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## NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Opens Health Tech Innovation Space



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NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYP), aiming to bring new technologies into use at the hospital, recently opened its own innovation space at Blueprint Health Accelerator, a New York City-based co-working space for health tech startups.

NYP's new Innovation Center initially will focus on developing a new portfolio of technology projects, including expanding existing initiatives such as award-winning patient bedside tablets and creating new solutions in collaboration with Blueprint Health's members.

In addition, the Innovation Center hopes to build on applications developed during NYP's hackathon, dubbed "InnovateNYP", held in March 2014. This first-ever New York City hospital hackathon was intended to promote creativity in the local tech sector.

"At NewYork-Presbyterian, we are constantly pushing the boundaries of innovation," said Aurelia Boyer, NYP's senior vice president and chief information officer. "To consistently deliver the best care for our patients, we need to develop forward-thinking technology and build applications that are both sustainable and scalable."

With NYP's enhanced presence at Blueprint Health, tech startups will have opportunities to pilot and scale projects with one of the largest and most comprehensive hospitals in the US. These companies will be able to work closely with NYP's doctors, healthcare experts and technologists in order to develop innovative solutions beneficial to hospital staff and patients.

More than 50 healthcare businesses now share workspace at Blueprint Health, which has become a centre of gravity for NYC health technology, according to Michael Maggio, director at Blueprint.

Aside from the hackathon, NYP also recently hosted the first "InnovateNYP Listening Session" at Blueprint Health to obtain feedback from its members and discuss advances in healthcare with the tech community. Keen to build on the success of these twin events, NYP has also launched a website ([innovatenyp.org](http://innovatenyp.org)) to facilitate exchange of ideas between tech companies and the hospital.

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