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Guthrie, Penn State Health join KeyHIE

Health information exchange includes more than 350 participating healthcare facilities

DANVILLE, Pa. – Guthrie and Penn State Health have joined the Keystone Health Information Exchange (KeyHIE®), an information-sharing network of more than 350 healthcare facilities.

KeyHIE was founded by Geisinger in 2005 via a memorandum of understanding signed by eight central Pennsylvania hospitals. One of the nation's largest and most advanced health information exchanges, KeyHIE now connects 39 hospitals, 282 physician practices, 80 long-term care facilities, 30 home health agencies and other healthcare organizations, serving more than 7 million patients in Pennsylvania and surrounding states. KeyHIE offers a wide range of services to doctor's offices, hospitals, nursing homes, payors and other healthcare organizations in Pennsylvania and surrounding areas to ensure health information follows patients, regardless of where they receive care.

"KeyHIE is glad to have both Penn State Health and Guthrie on board with us," said Kim Chaundy, senior director of information technology at Geisinger. "Both organizations represent excellent care in the communities they serve, and we are happy that they will be able to further enhance that care by participating in KeyHIE. As a participant-led nonprofit organization, we rely on the support and input of our participants to guide our direction as we continue to grow and evolve. We look forward to working with both organizations to further improve patient care and data exchange in Pennsylvania."

"Guthrie has long been an advocate of health information exchange and is committed to the secure and interoperable exchange of patient records to enhance the care and treatment of our patients," said Paul Contino, vice president of information technology at The Guthrie Clinic. "We look forward to the partnership with KeyHIE to expand our information exchange capabilities."

"Penn State Health continues to partner with trusted, established entities like KeyHIE to grow our ability to exchange information across our system and with outside providers," said Christopher DeFlitch, M.D., chief medical information officer for Penn State Health. "Having secure, reliable access to this data bolsters the ability of clinicians at the bedside to analyze patient-specific information and make crucial care decisions while reducing unnecessary tests."

In addition to exchanging clinical data for treatment purposes, both Penn State Health and Guthrie will participate in the PA Patient & Provider Network's admission, discharge and transfer (ADT) notification service.

For more information, visit KeyHIE.org.

About Geisinger

Geisinger is committed to making better health easier for the more than 1 million people it serves. Founded more than 100 years ago by Abigail Geisinger, the system now includes nine hospital campuses, a health plan with more than 500,000 members, two research centers and the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. With nearly 24,000 employees and more than 1,600 employed physicians, Geisinger boosts its hometown economies in Pennsylvania by billions of dollars annually. Learn more at geisinger.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Guthrie

Guthrie is a non-profit integrated health system located in north central Pennsylvania and upstate New York, serving patients from a twelve-county service area. Guthrie is comprised of four hospitals, including [Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital](#) in Sayre, Pa., with a campus in [Towanda](#), Pa., [Guthrie Corning Hospital](#) in Corning, N.Y., [Guthrie Troy Community Hospital](#) in Troy, Pa., and [Guthrie Cortland Medical Center](#) in Cortland, N.Y., along with a research institute and home care/hospice. Guthrie's multi-specialty group practice of more than 325 physicians and 210 advanced practice providers offers 47 specialties through a regional office network providing primary and specialty care in 22 communities in Pennsylvania and New York. In addition, Guthrie offers home medical equipment and respiratory therapy products at seven convenient Med Supply Depot locations and provides a wide range of services and programs to enhance the health and well-being of those it serves. Visit us online at Guthrie.org

About Penn State Health

Penn State Health is a multi-hospital health system serving patients and communities across 29 counties in central Pennsylvania. It employs more than 16,800 people systemwide. The system includes [Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center](#), [Penn State Children's Hospital](#) and [Penn State Cancer Institute](#) based in Hershey, Pa.; [Penn State Health Holy Spirit Medical Center](#) in Camp Hill, Pa.; [Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center](#) in Reading, Pa.; and more than 2,300 physicians and direct care providers at more than 125 medical office locations. Additionally, the system jointly operates various health care providers, including [Penn State Health Rehabilitation Hospital](#), Hershey Outpatient Surgery Center, Hershey Endoscopy Center, Horizon Home Healthcare and [Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute](#). In December 2017, Penn State Health partnered with Highmark Health to facilitate creation of a value-based, community care network in the region. Penn State Health shares an integrated strategic plan and operations with [Penn State College of Medicine](#), the University's medical school.

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