

## **Sturdy Memorial Health Information Exchange**

Sturdy Memorial Hospital will be storing medical information for all patients with dates of service on or after July 1, 2011 in the Sturdy Memorial Health Information Exchange (SMHIE). This information will be made available electronically to other health care providers who choose to participate in the SMHIE. As of July 1, 2011 the only participants are Sturdy Memorial Hospital and Sturdy Memorial Associates.

The SMHIE will allow participating providers who are involved in your care faster access to your health information (the same information that is currently shared) for improved care coordination. The same privacy protections that currently apply to your health information will continue to apply to the information that is stored in the SMHIE.