EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF TELEHEALTH



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3,000 Rivers

100,000 Glaciers

3,000,000 Lakes

100 Volcanoes

11% of the World's Earthquakes

1 Bear to Every **21** People 17 of the 20 highest mountain peaks in the United States are in Alaska, including the highest (Denali) at 20,320 feet above sea level.

Alaska has more coastline than the rest of the United States combined, roughly 34,000 miles.

Juneau has no road access to the rest of the state. It is the only capital city in the United States accessible only by boat or plane. It is also the largest, covering 3,108 square miles.

Anchorage's Lake Hood is the world's largest and busiest seaplane base. Over 800 take offs and landings happen on a busy summer day.

It is illegal to whisper in someone's ear while they are moose hunting in Alaska





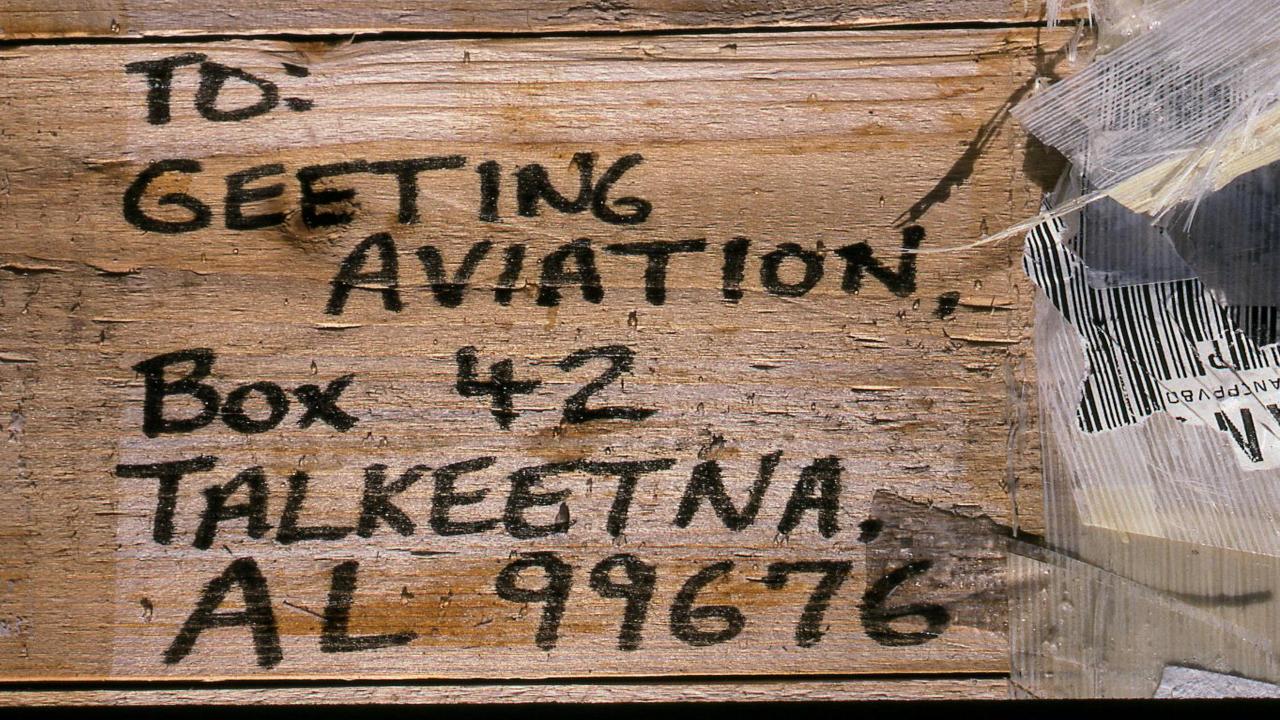






























Gosh, that was hard

Wow, that took a long time

Telehealth Realities

I'm surprised more people don't do it

- Interactive Video Conferencing
- Store & Forward
- Remote Patient Monitoring
- Provider Mentoring (ECHO)
- Provider to Provider
- Patient to Provider

Telehealth INSTEAD of in-person

- mHealth
- Direct to Consumer / eVisits
- Supervision
- Transfer of Care
- EHR functionality
- Patient Navigation / Texting
- Wayfinding
- Alternative care sites
- DIGITAL HEALTH

Telehealth ENHANCES experience and efficiencies

Digital Health

Digital health is the convergence of **digital** technologies with **health**, **healthcare**, living, and society to enhance the efficiency of **healthcare** delivery and make medicines more personalized and precise.

