GNYHA is a trade association comprising nearly 160 member hospitals and health systems in the metropolitan New York area and throughout New York State, as well as in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. GNYHA is a dynamic, constantly evolving center for health care advocacy and expertise, but our core mission—helping hospitals deliver the finest patient care in the most cost-effective way—never changes.

GNYHA uses its policy expertise, vast analytical tools, and uncommon resources to advocate for our members. From fighting for their interests in Washington and Albany to working with them to improve patient care to helping them prepare for and respond to emergencies, GNYHA works to ensure that our members have the tools to succeed.
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
An indispensable voice in Washington, DC and Albany, GNYHA educates policymakers and legislators on the challenges hospitals face in delivering care. On the New York State level, GNYHA plays a critical role in opposing Medicaid cuts, ensuring adequate health care funding, and advocating for legislation and regulations that protect and strengthen hospitals, expand health insurance coverage, and recruit and retain a qualified health care workforce. On the Federal front, GNYHA fiercely opposes Medicare cuts—particularly to teaching hospitals—and efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. GNYHA is also a powerful voice for its members on numerous Medicare and Medicaid issues, both regulatory and legislative.

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ECONOMICS, FINANCE & OUTCOMES RESEARCH
GNYHA focuses on hospitals’ financial sustainability and patient care mission, advocating for policies that facilitate adequate and timely reimbursement for all services, and ensuring that performance measurement and transparency initiatives are valid and fair. We provide analyses and tools that help our member hospitals and health systems address financial challenges and understand the complexities of a rapidly changing health care delivery system. GNYHA also maintains a vast data library and provides analytical support to all GNYHA advocacy and performance improvement initiatives through The Health Economics and Outcomes Research Institute (THEORI).
MANAGED CARE AND INSURANCE EXPANSION
Insurance expansion and fair and reasonable insurance regulations are essential to improving health care delivery and strengthening the finances of GNYHA member hospitals and health systems. GNYHA works closely with New York State and Federal policymakers to preserve and improve insurance coverage and to ensure that insurance companies’ policies and procedures are reasonable. GNYHA also works closely with regulators and other stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of coverage initiatives and insurance reforms.

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GNYHA’s performance improvement work extends to the front lines of health care delivery through quality and patient safety initiatives that go far beyond report cards and performance measures. Implemented at the point of care, GNYHA’s hands-on resources focus on sustainable improvements for both individual hospitals and entire health care systems. GNYHA helps members achieve institutional culture changes that support safe, high-quality, patient-centered care. We also help hospitals effectively engage staff, pursue innovative approaches to improvement, and hardwire successful, sustainable safety initiatives that improve clinical outcomes and operating efficiencies while reducing costs.
LEGAL, REGULATORY & PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS
Hospitals operate under myriad Federal and state legal and regulatory requirements. GNYHA provides member hospitals and health systems with education, technical assistance, and advocacy in areas ranging from accreditation to corporate compliance to medical malpractice. GNYHA supports both individual hospitals addressing specific challenges and our entire membership facing new requirements, and we forge relationships at all levels of government to help address our members’ needs and concerns. GNYHA promotes compliance while advancing a streamlined, reasonable, and fair oversight system.

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GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
GNYHA is deeply committed to supporting our member teaching hospitals’ mission to train tomorrow’s doctors. We devote significant resources to protecting Graduate Medical Education (GME) reimbursement, including advancing policies and legislation that ensure an adequate future physician workforce, and supporting GNYHA members on special projects that enhance the operations and quality of the physician training enterprise. GNYHA also advocates to preserve Medicare-funded residency slots in the New York metropolitan area and eliminate the Medicare GME resident cap.
GNYHA works closely with member hospitals and health systems to enhance their efforts to plan for, respond to, and recover from emergency events. GNYHA’s Emergency Preparedness Coordinating Council brings together hospital and health system emergency managers and New York City, New York State, and Federal government agency officials monthly to discuss current and emerging emergency preparedness and response topics. GNYHA supports member readiness on a broad range of hazards, with a particular focus on mass casualty incident response, patient evacuation, and communicable disease outbreaks. When emergencies occur, GNYHA works with members, other provider groups, and New York State, Federal, and local health and emergency management agencies to ensure a coordinated, comprehensive response. GNYHA has a permanent seat at the New York City Emergency Management’s Emergency Operations Center.
EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

GNYHA works with its member hospitals and health systems to develop health and wellness programs that help ensure a healthy workforce. GNYHA programs bring together hospital staff to develop strategies that promote employee wellness, resident health and wellness, safe patient handling, the connection between caregiver satisfaction and the delivery of compassionate care, and designing comprehensive programs around workers’ compensation.
GNYHA supports its member hospitals and health systems as they make investments and reconfigure services to improve the health of the patient populations they serve. These efforts build on GNYHA’s work to deliver tools and resources that help hospitals improve and expand their ambulatory services, particularly for underserved populations, and improve coordination between acute and ambulatory providers during care transitions. GNYHA also advocates for Federal and State financial policies and initiatives that recognize the significant costs associated with health care delivery reform.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A strong, diverse workforce is the backbone of health care delivery. GNYHA provides free educational and training opportunities for member hospital and health system faculty and staff. Separate from our robust GME resources, GNYHA develops programming that improves worker health and safety, teaches cultural competency, and nurtures the next generation of clinical and administrative leaders.

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GNYHA helps member hospitals and health systems leverage technology to improve patient care and care coordination. GNYHA also helps members navigate myriad State and Federal regulatory requirements while keeping in step with cutting-edge technology developments. GNYHA’s multidisciplinary cybersecurity team works with members to raise awareness of cybersecurity threats and develop mature cyber hygiene practices and thoughtful cyber incident response plans.
GNYHA supports member hospitals and health systems on the integration of behavioral health and primary care services. We advocate for streamlined regulatory requirements as behavioral health and primary care integration continues, and we support efforts to reduce unnecessary admissions for individuals with behavioral health disorders and to identify and treat maternal depression. GNYHA also helps members establish screening, assessment, and discharge planning procedures required for individuals with, or at risk of, substance use disorders, and implement best practices to address the emergency mental health needs of individuals presenting to emergency departments. GNYHA’s educational sessions provide members with evidence-based and innovative strategies to help curb the opioid epidemic.
COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DIVERSITY
The diverse communities that GNYHA’s member hospitals and health systems serve represent myriad cultures, languages, and patient demographics. GNYHA’s activities to help members care for these communities include convening members to share best practices on conducting community health needs assessments and implementing appropriate interventions; implementing community health disease prevention efforts; working on collaborative projects with public health agencies; and documenting this work through community benefit reporting. GNYHA also supports member diversity and inclusion efforts on subjects such as language access; increasing cultural and religious competency and health literacy; serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) patients; the collection of racial, ethnic, language preference, and LGBT patient demographic information; implementing patients’ rights best practices compliance; and developing pipelines of racially and ethnically diverse health care leadership.