



Faster Visits. Fewer Errors. Better Care.

There are many benefits for both patients and providers/health care entities participating in an HIE, including:

- Assistance in care coordination
- Reduction of preventable costs associated with readmissions, duplicative testing, and errors
- Support of public health reporting and population health analytics
- Advancing interoperability and common health data standards

“At its center, Connie is about patients receiving the best possible health care, delivering continuity in medical information, and providing secure, timely treatment for Connecticut residents.”

- Jenn Searls, Executive Director of Connie

Secure, confidential sharing of patient data

Connie is Connecticut’s official Health Information Exchange (HIE). An HIE is a safe, confidential way of sharing health information electronically among doctors’ offices, hospitals, labs, radiology centers, and other healthcare organizations.

Overseen by an appointed Board of Directors, Connie was established in 2019 to oversee and drive services to support the exchange of health data in the state of Connecticut. Connie is an independent, not-for-profit, neutral, and trusted organization.

Connie was established pursuant to CGS Sec. 17b-59d to support health care delivery, quality, safety, and value for Connecticut health care organizations, providers, and residents. Connecting with Connie helps your practice work more closely with other providers, make better decisions about patient care, and reduce the chance of medical errors, which is especially important in emergency situations.

MISSION

Connie’s mission is to enhance the health and well-being of Connecticut residents through the provision of health information technology services. These services empower consumers to make effective health care decisions and promote patient-centered care. They also improve the quality, safety, and value of health care, while reducing the waste and duplication of services. This will support clinical decision-making, keep confidential health information secure, and make progress toward the State’s public health goals.

VISION

Connie’s vision is to be the statewide leader, advocate, and catalyst for the adoption and use of health information technology and health information exchange services that bring tangible, meaningful, and sustainable value to stakeholders across Connecticut.

Patients may choose not to share their health information through Connie.

**For more information
go to connect.org/for-patients**



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Welcome to Connie,
Connecticut’s Health
Information Exchange





Do all Connecticut health care organizations have to connect with Connie?

Yes. As of May 3, 2021, hospitals and labs have one year to begin connecting with Connie while all other healthcare providers have two years.

For more information, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-Information-Alliance/Commencement-and-Participation-Requirements>

According to state statute, all healthcare providers are required to connect to Connie within two years.

I already have an EHR, so why would I use an HIE?

An HIE allows the transmission of health care data between facilities and organizations through any EHR to share patient information across systems. With Connie, you can view your patient's data either through your own EHR or through the Connie portal to see your patient's information from all their providers, giving you a more complete health record for your patient.

What does it cost to connect with Connie?

If you are a healthcare provider, there is no cost to connect to or receive data from Connie at this time. Please contact us at info@conniect.org or call for more information and our experts will assist you in connecting.



Connie streamlines patient health information so that it is not dependent on one EHR.

Will my patients have access to their health information?

Providing patient access through Connie is state mandated and included on the implementation road map for features and services. Updates on patient access can be found on Connie's website.

Can I connect to other health care organizations outside of Connecticut?

Connie shares data with national health information exchanges and is open to working with healthcare organizations outside Connecticut interested in connecting.

Where can I find more information about Connie?

More information about Connie can be found at www.conniect.org. Visitors can view an extensive Q&A, health organizations can sign up to connect, and residents can change participation choices. Connie posts updates and news frequently, so make sure to check back often!

Questions?

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