This month, the “Take Charge of Your Health Today” column focuses on health technology. Jennifer J. Smith, executive director and community engagement coordinator with Pittsburgh Health Technology, Bush, president and CEO of Gateway Health System of Greater Pittsburgh, discussed the topic.

JJ: Good morning, Ms. Bush. I’m looking forward to hearing your thoughts about health technology.

EB: It’s nice, Jennifer. Let’s get started. There are many changes taking place in health care today. Patients are asking more questions about the information they have. They want more accessible and affordable care. Many organizations in our community do not have technology as part of our futures. In reality, we’re all patients—whether we have health insurance or not. We sure that all patients—in the U.S. own a phone and 85 percent of young people left and came back about a year later to have the doctor ask you how you are.” Dr. Suffoletto MD, assistant professor of emergency medicine at Pitt. “That leaves a lot of time for people to make health care decisions by themselves.” According to Dr. Suffoletto, “It’s important to all of us!”

Many of us use some sort of technology to communi- cate with friends and loved ones every day. Communication can be through text messages, social media platforms like Facebook or by e-mail. Stresses and companies can now test with coupons and announcements. So, what about our health care? How can we use technology when we need to navigate? Many health care professionals are finding new ways to use technology to make patient interactions easier. It’s becoming common to start a doctor appointment, with someone typing information into a computer for their electronic medical records. Health care profes- sionals may use the Internet during an appoint- ment to print information for their patients. As images to better explain a health condition or symptoms. They can use their health insurance companies online portals to web health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. Many people access health technology with their mobile phones. Studies have shown that there isn’t a racial dis- parity in how people are using a smartphone. The Pew Research Center reports that African Amer- ians whites and Latinos use similar rates of calling cell phones; then Americans and Latinos use phones to access the Internet. The center also states that, as of October 2014, 64 percent of people in the U.S. own a smartphone and 85 percent of young people get the facts, tools and saved.

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