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# Transforming Healthcare



The Smart Hospital Approach to Digital Health and  
Systems Thinking





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Efficiency and Enhanced Clinical  
Outcomes

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solutions across the acute  
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Summary of key takeaways and  
call to action



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# 02 Meet Guthrie.

## The Guthrie Pulse Center

- ✓ Vision
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Initiatives
- ✓ Outcomes
- ✓ Future Planning



*Imagining* Tomorrow. TODAY.  
THE GUTHRIE PULSE CENTER  
SUPPORTING + INNOVATING + ELEVATING  
OUR CAREGIVERS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY THE CARE WE PROVIDE

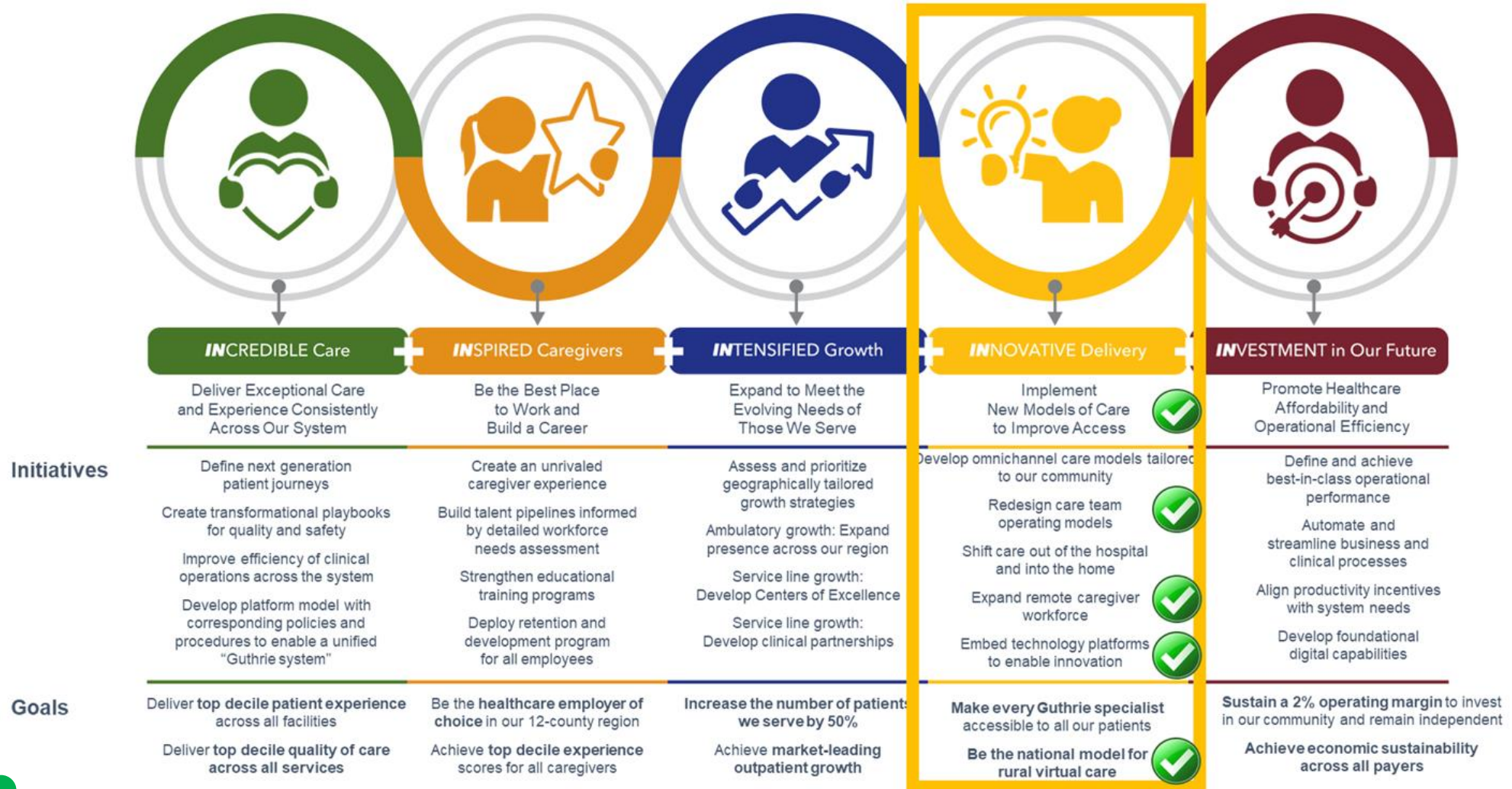


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## Guthrie Pulse Center

### Centralized Bed Planning



- Live in all 5 Hospitals
- Go live April 2024



### EQUUM Virtual Intensivists

- Currently supporting CH, GCMC, TH, Tow



### Telesitter

- Live since February



### Virtual Med/Surg Program

- Fully Staffed and Operational in July 2023



### Virtual ICU RN Program

- Fully Staffed and Operational in March 2023



### Transfer Center

- Relocated Transfer Center
- Fully Staffed and Operational in July 2023



### Central Telemetry

RPH & GCMC- Live 5/16  
CH- Live 5/24/23  
TH & Tow- 7/2024



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## Supporting Our Caregivers

- Intensivists
- Virtual Intensive Care
- Virtual Medical/Surgical Care
- Tele-sitters



