

**October 2023**

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## ***NDHIN in The Community***

**On September 28<sup>th</sup>, in Fargo, ND, Health Information Technology Director Shila Blend shared the work of the NDHIN at the North Dakota Health Information Management Association's ([NDHIMA](#)) annual conference.**

NDHIMA is a component association to the nation's leading voice and authority in health information—the American Health Information Management Association ([AHIMA](#)). Their membership is made up of wide variety of health professionals dedicated to ensuring health information is accurate and complete for the benefit of the public, healthcare consumers, providers, and all other users of clinical data.

Shila's presentation covered a brief history of the NDHIN, an overview of its functionality and services, and highlighted a few of our key projects, such as the Electronic Test Orders & Results (ETOR), Newborn Screening Care Coordination, and the Advanced Directive Registry. She also delivered a demo on how providers (and other users) can access and view patient information in the Clinical Portal, and shared how this access could benefit their respective organizations.

If your organization, association or network may be interested in hearing more about the NDHIN and having a presentation at your event or virtually, please reach out to Brandy Schmaltz, NDHIN's Health IT Provider Relations and Privacy Coordinator to arrange.

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## **Health Data Utilities Viewed by Some as Option to Improve Data Sharing**

**Several states are moving beyond health information exchanges (HIEs) and developing statewide, nonprofit health data utilities (HDUs) to connect a wide range of health entities that have never before shared data with each other.**

HIEs were developed more than two decades ago to share patients' electronic health information across hospitals and health systems. HDUs are intended to connect health systems with public health departments, claims data, prescription drug monitoring, community organizations, and social service providers so that all

providers and partners caring for patients or battling a public health threat can share comprehensive information in real time. Continue reading the full article [here](#).

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## WHAT'S NEW?

### What's New For NDHIN

**The NDHIN is excited to announce newly added functionality and content.**

- We are happy to announce that we have collaborated with Altru Health System to implement additional data sharing and users are now able to access Altru's clinical notes through NDHIN. This is an important addition to the clinical portal, and we anticipate a great benefit for many of our users. Thank you to Altru for working with us to make this valuable information available to the NDHIN users!
- We are excited to announce St. Luke's Hospital is now sharing their data with the NDHIN. Items such as Labs, Notes, ADTs, VXU, ETOR and Syndromic Surveillance can be found in the clinical portal. Thank you, St. Luke's Hospital, for your continued support and collaboration with our team on this effort!
- The Patient Snapshot (within Dynamic Documents) is now fully customizable. Creating the ability to change the default reference range of 3 years, and also the ability to print and download.

The screenshot shows the 'Patient Snapshot' configuration page. At the top right, there are links for 'Download', 'Print', 'View CDA', and 'Custom'. A blue information banner at the top states: 'Changes to the patient snapshot are temporary. They will be remembered until you leave this page, or the page is refreshed.' Below this, there are six rows of configuration options, each with a dropdown menu and a 'within the last' field with a numeric input and a 'year(s)' dropdown:

- Allergies:** All Active Allergies
- Problems:** Active and Resolved... within the last 3 year(s)
- Medications:** No Medications
- Procedures:** With Onset Date... within the last 3 year(s)
- Results:** With Collection Date... within the last 3 year(s)
- Encounters:** With Admission Date... within the last 3 year(s)

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## **Reminders!**

### **Help Us Stay Up to Date**



- When there are role changes within your organization, please contact NDHIN to ensure we have the most update information listed for your organization. This ensures we are able to communicate effectively for audits, invoices and concerns regarding your organization.

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## **Need assistance?..... Password Reset?**

**If you are having 'Issues' with use of the NDHIN Clinical Portal or other services, please contact the NDHIN Help Desk.**

The NDHIN Help Desk is available 24/7 to assist you with password resets, technical issues, and other service questions.

***NDHIN Help Desk***

Call (844)335-6253 ext. 1 or email [NDHINSupport@koblegroup.com](mailto:NDHINSupport@koblegroup.com)

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## **Quarterly Q & A Session**

### **Please Join Us**

Our next session for 2023 will be held December 21st at 12:30-1:00 pm CST. Missed a Q&A session? Click [here](#) to access past sessions.