



# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Chief Executive Officer (CEO):

In January of 2006, the Department introduced, via its public website, the New York State Hospital Profile (NYSHP). The NYSHP makes available to the public important information on every hospital in New York State. The website already includes information about your hospital's organization, services and beds, extension clinics, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS) data and certain quality measures.

The Department plans to also provide a Surveillance section on the NYSHP, adding information about inspections, complaints and enforcement actions. Initially, the information displayed will cover surveillance and complaint activities for the time period January, 2005 through September, 2006, and enforcement actions from January, 2002 to the present. We anticipate updating this information on a quarterly basis. Similar information about surveys and complaints for previous years will remain available to the public via the Department of Health website's main page.

Currently, the Department is affording a preview of the new Surveillance section, including the information that would be displayed specific to your hospital. This preview is only available via the Health Provider Network (HPN). An individual at your facility, with HPN access rights as either "Chief Executive Officer or President" or "Director of Risk Management", must use this link: [Surveillance Information Preview](#) to access the preview for your hospital.

The Department anticipates publicly displaying the Surveillance section on the NYSHP in approximately two weeks. Once the information is made available to the public, the preview will no longer be available.

We are requesting that you review the information that the Department currently has made available at the Surveillance Information Preview, although no response is required. However, if you need clarification or have any questions about the information displayed, please contact Patrick Clemente by phone at 914-654-7178 or via e-mail at [pnc02@health.state.ny.us](mailto:pnc02@health.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

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