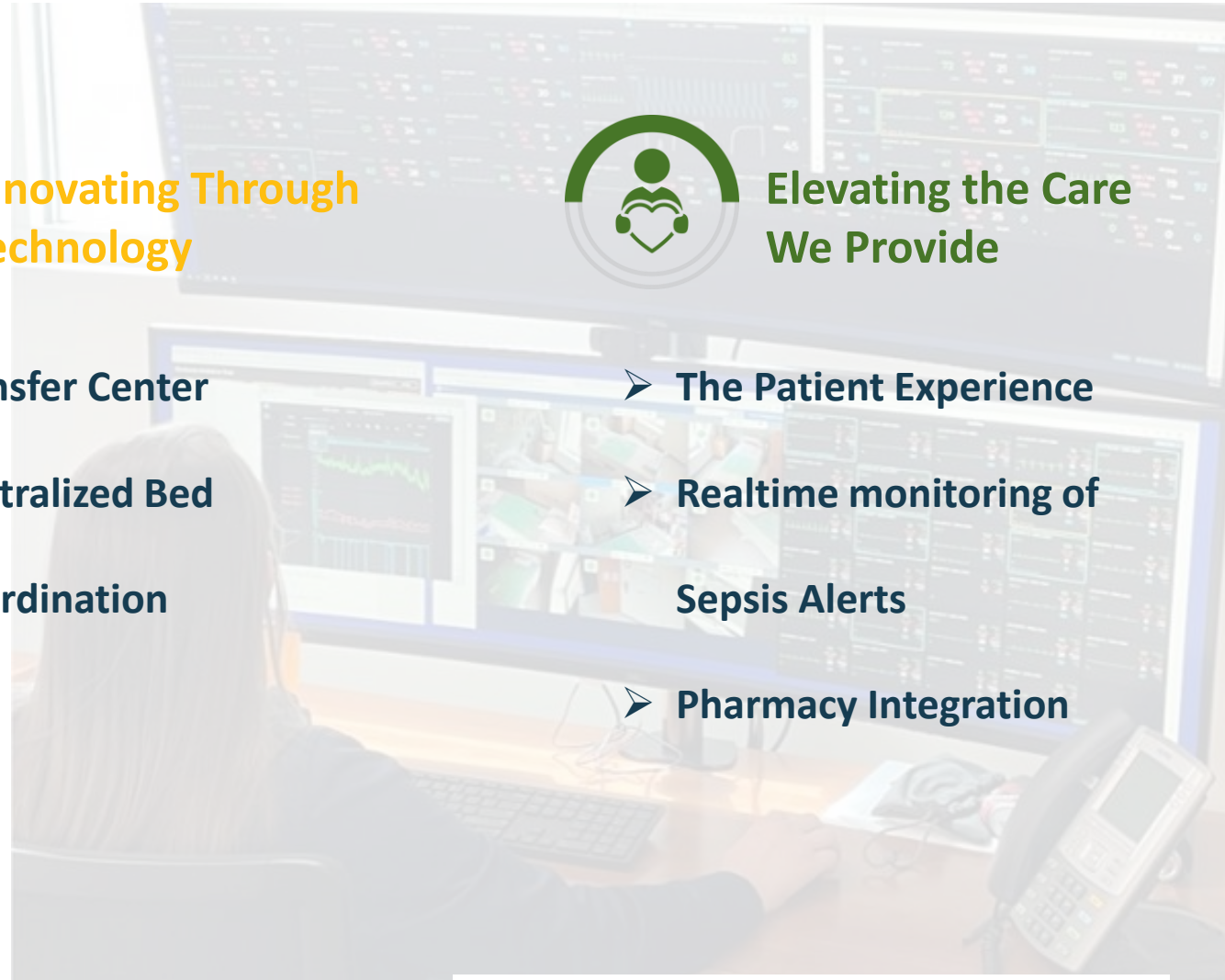
## Innovating Through Technology

- Transfer Center
- Centralized Bed Coordination



## Elevating the Care We Provide

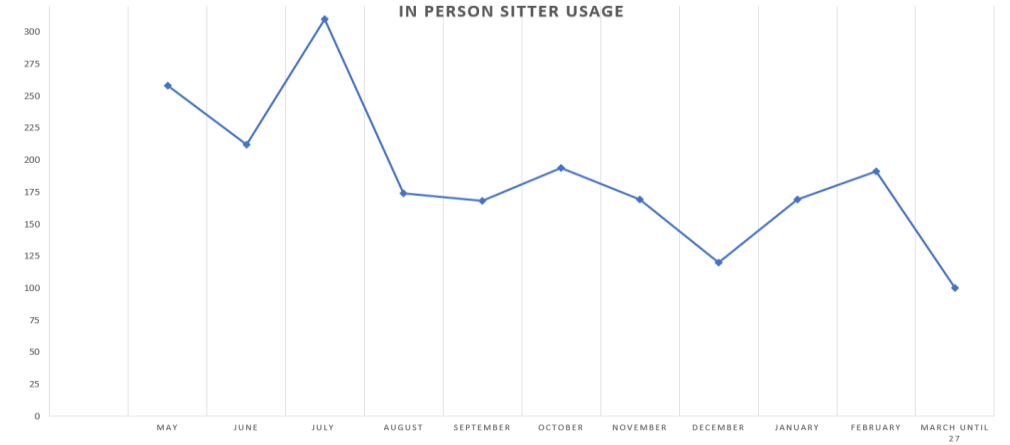
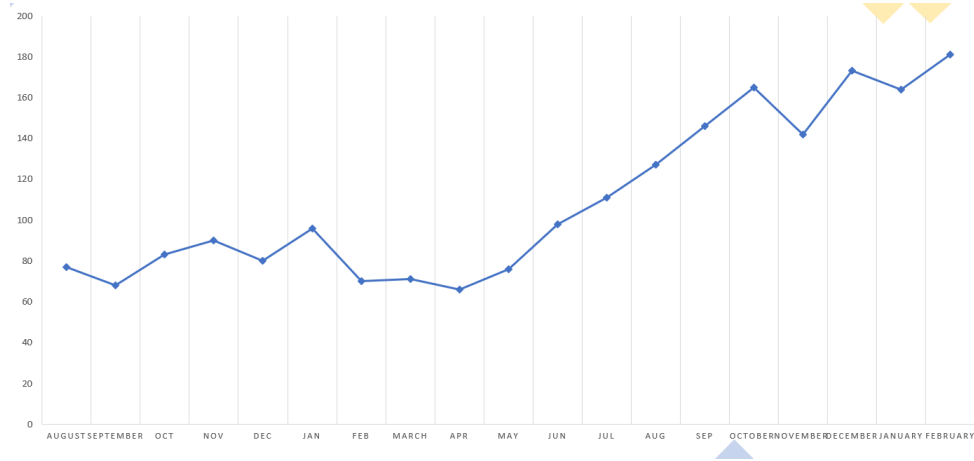
- The Patient Experience
- Realtime monitoring of Sepsis Alerts
- Pharmacy Integration



