



# Tech That Listens: Using AI in Telehealth to Support Patients and Providers in Underserved Areas

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# **Objectives**

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



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.



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## **Overview**

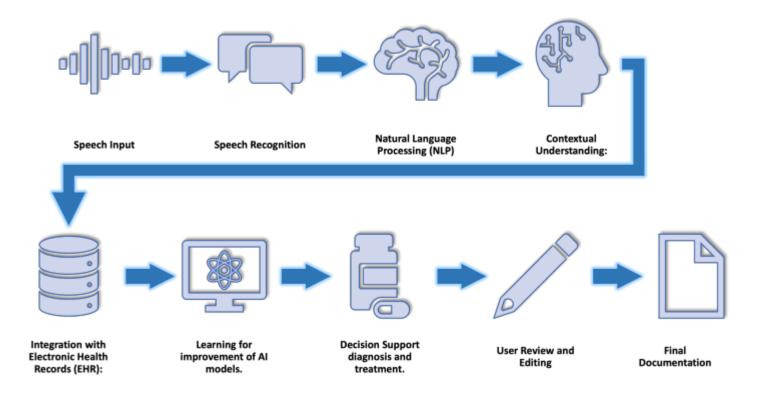
Provide more time for direct interaction/communication between patient and provider by automating the task of documentation using AI based technology (AI Scribe).

### 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



# **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**

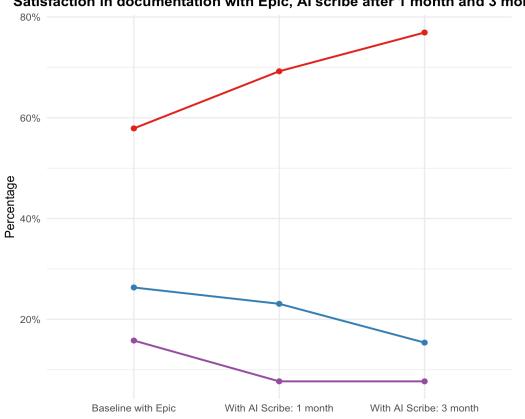
EMR: Epic

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

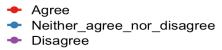


# **Provider Survey Results**





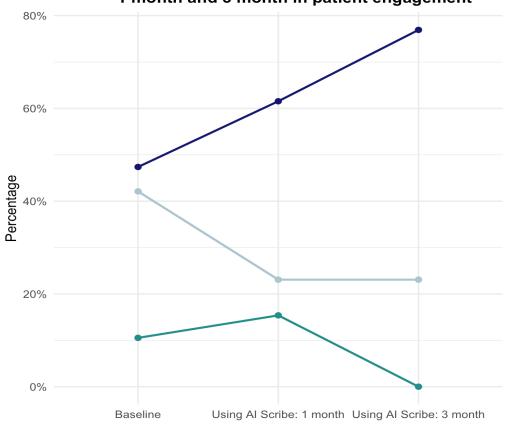
Trend towards higher provider satisfaction with <u>time spent on</u> <u>documentation</u> after using the AI-based scribe for 1-3 months.





# **Provider Survey Results**

Trends: from baseline expectation to utilization of Al scribe after 1 month and 3 month in patient engagement



Trend towards increased perceived <u>time spent on</u>

patient engagement after using the AI-based scribe for 1-3 months.

- Agree
- Neither\_agree\_nor\_disagree
- Disagree



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# Challenges with AI Scribe Generated Note/Documentation

Risk	Potential Impact	- Require human review		
Inaccuracy & Hallucination	Incorrect diagnoses, treatment errors,			
	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		

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

Privacy & Consent	Violation of patient confidentiality; legal repercussions	- Obtain explicit, informed consent - Allow opt-out
	legal repercussions	- Process data on-device
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	<ul> <li>Define shared accountability with vendors</li> <li>Include legal disclaimers</li> <li>Engage policymakers</li> </ul> UMMC <sup>™</sup> Center for Telehealth and

