



# Integrating AI with Telehealth-Streamlining for better outcomes

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# **Objectives**

Describe how AI integration with Telehealth workflows can impact outcomes as well as provider and patient satisfaction.



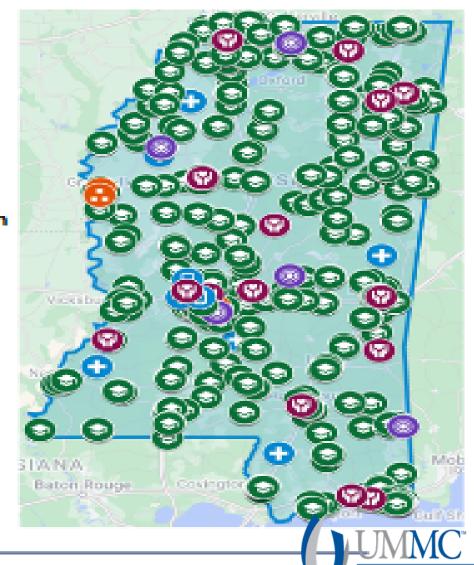
### TELEHEALTH PLAYS A KEY ROLE BY DRAMATICALLY INCREASING ACCESS TO CARE IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS ACROSS THE STATE

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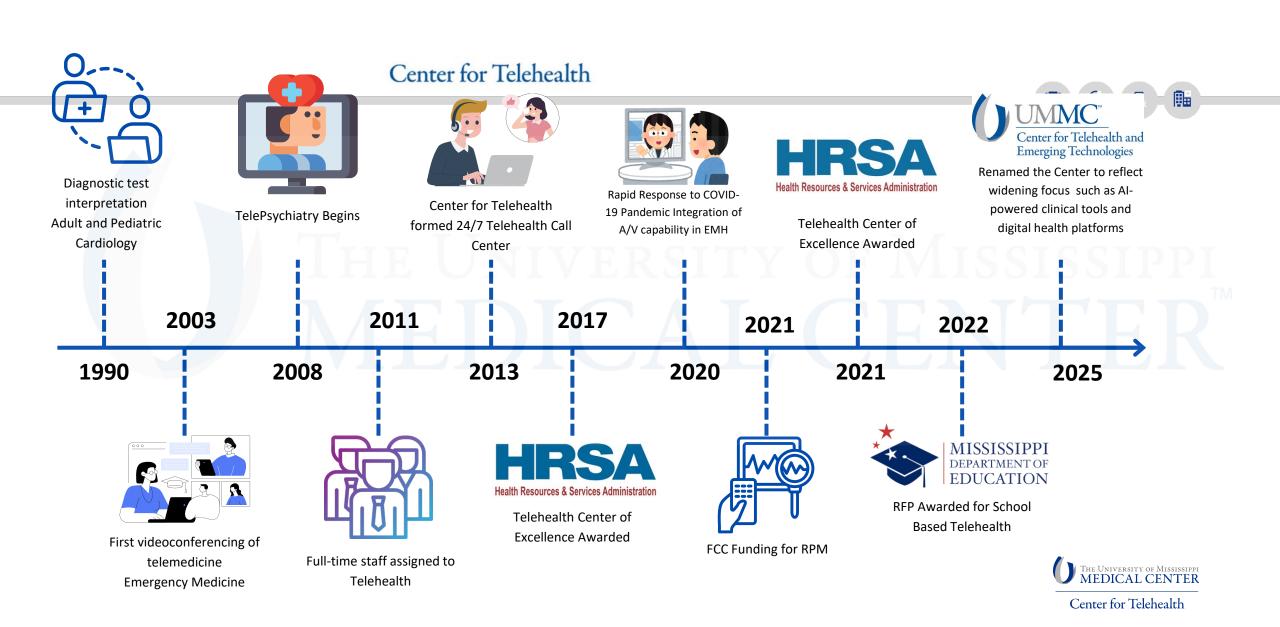
53 OF MISSISSIPPI'S 82 COUNTIES ARE MORE THAN A 40 MINUTE DRIVE FROM SPECIALTY SERVICES.