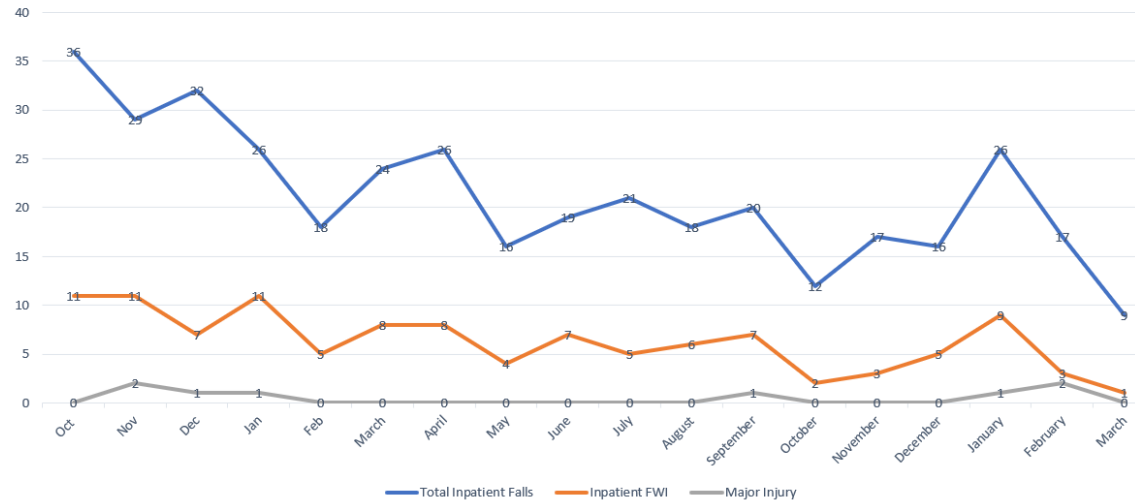
# Remote Sitter



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Falls





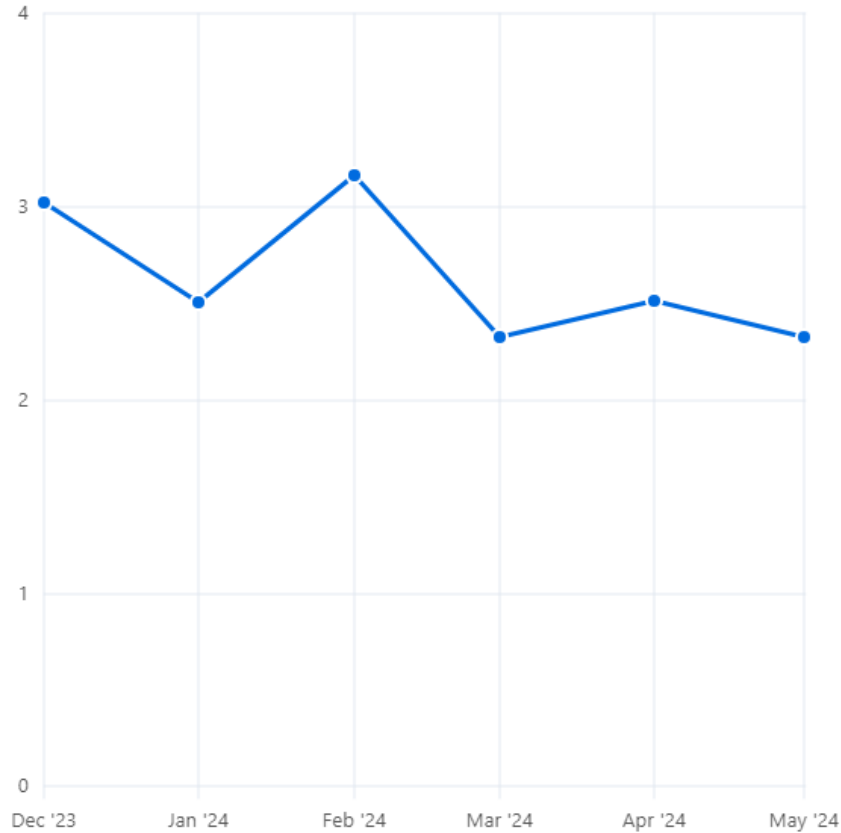
# ICU LOS



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ICU Length of Stay

**2.33** Average Length of Stay (Days)  
May



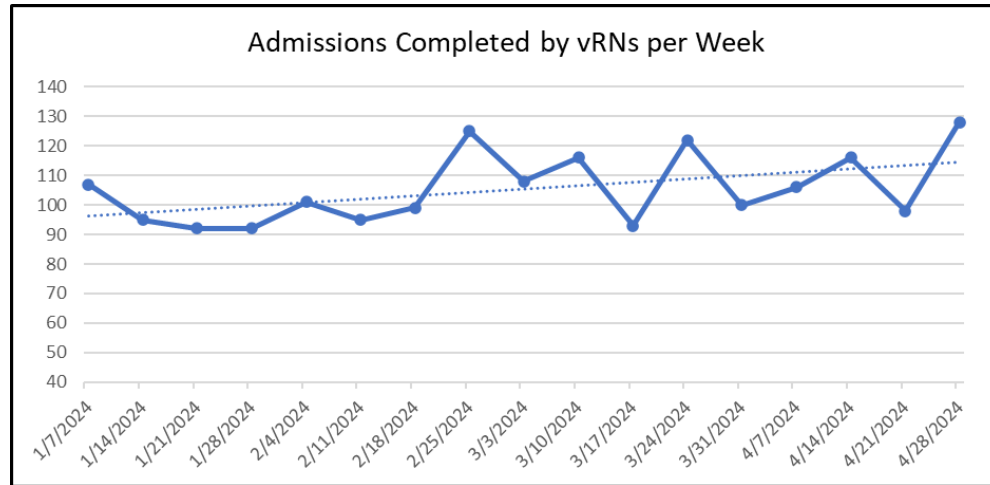
	Dec 23	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
—●— Average Length of Stay (Days)	3.02	2.51	3.17	2.33	2.52	2.33



The proforma assumes that the length of stay for ICU patients with a LOS greater or equal to 2 days will be reduced by 0.5 days in year 1 and 1.0 days in years 2-5. The savings calculated for this assumption was based on FY22 actuals cost of room and board for each hospital.