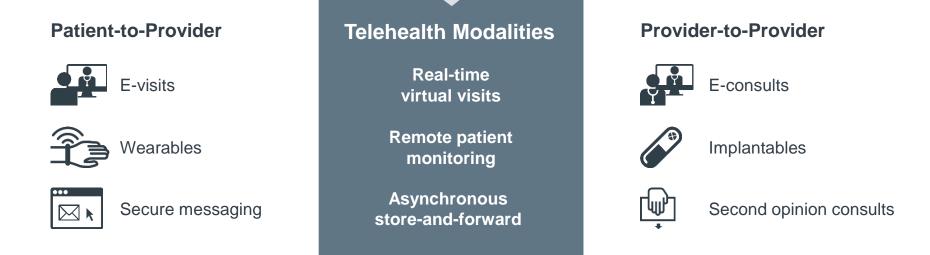


"Telehealth" is 1 Component of "Digital Health"

Telehealth Serves as a Communication Tool Within the Broader IT Space



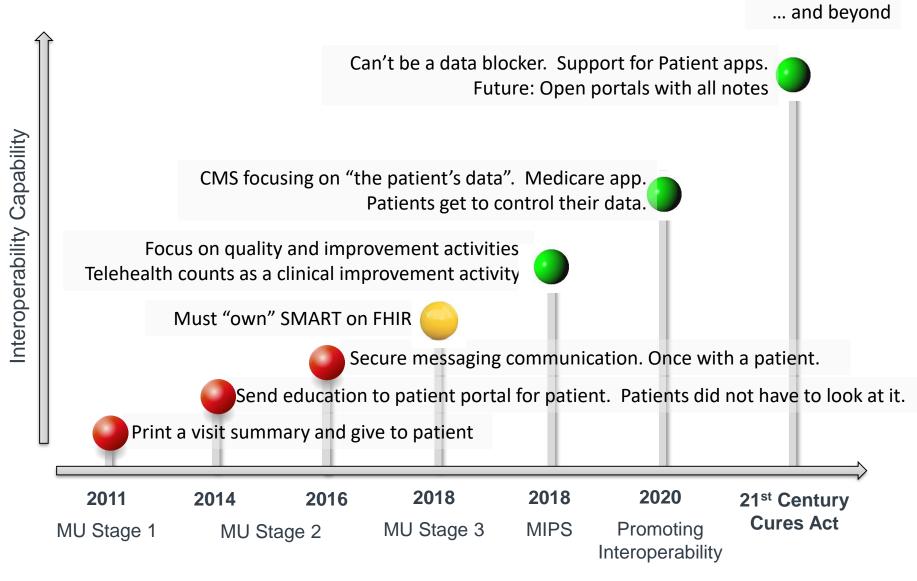
Telehealth represents the interactive, electronic exchange of information for the purpose of diagnosis, intervention, or ongoing care management between a patient and/or health care providers situated remotely.