UMMC TELEHEALTH
HELPS COMMUNITIES
OFFER MUCH-NEEDED
MEDICAL CARE IN AREAS
WITH FEW OR NO
MEDICAL SPECIALTIES.

- School-Based Telehealth
- **○** TelEmergency
- TeleMental Health
- TeleInfectious Disease
- TeleNetworking
- Corporate
- UMMC2You

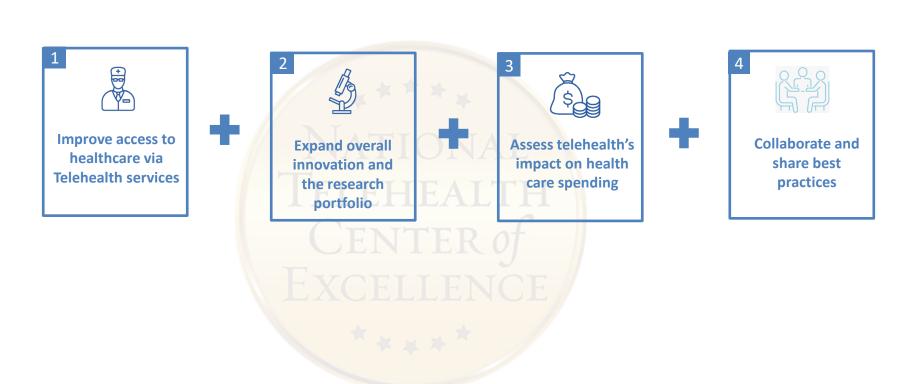


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### OUR ROLE AS A NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

UMMC earned the "Center of Excellence" designation from HRSA (October 2017). The CfT is expected to guide/support new and established telehealth programs across the nation, and conduct focused research on telehealth outcomes/economics







Implementation of AI based Scribe to Improve Patient Engagement for Telehealth Visits and Reduce Provider Burnout



### **Problem: Provider Burnout**



### 1. Excessive Documentation Time

- •Clinicians often spend 2–3 hours per day outside patient visits completing notes.
- •This leads to "pajama time" and reduced work-life balance.

### 2. Burnout and Job Dissatisfaction

- •Up to 60% of clinicians report burnout, with documentation burden being a top driver.
- Emotional fatigue increases, and retention rates drop.

### 3. Inefficient Use of Clinical Time

- •Documentation reduces time available for direct patient care.
- •It creates bottlenecks in workflows, especially in high-volume clinics.



### **Problem: Provider Burnout**









- 4. Inconsistent and Error-Prone Notes
- Manual notes are susceptible to: Omissions, Copy-paste errors, **Incomplete histories or assessments**
- •This impacts care quality, compliance, and billing accuracy.
- 5. Financial and Operational Waste
- Incomplete or inaccurate notes result in under-coding and missed revenue.
- Hiring human scribes is costly and difficult to scale.



# **Overview**



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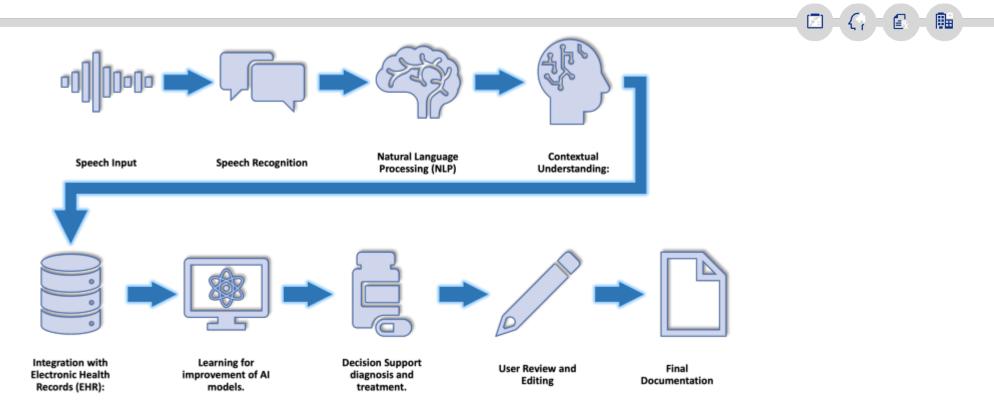
Provide more time for direct interaction/communication between patient and provider by automating the task of documentation using AI based technology (AI Scribe).