# Virtual Nurse Productivity



- Med/Surg vRNs completed 128 patient admissions the week of 4/28 (Saved 3,840 minutes = 2.67 days)

Med/Surg vRN Tasks	YTD Utilization (Jan-Apr 2024)	Avg Time Per Task in Mins	Total Time Saved in Mins
Admissions	1866	25	46,650
Discharge Documentation/Education	2361	10	23,610
Care Plan Initiation	1762	5	8,810
Second Sign Meds	0	5	0
Blood	76	15	1,140
PRN/Pain reassess	4	5	20
Renew tele orders	1	10	10
Pre-Op checklist	4	15	60
MRI Screening (started mid-April)	18	20	360
Family Updates	1	20	20
Skin Assessment	15	15	225
Contact MD for RN	25	5	125
Precepting/Consult vRN	7	10	70
CIWA Assessment	20	10	200
MEWS	180	5	900
Document for RN	139	5	695
Sepsis	845	10	8450
Vancomycin	1796	8	14368
Mobility (per day)	120	20	2400
Digital HF Pathway	166	20	3320
<b>Total (Min)</b>			<b>111,433</b>
<b>Bedside Nurse Hours Saved</b>			<b>1857</b>

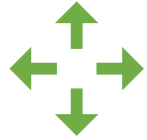
Med/Surg vRN Tasks	Annualized Utilization	Avg Time Per Task in Mins	Total Time Saved in Mins
Admissions	5598	25	139,950
Discharge Documentation/Education	7083	10	70,830
Care Plan Initiation	5286	5	26,430
Second Sign Meds	0	5	0
Blood	228	15	3,420
PRN/Pain reassess	12	5	60
Renew tele orders	3	10	30
Pre-Op checklist	12	15	180
MRI Screening	54	20	1,080
Family Updates	3	20	60
Skin Assessment	45	15	675
Contact MD for RN	75	5	375
Precepting/Consult vRN	21	10	210
CIWA Assessment	60	10	600
MEWS	540	5	2,700
Document for RN	417	5	2,085
Sepsis	2535	10	25,350
Vancomycin	5388	8	43,104
Mobility (per day)	360	20	7,200
Digital HF Pathway	498	20	9,960
<b>ADD</b>			
Virtual Discharges (Est 30 per day)	10950	20	219,000
Corning ED Sepsis (Est 10 per day)	3650	20	73,000
<b>Total (Min)</b>			<b>626,299</b>
<b>Bedside Nurse Hours Saved</b>			<b>10,438</b>



# Impact



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## Scalability and Flexibility

ability to **adapt more dynamically** to changing healthcare needs, such as sudden increases in patient volume or the integration of new services or facilities into the system.



## Enhanced Patient Monitoring

virtual Intensivists and eICU enable real-time monitoring and **intervention by specialists** for critically ill patients. **Virtual Nursing** extends the reach of nursing staff, allowing for more frequent monitoring and care of patients in remote areas.



## Improved Resource Utilization

optimize bed usage across the system, **reducing wait times** for bed availability and **improving patient flow**. Tele-sitting reduced need for physical sitters. AI has enhanced the capability of the program.



## Streamlined Operations

centralized patient transfers streamlines process, **improving efficiency and coordination** between facilities. Integrated Command Center serves as the nerve center for hospital operations, providing a bird's-eye view of all critical functions. **This the basis of the Pulse Center.**



# Future Planning



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## Supporting Our Caregivers

- + Adding workplace safety
  - + Caregivers can use a safe word to alert AI that help is needed in the room
- + Enhancing best practice
  - + Hand washing and knock at the door



## Innovating Through Technology

- + Care Model Redesign
  - + Virtual Respiratory Therapy
  - + Patient Navigator
  - + Centralizing EVS and Transport
  - + Turning on Staff Duress
- + Training Pressure Ulcer Reduction Algorithm



## Elevating the Care We Provide

- + Enhanced Discharge process allowing for virtual education and discharging
- + Home Health / Hospice Support
- + Developing Remote Monitoring Plan
- + Developing “sale of service” plan





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# The Smart Hospital. Realized

Defining the capabilities and solution modeling to support integration of digital health into the Smart Hospital Framework. How Tech and AI unite for operational efficiency and clinical outcomes



