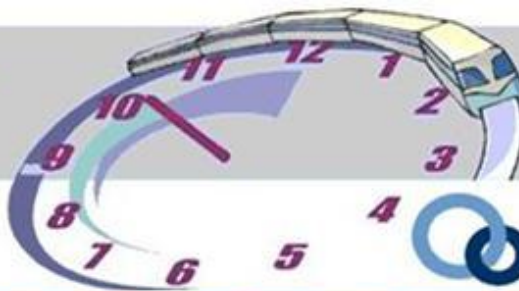


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## STHLNY STATUS UPDATE

### *Building Up Steam*

Since HEAL 5 funding arrived last month, we are making steady progress on all fronts. In mid-May we hosted an operational kickoff meeting where HEAL 5 stakeholders met to review our current and planned project work and to discuss forming workgroups to address critical next step issues, such as patient consent. Our initial focus this quarter is to strengthen our existing health information exchange infrastructure so that it will support the expanding data from

additional participating doctors and hospitals. On the tech side, our team is working with Lourdes and United Health Services to introduce an Enterprise Master Person Index (EMPI). This software will establish a unique primary record for each patient in the health information exchange which contains correct data even when the information is coming from many different points of care. We are pleased to be working with Initiate Systems, an industry leader in the field, as we bring Lourdes and United Health Services on board with this important new technology.

### *HEAL 1 Testing Running Smoothly*

Now in its third year, HEAL 1 project work is in the final testing phase with excellent results. Planning for the process and policies governing acquiring patient consent is well underway. We continue to achieve our milestones and several projects are scheduled to be completed by the Fall of this year.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

### *Welcome Aboard, Judy!*

We are pleased to welcome Judy Selby as our Administrative Secretary. Judy has worked in administrative positions in both the public and private sectors, most recently as an executive assistant with Time Warner Cable. Judy was excited to learn about STHL's work, since she recently had firsthand experience with the challenge of gaining immediate access to medical records, saying, "Our mission to link electronic medical records between healthcare providers can mean the difference of life or death in many situations." Judy resides in Endwell with her husband Scott, children Kevin and Emily; and golden retriever Angel Princess.



## CURRENT OPENINGS

We currently have four positions open:

- Senior Accountant
- Project Coordinator (3 positions)

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to apply directly through United Health Services.

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**PARTNER SPOTLIGHT**

*Our Lady of Lourdes  
Memorial Hospital*



Lourdes has provided compassionate care for our community since 1925. They are a member of Ascension Health, which is the nation's largest Catholic and largest nonprofit health system. Recently, Lourdes embarked on a 3-year expansion project which includes technology updates and new equipment purchases, facility upgrades including expanded parking, a FEMA-funded flood wall, and expansions to several critical care departments.



As one of the founding member of STHLNY, Lourdes plays a major role in policy discussions, testing and implementation of the technology. John Laliberte, Lourdes' CIO, serves on the STHLNY Executive Board and many other Lourdes staff members participate in our projects and on workgroup committees. We look to and appreciate their expertise and guidance as we move forward to the next phase of development for the health information exchange.

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**FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK EXHIBITIONS**

*Open House for the Community*

STHLNY is pleased to open its doors each month to the local community by participating in the Downtown Binghamton First Friday Art Walk. This open house-style evening provides a gallery to showcase the work of a local artist but also gives us the opportunity to talk with healthcare consumers, to build visibility at our unique location, and to establish a reputation as an active member of our community.



Coming up next month:

**“Rediscover Binghamton”  
Photography Exhibit by Wendy Sisson**  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, 6-9PM at our offices

Born and raised in the greater Binghamton area, Wendy L. Sisson is a self-taught digital artist specializing in creative portraiture and fine art photography. Her photographic style is modern and distinctive with a timeless, classical edge.  
[Click here to see more of her work.](#)

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**WHAT'S COMING UP**

*In the next issue of On Track: Patient Consent!*

The success of STHLNY ultimately depends on doctors being able to access a patient's full medical history when and where it is needed – and that can only happen when the patient consents to that access. Next month we'll bring you up to date with the NYS patient consent policy and how we plan to get the word out in our community.

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