### What is AI scribe?

AI scribe uses artificial intelligence to transcribe spoken language into written text.

AI scribes leverage machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), and speech recognition technologies to automate the transcription process. This results in faster, more accurate transcriptions without manual intervention.

### **How AI Scribes Work**



Al Scribe Flowchart



### **Telehealth Workflow**

- 1. Click to start AutoScribe and speak to the patient as usual
- 2. Click to end the visit and receive clinical documentation for review immediately
- 3. Paste the note into Epic

### Subjective:

### **Chief Complaint:**

Brendan is a 75 year old male presenting today for medication refills and ongoing back pain.

#### HPI

Patient reports needing refills for multiple medications including a a heart medication (R pressure medication (L-opril). Patient is unsure of the specific names and dosages for the have their wife send in a list.

Patient has been experiencing back pain for approximately three months, which began boxes. The pain is located over the left part of their buttocks and is described as a dull, and goes, lasting for a long time before subsiding and then returning. Patient denies an sensations. They report some leg weakness, which they attribute to a previous knee su

### ROS:

ROS is otherwise negative, see HPI

### **Current Medications:**

Medication	Dose	Route	Frequency
R-statins (Rosuvastatin)	20 mg	Oral	Once daily
L-opril (Lisinopril)	10 mg	Oral	Once Daily

### Allergies:

Allergen	Reaction
Ibuprofen	Asthma, hives
Penicillin	Hives

### **Objective:**

### Vitals:

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BP:	118/76
BP Location:	Right arm
Patient Position:	Sitting
Pulse:	72
Temp	97.8 F (36.6 C)

# **UMMC COE Project Overview**











### **Pilot Group**

Specialties: Behavioral Health (Psychiatry, Social Work, and Counseling), Geriatrics, and Urgent Care

**User Count: 19** 

Care Setting: Virtual



### **Ambience Product Scope**

Ambience Product: AutoScribe
Platform Version Selected:

Microsoft Edge Extension



### **UMMC Software Utilized**

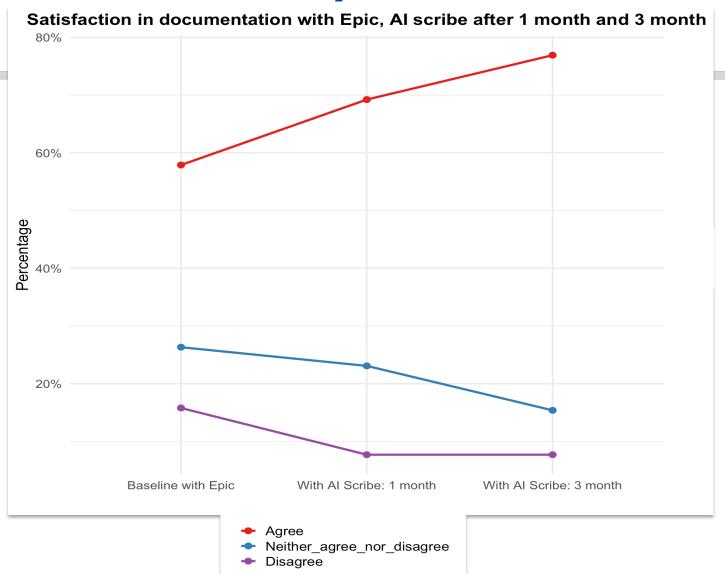
EMR: Epic

Telehealth Platform: ExtendedCare (Launch from Epic and Accessed Directly via Online Portal)



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# **Provider Survey Results**