# What is a Smart Hospital



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Computer Vision



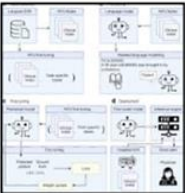
Voice Recognition



Ultra-Wideband



LLM



Clinic Coordination



OR Coordination



TeleMonitoring



TeleHealth



Handwashing



Remote Nursing



Smart Parking



Surgical Ed



Capacity Mgmt



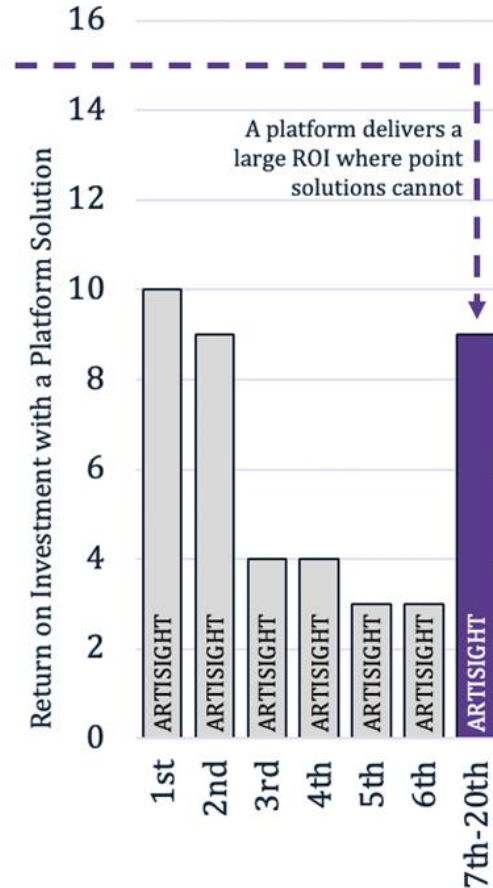
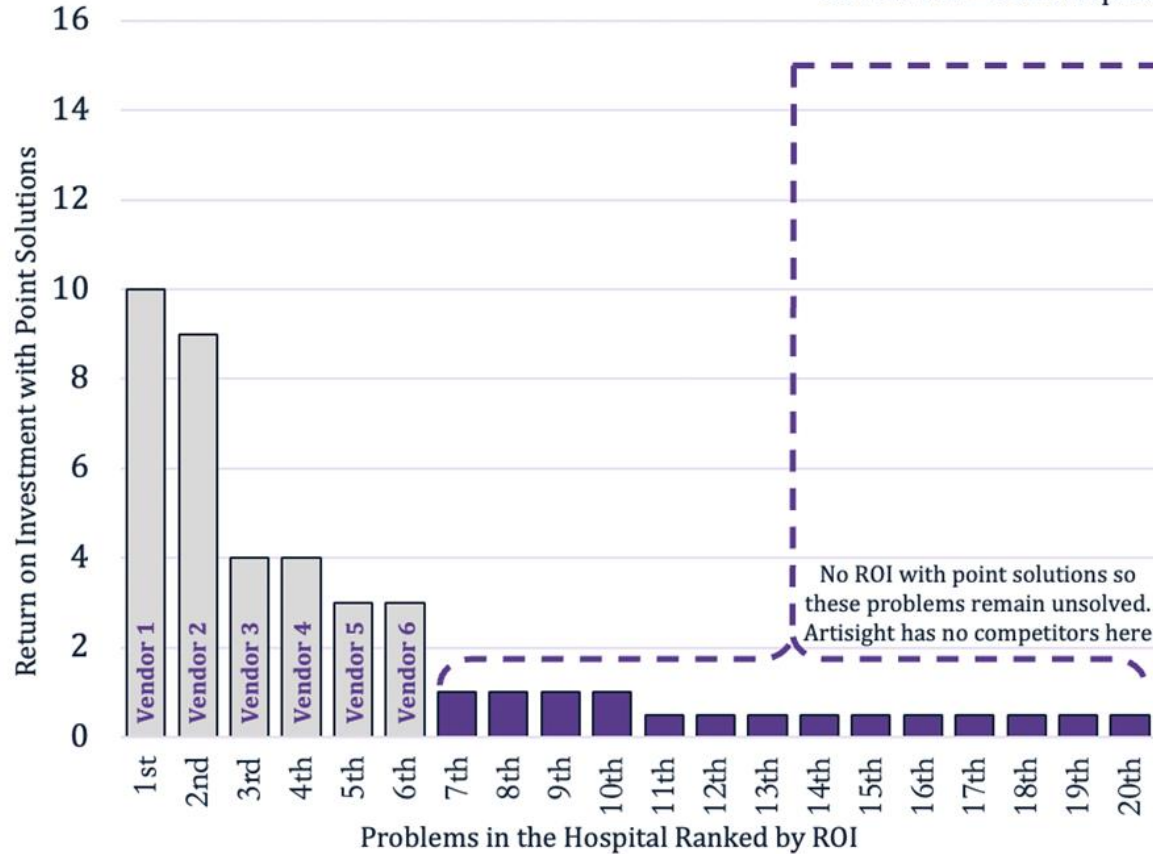
# Why a Platform vs. Point Solutions



"I don't want 500 vendors and applications to help me solve my problems. I want a few, capable platforms."

**-Doug King**

CIO, Northwestern Medicine  
US News 10<sup>th</sup> Best Hospital



# The Problem: How to bring the JOY back to Medicine



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Transform clinical workflows to support efficiency

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Collect data using ambient sensor technology

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Reduce burnout and cognitive load through clinical automation

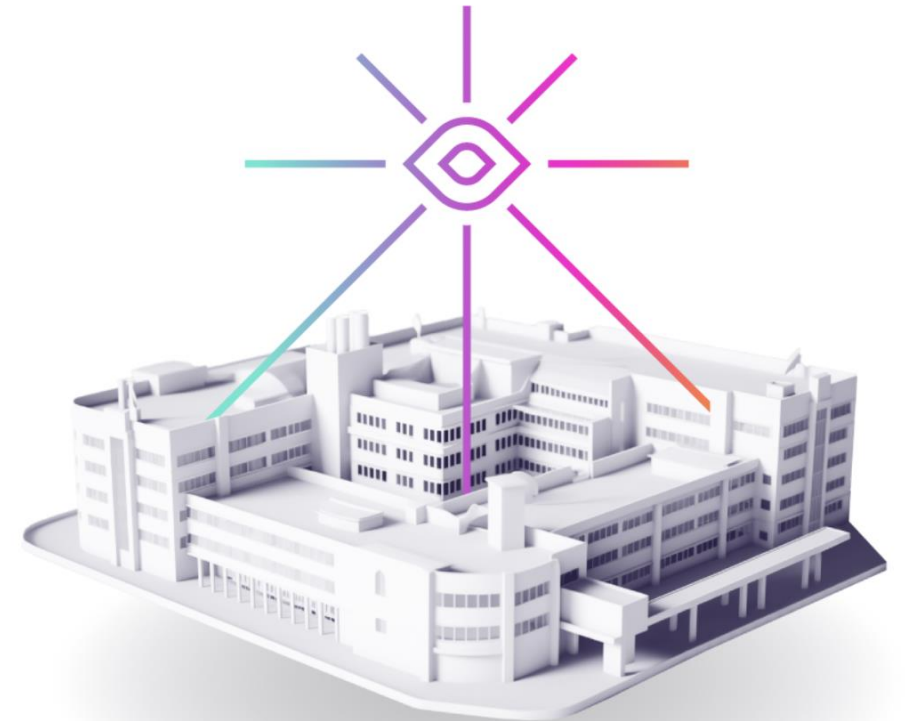
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Untether clinicians from the burden of documentation

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Improve outcomes with real time monitoring and feedback

