

**QUARTER 2 STQN NEWSLETTER**  
**Setting the standard**  
**in healthcare**



**A message from our chairman**



Fellow STQN physicians,

I am honored to serve as the chairman of the STQN board for the 2023-'24 term.

I've had the opportunity to get to know many of you over the last 11 years, but for those that I haven't met I would like to introduce myself. My name is Phillips Jenkins, and I am a community gastroenterologist practicing in St Tammany Parish since 2012.

I joined STQN early in my career, first as a committee member and later as a board member. Over that period, I have witnessed our organization and our health system grow and flourish. What started as a few doctors with a goal of integration has grown into a robust network with approximately 300 physician members.

The foundation of our success and growth can be found in the quality of care we provide to our patients and our community. By every measurable metric, we have far outperformed the industry standards for quality and safety while maintaining incredible patient satisfaction.

I believe it is very important for the leadership of STQN to communicate with all members on a regular basis. In keeping with that belief, I will be writing a segment in the quarterly STQN newsletter in which an update will be provided on our progress as an organization. Particularly, I will review what steps we have taken to bring value to the practices of each physician in STQN.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this role.

Respectfully,



L Phillips Jenkins

## Epic Community Connect

To improve coordination of care, STQN would like to reintroduce Epic Community Connect to our community physicians. The Epic community is a worldwide group of healthcare organizations collaborating to improve patient care, innovate healthcare delivery, and achieve financial health.

Utilizing Epic allows primary care physicians and specialty physicians to share data efficiently and ensure seamless communication across the entire continuum of care.

If you would like more information, please contact Craig Doyle at [cdoyle@stph.org](mailto:cdoyle@stph.org) or (985) 898-4058.

# Community Connect

Extending **Epic** to the Community

## Welcome!

To a team of over **4,500** physicians in over **80** locations, **35** hospitals, **2** freestanding EDs, **17** urgent cares, with over **2,000** independent medical providers

### Software Package Includes:

- Clinic / Ambulatory module
- Practice management
- Patient portal
- Provider mobile app
- Virtual visit / Telemarketing

### Intergration (*included*):

- LabCorp & Quest
- E-Prescribing (via SureScript)
- Evidence based patient education

### Intergration (*optional*):

- Real-Time eligibility
- Patient Appt Text Reminders

## 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Medical Director's Award

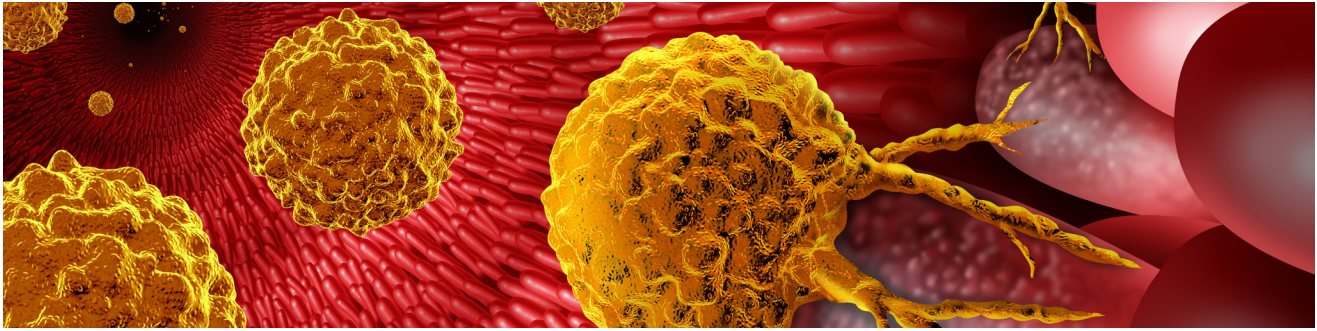
### MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S QUALITY AWARD

IS AWARDED TO

**Russell Reed, MD**

“For improving cardiac care coordination and reducing congestive heart failure readmission rates.”





## **Setting the Standard | Cancer screening recommendations**

Prevention and early detection of cancer can save lives. Through education and routine screenings, STQN physicians can improve our community's health. Refer to the recommendations below when evaluating your patients.

### **Colorectal cancer screenings:**

- Advise patients to begin screening regularly at age 45.
- A colonoscopy should be performed every 10 years, provided the colonoscopy is negative (*i.e., no polyps identified*).
- Fit Kit should be repeated yearly as it may not be as effective in detecting colon cancer.
- Cologuard should be performed every 3 years for low-risk patients.

*\*Any positive test needs to be followed up with a colonoscopy. \**

### **Breast cancer screening:**

- Advise women who are low-risk patients to begin regular mammograms at age 40, minimum every 2 years.

### **Cervical cancer screening:**

- Adhere to USPTF guidelines.  
(<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/cervical-cancer-screening>)

### **Skin cancer screening:**

- Encourage patients to routinely self-examine their own skin, to be aware of normal patterns of moles, freckles, and blemishes as well as abnormal color, size, shape and texture.
- Educate patients on basal cell carcinomas, squamous cell carcinomas, melanomas and advise patients to report suspicious changes noted.

**Announcing our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Northshore Healthcare Summit's guest speakers:**

- Jeff Moser & Casi Roethler Sg2 | “Population Health: Road to Risk-Based Environment - National Trends in Healthcare”
- Beau Raymond, MD - Medical Director, Ochsner Health Network | “OHN in Value-Based Care”
- Patrick Torcson, MD - Senior Vice President/CMO, STHS | “West St. Tammany Parish Healthcare Overview”



**SAVE THE DATE**

Fourth Annual Northshore  
**Healthcare Summit**

at The Southern Hotel in Covington

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

11:30 a.m. luncheon  
12:15-4 p.m. program  
3.0 CME Hours

**RSVP to Mimi Gaudet, [mgaudet@stph.org](mailto:mgaudet@stph.org) or 985-898-4015**

**Dates to remember**

- **3Q Performance Management Committee**  
July 11 | 7 a.m.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Northshore Healthcare Summit (3 CME hours) - Southern Hotel**  
July 13 | 11:30 a.m.
- **3Q STQN Board Meeting**  
Aug. 15 | 5:30 p.m.
- **3Q STQN Finance & Operations Committee**  
Sept. 12 | 5:30 p.m.