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COVID-19: The Hidden Wave of Poor Chronic Condition Management  
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# Agenda & Best Outcomes

- Learning From History: Perception, Finance, & Outcomes in Past Pandemics
- Evidence-based Remote Patient Engagement
- Common Threads in Successful Approaches
  - Mercy: Scaling Virtual Care Delivery Across Risk Strata
  - Esse: Delivering Care and Relationships to Medicare Advantage
  - OSF Healthcare: Serving the Community with Validated Innovations
- Moving Forward: Challenges & Opportunities

# Pt. 1: Learning From the Past

## Historical Precedent: SARS (c. 2003)

Common conclusion: patients with chronic conditions *perceive their care to be less necessary*, driving down utilization and revenue while worsening outcomes.



“[T]he continuity of regular medications or **treatments for chronic diseases were interrupted** during the SARS epidemics because the **patients were fearful of going to hospitals.**”  
(T.-H. Lu et al., 2007)

“[M]ortality caused by **diabetes mellitus and cerebrovascular diseases significantly increased** during the SARS epidemic by 8.4% and 6.2%, respectively.  
(S.-Y. Wang et al., 2012)



## Pt. 1: Learning From the Past

### Utilization Trends for Chronic ACSCs

Key learning: populations with chronic ACSCs, and their providers, stand only to lose, with **no opportunity for “catch-up care” “rebound revenue” after COVID-19.**



“Significant reductions in ambulatory care (23.9%) [and] inpatient care (35.2%) were observed. Adverse health outcomes resulting from accessibility barriers posed by the fear of SARS should not be overlooked.”  
(H.J. Chang, et al., 2004)



“[Despite reductions in outpatient utilization during the pandemic], **the admission rates for most ACSCs did not change in the post-SARS period.**”  
(Y.T. Huang, et al., 2009)



## Pt. 1: Learning From the Past

# Utilization & Financials *After* Pandemics

Key learning: **telemedicine and digital engagement** have the potential to bolster otherwise vanishing revenues and increase market share, if leaders act quickly.



“Average monthly service volume for the base year... and the following two years were 55%, 82% and 84%”

“[D]ue to SARS or a similar disease, **the impact is longer than previously reported.**”  
(D. Chu et al., 2008)

“One by-product of the COVID-19 pandemic: 67 percent [decline in utilization] in the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> [2020], is unparalleled... fear of contagion is driving these effects.”

Telemedicine, however, holds promise.  
(P. Chatterji et al., 2020)



## Pt. 1: Learning From the Past

### Summary: A Window of Opportunity Exists

1. Patients, and particularly those with chronic and sensitive conditions, will continue using fewer healthcare services, and their outcomes will suffer.
2. Providers who wait for volume to return stand only to lose.
- 3. Sustained digital engagement has the potential to bolster relationships, revenues, and outcomes, if it is implemented at-scale for populations with chronic ACSCs.**



# Pt. 2: Evidence-based Remote Patient Engagement Technology

## Philosophy: Evidence First, Always

10 Positive-Outcome Publications  
in Peer-Reviewed Medical Journals



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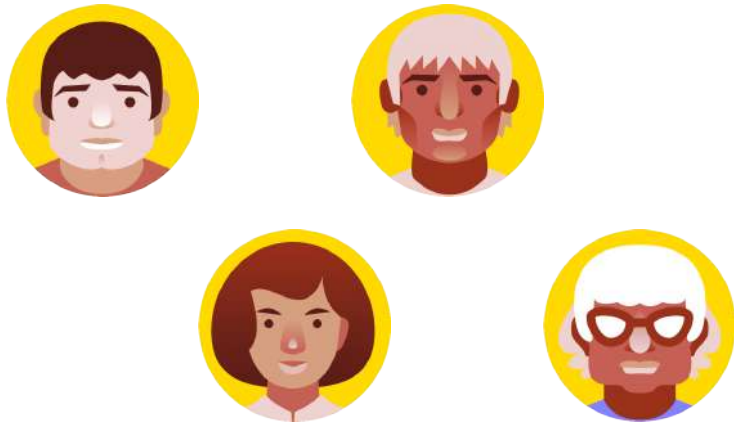


## Pt. 2: Evidence-based Remote Patient Engagement Technology

### Opportunity: Real-time Remote Interventions

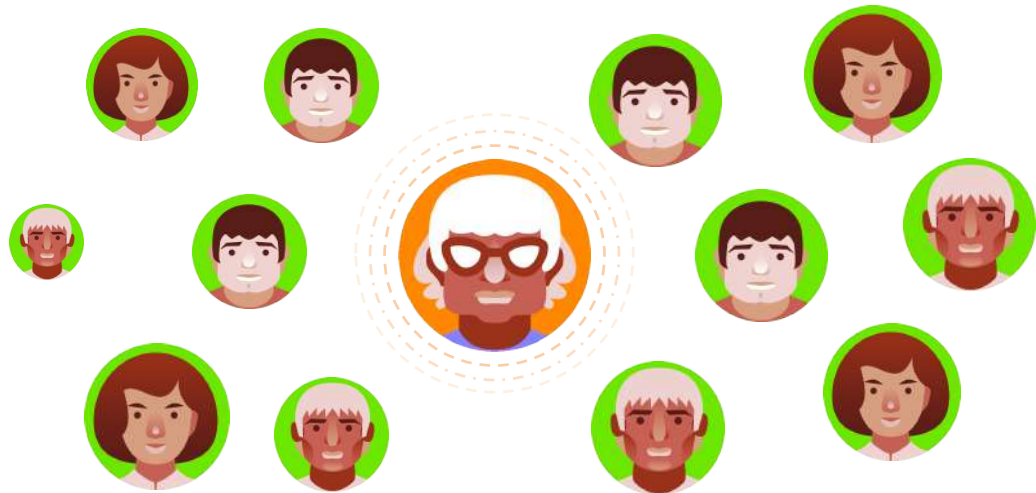
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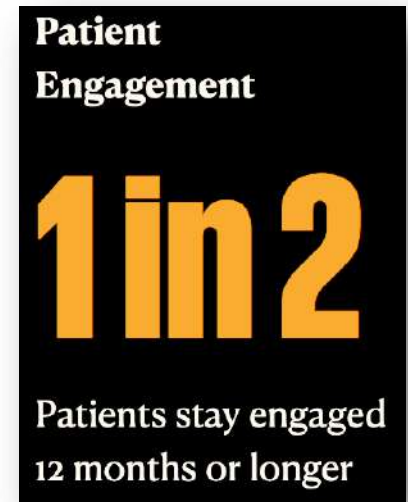
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## Pt. 2: Evidence-based Remote Patient Engagement Technology

