FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE



Health System Insights

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Methodology

The following methodology was used to conduct the Health System Executive Survey:

- Based on the topic focus areas outlined by HIMSS, a set of survey questions was drafted by The Chartis Group, organized into three sections: (1) Digital Health; (2) Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML); and (3) Financial Health.
- Chartis also identified target respondents by title, functional area, organizational type, size and location.
- Chartis engaged an external market research firm to field the survey and aggregate responses. Qualified survey respondents who completed the survey were compensated on par with the market rate.



Respondent Profile

RESPONDENTS REPRESENTED A MIX OF GEOGRAPHIES, WITH THE SMALLEST COHORT FROM THE SOUTHWEST. MOST WERE FROM URBAN AND SUBURBAN AREAS, STAND-ALONE COMMUNITY HOSPITALS, OR REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, WITH \$500 MILLION TO \$5 BILLION IN REVENUE.

GEOGRAPHIC REGION



"In which region of the country are you personally located?"

GEOGRAPHIC POSITION



"How is your health system's geographic position best described?"

HEALTH SYSTEM REVENUE



"What best represents your health system's revenue range, pre-COVID?"

HEALTH SYSTEM TYPE



"How would you characterize your health system?"



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The Challenging Transition

from FREE **STANDING Digital Solutions**





to DIGITAL INTEGRATION with Traditional Healthcare Delivery Assets





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to DIGITALLY FORWARD Care Delivery









Systems have a growing desire to invest in digital health...

but risk digitizing obsolete processes.



BUT... A formula for failure...

NT + OO = COO



Little Margin for Error

EXPECTED GROWTH OF VALUE-BASED CARE & NEED FOR HIGHER PAYMENTS





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Digital Isn't the Only Significant Investment Planned

MARGINAL INCREASE

Planned Investment Increases





IT & DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Prioritizing Digital Investments Requires Alignment with Enterprise Goals

COMMON PLANNING GOALS ENABLED BY DIGITAL HEALTH

Value-Based

Become a Leader in Value-Based Care Delivery

Primary Care

Grow & Tighten Alignment with Employed & Aligned Primary Care

New Market & Ambulatory Growth

Expand Reach into New Geographies and Position for Non-IP Growth

Consumer Focus

Become a Consumer-Centered Healthcare Delivery Enterprise

Quality

Become a Leading Tertiary/Destination Care Center for the Region

Cost

Reduce the Total Cost of Care and Improve Affordability for Community



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Digital Health Investments Spread Across Multitude of Use Cases





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AI/ML Applicable for Most, Especially as Clinical Use Cases Grows

Organizations adopting AI/ML will see an uptick in clinical use cases compared to today's largely operational focus of AI/ML.





Varying Imperatives

DETERMINING THE ROLE & IMPACT OF HOSPITAL@HOME

Hospital at Home Adoption Trends





Future Outlook

SHIFT FROM INVESTING TO BUILDING TRANSFORMATIVE DIGITAL BUSINESS MODELS & OPERATING STRUCTURES



MOST HEALTH SYSTEMS ARE HERE

Focusing on Activating Core Digital/Technology Capabilities

40% Online scheduling45% Virtual visits

84% Patient portals

Building Business Model Transformation Cases to Drive Digital Investments

58% Plan to invest \$10M+

Implementing Enterprise Transformation Governance & Operating Structure

70% Have/plan to establish a CDO



Clinician Insights

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FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

Do Clinicians Have Faith in the Future of Healthcare Technology?



True or False?

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4. Clinicians trust in the security of healthcare technology.





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FALSE



are only somewhat confident that their organization's measures will protect the security and privacy of patients' data

have concerns over security of patient data and this hinders adoption of digital tools

> of those not using and uninterested in tools and software with artificial intelligence cite lack of trust in the designer/programmer



Key Takeaways: Four Truths

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Clinician digital health tool adoption will not revert to pre-pandemic levels. Clinicians believe Al is part of their future prosperity. Clinicians see value in the business case to invest in Al and digital health.

More work to do for clinicians to trust in the security of healthcare technology.



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Methodology

ABOUT THE RESEARCH

In March 2021, Accenture surveyed **309 clinicians** *in the U.S.* to understand their perspectives on the current state of industry changes and identify what is shaping the path ahead.



Investment perspective

Respondents had to meet the following selection criteria to participate in the survey:

- Currently practicing medicine
- Directly responsible for making diagnoses and treatment decisions
- Hold a clinical degree: MD; DO; PsyD; PhD; Master of Science in Nursing (MSN); Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP); other clinical degree (PA)



Note: Six respondents selected two or more states, and three of which the states are not in the same region

Respondent Profile

THE SURVEY WAS COMPRISED OF A DIVERSE GROUP OF CLINICIANS ACROSS AGES, LOCATIONS AND SPECIALTIES.

