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Rochester RHIO Adds Statewide Clinical Data

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 22, 2016 –The Rochester RHIO (Regional Health Information Organization) announces the addition of statewide data to the RHIO Explore clinical query portal. This enhancement allows Explore users to query and retrieve patient information from other parts of New York State through the SHIN-NY (Statewide Health Information Network for New York). The update improves patient care by making it possible to retrieve crucial medical information when a patient has received treatment outside of his/her home region.

"The statewide data lookup is especially helpful when it's a Genesee County resident who goes to both providers and hospitals in Erie and Monroe counties. It saves us time and effort from having to go into both the Rochester RHIO and HEATHeLINK systems to search for clinical updates," said Elaine Watson, community health nurse, Genesee County Health Department. "We also may find it helpful in the future if we have an inmate or college student to look up, as they may have come from other places in the state."

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About the SHIN-NY

The SHIN-NY is the Statewide Health Information Network for New York. New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) works with the New York State Department of Health to coordinate the technical and policy development of the SHIN-NY, and also convenes a broad range of healthcare stakeholders to ensure that the SHIN-NY provides access to a patient's electronic medical records wherever and whenever they need it.

About Rochester RHIO

Rochester RHIO is a secure electronic health information exchange serving authorized medical providers and over one million consenting patients in Monroe, Allegany, Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties in Upstate New York.

The service allows a medical care team to share records across institutions and practices, making patient information available wherever and whenever needed to provide the best care. Patients benefit from fewer repeated tests, easier second opinions, a reduced risk of mistakes caused by poor handwriting or incomplete records, and more informed care during office visits and emergencies. It is a Qualified Entity of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY). Health care professionals and patients can learn more by visiting RochesterRHIO.org or by calling 877-865-RHIO (7446).

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