

- HEALTHeLINK, Western New York's clinical information exchange is a collaboration among hospitals, physicians, health plans and other health care providers in the eight counties of western New York State to securely exchange clinical information to improve the quality of care, enhance patient safety and mitigate health care costs.
- HEALTHeLINK was established in 2006 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.
- 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. More than one million Western New Yorkers have already signed their consent.
- More than 85% of practices, all hospitals and several independent laboratory and radiology practices and long term care facilities are currently connected to HEALTHeLINK.
- HEALTHeLINK is a Qualified Entity of the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY), which enables providers to access their patients' data from across the state.
- HEALTHeLINK is also a founding member of the Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC), the national trade association of health information exchanges.
- 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.
- For more information, visit wnyhealthelink.com.

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