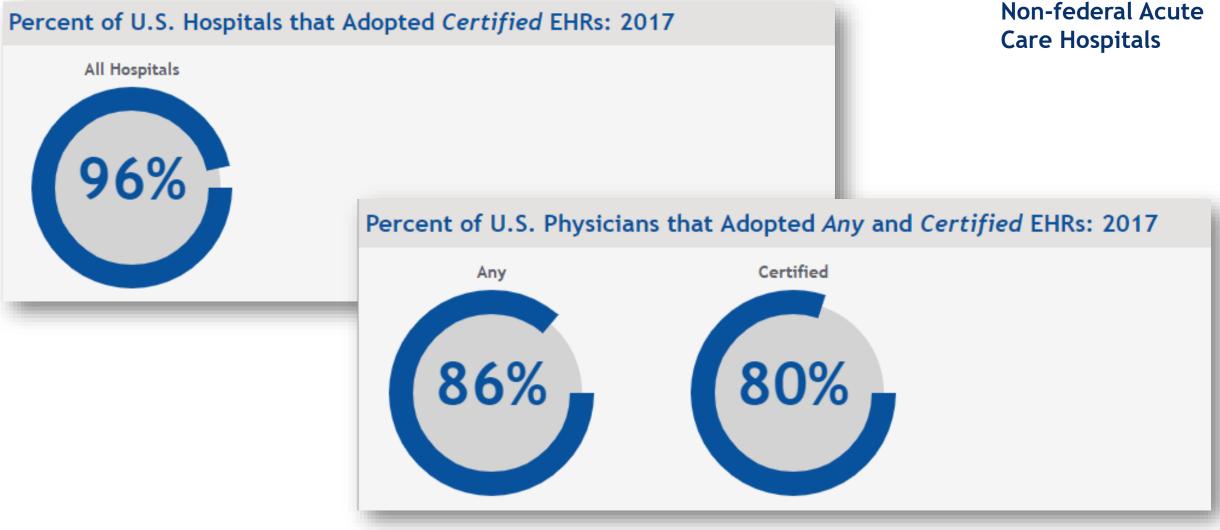
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Digital Health can Empower or Engulf Telehealth

