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CTHEALTHLINK EXPANDS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK TO INCLUDE YALE NEW HAVEN HEALTH AND UCONN HEALTH

NEW HAVEN—Friday, December 18, 2020— CTHealthLink (CTHL), the Connecticut State Medical Society’s (CSMS) robust health information exchange announced today they have added connections to Yale New Haven Health and UConn Health through the eHealth Exchange.

“The connections to Yale New Haven and UCONN are important milestones for Connecticut physicians and their patients,” said Dr. Robert Aseltine, a UConn Health professor who chairs the CTHL Advisory Board. “These connections allow Connecticut healthcare providers to gain access to critical patient data from hospitals, clinics, and practices, data that are needed to provide safe and comprehensive care to their patients. Data sharing across providers and facilities is particularly important when patients are transferred from their home communities to receive care, which is becoming more common as COVID-19 strains hospital capacity. Having immediate access to a patient’s full medical record under these conditions may save lives and significantly improve health care for Connecticut patients.”

“Connecticut cannot wait any longer for the meaningful exchange of patient data,” said Jeffrey Gordon, MD, Chair of the CSMS Council. “In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut physicians are facing unprecedented hurdles to providing quality medical care. Physicians throughout Connecticut must have the ability to coordinate not only COVID -19-related medical care, but also COVID-19 vaccinations. The time for health data exchange to be operational in Connecticut is not tomorrow, but today.”

Yale New Haven and UCONN Health add to a growing list of CTHealthLink connections now available. CTHealthLink is connected to CVS Health and Minute Clinics, the Veterans Administration, DaVita Health, the Department of Defense, Fresenius Medical Care and Premise Health. CTHealthLink is onboarding Hartford Health through Carequality as well as a number of physician practices. CTHealthLink is a member of the KONZA National Network which allows CTHealthLink participants to access data from across the nation. CTHealthLink is a trusted exchange partner with Connie, Connecticut’s network-of-networks exchange initiative, and is in the process of connecting to their newly selected technology platform vendor.

For healthcare professionals, CTHealthLink provides health information exchange, state of the art analytics, quality measurement/MIPS support, DIRECT messaging and near real time alerting. For patients, CTHealthLink provides a free personal health record so patients can retrieve and manage all of their health information in one location. CTHealthLink also supports public health in Connecticut with connections to the state registries.

About CTHealthLink.

CTHL is a physician-led health information network, offered by CSMS in partnership with KONZA, which provides health information exchange services in 8 US states. CTHL offers a suite of health information technology tools to help health professionals share patient information over a secure network, while employing powerful analytic reports designed to help guide medical policy, improve clinical outcomes, reduce inefficiencies, positively impact patient safety and protect private patient medical information.

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 thousands of 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.

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