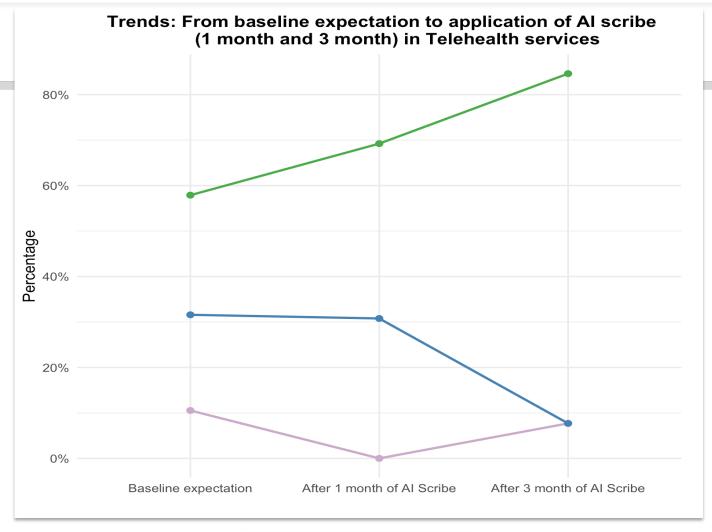


Trend towards higher provider satisfaction with time spent on documentation after using the Al-based scribe for 1-3 months.



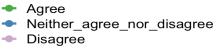
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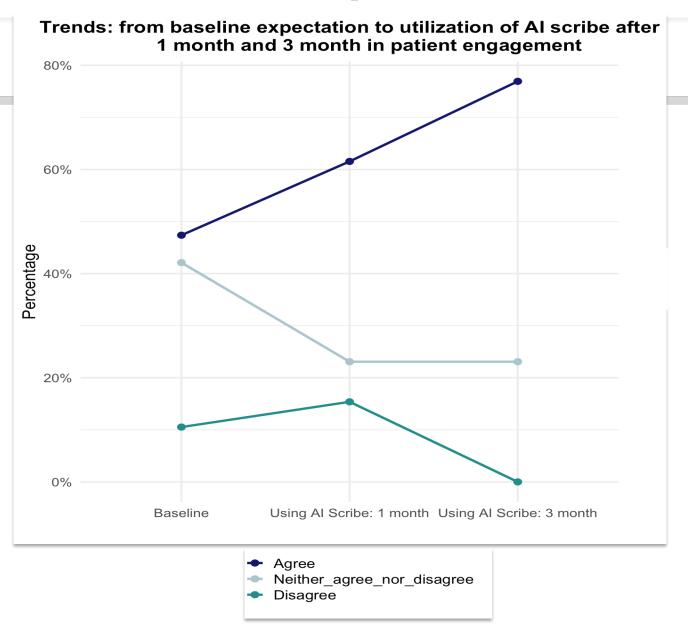


Trend towards higher provider satisfaction with quality of the scribing tool after using the Al-based scribe for 1-3 months.





# Provider Survey Results





Trend towards increased perceived time spent on patient engagement after using the Albased scribe for 1-3 months.



# Expanding the AI Scribe capabilities- Future Directions

A full range AI-powered applications are deeply integrated into the EMR and meet the unique needs of each clinical specialty.



### **AutoScribe**

Gold standard documentation tuned for clinical specialties, generated in real-time.



### **AutoCDI**

CDI assistance that analyzes conversations to ensure ICD-10, CPT codes, and documentation support each other.



### AutoAVS

Comprehensive after-visit summaries tailored for the patient and written in their preferred language(s).



### **AutoRefer**

Clinically relevant and well-organized referral letters to specialists.



### **AutoPrep**

Intelligent pre-charting to help catch up on context and design the agenda for the visit.

# **Challenges with AI Scribe Generated Note/Documentation**

Risk	Potential Impact	Mitigation Strategies
Inaccuracy & Hallucination	Incorrect diagnoses, treatment errors,	- Require human review
	patient harm	- Fine-tune on clinical data
		- Highlight uncertain content
Contextual	Loss of nuance; misrepresentation of	- Use structured templates
Misunderstanding	patient history or intent	- Support multi-modal inputs
		- Segment small talk
Overreliance on Al	Clinicians overlook errors, propagate	- Provider training
	flawed documentation	- Mandatory review window
		- Track edits via audit logs