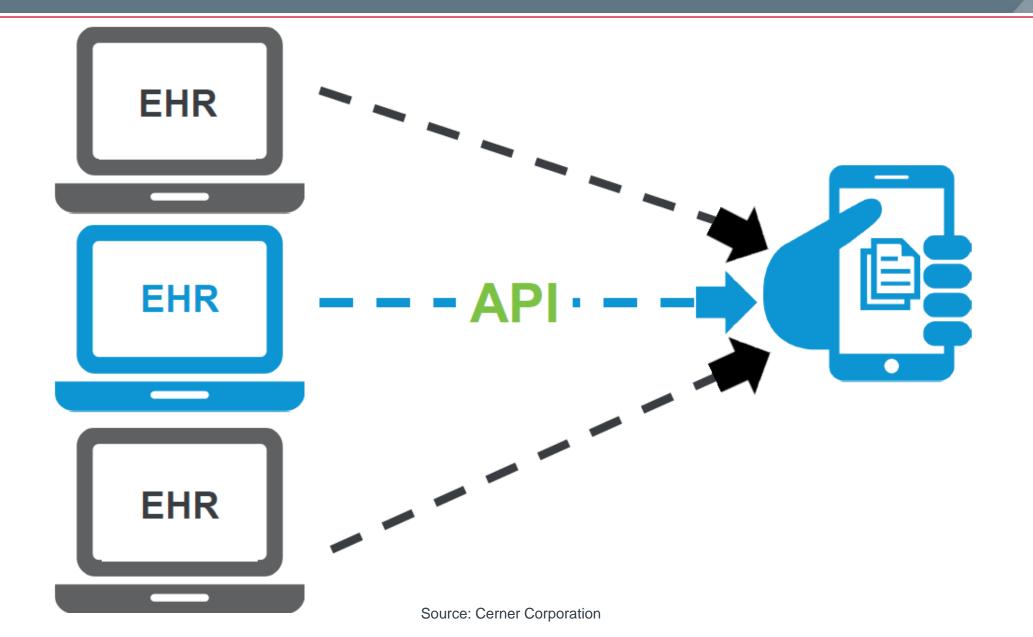


"Certified EHR" Adoption



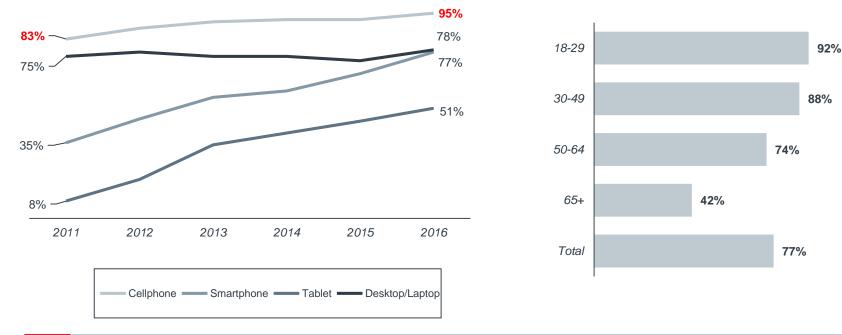
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Application Programming Interface (API)



Tablet and Smartphones Outpace Other Technologies

Trends in Consumer Ownership of Digital Technologies Among U.S. Adults¹ Smartphone Ownership of U.S. Adults, by Age¹



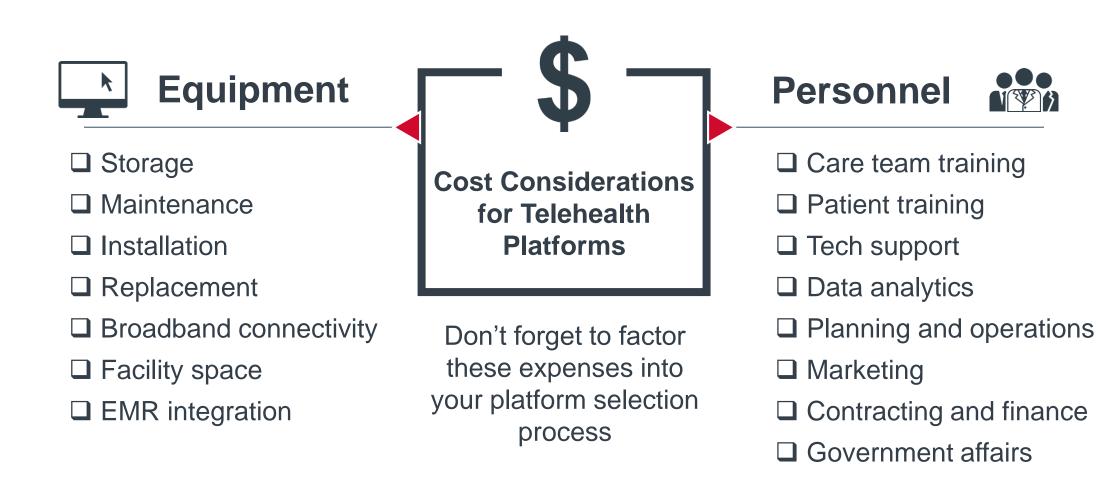
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Smartphone adoption among adults aged 65+ in the U.S. has **quadrupled** in the last 5 years²

Pew Research Center, 2017.
Anderson & Perrin, 2017.
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Sources: Anderson, M, Perrin, A, "Tech Adoption Climbs Among Older Adults," PEW Research Center, <u>http://www.pewinternet.org/2017/05/17/tech-adoption-climbs-among-older-adults/;</u> Pew Research Center, "Mobile Fact Sheet," <u>http://www.pewinternet.org/fact-sheet/mobile/;</u> Service Line Strategy Advisor research and analysis.

Don't Fail to Factor in the Human Side of Technology



Enter the Service Providers

The component segment in the US telehealth market is classified into services, hardware, and software. The <u>services segment dominated</u> the largest market share in 2017, growing at a CAGR of over 31% during the forecast period.

