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Data Dashboard Reveals More than Just the Region's Health

Unique web-based tool delves into disease prevalence, patient perceptions, social needs

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (April 20, 2017) – Those who are curious about the prevalence of diabetes or incidence of heart attack among Long Islanders now have an easy-to-reference source to learn about these chronic diseases and other health and social service issues that plague Long Islanders.

A [Population Health Dashboard](#), developed and powered by the Long Island Health Collaborative, is a unique web-based tool that displays data by state, county, and zip code.

The dashboard displays primary data collected and analyzed by the Long Island Health Collaborative, along with comparisons of data sets housed by the New York State Department of Health. The Community Member Survey is a primary data source which delves into Long Islanders' perceptions about their healthcare needs, barriers to accessing health care, insurance coverage, and more. (All Long Islanders are encouraged to complete the [online survey](#).) Secondary data sets look at food availability, hospitalizations, physical activity levels, and obesity rates, among many other data points. The dashboard is updated quarterly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that at least 50 percent of all adults in the U.S. suffer from at least one chronic disease and 86 percent of U.S. healthcare costs are attributed to chronic disease. Population health is a way of addressing healthcare needs from a broader perspective that takes into account all the factors, such as housing, nutrition, transportation, that affect the outcome of disease among populations. These are commonly referred to as the social determinants of health and are now generally recognized by healthcare providers and researchers as contributing significantly to patients' health.

The [Population Health](#) dashboard is a window into this region's healthcare landscape. Patients play a key role in ensuring their own good health by adopting healthy behaviors and adhering to treatment plans. "The dashboard is an excellent resource for researchers, grant writers, physicians and anyone involved in providing healthcare and social services," said Janine Logan, director of the Long Island Health Collaborative, "but a member of the general 'population' can get a sense of the burden of disease on their communities by looking at the dashboard. A healthier community leads to a more robust local economic infrastructure and prosperity. Health is the undervalued connector."

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About the Long Island Health Collaborative

The [Long Island Health Collaborative](#) is a partnership of Long Island's hospitals, county health departments, physicians, health providers, community-based social and human service organizations, academic institutions, health plans, local government, and the business sector, all engaged in improving the health of Long Islanders. The



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