### Solution: Condition-specific, Accessible, & Long-term

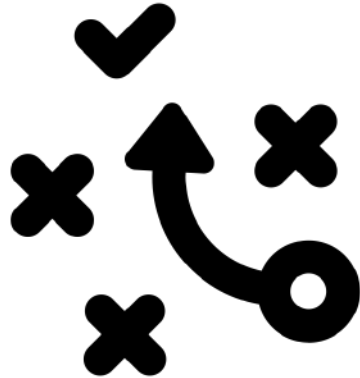
- Asthma
- CHF
- COPD
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- 20+ conditions



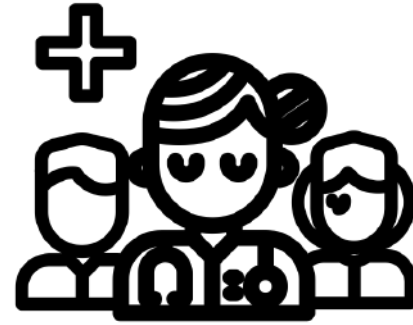
## Pt. 3: Common Threads in Successful Approaches

### Mercy: Scaling Virtual Care Delivery Across Risk Strata

Cost-effective top-of-license virtual care model



Curated technology & solutions stack



Strategically designed to accommodate value-based care and FFS



## Pt. 3: Common Threads in Successful Approaches

### Esse: Delivering Care *and* Relationships to Medicare Advantage

High-touch, high-scale care model, even during stay-at-home



Robust focus on claims-based ROI analyses



Accessible technology & care for all patient types



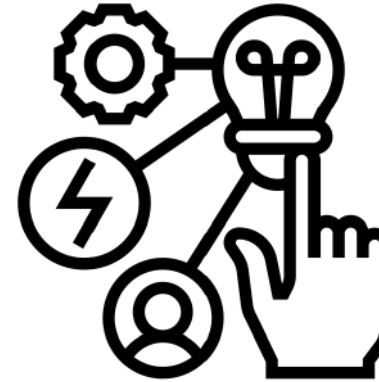
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### OSF: Serving the Community with Validated Innovations

Centralized innovation model breaks down silos



Collaborative mindset benefits providers & community

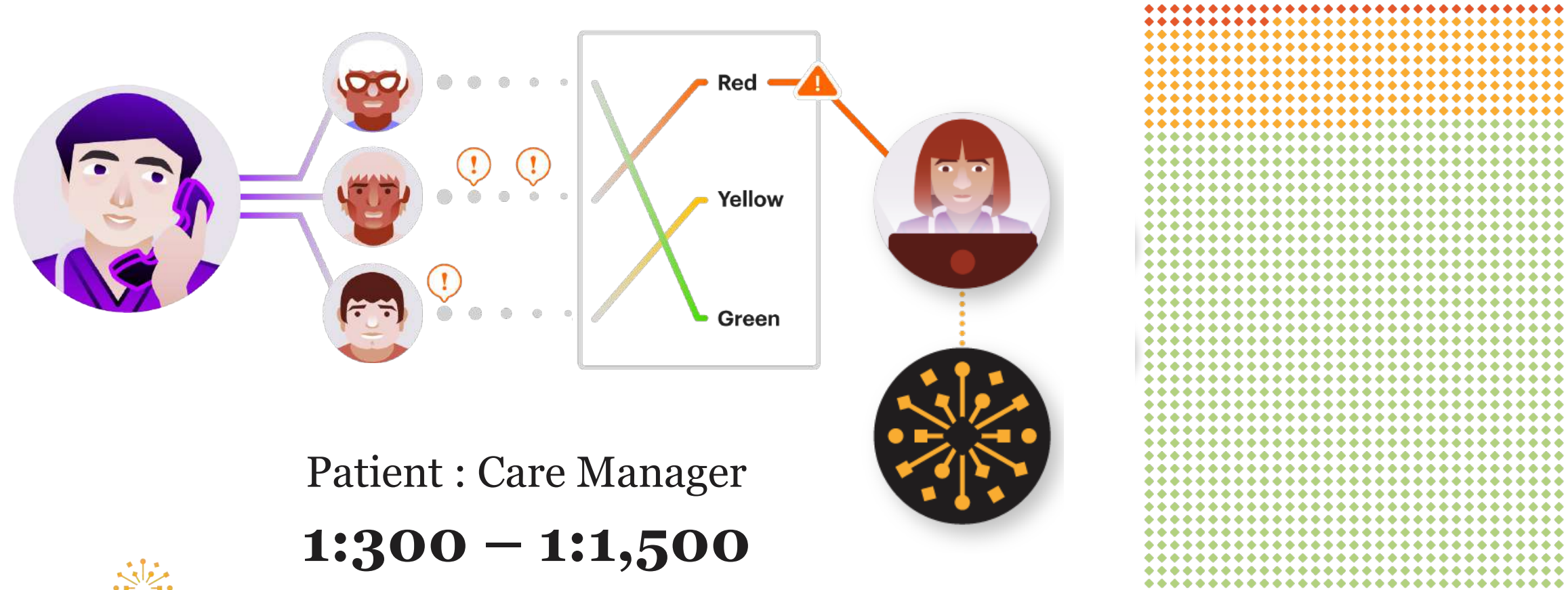


“Evidence-first, scale-second” approach with partners



## Pt. 4: Moving Forward: Challenges & Opportunities

### Technology Adoption: Enrollment & Scalability



Patient : Care Manager

**1:300 – 1:1,500**



## Pt. 4: Moving Forward: Challenges & Opportunities

### Optimize for Relationships: *Augment, Don't Replace*

“When you respond that you are having issues, they call you and find out the kind of issues and contact your doctor’s office.”

“It keeps office up to date on how I’m doing with my medications”

“Felt it kept me in contact with my Moms doctor in an easy manner”

“Felt it kept me in contact with my doctor”

“Makes me feel like my dr is always in touch with me”

“Good way to communicate with md if they review and provide feedback or suggestions to improve blood sugar”

“Feel you are caring for my health”

“Keeps Dr informed”

“I don’t feel alone I know someone is checking on me”