The recent shift towards patient-centric value-based care systems is one of the major factors attributing to the adoption of telehealth services in the US market.

https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2019/01/07/1681424/0/en/United-States-13-Billion-Telehealth-Market-Outlook-and-Forecast-2018-2023.html

- Flattens the technology adoption curve
- Removes the staffing challenge at startup
- Commoditizes the care model
- Creates a provider marketplace
- Bridges the unscheduled patient to the scheduled Healthcare system.
- Have Lab (e.g. Quest) and Pharmacy available (e.g. Walmart)



Telehealth – Status Update

Eighty percent of mid-size and large U.S. companies offered telemedicine services to their workers last year [2018]...

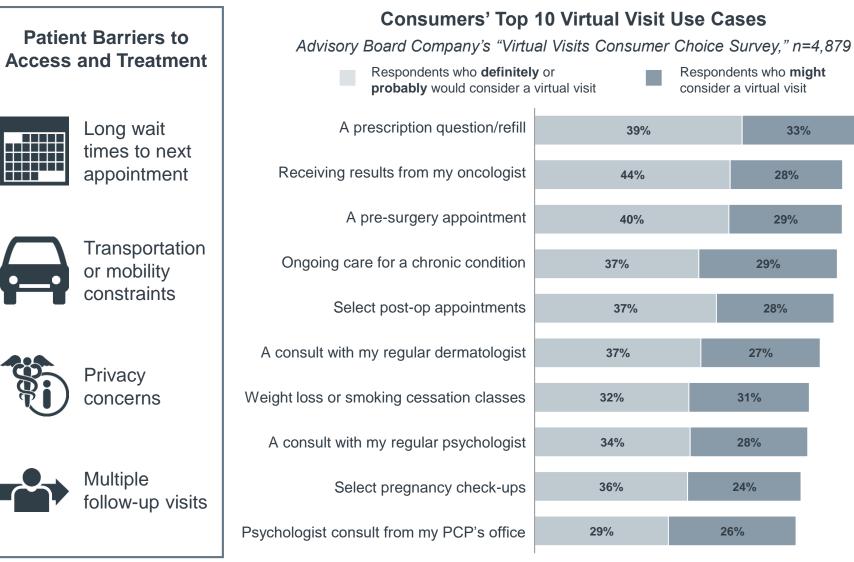
Patients have been slow to embrace virtual care. Only 8 percent of eligible employees used telemedicine at least once in 2017 ...

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Why is the adoption for Direct-To-Consumer Telehealth so slow?

What Kinds of Visits Would Patients Try?