# **Challenges with AI Scribe Generated Note/Documentation**

Privacy & Consent	Violation of patient confidentiality; legal repercussions	<ul> <li>Obtain explicit, informed consent</li> <li>Allow opt-out</li> <li>Process data on-device</li> </ul>
Data Security	Breaches, data leaks, identity theft	- Encrypt data at rest and in transit - Enforce access controls - Vet third-party tools
Bias & Discrimination	Unequal care or documentation across different patient groups	- Train on diverse datasets - Conduct regular bias audits - Document model behavior
Legal & Regulatory Gaps	Lack of clarity on liability; potential malpractice exposure	- Define shared accountability with vendors - Include legal disclaimers - Engage policymakers

## **Conclusions**

- AI scribe technology has the potential to significantly reduce clinician documentation time, decrease after-hours work, and lower perceived documentation burden, with additional potential to improve work-life integration and patient engagement.
- Concerns remain about factual errors, omissions, and the need for substantial human editing to ensure clinical validity and completeness.
- Additional challenges include lack of regulatory oversight, inconsistent interoperability with electronic health records (EHRs), and persistent biases in AI outputs.

# **Enhancing Virtual Nursing workflows** with AI technology



# **Pilot Program**

### Implementation - March 20, 2023

- 6 West: 14 Bed Unit
- Adult Med-Surg

### **Staffing Structure**

- Onsite "Bunker"
- 9am-9pm, 7 days a week

### <u>Technology</u>

### **Patient Room**

- Pan/Tilt/Zoom Camera and Monitor, Speakers
- iPad with MyChart Bedside (education, satisfaction questionnaire)

### **Virtual Nurse Bunker**

- Secure Chat Integrated with EPIC Platform
- 4 Screens: Hyperspace, Focuses Patient, Video Call, EPIC Monitor