RESPONDENTS (100%=309)



AGE	N, %	
25-40	44, 14%	
41-56	173, 56%	
57-75	89, 29%	
76+	3 , 1%	
LOCATION	N, %	
Urban	377, 89%	
Rural	32, 10%	

TYPE OF PRACTICE



ORGANIZATION*



Note: % may not sum up to 100% due to round-ups *1 other healthcare facility and 1 long-term facility (<1%)



Respondent Profile (continued)

RESPONDENTS (100%=309)

RACE / ETHNICITY	N, %
Black	5, 2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3 , 1%
Asian	51, 17%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific	1, <1%
Hispanic	8, 3%
White (Non-Hispanic)	220 , 71%
Other (Multiracial)	3 , 1%
Prefer Not To Say	8, 6%



STAFFING*
6, 2%
1-3 60 , 19%
4 -10 107 , 35%
11-20 53 , 17%
21+ 83 , 7%
SPECIALIZATION** N, %
Internal Medicine 86, 28%
Family Medicine 46, 15%
Emergency Medicine 24, 8%
Surgery 24, 8%
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Note: % may not sum up to 100% due to round-ups *Staffing – number of people sharing a practice



**Other specializations: Anesthesiology N=10, 3%; Neurology N= 8, 3%; Allergy and Immunology N=7, 2%; Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation N=5, 2%; Urology N=5, 2%; Other N=13, 4%

Payer Insights

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Payer Research Focus

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY

DIGITAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATIONS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/MACHINE LEARNING OPERATIONS, AND FINANCIAL HEALTH AND REGULATIONS

MOST RECENT POSITION IN HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY





NUMBER OF MEMBERS COVERED ACROSS ALL LINES OF BUSINESS





Summary of Current Trends in the Health Plan Industry



Investments are being made on forward-thinking innovations



Increased operational maturity motivates payers to improve and broaden the scope of AI/ML implementation into business operations to drive efficiency



Government, technology ecosystems and clinicians play a role to improve healthcare delivery and reduce the cost of care



There's a focus on expansion of value-based care (VBC) innovation and adoption to keep up with increased provider adoption and government policies



INSIGHT 1:

A paradigm shift to consumerism and personalized healthcare driven by big tech and IT startups

STAKEHOLDERS DRIVING DIGITAL HEALTH ADOPTION

Health/IT startups	47%	↓ 6%
Big tech companies	45%	↓ 2%
Biopharma/device manufacturers	37%	1 3%
Providers	36%	1%
Patients	33%	1 6%
Payers	29%	1 2%

DIGITAL HEALTH INITIATIVES OF STRATEGIC FOCUS

Payers will continue to be	Hybrid care (in-person/virtual care)	38%	↓ 6%
most focused in these two areas	Provider engagement & clinical decision	38%	1%
	Data privacy & cybersecurity	37%	1 3%

KEY BARRIERS TO DIGITAL HEALTH ADOPTION

PATIENT/MEMBER ADOPTION

- Security/privacy concerns (39%)
- Steep learning curve for adoption (39%)

PROVIDER ADOPTION

Security/privacy (41%)

- Barriers to adoption are more technological than cultural
- Providers' willingness to engage digitally (35%)

PAYER ADOPTION

- Security/privacy concerns (37%)
- Integration challenges with other players in the ecosystem (34%)

Payers expect a patient-centric evolution in the field of digital health

Personalized care	31%	1 8%
Member acquisition & retention	31%	\$ 2%
Data interoperability	24%	4 %



INSIGHT 2: AI/ML adoption continues with ROI focus in areas such as clinical decision support and operations

% respondents seeing significant returns on AI/ML investments



* indicates significant difference

EXPECTED LEVEL OF AI/ML INVOLVEMENT

Clinical operations	47%	10%
Claims operations	45%	1 9%
Member experience	37%	↓ 8%
Finance & accounting	36%	4 7%

CHALLENGES TO ADOPTION OF AI/ML

Keeping pace with rapidly evolving technologies	38%	1 6%
Performance/scalability	34%	4 7%
Data availability and reliability issues	25%	4 7%

STAKEHOLDERS ENHANCING AI/ML INNOVATION

Health IT startups/new players	51%
Big tech companies	48%
Biopharma/device manufacturers	41%



Advanced data democratization/interoperability can boost innovation to drive adoption

Evolving data landscape: 71% Greater access to data due to devices/wearables. consumer apps, genomic data, SDoH, etc. Innovations in medical science and technology: Increased ability to process 66% data at high speed and low cost, advancement in medical sciences, such as genetic engineering Shift in consumer behavior in favor of AI/ML 64% 61% Evolving marketplace for AI/ML Shift in government regulations in AI/ML 56%

EXPECTED DRIVERS OF INNOVATION

AREAS LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED BY GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Data privacy and security	40%	-
Payment reform	36%	\$
Medicaid expansion	34%	1 2%
Interoperability	32%	1 6%
Cybersecurity	30%	1 2%
Public option	28%	10%



Payers expect more value-based actions and provider participation in VBC and PHM programs



