



Revolutionary health care transformation

The Hudson Valley Initiative

The Hudson Valley Initiative is an effort among a triadⁱ of organizations with the shared goal to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of health care in the Hudson Valley through the use of health information technology and improved care delivery models. The Hudson Valley Initiative is built around three ideas:

- They want health care to be **patient-centered, coordinated** and **accessible**;
- They want a sustainable financial model for health care **that lowers** cost and **increases quality**;
- They want health information technology to be used as a **tool to improve** patient care and community health.

The triad is composed of:

- *Taconic Health Information Network and Community (THINC)*, the not-for-profit convening organization that defines and sponsors research to advance improved patient care delivery models using health information technology; structures and implements pay-for-performance criteria associated with physician practice quality initiatives; and governs the region's secure health information exchange network (www.thinc.org).
- *Taconic Independent Practice Association (TIPA)*, the nearly 4,000-member strong physician leadership organization focused on innovative initiatives to transform medical practices and improve health care quality (www.taconicipa.com).
- *MedAllies*, the health information services provider that facilitates physician practice redesign to improve efficiency and effectiveness of health care through health information technology, and operates the technical backbone for health information exchange (www.medallies.com).

The Hudson Valley Initiative seeks to build an ideal health care community that exhibits five foundational characteristics:

- Care will be coordinated and managed by a primary care team along a continuum that includes specialty, acute and long-term care.
- Care will be patient-centered and focused on the needs of the patient and family regardless of payment source.

- Consumers, providers, employers and health plans will have timely access to information about patient satisfaction, cost, quality and appropriateness of care delivered.
- Health information technology will be used by clinicians in all settings in a meaningful way to support, measure, evaluate and improve patient care.
- Health care financing will be restructured to sustain care delivery models that maximize value.

Note: In music, a triad is composed of three notes that, when played together, strike a harmonious chord.