# Virtual Nursing Bunker





### **Admission**

Review of patient data

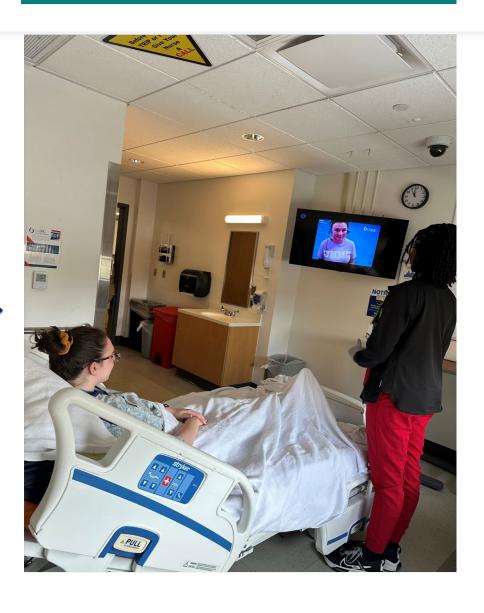
### **Discharge**

- Patient education
- Coordination of Care

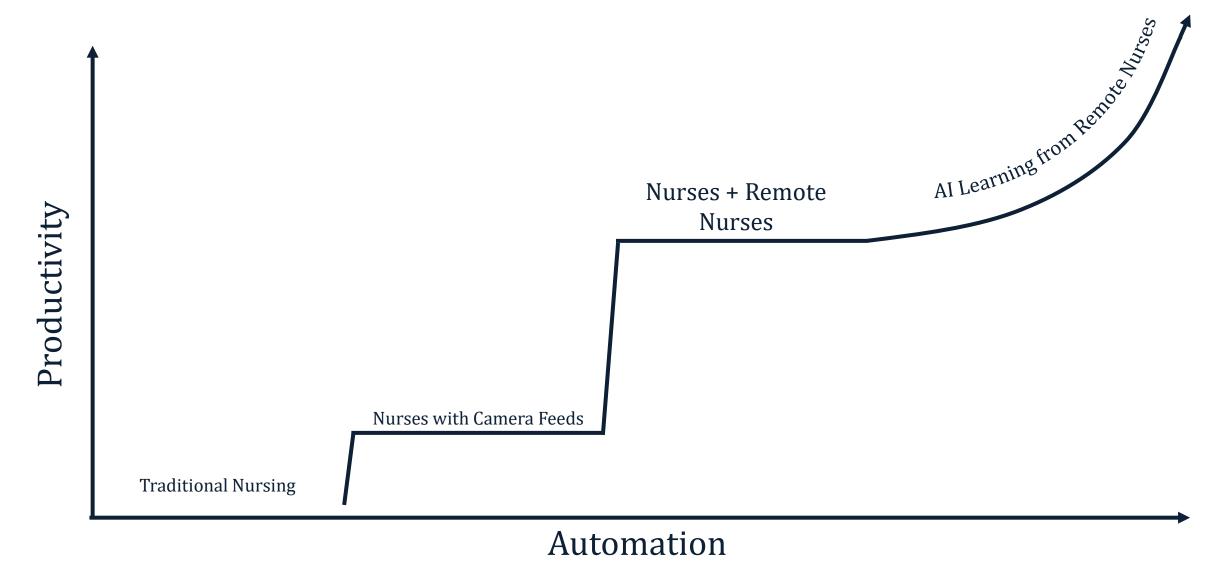
### **Rounding**

- Identification of need
  - Safety checks
- Pain reassessment

# Bedside RN Team



# Virtual Nurse + Artificial Intelligence (AI)



## **IMPLEMENTATION AT UMMC**

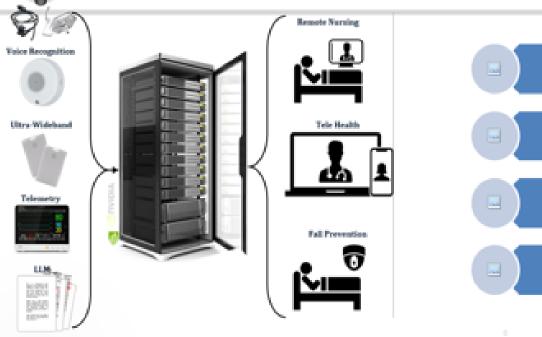
# **Pilot Program**

- AI technology implemented on 6 West and 4 North (46 beds)
- Initial focus on Fall Prevention

### **Staffing**

- Tele Sitters 24/7
- VRN 9am-9pm, 7days

# The Industry-Defining AI-Powered Platform Built by Clinicians Grapher Vision Finhance Care





Delivery

Improve Patient Outcomes

Increase Staff

Satisfaction

Increase Patient

Satisfaction.

# Fall Prevention Algorithm







### Remote observation for patients meeting fall risk criteria:

### **Safety Check Rounding**

- ✓ Belongings within reach
- ✓ Call bell within reach
- ✓ Fall mats in place
- Bed low to ground with side rails engaged
- → Safety check documented

### Fall Prevention Intervention

### **Yellow Visual Cue**

- Alert patient (audio/visual communication: "Please stay in bed.")
- Notify bedside RN/tech if intervention needed

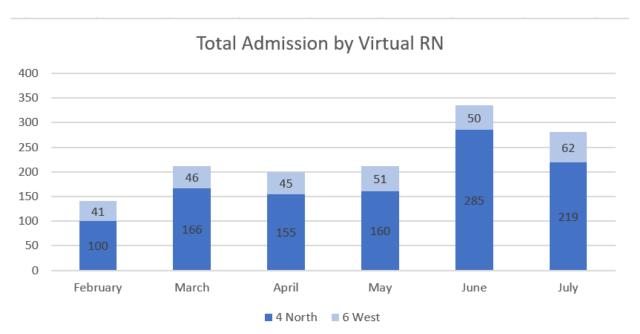
### Red Visual Cue

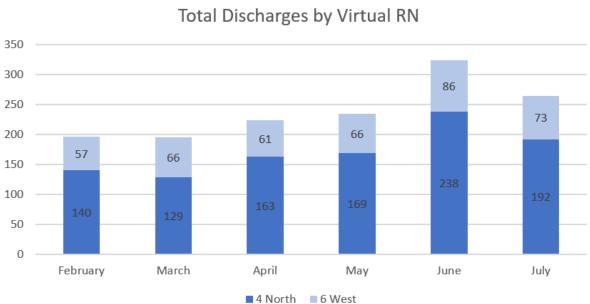
- Alert the patient via <u>Artisight</u> Alarm
- Alert patient (audio/visual communication: "Please stay in bed.")
- If no response from bedside staff, broadcast unit