## Pt. 4: Moving Forward: Challenges & Opportunities

### Building Engagement With a Strong Solution Stack





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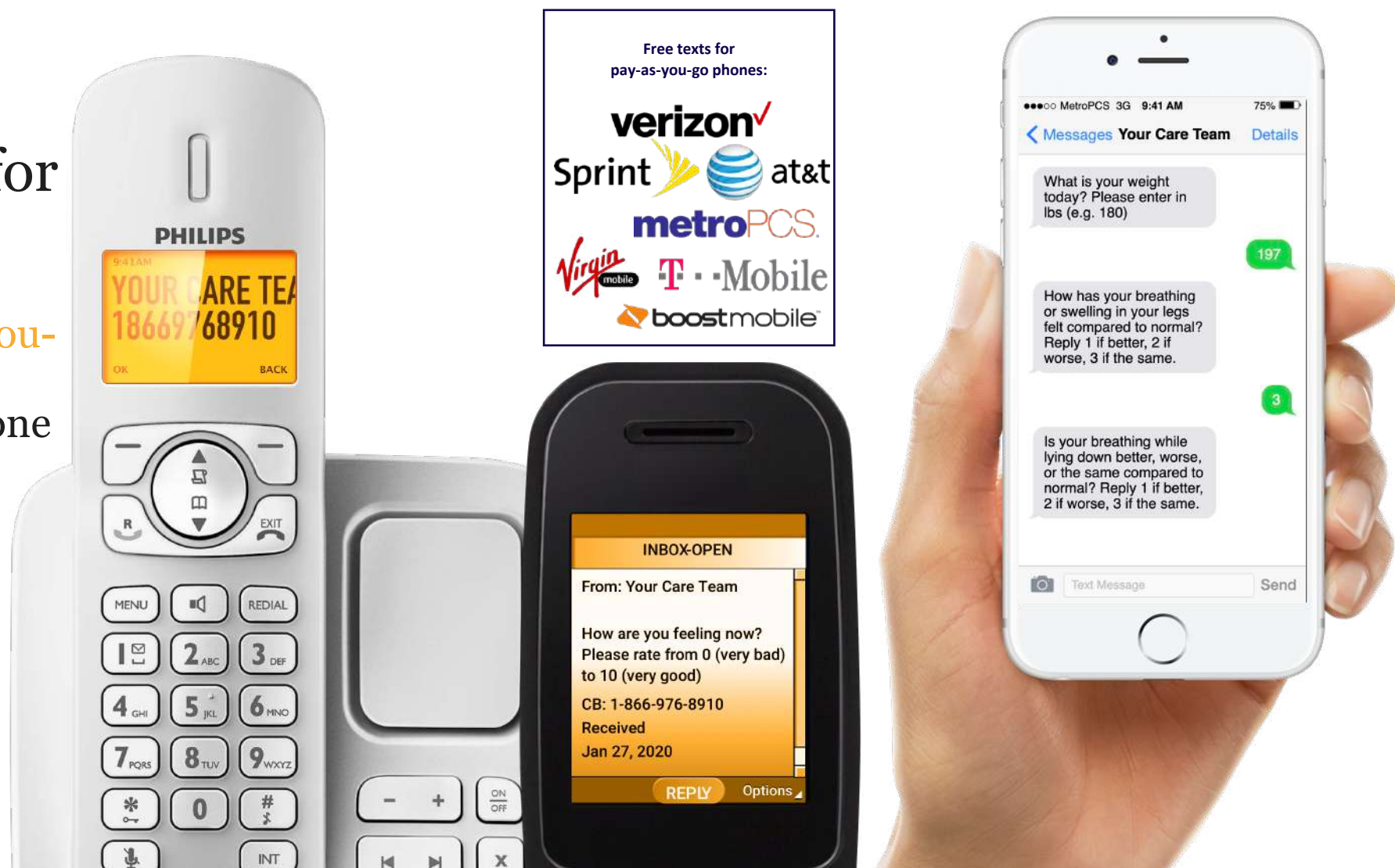
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# Accessible Remote Patient Monitoring

CareSignal works for  
**ANY** patient

Via **smartphone**, **pay-as-you-go** phone, **landline**, or **concerned caregiver's** phone

Try it yourself:  
[try.caresignal.health](https://try.caresignal.health)



# CareSignal Portfolio

## Chronic Condition Management

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Heart Failure
- COPD
- Asthma
- Dialysis
- Epilepsy

## Behavioral Health

- Depression
- Substance Use
- Opioid Management
- Mood
- Caregiver support
- Basic Needs / SDOH

## Maternal Health

- Breastfeeding
- Postpartum depression

## Discharge Support

- Appointment Reminder
- Post Discharge
- Referral
- Surgery
- Pneumonia
- Vital Signs

## Screening Reminders

- Colorectal cancer
- Breast cancer
- Cervical cancer
- Diabetes ophthalmology
- Chlamydia screening
- Lead screening

## Complementary Support

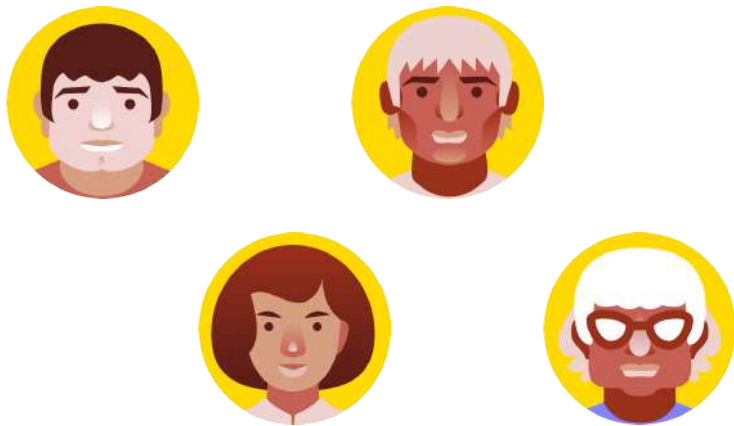
- COVID Suite
- Fall Risk
- Wellness
- Medication Tracking
- Medication Adherence



# Opportunity: Real-time Risk Identification

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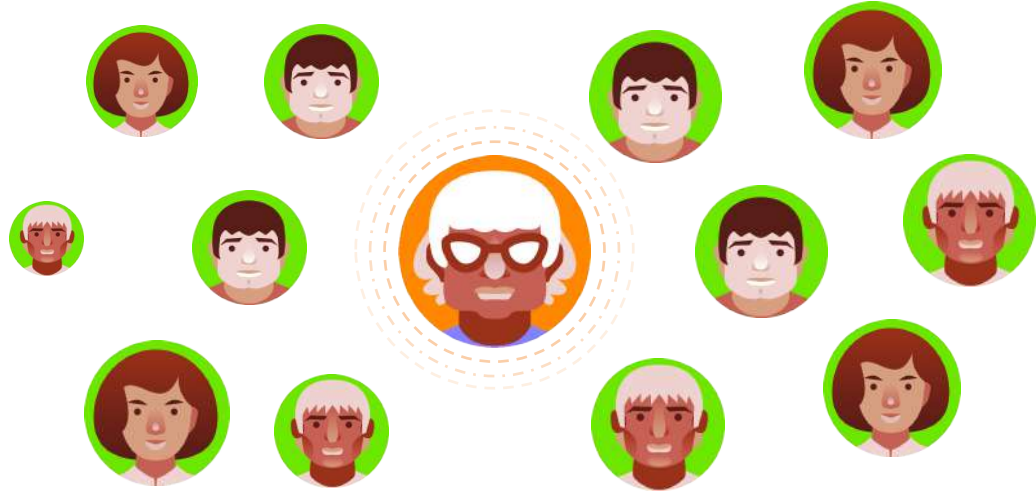


