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## **Connecticut State Medical Society, CTHHealthLink, and the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy Announce Collaboration**

(October 2, 2018) North Haven, CT- Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and CTHHealthLink are pleased to announce a collaboration with the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to improve patient care through the interoperability and connectivity of health information in Connecticut.

Connecticut Health Information Technology Officer Allan Hackney said, “CTHHealthLink will provide a major connection to potentially thousands of physicians across the state; it’s an important part of our work to launch the state of Connecticut’s first statewide HIE linking doctors, hospitals, nursing facilities, home healthcare professionals, and others to give them a platform to exchange clinical and diagnostic data in real time. It will improve healthcare for consumers and make information gathering more efficient for providers. I want to thank the Connecticut State Medical Society for their partnership.”

Jeffrey Gordon, MD, Chair of the CTHHealthLink Governance Committee, stated, “CTHHealthLink was designed by physicians as a way of sharing important patient information with healthcare professionals, patients, health systems, payors, and state agencies. By facilitating the exchange of patient data across these diverse settings, CTHHealthLink complements OHS’s HIE initiative and will assist the state in achieving its strategic goals. Given the success other private sector state initiatives have had using the same technology platform deployed by CTHHealthLink, we believe our patients and healthcare providers will find the collaboration mutually beneficial.”

In Connecticut’s application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, OHS describes the state’s health information exchange infrastructure as consisting of “a network of networks.” CTHHealthLink’s technology provides the pathway for its members’ patient information to get from a medical practice or hospital electronic medical record to the state’s analytics platform. Data from CTHHealthLink and other providers across the healthcare spectrum will support statewide quality improvement initiatives, including the transmission of electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) to monitor healthcare quality, and the mapping of healthcare resources to promote adequate access to care.

Operational in Connecticut since 2017, CTHHealthLink is part of a national HIE network operating in six other states to collectively allow participating physicians, healthcare professionals and patients to receive data from across the country. CTHHealthLink is currently working with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Department of Social Services.

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### **About Connecticut State Medical Society**

One of the nation's oldest medical societies, the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) was founded in 1792 and serves more than 6,000 physicians across the state. The mission of CSMS is to be the voice of all Connecticut physicians; to lead physicians in advocacy; to promote the profession of medicine; to improve the quality of care; and to safeguard the health of our patients. For more information visit [www.Csms.org](http://www.Csms.org).

### **About CTHealthLink**

CTHealthLink is a physician-led health information network delivered in partnership with the Connecticut State Medical Society and KAMMCO. CTHealthLink offers a suite of health information technology tools to help health professionals share patient information while employing powerful analytic reports designed to help improve clinical outcomes, reduced inefficiencies and positively impact patient safety. CTHealthLink is a member of the KAMMCO Network. For more information visit [www.CTHealthLink.com](http://www.CTHealthLink.com).

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