatient services are being invited to participate in the STHL health information exchange. The next sites in STHL's consent campaign include central registration at Wilson Memorial, Binghamton General and Chenango Memorial Hospitals, hospital clinics and family care centers associated with Chenango Memorial Hospital and Lourdes Hospital's primary care network and other practices. STHL currently processes about 1,000 forms a week. We're well on our way!

Contact STHL (651-9150 or info@sthlny.com) for further information about what consent can mean for you!



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Make your medical records available when they are needed.

Ask your doctor about the HIE.

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STHL's electronic health information exchange protects medical records against loss or damage and ensures that they are available when and where they are needed

Keep an eye out for our billboards in Norwich, Johnson City and Binghamton!



The Big Picture

Starting February 25th, STHL added local billboard advertizing to our consumer consent campaign.

In this first phase, the images and brief text will alert the public to the risks and complications associated with paper-based medical records.

You were evacuated but your medical records weren't.

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FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Open House for the Community

STHLNY is pleased to open its doors each month to the community by participating in the First Friday Art Walk, an open house-style evening that not only provides a gallery for local artists, but also gives us the chance to talk with healthcare consumers, build visibility at our unique location, and be an active member of our community. Coming up next month:



"Carpatho-Rusyn Folk Art"

Exhibit by Cheryl and Christina Dutko

Friday, April 2, 2010, 6-9

Stop by The Southern Tier HealthLink on First Friday, April 2, to enjoy some exquisite Carpatho-Rusyn Folk Art by Cheryl Dutko and her daughter, Christina. Cheryl and Christina are traditional Carpatho-Rusyn folk artists. A number of traditional Carpatho-Rusyn art forms were passed down to Cheryl from her parents, grandparents and members of her childhood church. These traditions were in turn passed down by Cheryl to her daughter, Christina.