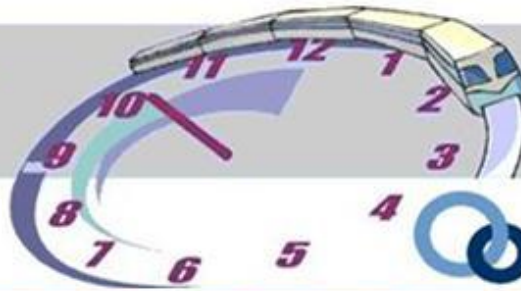


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NEW STHLNY WEBSITE!

Watch for our new website going *live* next month with our new *Connecting the Dots for Better Healthcare* campaign along with:

- New look and feel
- More and easier navigation
- On Track Newsletter sign up
- Participating provider lists
- News, events, and FAQs
- Patient consent forms

Visit us at www.sthlny.com!



The Question of Consent Part II*

“WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?”



*For Part 1, see July 09 ON TRACK at www.sthlny.com.

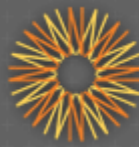
Participating in a health information exchange (HIE) - that is, *consenting to have your records accessible to health care providers in the region* - offers major benefits to you and your family. These include:

IMPROVED TREATMENT: When you visit your doctor, change doctors or are referred to a specialist, all of those providers would have access to the same medical information about you, including your previous treatments, illnesses, lab work, allergies, procedures, and so on. If you are travelling and need health care anywhere in the STHLNY region (Southern Tier and Central NY), those doctors will also be able to access your medical history. In time, even doctors across the country will be able to access your records, which can alleviate some of the delay, complications, and uncertainty that comes with getting sick or being in an accident away from home.

PEACE OF MIND: Hopefully your paper file at your doctor’s office is complete, filed correctly, and protected from flood, fire and inaccuracies. Your doctor may already use electronic records, but another doctor’s computer may not be able to read them. With the HIE, medical information will be stored in one central, secure location (backed up regularly) so all of your doctors and hospitals will have access to the same updated information. And you won't have to worry about the accuracy and safety of the information or rely on your memory for the details of your medical history.

VIEWING YOUR OWN RECORDS: You will be able to see your own medical records at the touch of a button through a personal healthcare record (PHR) that STHLNY will be offering everyone in the region in 2010. With escalating medical costs, our busier lifestyles, and the importance of assembling all medical information in one place (especially in case of an emergency), the PHR is a critical tool for people who want to manage healthcare for themselves and their family. Learn more about PHRs in the next ON TRACK

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Southern New York
NeuroSurgical Group, P.C.

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We treat our patients the way we would want our families treated.

The SNY NeuroSurgical Group offers state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment capabilities and understands that the pain associated with most spine-related diseases should not have to wait to be treated. Their website features detailed information on brain and spine injuries as well as the advanced technology used to treat them: <http://www.neurosurgicalcenter.com>. Southern New York NeuroSurgical Group is a founding member of STHLNY. Implementation of their electronic medical records (EMRs) is 90% complete and we anticipate their “go live” in the HIE in early 2010.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Welcome Aboard, Paul!

STHLNY welcomes Paul Almy, the new Project Coordinator focusing on hospital integration. Paul is an experienced project manager in the information technology field, with many years at IBM. He received his Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in 2001 and has a Master’s Degree in Computer Science from the National Technological University (NTU) in Fort Collins, Colorado. Paul is excited to be working at STHLNY: “I’m glad to be part of an organization working on improving patient healthcare.” Paul lives in Vestal with his wife Carolyn and their two children; Curt and Jennifer.



FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK EXHIBITIONS

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:

In the Victorian Spirit: Art Dolls

Hand Crafted Dolls by Sara Doane

September 4th, 2009, 6-9pm

Unique dolls and portraits inspired by the Victorian Era and 19th Century spirits. Sara’s designs creatively balance Victoriana, 19th Century mourning practices, and Steam Punk culture with a sense of whimsy.

EVENTS

Binghamton Communiversiity Fest 2009

Southern Tier HealthLink NY will host an information booth at the Communiversiity Festival in downtown Binghamton on Friday, September 11th, from 4-9 pm. This is a celebration on the streets of Downtown Binghamton expected to draw thousands of Binghamton University students and local residents of all ages. We welcome the public to stop by to learn more about STHLNY, the benefits of the HIE, and how to consent to participate. For more information about the event, visit www.H2Innovations.net/BCF



WHAT'S COMING UP

- ✓ The Question of Consent – Part III: Patient Centered Healthcare
- ✓ Partner Spotlight: Chenango Memorial Hospital
- ✓ HIE Watch: Preparing for the “Go Live”