Retrospective data groups members into broad risk pools requiring **manual outreach** to triage



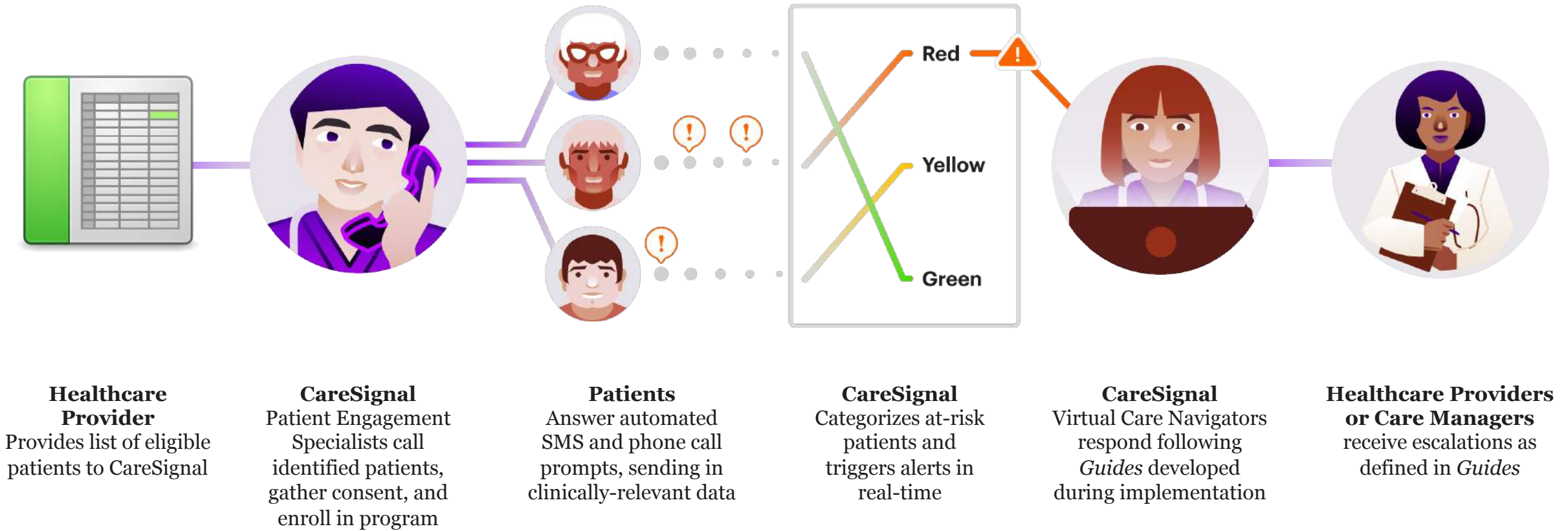
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Real-time patient-generated “**Rare Data**”, biometric/symptomatic data that provides **actionable** clinical information...**Triggered Alerts** for targeted intervention

# CareSignal Journey



# Proven Clinical Outcomes



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**NEJM**  
**Catalyst**

Substance Use (Case Study)

**nature**  
SCIENTIFIC  
REPORTS

Dialysis

**SAGE** journals  
The award-winning  
electronic journals platform

COPD

**JMIR**

Cardio & Diabetes

Hypertension & Diabetes

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Research Protocols

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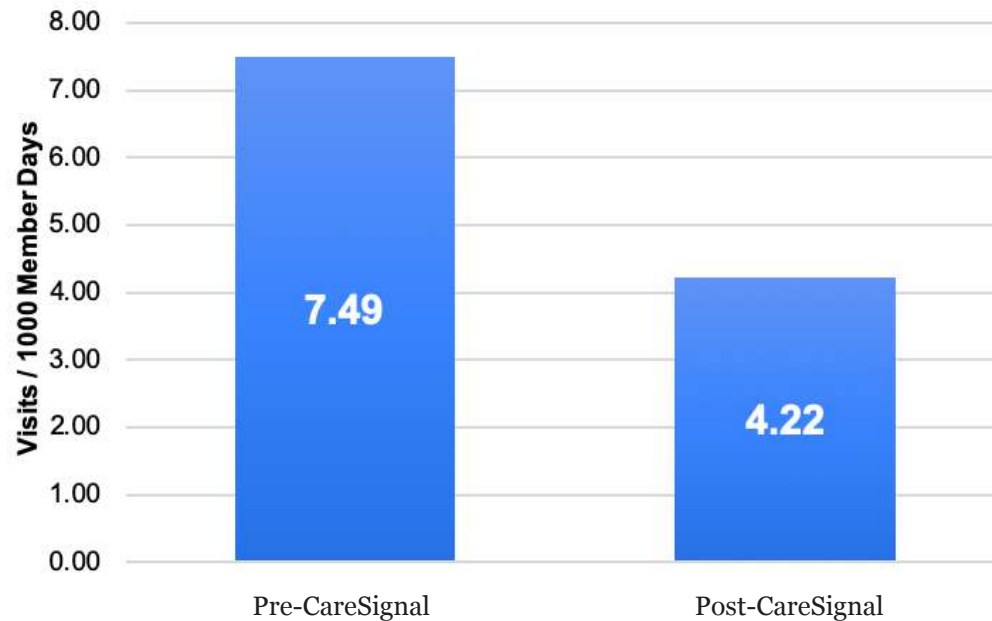
**Telemedicine**  
and e-Health

Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. publishers

Surgery



# Partner Case Study: Medicare Advantage Rising-risk



- Medicare Advantage patients
- N = 989
- Timeline: 8 months
- 75% patients with CHF
- Managed by one FTE (RN)
- **Cost Savings: \$2,300,000**

