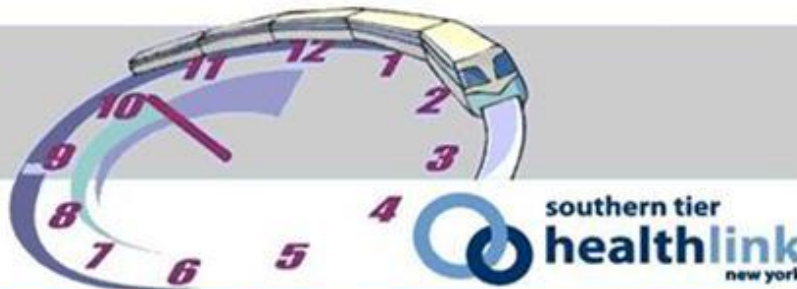


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NEW STAFF MEMBER



Michelle Cleveland joins STHL as our new Staff Accountant and Grant Administrator. Michelle comes to us from Lockheed Martin Owego, where she worked as a Financial Analyst. She earned a Master's Degree in Accounting from Binghamton University. Michelle is excited to be working with STHL because, "*The exchange of healthcare information will ensure improved patient healthcare in the future*". Michelle lives in Endicott with her husband Daniel and their two children, Matthew and Andrew.

Welcome

Michelle Cleveland!

The Question of Consent: Step Up To The Window of Consent

Over the last year, STHL has been working with local healthcare providers to create a centralized, electronic, medical record for patients throughout the region. Thousands of medical records have been "deposited" into the health information exchange (HIE) so far. Of course, your doctors still have access to the records they keep on you in their own office, but if you consent to share your records through the HIE, your doctors will be able to use the computer to see your records from other providers you go to.

Granting consent is a free and quick process: complete the form with your name, birth date, consent choice, and signature and submit it to STHL. You can download the form and information from our website: www.sthlny.com. After the first of the year, you may be asked to complete the form when you register at local hospitals and physician practices. STHL is also accepting these forms at our office (45 Lewis Street in Binghamton) Monday-Friday, 9-4pm. Photo ID is required. We have converted the original train ticket window at our offices in the former Lackawanna Train Station into our HIE **Window of Consent**, where our staff is happy to discuss the HIE and answer any questions.

The consent form has three check boxes:

- I GIVE CONSENT** for all of the organizations on the List of Participating Providers to access my electronic health information through STHL. (*You may exclude specific groups by listing them on the form.*)
- I DENY CONSENT** for all of the organizations on the List of Participating Providers to access my electronic health information through STHL, ***EVEN in a medical emergency.***
- I CHOOSE NOT TO CONSENT or CANNOT DECIDE AT THIS TIME.** The organizations on the List of Participating Providers will have access to my information ***ONLY in a medical emergency.***



We invite you to stop by the STHL office to fill out the form with us. In the meantime, feel free to contact us (651-9150 or info@sthlny.com) if you have any questions.

STHL IN SECOND LIFE

NY Healthscape The Virtual PHR

NY Healthscape is STHL's "immersive learning tool", made possible in the virtual world of Second Life, a computer-generated, 3D environment. One of the featured elements of the project is an interoperable personal health record (PHR) demonstration. Visitors who participate in NY Healthscape activities will generate personal health data for their PHR and accumulate points toward prizes. These activities also increase awareness about health issues and encourage visitors to make healthy choices. STHL is also committed to supporting health education and advocacy projects. Next month On Track will highlight the activities that NY Healthscape is hosting in honor of World AIDS Day 2009 (December 1st). If you would like an "in world" tour of NY Healthscape, email us at info@sthlny.com.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Cortland Regional Medical Center (CRMC)



Patient Centered and Performance Focused

Cortland Regional Medical Center (formerly Cortland Memorial Hospital) began as a six-bed facility over 115 years ago and now serves a population of 75,000 with a 166-bed acute care facility and an 80-bed residential care facility. Their dedication to using technology to improve patient care is evident from two recent patient care enhancements: 4D ultrasound and digital mammography. Looking to the near future, CRMC will take full advantage of the care improvements made possible by participating in the STHL health information exchange (HIE). As a regional center positioned between Binghamton and Syracuse, CRMC is a critical link in the medical record network for patients in our region. In 2010, STHL and CRMC will be working closely to bring the benefits of the HIE to patients and providers in the Cortland area.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

during 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:

Open House for the Community

We are pleased to greet the public each month

Holiday Festival

Music, Art and Trains

December 4th, 2009, 6-9pm

- ***Performance** by the Parlor City Boy's Choir (7pm)
- ***Exhibit** by The Magic Paintbrush Project
- ***Train Display** by the SV Railway Historical Society



STHL celebrates the season with a festive mix of art, music and history. We invite the community to come and enjoy the evening. Visitors who would like to learn more about the HIE or sign up to participate can do so at our Window Of Consent during the evening.

WHAT'S COMING UP

- ✓ HIE Watch: How The Data is Deposited
- ✓ World Aids Day (December 1st) in NY Healthscape

To sign up to get On Track each month, email us at info@sthlny.com