A Successful Patient Portal Program – Florida Health Connect

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Agenda

- Overcoming the Struggle FDOH Portal History
- Patients' Versus Clinicians' Portal Needs
- Florida Health Connect Features
- Designing and Implementing a Comprehensive Rollout
- Protocols for Data Transmission and Supporting Providers
- Outcomes



Learning Objectives

- Identify successful features that the Florida Health Connect (FHC) program provides from an end users' perspective
- Analyze the successful protocols for transmission of clinical summary and lab results workflow to support healthcare best practices
- Appraise the Florida Health Connect program offering from the healthcare provider's and payor's stakeholder perspective





It doesn't matter what you've done. What matters is what you choose to do from here."

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Executive Support



Ease of Workflow



Marketing and Public Awareness



Internal Communication



Adoption Metrics



Agency Policy



The Journey to A New Portal Experience for Our Users Begins Project Manager Meets Entrepreneur







Patients Versus Clinicians

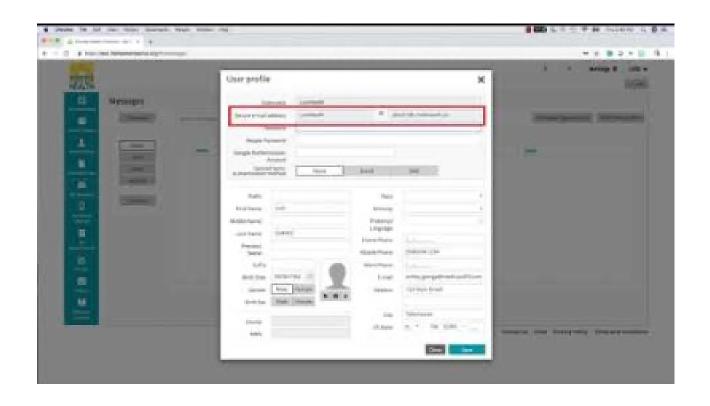
ARE THEIR NEEDS REALLY THAT DIFFERENT?

- Security of electronic health information
- Facilitate patient education
- Save time
- User friendly
- Easy access
- Help focus on the right data
- Make communication easier





Florida Health Connect Feature Demonstration





Portal App

FHC is Available for Apple and Android





Connects to fitness trackers



Connects with Bluetooth BP cuffs

Used with Health Heart Grant





Goal

Advance communications with clients through implementation of Florida Health Connect.

Success Defined

Deliver a robust solution integrated with the EHR workflows and a well-trained staff prepared to support patient engagement.



Introduce FHC to all staff

Enlist the help of your Communications team.



Weekly executive briefing, portal champions, presentations at existing department meetings.

Provide tools to support recruiting patient participation

Printed materials, mobile app, easy consent process.

Train help desk employees

Vendor training, develop FAQs, provide test accounts.

Advance Client
Communication
through FHC

Communicate policy and implications to clinical workflow

Workflow studies prior to design, policy development, change of practice memos.

Ensure EHR users' success with workflow changes

Develop user guides, pilot project, staff training and monitoring.

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Prepare clinicians as engagement advocates

Use clinical development workgroup to vet design, engage instructional design team, monitor uptake.

Standards & Protocols Supporting Interoperability

Patient Engagement in Support of Better Outcomes

The ability to support health data interoperability positions Florida Health Connect as a key component of patient engagement.



Health Level Seven (HL7) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)

All data in the Florida Health Connect patient record are stored in native FHIR format and can be exchanged via FHIR API.



Direct Secure Messaging

Provides secure email for easy communication of health information between patients and providers.



Consolidated Continuity of Care Documents and HL7 Messages

Integration with provider EHRs and labs achieved via standard documents and messages.



Healthcare Provider and Payor Perspective

Improving Outcomes and Efficiency

As patients become more engaged in their healthcare, both providers and payers see benefits.