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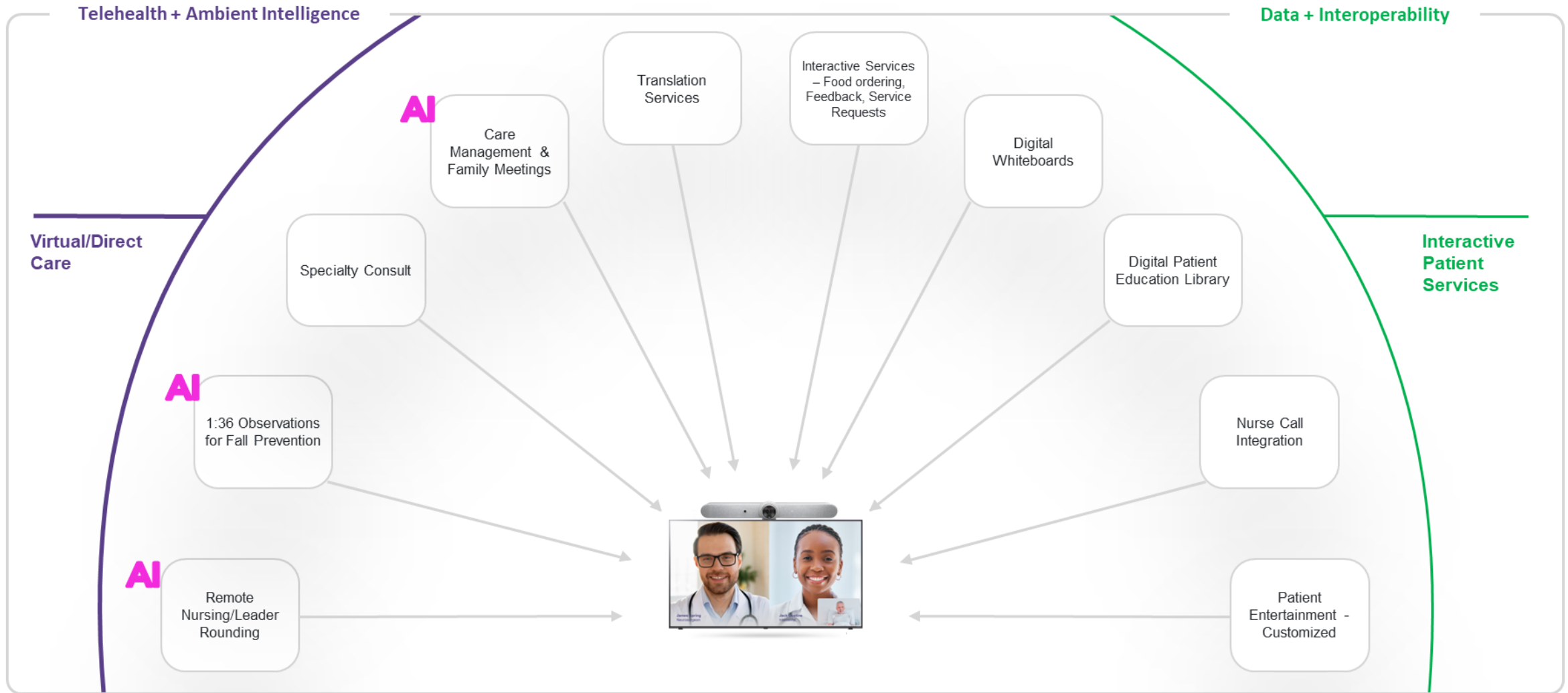




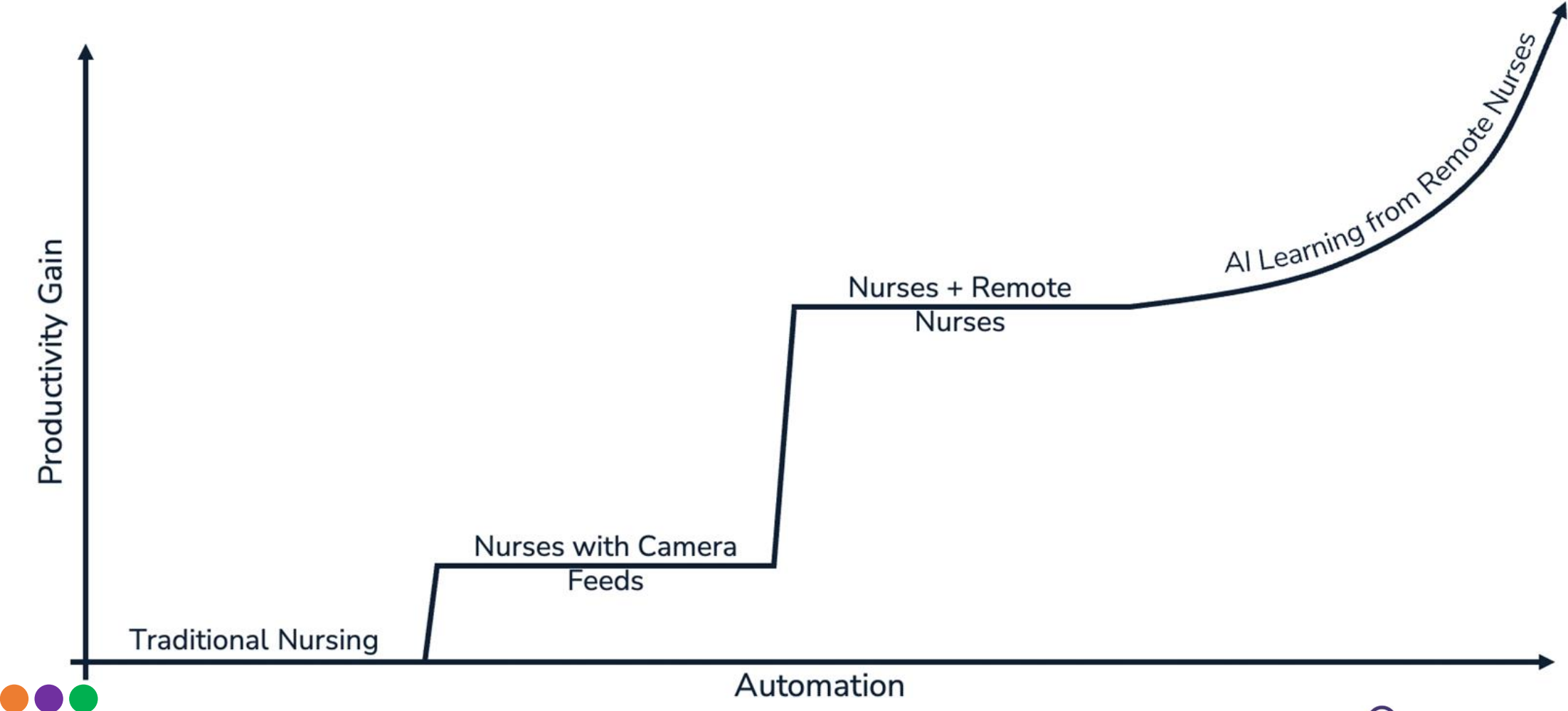
# Hospital Room of the Future



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# Adoption Strategy



# End to End AI-Based Automation Platform



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Telemonitoring



Remote Nursing



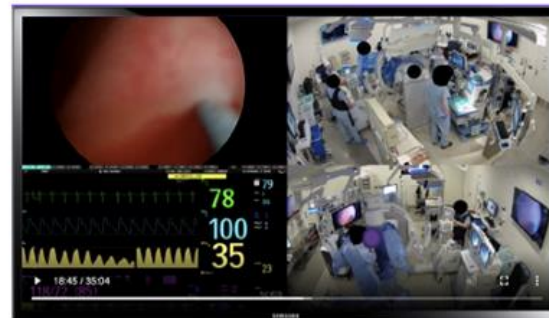
TeleHealth



AI Services



OR Coordination



Surgical Quality Improvement



Capacity Management



Clinic Coordination



# 04

## Workforce . Reinvented

The Virtual Dimension of care enabled through a distributed telehealth network



Optimizing Patient Flow and the integration of workforce solutions into Smart Hospital Design



