THE EMERGING ROLE OF **OPEN APIS IN HEALTHCARE** Paths to Market Success







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We provide comprehensive, objective, high quality research for busy executives. It our way to help create a more informed, future-ready market of products and customers.

Let's work together today & be better prepared for tomorrow.







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AGENDA

- The Bottom Line
- Explaining APIs in Healthcare
- The Survey Results Are In
- Opportunities
- Who, What, Where, When, How
- Recommendations
- Return to the Bottom Line

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THE BOTTOM LINE

- APIs are the way forward (open and otherwise)
- API best practices are outside healthcare
- Modern software development and deployment ideas are knocking on HCO doors
 - ---- Cloud deployment, agile development, social/mobile, microservices, REST/JSON, NoSQL databases have changed IT
 - APIs are revenue source for many companies in many industries
- New models of care need:
 - Broader distribution of clinical expertise
 - Delivery in lower cost venues and in different channels
- Opportunities to reduce inefficiencies
 - Reusable clinical alerts, quality metrics
 - New approaches to care coordination
- EHRs are "center of the universe" for clinicians
 - → Maybe not forever
 - New payment models can mean less documentation



Industry Backdrop



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Systems of Record

EHRs RCM ERP Practice Management Payer Data Devices Data Aggregators Genomics Socioeconomic

APIs Connect Divided Health IT Solutions







APIs: dominant means by which developers interact with applications and other organizations





Benefits



Low-Cost and Efficient

Performance at Any Scale With Amazon CloudFront integration, API Gateway allows to you take advantage of the



With Amazon API Gateway, you pay only for calls made to your APIs and data transfer out. There are no minimum fees or upfront commitments.



NETWORKS ALONE TOGETHER

Network Type	Examples	Network Scope	Data Types
EHR network	Cerner, Epic, Allscripts, athenahealthPartners HealthCare Physician Gateway, UCLA HealthLink	HSA, National, Local, catchment area, HSA	Clinical, credentialing, and other data
HIE network	Indiana HIE, LaHIE, Healthbridge, HealthIX, CRISP, MHIN, Adventist Health System, Baylor Scott & White Health, Sutter Health	State, local, and regional	Clinical
CommonWell	Various members	National	MPI and record location
ELR Portals	CalREDIE ELR, Michigan Disease Surveillance System	State	Test Results, Reportable Results, Syndromic Surveillance
Payer networks and claims clearinghouses	Provider Central, Navinet, Change Healthcare, NaviHealth	National, Regional, State, and/or Local	Benefits & Eligibility, Referrals, Authorization, Claims submission & status
e-prescribing and medications data	Surescripts, Express Scripts, IMS Health, Ambulatory EHR vendors	National	Rx fulfillment, meds histories, eligibility, formulary check, authorization
Lab networks	LabCorp, Quest, Liaison Technologies, 4medica, Baystate, BioReference	National, regional, local	Orders and results
Device data aggregators	Validic, Capsule	National	Device





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21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

- Focus on "Information Blocking"
- Modifies the criteria for CEHRT Requires published APIs
- Tells HHS to define what is interoperable Winds down the HIT Standards Committee
- Outsources to an SDO
- Effective for products certified after January 1, 2018
- Enforcement via:
 - Decertification
 - Civil monetary penalty



APIS IN HEALTHCARE

Users

Applications



Developers

APIs



Data and Services







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PURPOSE OF STUDY SURVEY OPINIONS AND IDEAS

- Open APIs in Creation of Healthcare API ecosystem
- Help IT Deliver higher value and ROI for HCOs
- Primary Research Concerned with:
 - Market Demand for Open APIs
 - Contribution to Healthcare Transformation
 - Governance
 - Data and Technology

> APIs as catalyst for innovation, higher performance, and better patient experience.



SURVEY TARGETS AND QUESTIONS

Who Did We Talk To?

- Large HCOs
- Small HCOs
- Payers
- HIT Vendors
- Data Integrators
- Device Manufacturers
- 15 Organizations
- 25 Interviewees

What Did We Talk About?

- What will be the pioneer apps?
- Which users can benefit?
- What data is important?
- Will anyone pay?
- Which APIs are important?
- Who will lead?