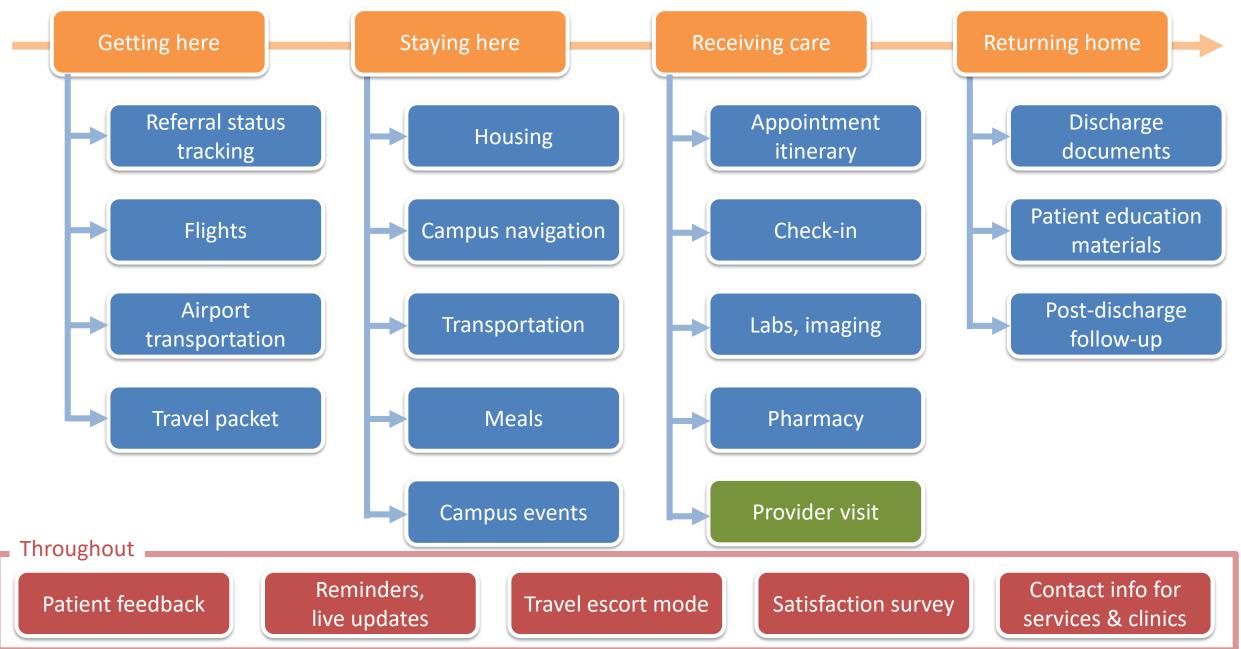


Sources: Market Innovation Center 2016 Virtual Visits Consumer Choice Survey, Service Line Strategy Advisor research and analysis.

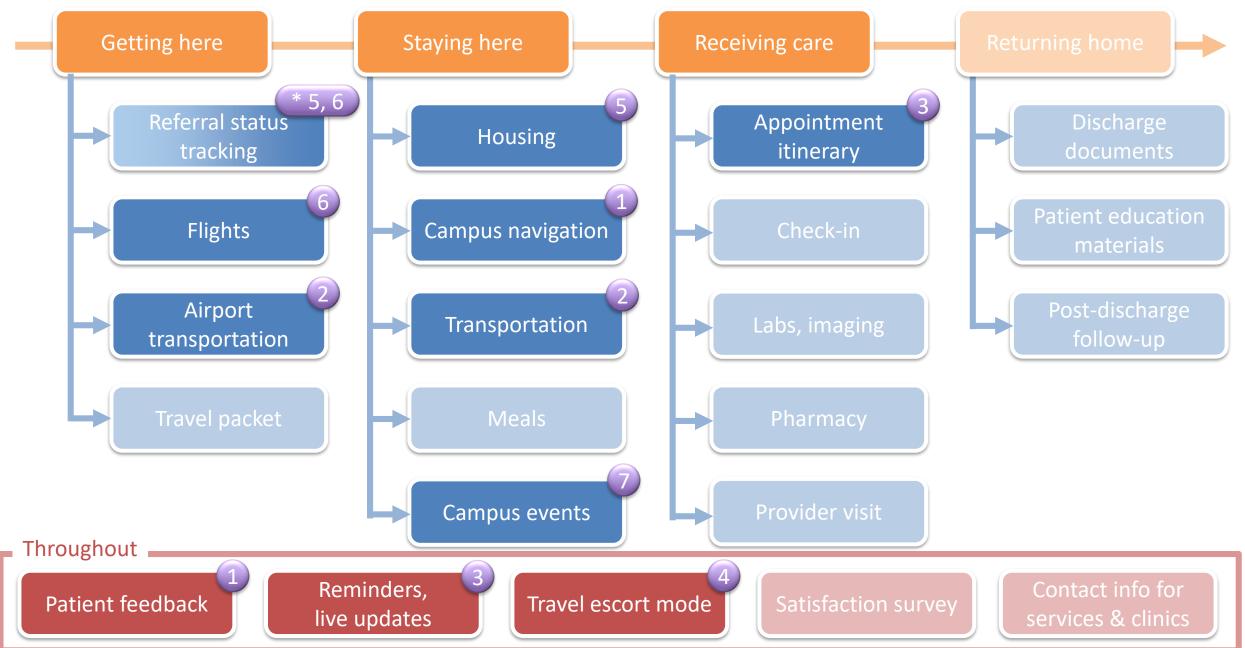
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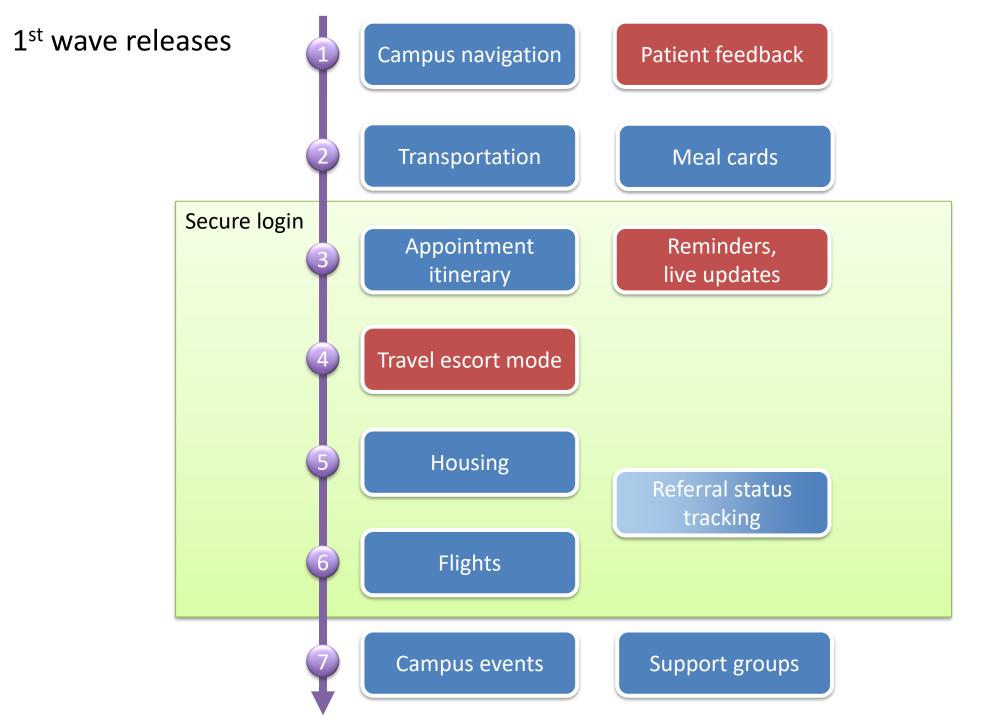