# Partner Case Study: Commercial Self-insured

## \$300,000 per-year savings for 1,058 patients

### Diabetes ROI<sup>5</sup>

#### Diabetes Panel

>10.0%	40%
9.0–10.0	33%
8.0–9.0	27%

#### Annual Medical Cost Savings

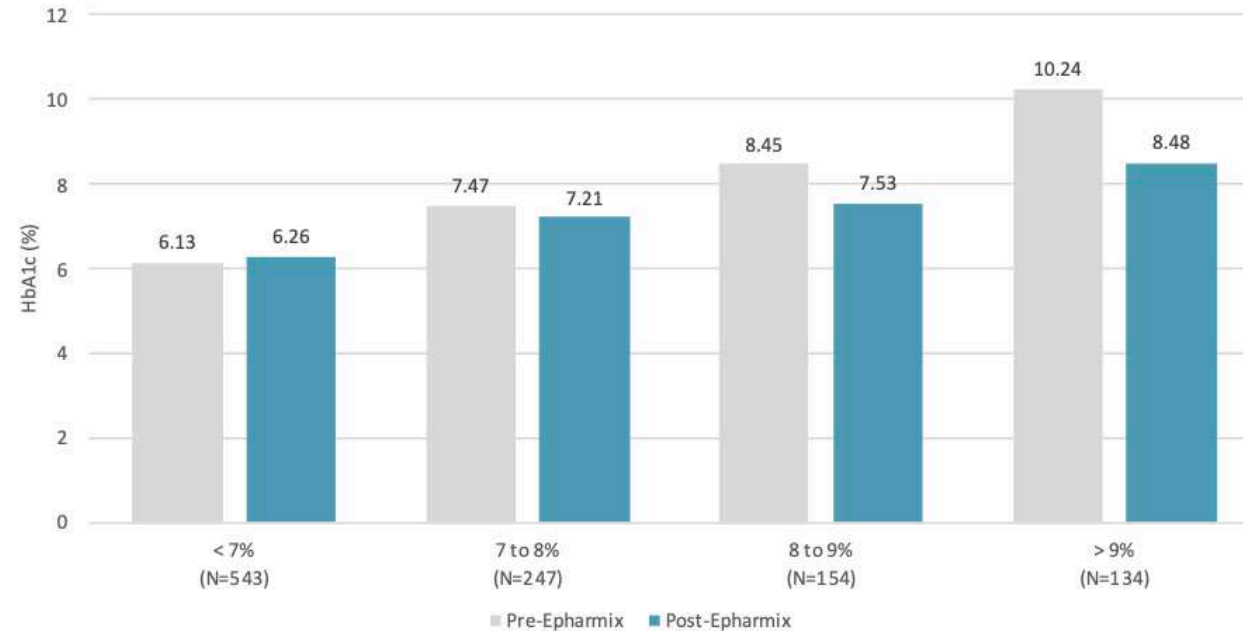
10 to 9%	\$1,388
9 to 8%	\$834
8 to 7%	\$739

#### Annual Cost Savings per 1.0 HbA1c Decrease

**\$1,184.65**

### Pre - Post EpxDiabetes HbA1c Change

Epharmix eAG Data

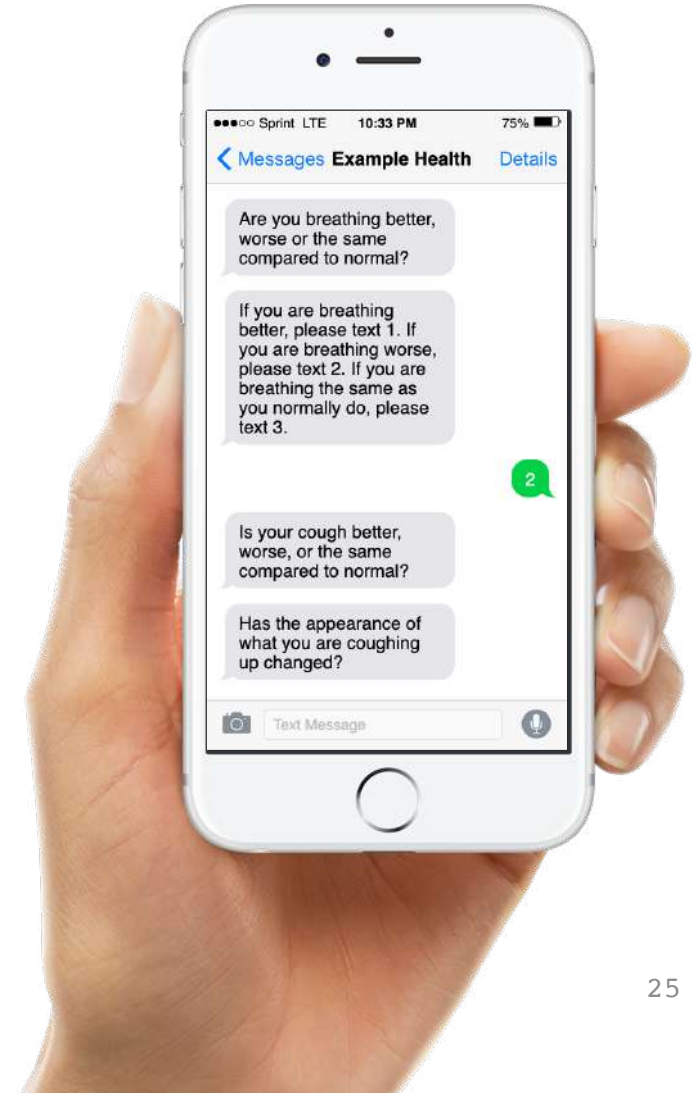
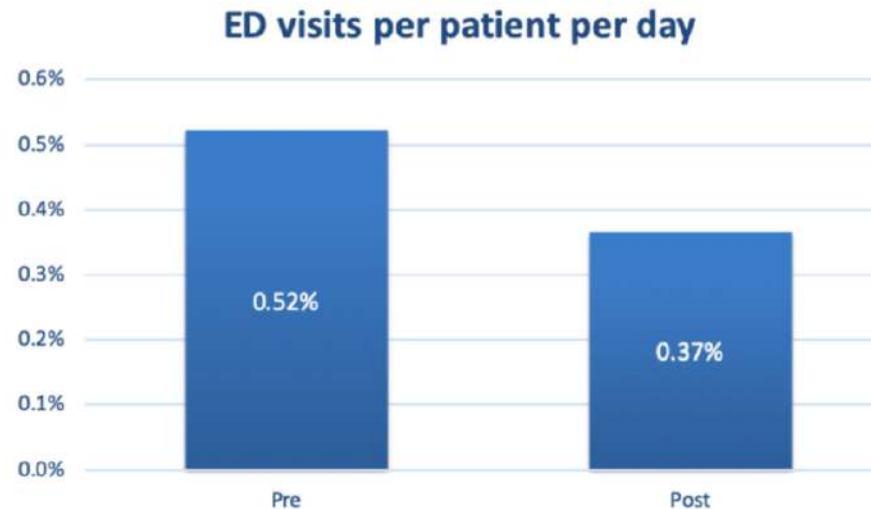