# The **Smart Hospital** is at the Intersection of the Two Biggest Trends in Healthcare Today



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## ✔ Workforce Redesign



### Existing Acute Care Challenges Limit Efficiency...



**Not enough staff** to support optimal care at optimal operating costs

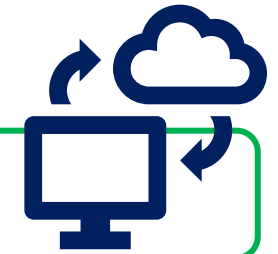


**Delays in patient flow** result in longer patient length of (hospital) stay



**Patient Transfers** imbalance bed utilization

## ✔ Virtual Care



### ... and Structural Impediments Inhibit Evolution



#### Lack of Innovation in Staffing

- Use of agency staffing driving further increases in care costs



#### Disconnected Telehealth

- Venue-based investments without clear Telehealth Maturity Roadmap



#### Fragmented Partnerships

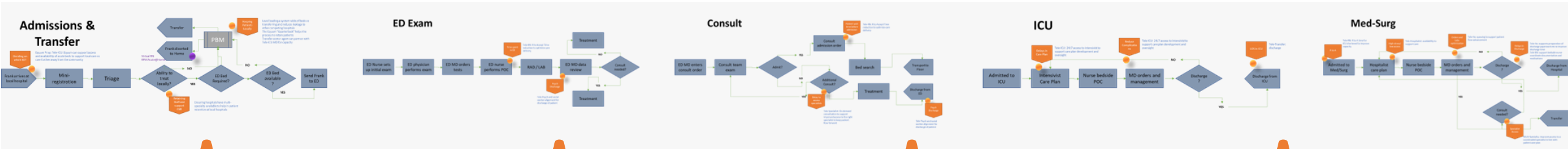
- No disintermediated partners invested in partnering for mutual success



# Hot Spots in Patient Journey Delay Care



*Patient flow* represents the ability of the healthcare system to serve patients quickly and efficiently as they move through stages of care.



## Access / Surge Block:

- Inefficient Transfers
- ED Boarding
- Delays in Care Coordination

## Resource Mismatch:

- Lack of Staffing
- Longer Wait Times
- Utilization variability

## Insufficient Holistic Interventions:

- Low Patient Experience
- Low Staff Satisfaction
- Delays in Care

## Inconsistent Care:

- Lack of Care Standardization
- Contributors to Burnout
- Patient Care Quality / Cost

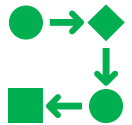


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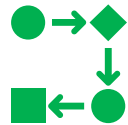
# Telehealth Enabled Clinical Operations

*“ Due to rising healthcare costs and patient expectations... the use of telemedicine for providing healthcare services has seen rapid development.”*



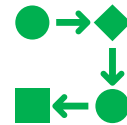
## Reducing Overcrowding/ Unnecessary Transfers

- Patient triage to determine patients' condition
- Review of system level capacity to optimize bed utilization and patient transfer rates



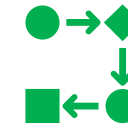
## Tele-Consultation to Improve Continuity

- Seamless consultation with specialists during the ED visit
- Reduced delays in care
- Reduce potential unnecessary transfers.



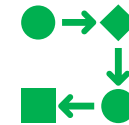
## Alleviating Staffing Gaps with Virtual Staffing Solutions

- Provide access to access to remote clinicians, 24/7
- Support for underserved areas / rural
- Helping address staffing mismatches and reduce burnout.



## Standardizing Care with Protocol-driven Telehealth

- Support implementation of standardized care protocols across different hospitals in a system of care
- Ensure a continuous care plan and reduce variability in patient outcomes.