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Patient's journey: 1st wave





Enhanced Patient Experience Means ...

REFERRAL TRACKING

- Track where your referrals are at, like tracking packages
- Progress bar that's complete once appointment, travel, and housing are arranged
- Who to call based on the current status
- This should reduce logistics calls from patients to Case Managers

FLIGHT INFO

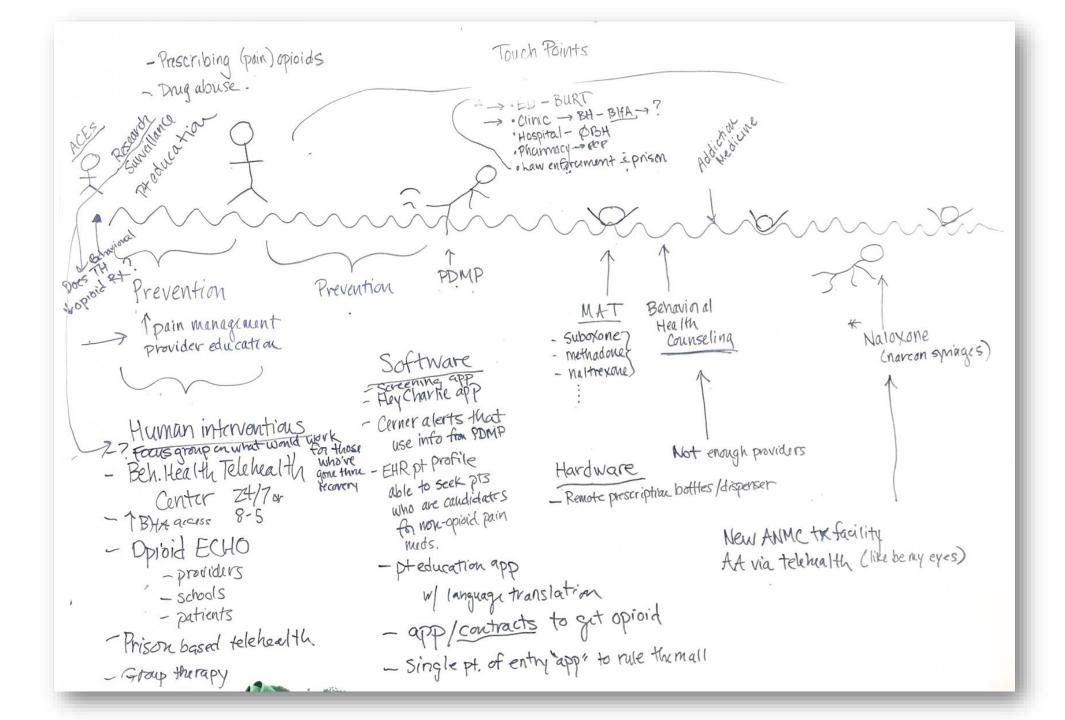
- Show flight info as part of trip timeline
- "I missed my flight" button
- Flight cancellation/delay tracking
 - Inform them about what to expect with rescheduling
 - Auto-initiate the rescheduling process on our end
 - Notify clinics that patients won't make it

