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Launch News

The first phase of Southern Tier HealthLink's Health Information Exchange (HIE) roll-out will begin in May. Five area Emergency Departments, including Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton General, Wilson Medical Center, Delaware Valley, and Chenango Memorial hospitals will be able to access their patient's records during the course of emergency treatment from the Southern Tier HealthLink web portal. The HIE portal offers providers a view of their patients' comprehensive medical records including medication, allergy and lab results, transcription, and radiology images from all of the participating health care organizations.

Consent Update

Southern Tier HealthLink consent forms are now being collected at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton General, Wilson Medical Center, Delaware Valley, and Chenango Memorial hospitals, as well as all United Medical Associates practices and the network of family care practices at United Health Services. We have been collecting consent forms since December 2009. We really appreciate all of the staff at these locations who have helped to make this successful.

To date, we've collected more than 11,000 consent forms from patients visiting area physician practices and hospitals. Our goal is to collect 50,000 by the end of July 2010. We are well on our way! Only 3 percent of patients are choosing not to participate in the Health Information Exchange.



Education & Engagement

Meaningful Use Emergency Medicine/Trauma Teaching Day

On Saturday, April 17, Southern Tier HealthLink's Paul Almy and Jason Spencer hosted a booth at this year's Emergency Medicine/Trauma Teaching Day, with over 400 people in attendance. There was much enthusiasm from attendees, with many inquiries about providing access to the Southern Tier HealthLink's web portal to ambulances. The event was designed to address the educational needs of emergency medical care providers at all levels who are involved in pre-hospital, emergency, and trauma care. While STHL always enjoys educating the community on the work we are doing, the emergency services community is a timely audience given the rollout of our web portal to area Emergency Departments.

Education & Engagement (cont.)

Electronic Health Record Meaningful Use Summit

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, May 22, the Southern Tier HealthLink will be hosting the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Meaningful Use Summit at the Binghamton Ramada, 1 Sarbro Square, in downtown Binghamton. Coordinated by NYeC and the NY Chapter of American College of Physicians, attendees will:

- Learn how their practice can benefit from \$44,000 of federal incentives to implement an EHR.
- Work with a certified Regional Extension Center on EHR selection, implementation, and the achievement of Meaningful Use.
- Learn about emerging policies and activities in your region.
- See 10 leading EHR vendors during hands-on demonstrations.
- Learn about Southern Tier HealthLink and how their practice can connect to the Health Information Exchange.

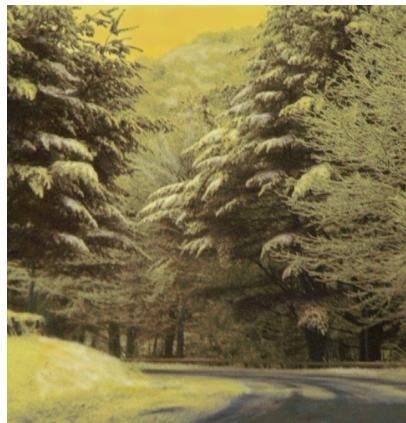
Click here to register online: www.nyacp.org/EHRForm

Southern Tier HealthLink in Second Life

Our project, New York HealthScape (a virtual world), was recently featured in an online magazine, [Originations Innovations Magazine](#). We continue to attract interest by both patients, clinical providers, and educators from all over the world from our outreach activities in Second Life.

Over the next few months, we will be putting the finishing touches on our interactive clinical training simulations. To gain a better understanding of what this is all about, check out this recent [Wall Street Journal article](#).

First Friday Art Walk at STHL



"The Living Tree" by Judy Pleasant

On Friday, May 2, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the Southern Tier HealthLink welcomes spring with the inspiring *"The Living Tree"* digital photography exhibit by Judy Pleasant. In Ms. Pleasant's reaction to the beauty of a tree, she created this digital photographic series to bring a range of trees that inhabit deciduous forests in our country and the splendor they create for us in all seasons.

STHL is a non-profit organization designed as a partnership which brings together healthcare providers and consumers in Central New York with technology that will improve health care quality, access, and safety while reducing costs.

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