# Publication & Commercial Outcomes: COPD

*Peer reviewed publication: 62% decrease in hospitalizations*

## RCT Summary

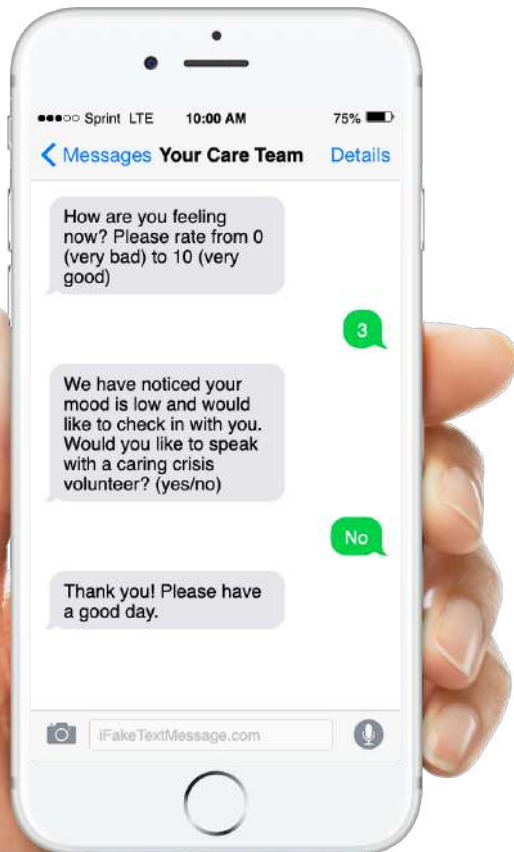
- >61% hospitalization reduction
- N = 168 patients
- Duration: 6 months
- Placebo controlled for Hawthorne effect



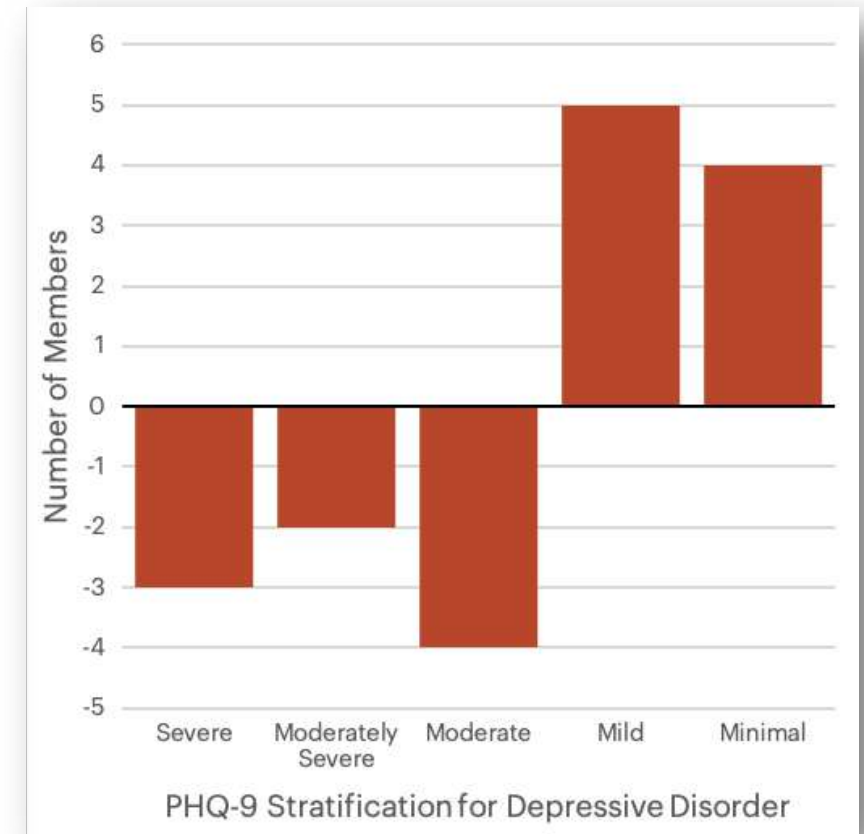
# Behavioral Health

- Partner Case Study: 28% reduction in PHQ-9

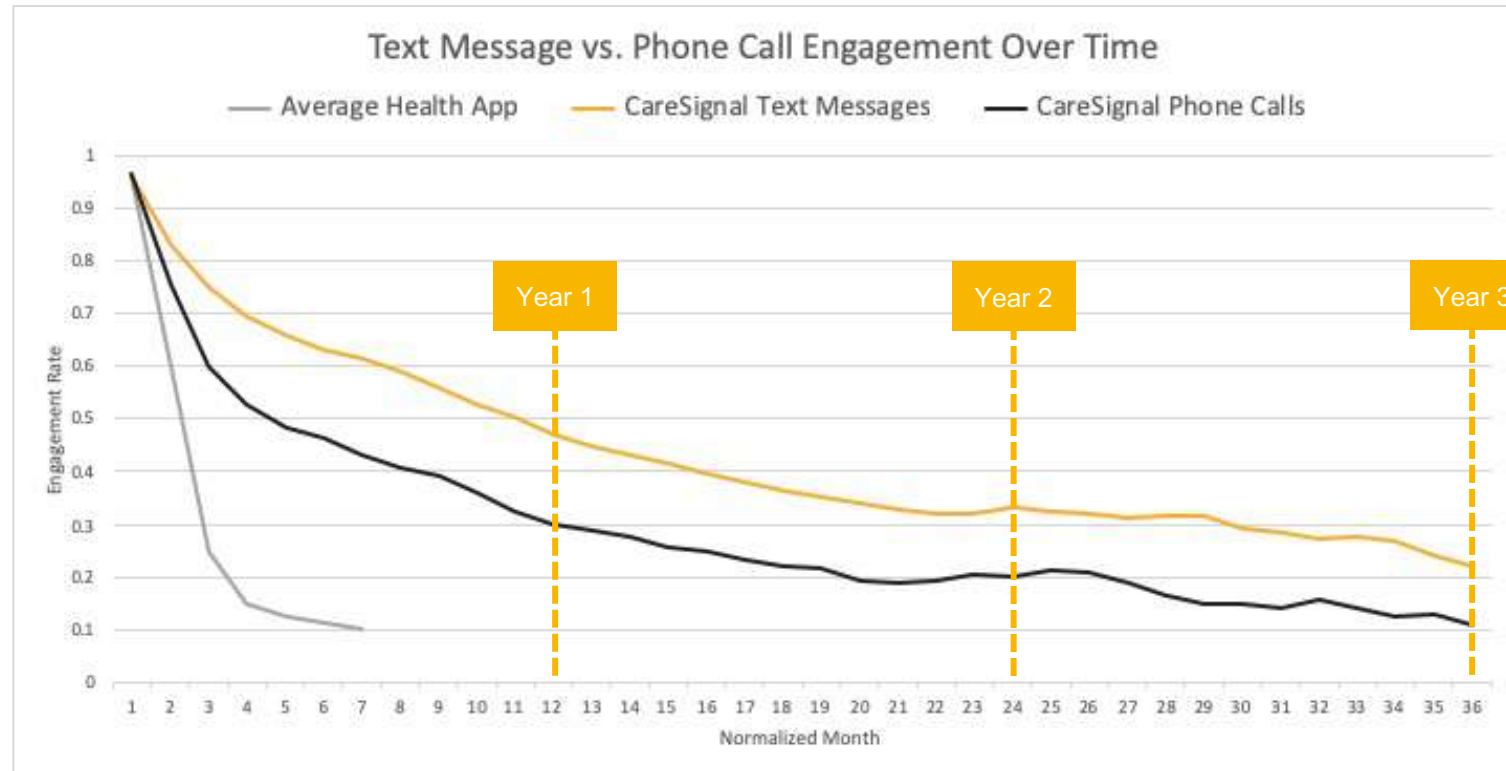
## Patient Generated Health Data



- **Depression**
  - Mood & PHQ-9
- **Substance use**
  - Tracking uses & triggers to use
- **SDOH**
  - Housing, food, employment, insurance, interpersonal violence
- **Anxiety**
  - GAD-7



# CareSignal: 6x More Engaging than Apps



**Patient Engagement**

**1 in 2**

Patients stay engaged 12 months or longer

# COVID Suite

**For Patients  
and Communities**



Share up-to-date CDC tips and local public health contact information at scale. Any patient or community member, regardless of infection status or provider affiliation, can use COVID Companion immediately.

