

- HEALTHeLINK, the Western New York Clinical Information Exchange, is a collaboration among the region's hospitals, physicians, health plans and other health care providers to serve the eight counties of western New York State.
- Established in 2006, HEALTHeLINK was created to enable the exchange of clinical information in secure and meaningful ways to improve the delivery of care, enhance clinical outcomes and help control healthcare costs.
- HEALTHeLINK was established through funding from: Catholic Health System, Erie County Medical Center Corporation, HealthNow New York (BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York), Independent Health Association, Kaleida Health, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Univera Healthcare and the New York State's HealNY initiative.
- HEALTHeLINK has been recognized for its work in building a regional health information technology infrastructure and for testing innovative approaches by both state and federal agencies, including being named a Beacon Community, an effort funded through a \$16.1 million grant from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.
- Patients who provide consent allow physicians and providers directly involved in their treatment to securely access relevant medical information via HEALTHeLINK, resulting in improved delivery of services, clinical outcome and patient safety at the point of care. Approximately 770,000 Western New Yorkers have already signed their consent.
- Nearly 4,000 providers, all 27 hospitals and several independent laboratory and radiology practices and long term care facilities are currently connected to HEALTHeLINK.
- HEALTHeLINK is part of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY), a technology framework spanning the entire state that allows health care providers efficient access to their patients' data.
- For more information, visit wnyhealthelink.com.