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Launch News

HIE Web Portal Roll-out!

Southern Tier HealthLink's Health Information Exchange Web Portal has been rolled out to the Emergency Departments at Chenango Memorial Hospital and Delaware Valley Hospital. This exciting step in our rollout allows for emergency personnel at these locations to access patient data that would otherwise be unavailable. Emergency care providers will now be able to easily access critical health information for patients visiting area emergency rooms, even when the patient is unable to communicate. Planning continues for additional rollouts to Emergency Departments at Wilson Medical Center, Binghamton General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dr. Linda E. Fort and Dr. F. Keith Kennedy, and Binghamton Gastroenterology. To receive news on STHL project roll-outs, contact info@sthlny.com.

Go-Live Report

United Medical Associates NextGen EMR

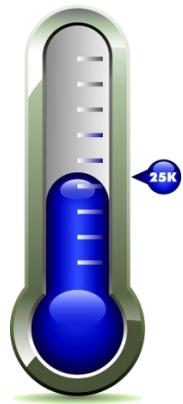
More STHL projects go live! The United Medical Associates (UMA) NextGen Electronic Medical Record (EMR) record exchange project is complete. 182 UMA providers and 570 staff members working at 36 practices are currently taking advantage of this technology. There is an automated flow of patient data from the STHL Health Information Exchange (HIE) into UMA providers' EMR system. When accessing a patient's electronic record, providers will not only see the patient's information that originated from their office, but also rich data from other participating providers that patient may have seen, all with logging into just one system! This more complete view of a patient's health profile will help doctors make good decisions about their patients' care. Soon providers at UMA sites not yet using NextGen will be able to tap into STHL's HIE via a web-based portal. To learn more about getting your practice connected, **call STHL at 607-651-9150 or email info@sthlny.com.**

RHIO to RHIO

Southern Tier HealthLink is now working with the Rochester and Syracuse RHIOs on a project to exchange information for all physicians in the Central Region of New York. We are very excited to be among the first RHIOs in the state to work on community-to-community connectivity. We hope to have the project under way by late summer, with a completion date in the first quarter of 2011.

Consent Update

Southern Tier HealthLink continues to collect consent forms at local medical practices and hospitals. Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital central registration was the first area hospital to begin collecting these forms from patients. Now forms are being collected at Binghamton General Hospital, Wilson Medical Center, and Chenango Memorial Hospital as well as United Medical Associates practices. Our Lady of Lourdes primary care network practices will begin collecting this summer.



So far, more than 20,000 patients have signed up to allow their providers access to their health information exchange (HIE) record—a comprehensive medical record composed of information from several different area health care systems. Only 3 percent have chosen not to allow their provider access their records through the HIE.

Patients who would like to participate in STHL's HIE can fill out a form at participating local medical practices or at the STHL office. To find out if your medical provider is participating, call us at 651-9150, visit our website www.sthlny.com, or visit our office in the old Lackawanna train station at 45 Lewis St. in downtown Binghamton.

Education and Engagement

On May 22nd, Southern Tier HealthLink hosted an Electronic Health Record Meaningful Use Summit that was sponsored by the New York eHealth Collaborative and the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Over 50 physicians and health care professionals attended. Attendees learned about New York State's Health IT strategy to build a comprehensive health information infrastructure. Programs and services available to New York providers and hospitals include the New York Medicaid E-Prescribing Incentive program, New York Regional Extension Center services (provided through STHL and NYeC) and federal Medicare and Medicaid meaningful use incentive programs. Speakers highlighted the benefits of electronic health records, and local practices shared their experience and knowledge. The day concluded with electronic health record product demonstrations.

More information will be available as policies and regulations are set. If you were unable to attend the event, visit www.sthlny.com to download the video from our website. To speak with someone about how your practice can benefit from meaningful use incentives, contact STHL at 607-651-9150, or email info@sthlny.com.

First Friday Art Walk at STHL

WSKG's Art in Motion



We are pleased to host artists each month on First Friday and open our doors to the community for an open-house style evening. In June, we are excited to be hosting WSKG's three-day Art in Motion competition and art tour, along with an art sale. This event highlights the talented artists who reside and work in the Southern Tier. Stop in to enjoy the art, see our unique setting in the Old Lackawanna Train Station, and talk with STHL staff about important project updates and how healthcare practices can get connected to the Health Information Exchange. Guests will have the opportunity to learn about consent options and submit a consent form. Doors will be open Friday, June 4th, 6 pm to 8 pm, Saturday, June 5th, and Sunday, June 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm.

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.