Health startups	57%	1 4%
Provider consolidation	55%	1%
Difference in costs/quality across providers	44%	↓ 5%
Drug pricing	38%	1 7%
Emergence of low cost, digital only plans/providers	37%	↓ 3%

INFILIENCES FOR VEC ADOPTION

BARRIERS TO VBC ADOPTION

Care management capabilities	36%	10%
Ability to meet quality/ cost targets	34%	1 2%
Reluctance to take risk	32%	J 2%
Understanding of risk-based agreements	29%	↓ 5%
Lack of trust in payers for fair payments	22%	1 2%

THE FUTURE OF VBC (% level of agreement)

Higher pressure on providers to adopt reference-based pricing scheme and/or high value care purchasing	58%	Will push providers to increase investments on population health management programs	56%
Increased participation in VBC will cause a massive revamp of STARS program	58%	Standardization of performance metrics across lines of business and payers	56%







Personalized care offerings are expected to increase



Significant returns on AI/ML practices are expected and payers plan to invest more on optimizing clinical support and operations



Government regulations are projected to help overcome technological barriers of innovation, like data availability and interoperability



VBC arrangements are expected to increase with a higher level of provider participation



Patient Insights

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Demographics

RESPONDENTS (100%*=2062)



HOUSEHOLD INCOME



REGION	N,%
South	742, 36%
Midwest	474, 23%
West	454, 22%
Northeast	392 , 1 9 %

LOCATION	N,%
Suburban	1053, 51%
Urban	620, 30%
Rural	361, 18%



GENERATION	N,%
Gen Z	294, 14%
Millennials	663, 32%
Gen X	398 , 19%
Baby Boomers	607, 29%
Silent Gen	100, 5%

Note: % may not sum up to 100% due to round-ups



Demographics (continued)

RESPONDENTS (100%*=2062)

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EDUCATION	
HS Diploma or Less	16%
Some College/Associates 4-Year Degree	32% 32%
Masters or Higher	21%



EMPLOYMENT	N, %
Full Time	875, 42%
Retired	452, 22%
Part Time / Self Employed	295, 14%
Out of Work	207, 10%
Unable to Work	119, 6%
Student	114, 6%



Demographics (continued)

RESPONDENTS (100%*=2062)

PRIMARY INSURANCE

Please select the primary type of health insurance you have.



PLAN TYPE*

What type of health insurance plan do you have?*





Patients open to use of new technology but apprehensive



Likely to use digital health in future

Despite concerns about misdiagnoses and level of care, over half of patients would be interested in a telehealth-only healthcare system

Willing to share their data

If it would allow healthcare organizations to better treat, diagnose or detect an illness or condition

Would like complete transparency regarding healthcare pricing

Compared with just 5% who say pricing is very transparent today



Patients imagine about one-third of visits being remote as ideal

Regardless of your current use of digital health products/services, what percentage of visits would ideally be remote in the future (e.g., 2025-2026)?





Higher appeal among younger patients

Imagine that in 2025, only telehealth visits were available for your healthcare provider visits, but during those visits, and possibly in conjunction with other technology, they could still properly diagnose, give you a treatment plan, which may include a prescription, if needed, update them on your current health status, etc. What do you think if that were the case?





Synced wearable tech has high appeal

Imagine that in 2025, data from wearable technology devices could be automatically sent to your doctor, which would allow your doctor to properly diagnose, give you a treatment plan, which may include a prescription, if needed, update them on your current health status, etc. How likely are you to use a wearable technology device, like an Apple Watch/Fitbit, etc. for this?





At-home medical tests also have high appeal

Imagine that in 2025, digital health technology could allow you to take medical tests from home and send data to your doctor, which would allow your doctor to properly diagnose, give you a treatment plan, which may include a prescription, if needed, update them on your current health status, etc. How likely are you to use this service?





Many see Al/ML improving healthcare in the near future, though...

When thinking of AI/ML and how it can impact your healthcare, where do you hope AI/ML is by 2025? What would you like to see happen? What would you like it to do?





Affordability is top of mind for today's patients

Ideally, in thinking of what could happen in the next five years, describe your ideal healthcare scenario. What would you like healthcare to look like (other than free healthcare or universal/ accessible healthcare)?





Big gap to close in meeting expectations for pricing transparency

By 2025, where would you ideally want to see pricing transparency from healthcare providers, hospitals or insurance companies?





Key Takeaways FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

2025/2026

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- On average, 40% of their total visits being remote
 - 52% being in favor of telehealth-only visits should they have the same experience as in-person
- Should at-home medical testing be offered in the future
 - 63% are likely to use this service
- Synced wearable tech also has high appeal
 - 61% being likely to use if it helps diagnose, treat and align proper medications.
- When thinking of AI/ML, there is opportunity to change or write the story for those that have a negative perception (17%) or are unsure (14%)
- Nearly 40% of patients described their ideal future healthcare scenario as being affordable as well as seeking pricing transparency from providers