Patient Engagement is Key to Improving Outcomes

Empowering patients to participate in their health and wellness yields better outcomes and overall wellness.



Patient -Generated Data Play an Increasing Role

As healthcare embraces wellness versus treatment, health information outside of encounters with providers grows more important.



Better Outcomes = Better Efficiency

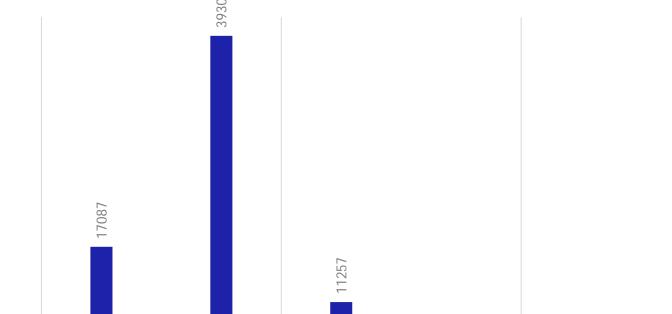
Payers benefit as improved patient outcomes and wellbeing improves the efficiency of healthcare spending.



Demographics of Registered Users

28% of FDOH Patients are Millennials

A joint survey from Salesforce and Harris Poll revealed that 71% of millennials want to book appointments online and share health data with their providers.



GEN X

BOOMERS

MILLENNIALS

GEN Z

■ Portal Users by Generation



SILENT

Outcomes as of May 2020





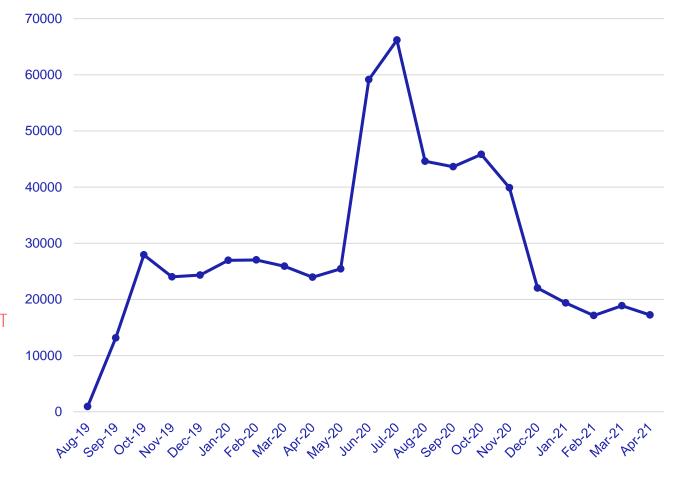




--Logins per Month

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CUSTOMER LOGINS ILLUSTRATE WHAT'S IMPORTANT





Supporting Interoperability and Our Clients

29937 Direct Messages from **Patients**

5281 Direct Messages to Patients

101723 Lab Results **Transmitted**



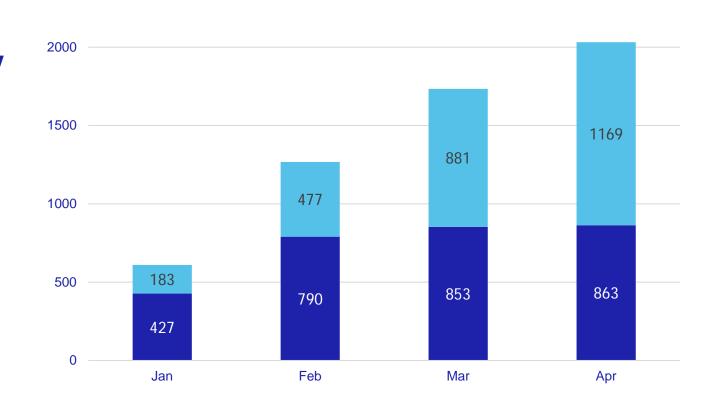
■ Apple Users ■ Android Users

Apps Introduced

2500

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Questions



Thank you!

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