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FOR PATIENTS

*When it comes to your health every detail matters...*



**HEALTHIX**

A Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO), partnering with healthcare providers throughout the region to enable the secure exchange of health information with patient consent.

Healthix provides secure patient information in real time and at the point of care, to more than 500 healthcare facilities, including thousands of doctors and other healthcare professionals in the Greater New York Area.

**Health Information Exchange: Facts to Know**

**Better access means better care.**

Whenever you receive healthcare from a provider participating in Healthix, such as a hospital, nursing home, physician, home care nurse or lab, your unique medical record is automatically updated to include information about your conditions, medications, test results and treatments. Access to your record gives your healthcare team information that can help them provide better care based on a fuller understanding of your medical history.

**What types of information can be accessed through Healthix?**

Lab and Radiology results, your medications, allergies, diagnoses, medical encounters and other data are available. Please be aware, if you provide consent, sensitive medical information may be accessed related to HIV/AIDS, mental health, genetic disease or tests, alcohol or drug abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and family planning.

**What are the benefits of giving consent to Healthix?**

- Improves quality of care and increases safety
- Fewer repeated diagnostic tests and labs
- Reduces likelihood of adverse drug interactions and allergic reactions
- Faster treatment in a medical emergency
- Better communication with doctors and other caregivers
- You control which providers access your records

**Is my privacy protected?**

Healthix follows New York State and Federal privacy and confidentiality laws, and is funded and regulated by the New York State Department of Health. Healthix only allows providers access to your information if they are involved in your care and you have granted consent. Healthix maintains safeguards to protect your medical information.



***Healthix can provide real-time clinical notifications via alerts to your physicians and providers so they know when you are admitted to an Emergency Room, and more.***

*To view Healthix privacy and security policies, as well as Healthix Consent Forms -- visit [www.Healthix.org](http://www.Healthix.org)*



## **Keeping Health Providers Informed, Means Better Care for You.**

### **Can I control who may access my information?**

Yes, you control access to your medical information. Each healthcare provider participating in Healthix must obtain your consent in order to access your medical information through Healthix.

### **How do I give consent?**

You GIVE consent by signing the Healthix Patient Consent Form upon admission to a hospital or during registration at a provider's practice that participates in Healthix. Your consent allows only individuals involved in your care to access your medical information in Healthix.

### **What if I don't want to give consent?**

The decision to give consent to Healthix is voluntary. If you do not wish to allow your providers to access your medical information through Healthix – even in an emergency – you may indicate DENY on the Healthix Patient Consent Form. You can change your decision at any time by submitting a new consent form.

### **What if I do not make a consent decision?**

Your medical record can be accessible in the case of an emergency to key authorized providers (for example an Emergency Room Physician), if you are unable to provide consent at that time.

### **What if my doctor isn't part of Healthix?**

If your healthcare provider has not yet joined Healthix, they may do so at anytime. Healthix works with healthcare providers in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Manhattan and Long Island.

