

# CRAIN'S Health Pulse

## MIT, Staten Island PPS collaborate to address the opioid crisis

The MIT Sloan School of Management Initiative for Health Systems Innovation and the Staten Island Performing Provider System have formed a data-driven partnership to improve health outcomes and costs, including those tied to the opioid crisis.

The collaboration comes after Staten Island Borough President James Oddo last month announced a [new data strategy](#) to address opioid abuse, which has hit the borough particularly hard.

Staten Island PPS—an alliance of clinical and social services providers that aims to improve care and health for the borough's Medicaid and uninsured populations—is the Sloan initiative's first partner, the organizations said Tuesday. Staten Island's Medicaid and uninsured populations consist of about 180,000 residents.

"We do a lot of work with analytics and data-driven work, and Staten Island PPS is a really interesting organization that is using data in many sectors to combat the substance-use-disorder crisis," said Anne Quaadgras, director of Health Systems Innovation at MIT Sloan.

The collaboration will evaluate "through rigorous evidence" what is working and why, she said.

The team initially will focus on evaluating successes from Staten Island PPS' community-centered data. In the long term, it will seek to apply Staten Island's successful strategies to health systems nationwide.