→ Fall intervention documented



# Admissions and Discharges





1,380 Admissions

1,440 Discharges

# Time Saved

Bedside RN Time Saved (hours) Due to Virtual RN (admission/discharge only)



1140 Hours Saved

48 Days 95 12-hours shifts

# Virtual Observer

Artisight on 6W and 4N						
Patients being monitored: 20						
	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25
Falls prevented with redirection:	223	529	396	683	302	
(call into room or use phrases)						
Falls prevented with staff interventions:	49	149	176	298	128	
(Red overhead alarm)						
FALLS:	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25
	0	0	3	2	0	
			4/7/2025	5/8/2025		7/13/2025
			4/25/2025	5/13/2025		7/14/2025
			4/30/2025	5/15/2025		7/21/2025
				5/19/2025		

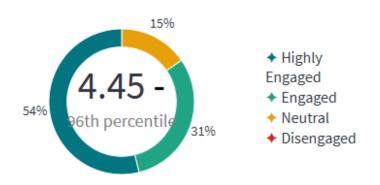
Redirection Total: 2,133

Staff Interventions: 800

Total falls while observed 10

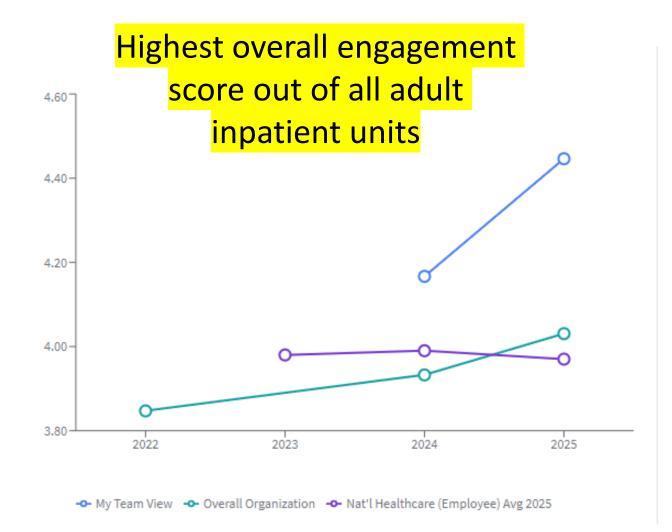
# 6 West Employee Engagement

### Engagement mean score and level distribution



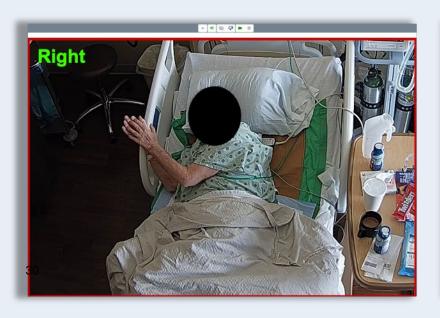
# Items included in your Engagement score (mean score / percentile)

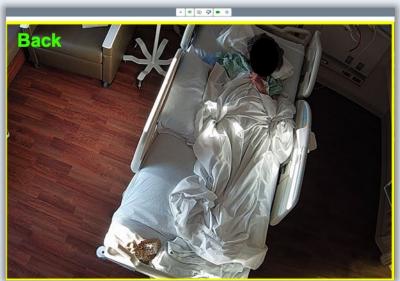
(mean score / percentile)					
1	I would stay with this organization if offered a similar position elsewhere.	4.461	98th		
2	I would like to be working at this organization three years from now.	4.381	92nd		
3	I feel like I belong in this organization.	4.62	98th		
4	Overall, I am a satisfied employee.	4.231	85th		
5	I would recommend this organization as a good place to work.	4.541	96th		



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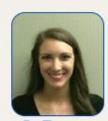
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