**For Patients  
Under Home-Quarantine**



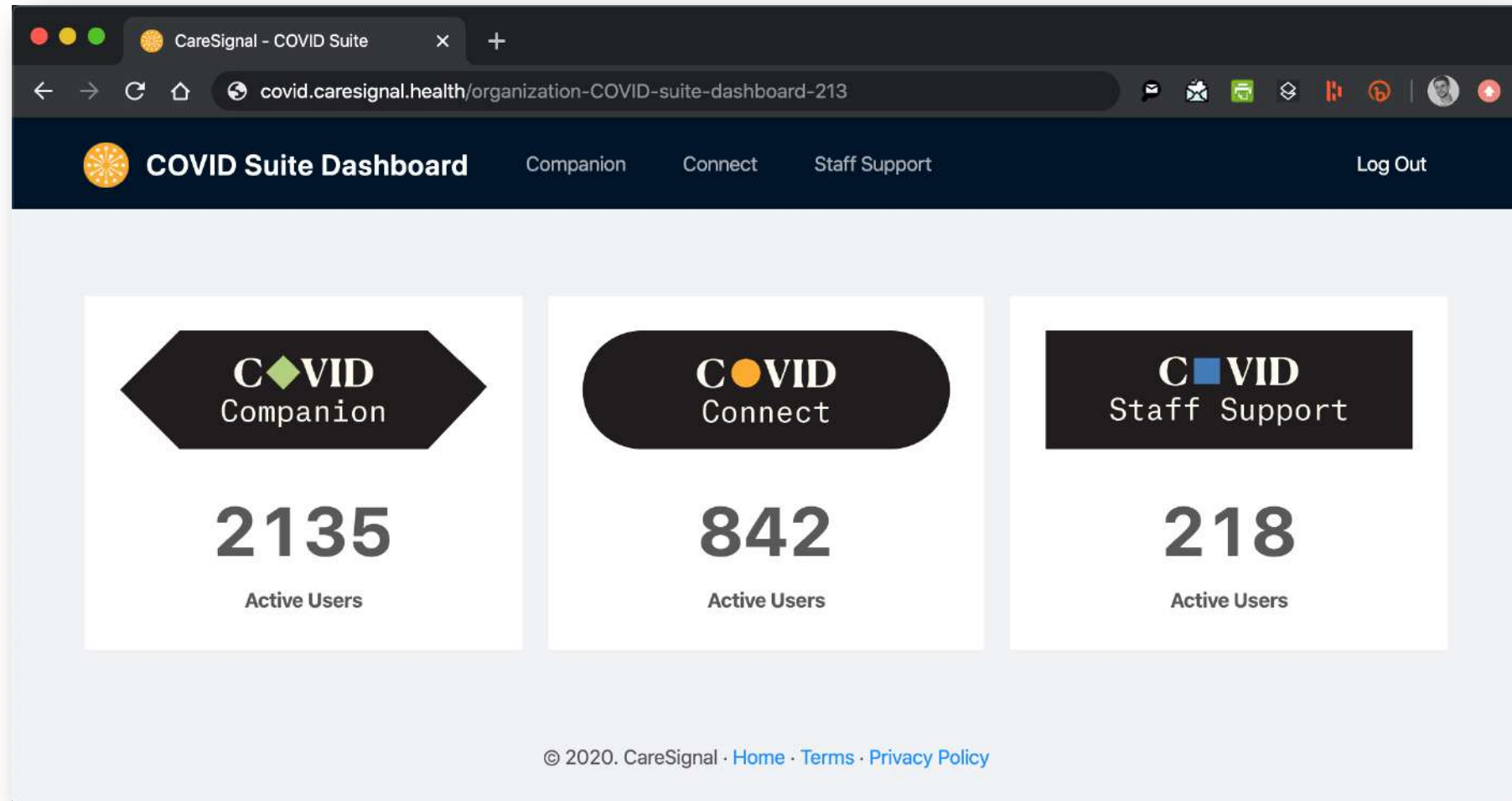
Help patients in home quarantine self-monitor their key signs and symptoms, and enable automatic connection to your organization's existing COVID-19 hotline if any signs or symptoms worsen. Patients feel supported and informed, and you know they can reach out through the appropriate channel if necessary.

**For Frontline  
or Clinical Staff**



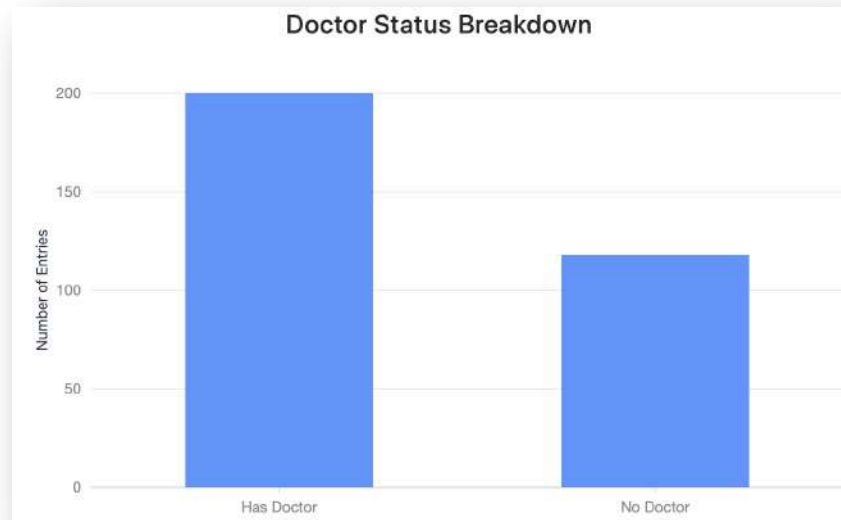
Provide proactive support for frontline and clinical teammates. This program sends simple daily health check-ins to monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms, and includes optional modules to track employee stress and any issues accessing PPE.