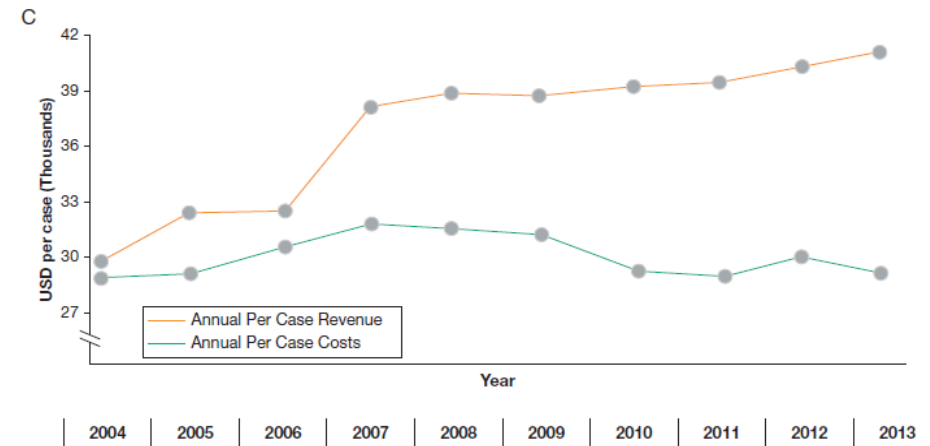
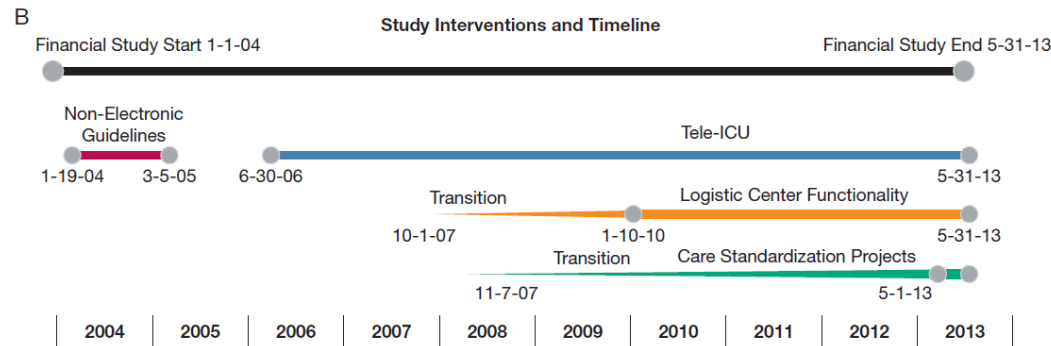
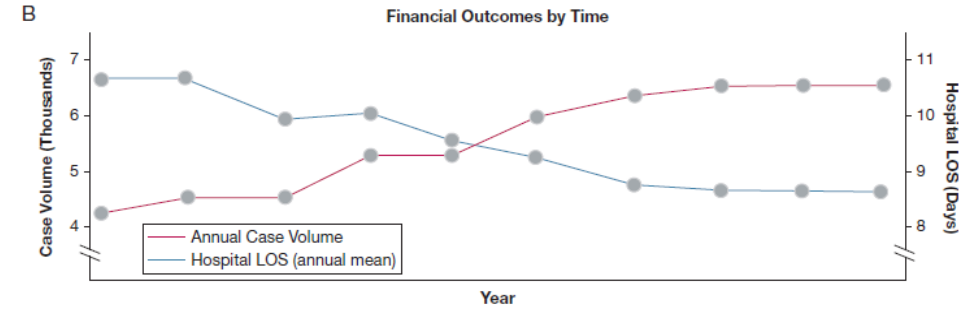
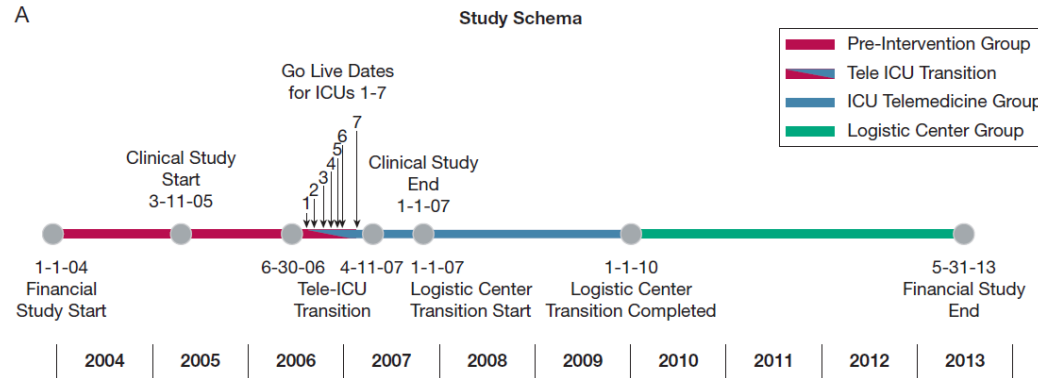


## Enhanced Resource Allocation

- Support bedside care team confidence in high acuity scenarios
- Augment night/weekend staff needs
- Provide improved work/life balance availability



# Building a Telehealth-Enabled Framework



**RESULTS:** Annual case volume increased from 4,752 (pre-ICU telemedicine) to 5,735 (ICU telemedicine) and 6,581 (logistic center). **The annual direct contribution margin improved from \$7,921,584 (pre-ICU telemedicine) to \$37,668,512 (ICU telemedicine) to \$60,586,397 (logistic center) due to increased case volume, higher case revenue relative to direct costs, and shorter length of stay.**





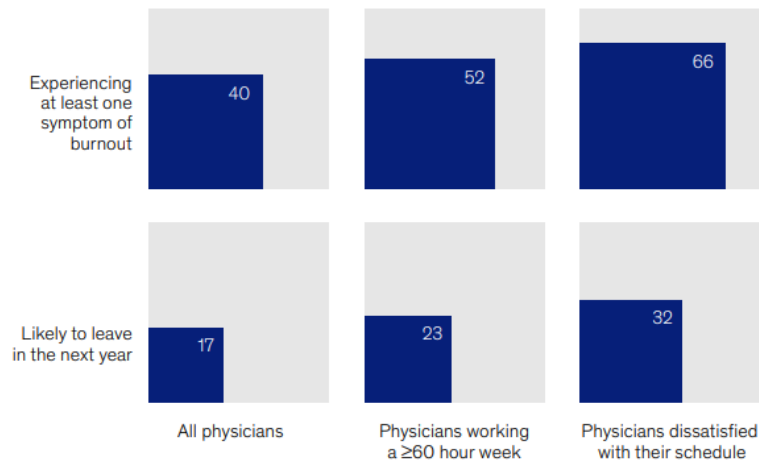
# The Physician Shortage isn't Going Anywhere



*By the end of this year, the United States is expected to have a shortage of up to 64,000 physicians\**

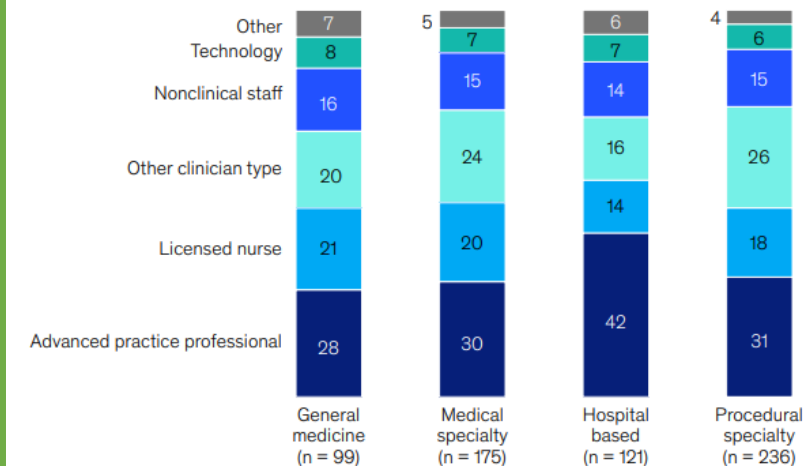
Schedule dissatisfaction affects physician respondents' well-being even more than the absolute time spent on the job.

US physician work hours and schedule as a factor in burnout and likelihood to leave current role, % of respondents (n = 631)



Physicians' clinical time is not optimized for patient care that only they can do, with nearly 20 percent identified by respondents as delegable tasks.

Share of delegable time that could be covered by nonphysician roles according to US physicians, by specialty, % of respondents (n = 631)



# Telehealth for System Wide Value Generation





# 05 Panel Discussion.

Synthesize lessons learned and the journey to become a smart hospital; develop actionable strategies that can be replicated



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The Smart Hospital Approach to Digital Health  
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