# **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











### **Admission**

Review of patient data

### **Discharge**

- Patient education
- Coordination of Care

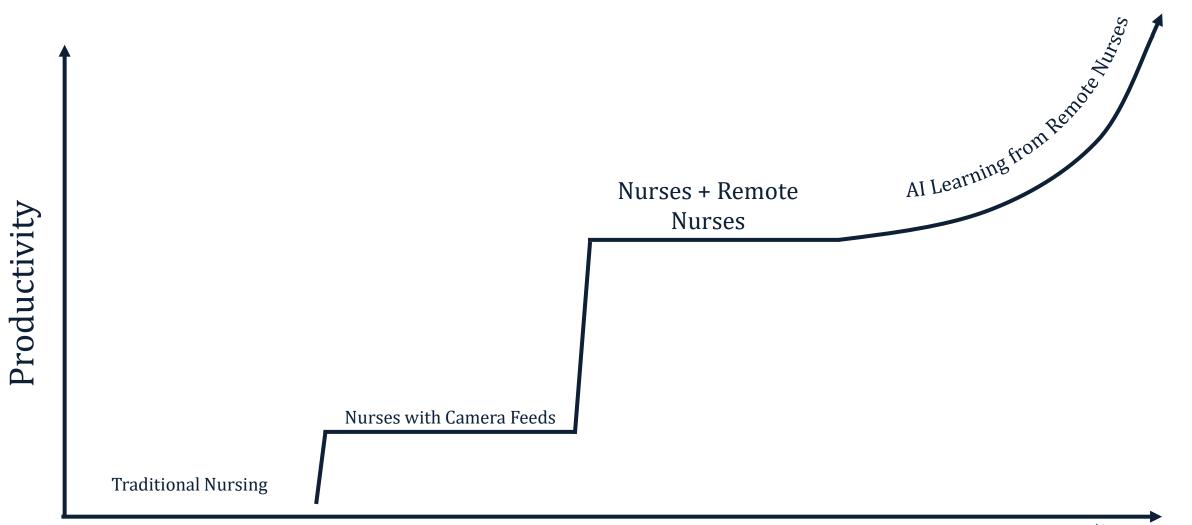
### **Rounding**

- Identification of need
  - Safety checks
  - Pain reassessment





# Virtual Nurse + Artificial Intelligence (AI)







**Automation** 

# Enhancing Virtual Nursing Workflows with AI Technology

AI Technology Implemented on 6West & 4North (46 beds)

Focus = Fall Prevention

### **Staffing**

- Virtual Observers 24/7
- Nurse 9A-9P, 7 days











1:100 Fall Prevention

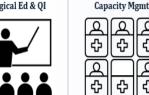
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**Enhance Care** Delivery

**Improve Patient Outcomes** 

Increase Staff Satisfaction

Increase Patient Satisfaction





# Enhancing Virtual Nursing Workflows with AI Technology







### 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

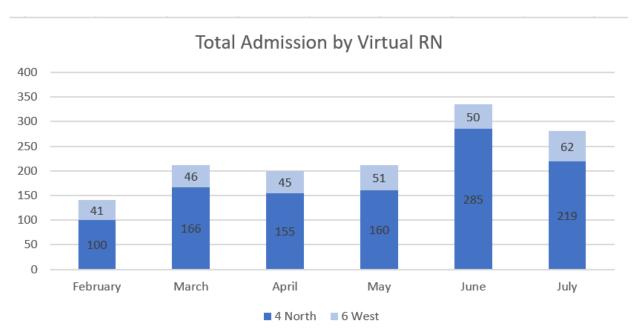
- Alert the patient via <u>Artisight</u>
   Alarm
- Alert patient (audio/visual communication: "Please stay in bed.")
- If no response from bedside staff, broadcast unit

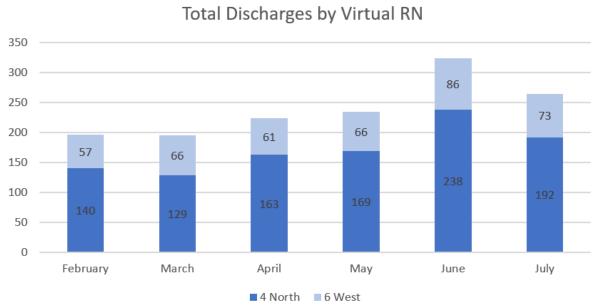
→ Fall intervention documented





# 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

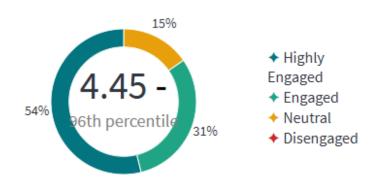
Staff Interventions: 800

Total falls while observed 10



# 6 West Employee Engagement

### Engagement mean score and level distribution



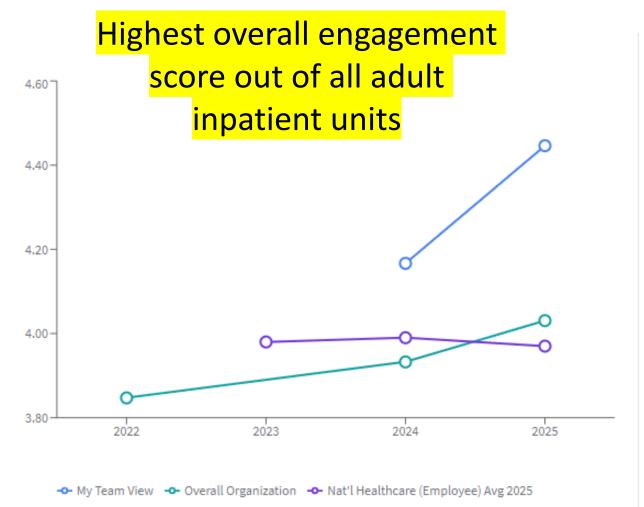
# Items included in your Engagement score (mean score / percentile)

to work.

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
	I would recommend this organization as a good place		

4.541

96th





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