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WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Healthcare Segment

Large HCOs

Small HCOs

- Fully aware of potential of open APIs
- Expect their EHR vendor to build an API infrastructure
- EHR user interface and functional enhancements
- Not investing yet, waiting for vendors
- FHIR and SMART-on-FHIR will be valuable and functional
- Strong enthusiasm about a healthcare app marketplace
- Completely dependent on their EHR vendor
- APIs are low priority
- EHR enhancement is the opportunity
- Stronger IT bench than HCOs
- Want to partner with providers and employers
- Want to find way to develop new, better apps that are
- less costly to create and maintain



Payers



Common Beliefs and Attitudes

Strong enthusiasm about a healthcare app marketplace



WHAT DID THEY SAY? cont'd

Healthcare Segment

Large HIT Vendors

Small HIT Vendors

Data Integrators

Device Manufacturers

- FHIR is the centerpiece of most vendor's open API strategy
- Little sense of urgency
- Varied beliefs about role of third parties
- Very strong belief in open APIs
- See FHIR as a way for large vendors to control access to data
- Freely offer alternative web-based development ideas
- Thinking way beyond the EHR
- Strong belief in proprietary APIs
- Skeptical of FHIR
- Focused on monetization
- Strong supporters of simplified access to their data
- Focused on monetization



Common Beliefs and Attitudes



BROAD RANGE OF SPECIFIC IDEAS

- EHRs that activate and engage clinicians
- Apps that activate and engage patients
- Cross-organization care coordination that borrows interaction features from social network applications
- Apps that allow patients to compare the cost implications of different treatment and medication options
- Care transition apps for the relatively large number of people involved in care who have no access to an EHR
- Self-service scheduling
- EHR that conceptualizes each patient as a sequence of birth-to-death care gaps

- Real-time access to relevant individual data points
- A more functional, searchable longitudinal patient record
- Better use of patient-generated data, including patient-reported outcomes
- Patient-focused peer group communities
- Error detection and prevention
- Utilization management
- Precision medicine
- …and the list goes on





OPPORTUNITIES AND PIONEER APPS

- EHR rejuvenation is a strong, clear, and urgent need Reduce documentation burden
- Clinicians want actionable data
 - → Data that is relevant at POC
 - Combination of data with expertise
- Better distribution of expertise across the healthcare system is the dominant systemic need
 - Reduce time to accurate Dx
- Strong interest in new models of care
- Emphasis on process change
 - Supported by technology not the other way around



APPS FOR CLINICIANS OR PATIENTS?

- Needs exist among every group of users in healthcare
- Clinician-facing apps seen as more impactful
 - Physicians want their EHRs fixed
 - Patients can't be their own doctors
- Large minority believe patient apps should come first
 - Unclear what patients want, need, or value
 - Patients need better apps





VALUABLE DATA

- EHR data is highly prized
 - Everyone wants better access
- Concern about volume of data versus its value
- All want maximum access to the minimum data required by context Nobody believes that the available data is adequate Widespread understanding that the number and type of data sources
- will expand





WHO WILL PAY

- Uncertain funding
- Patient or clinician will only pay for value
- Paying for raw data unlikely
- Willingness to pay for actionable data
- Metered charges for access to data is not a popular option





WHICH APIs?

- FHIR and SMART on FHIR are inevitable
- FHIR alone will not address all requirements
 - UX, orchestration, some clinical disciplines lacking, non-clinical data sources
- Slow pace of FHIR rollout
 - Largest vendors are strongest supporters
 - Rollout is slow
- Decent support for proprietary APIs
- Skepticism about role of standards





WHO WILL LEAD?

- Large HIT vendors and large HCOs will control the pace But vendors must deliver
- Smaller players are pointing the way but can't move the market Strong adopters of modern technology
- Major EHR vendors can make or break progress for APIs
- Not seeing frustration with the pace









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Conclusions



RECOMMENDATIONS

Healthcare Segment

- Press EHR vendors
 Begin API governance discussions
 - Concentrate on EHR UX issues before functional enhancements
 - Start an API Program with FHIR and other APIs
 - Rethink interfaces as a product rather than service business
 - Start an API program and begin with paid claims data
 - Cultivate stable of ISVs and independent developers
 - FHIR is not going away so begin to build support
 - Monetization model will be value-based rather than access-based
 - Partner with EHR vendors and data integrators
 - Monetization model should be value-based rather than access-based



Device Manufacturers

Data Integrators

HIT Vendors

Payers

Next Steps

Start an API program



2017 RELATED REPORTS

First Quarter: Clinician Network Management Market Trends Report Second Quarter: SMART on FHIR: Moving Beyond the Pediatric Growth Chart **Fourth Quarter: API Programs for Health IT: Provider and Vendor Perspectives**







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