YET MORE

- Chat for coordinating travel, housing, and many other uses
- Meal cards
- Travel packets
- Discharge summaries
- Patient education materials
- Post-discharge follow-up
- Finding community resources and recommended apps



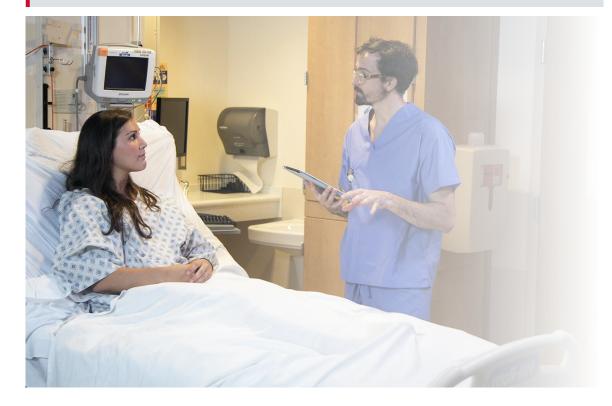
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The Golden Rule of Telehealth Investments

The Best Investment Opportunities Benefit Both Patients and Providers

The sweet spot for telehealth sits at the intersection of patients and providers.



Improving Efficiency

- Streamline documentation
- Reduce patient no-shows
- Improve care plan adherence
- Promote top-of-license care



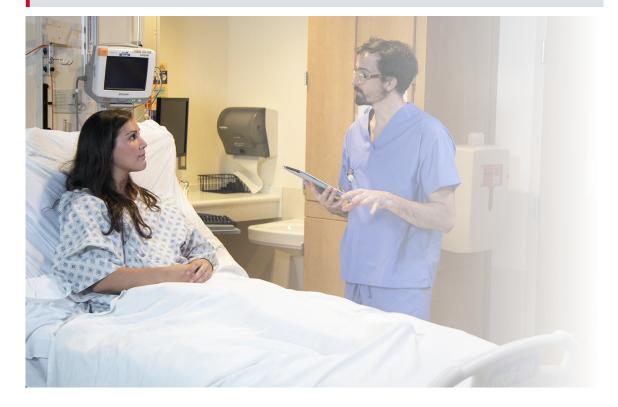
Enhancing Experience

- Increase convenience
- Improve communication with care team members
- Reduce care costs
- Reduce unnecessary travel

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Traditionally we didn't ask what the patient wanted. We did satisfaction surveys to ask the patient what they thought after the fact.

The questions we should be asking are "Where are the pain points? What can we do to make your health care experience great?"

QUESTIONS?

Putting the Patient in the Center

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