# COVID Dashboard





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### COVID Staff Support

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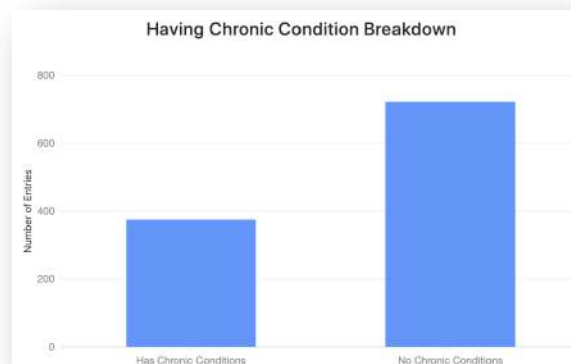
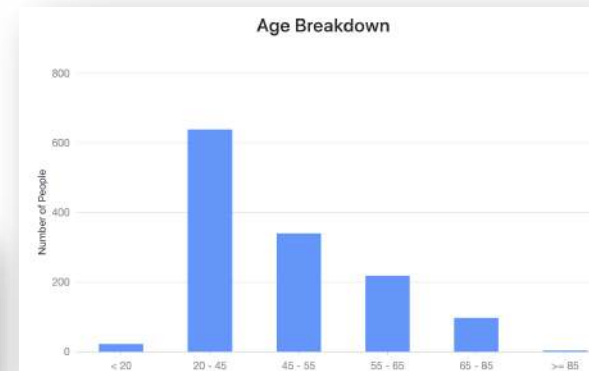
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#### Detailed Responses

[Export Data](#)

Time	Outreach Type	Outreach Outcome
04-09-2020	PPE	None
04-09-2020	Stress	Exhaustion: Sometimes Depersonalization: Not At All Lack of Accomplishment: Not At All
04-09-2020	Health	None
04-09-2020	Intake	Intake: Accepted

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Adoption by ~10K patients, dozens of systems & payers, in first week



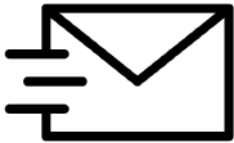
# Techniques for Promotion and Adoption

Flyer

Web/Social

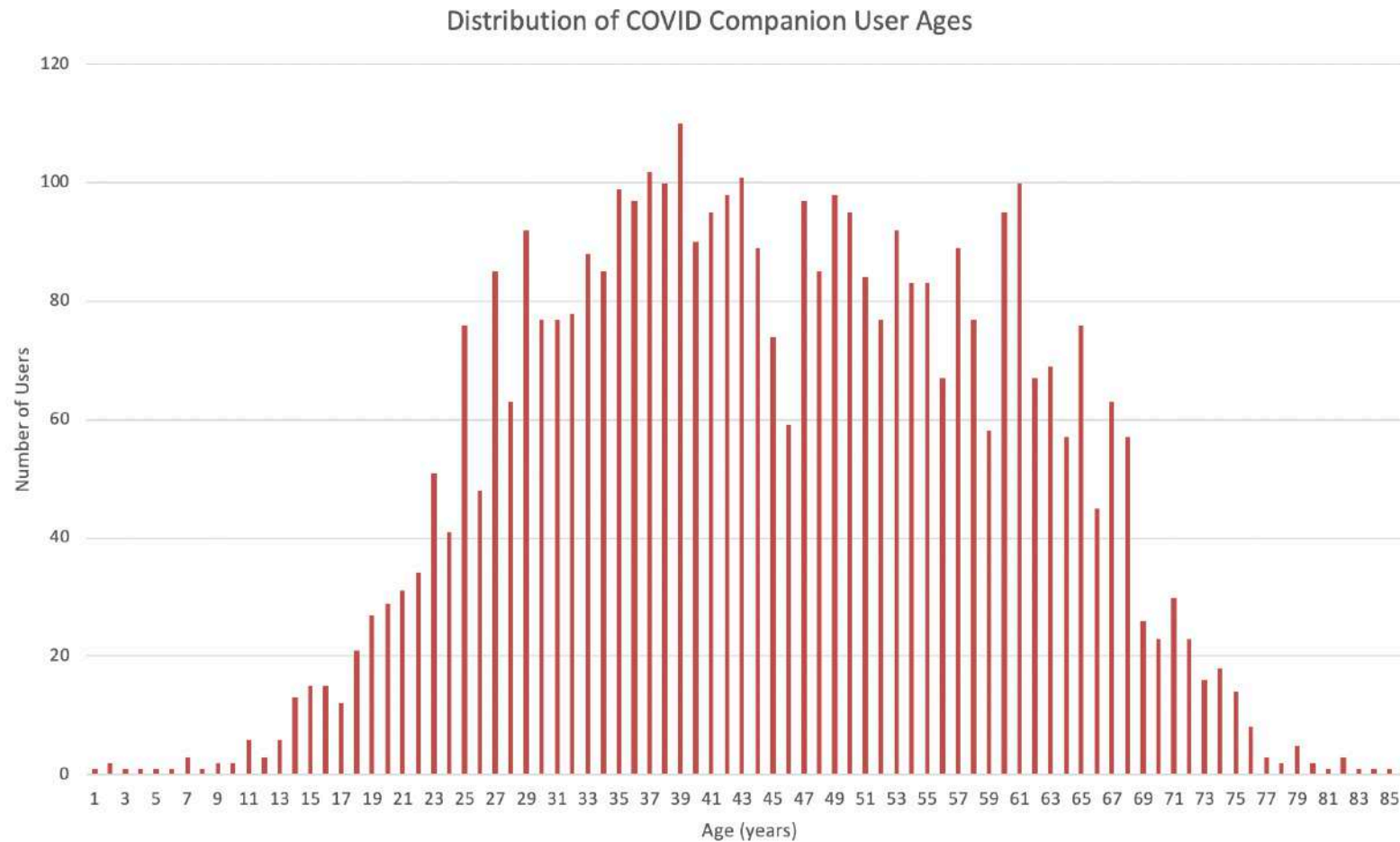
Clinician

Direct/Blast



CareSignal™

# In Active Use by Patients up to 100 Years Old



## Annual Medical Cost Savings and Clinical Outcomes per 10K Medicare Patients

Based on national averages and CareSignal data

COPD

**Medical Cost Savings**

**\$225K**

COPD

**Hospitalizations Avoided**

**30**

Heart Failure

**Medical Cost Savings**

**\$1.55M**

Heart Failure

**ED Visits Avoided**

**81**

Diabetes

**Medical Cost Savings**

**\$378K**

Diabetes

**Average HbA1C Improvement**

**1.15**

Hypertension

**Medical Cost Savings**

**\$68.8K**

Hypertension

**Uncontrolled Patients brought to control**

**47%**

Depression

**Medical Cost Savings**

**\$150K**

Depression

**Improved Mental Health**

**65%**

# Why CareSignal?



**Accessible**  
engagement



**Evidence-based**  
results



**Scalable**  
for rising-risk



**Consultative**  
partnership