

Committee: New York City Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists  
Topic: Regional Health Information Organization (RHIOs)  
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Whereas, A regional health information organization (RHIO) is a type of information exchange organization that brings together health care stakeholders within a defined geographic area and governs health information exchange among them for the purpose of improving health and care in that community, and,

Whereas, The RHIO in New York State (otherwise known as the Statewide Health Information Network for New York or SHIN-NY) is one of the best established and robust RHIOs in the county, including in Rochester, Bronx, Interboro in New York City, e-Health in Long Island, etc, and,

Whereas, Pharmacist access to patient health records is a public safety imperative for drug-reconciliation, avoidance of duplicate therapy and drug interactions, and screening for drug allergies, and,

Whereas, Pharmacist models of care delivery and array of services will continue to change by incorporating technology such as RHIOs into practice and pave the way for growth of future generations of pharmacists, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists advocate that pharmacy leaders throughout the state advocate for adoption of regional health information organizations (RHIOs) within their institutions and for pharmacists to have access and become involved in how the RHIO is utilized.

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