





RE-IMAGINE HEALTH WITH AI-POWERED CARE MANAGER



Insights:

- The U.S. healthcare system faces significant financial challenges, with costs continuing to rise at an alarming rate.
- The pandemic aggravated this shift, leading to the adoption of digital health technologies, including telehealth, which has transformed healthcare delivery.
- The exponential growth of healthcare data, coupled with advancements in Al, has set the stage for a new era of personalized and remote patient care.
- Al can transform healthcare by personalizing treatment, detecting diseases early, streamlining operations, and improving population health through data-driven insights.

The U.S. healthcare system, burdened by escalating costs, is undergoing a critical transformation. In 2023 alone, the nation spent a staggering \$4.8 trillion on healthcare, a 7.5% surge from the previous year. This translates to an average healthcare expenditure of \$14,000 per person. While this healthcare spend underscores a commitment to health, it also highlights the unsustainable rise in costs.

The pandemic exposed the vulnerabilities in traditional healthcare systems, prompting the shift from fee-based model to valuebased care models and accelerating the adoption of digital health solutions. Telehealth services emerged as a critical lifeline for many, demonstrating the potential of remote care. This surge in digital healthcare, coupled with the exponential growth of healthcare data, has paved the way for an Al-powered future of medical care.

Al can revolutionize patient care by balancing rising costs with improved outcomes. Predictive analytics can identify individuals at risk of chronic diseases, enabling early intervention and preventive care. Al-powered tools can streamline administrative tasks, reduce errors, and improve operational efficiency. Moreover, personalized treatment plans, tailored to individual patient needs, can enhance outcomes and reduce costs.

In the following sections, we will delve deeper into the specific applications of AI in healthcare, and how it can be leveraged to unlock new possibilities, improve patient experiences, and ultimately, save lives.

The Current Landscape of Digital Health and Wearables

The rapid adoption of digital health technologies is the first marker that the healthcare landscape is profoundly transforming. U.S. payers have recognized the potential of digital health platforms and launched apps to monitor patients' health and provide interventions. Wearable devices, from smartwatches to advanced health monitors, are empowering individuals to take control of their health. These devices, coupled with innovative digital health platforms, enable continuous monitoring of vital signs, physical activity, and other health metrics.

Wearable devices have gained significant popularity in recent years. These devices can track various health metrics, including heart rate, blood pressure, blood oxygen levels, and sleep patterns. By providing real-time insights into their health, wearables empower individuals to make informed decisions and take proactive steps to improve their well-being.

Despite the promising future of wearable devices, with the market projected to grow at a CAGR of 14.6%, several challenges impede their full potential. These include interoperability issues with legacy EHRs, HIPAA compliance concerns, sensor reliability, complex data management, a shortage of skilled care managers, and the need for personalized interventions.

To fully harness the power of digital health technologies, healthcare organizations must invest in robust data infrastructure, interoperable systems, and a skilled workforce. By addressing these challenges, they can empower digital health systems to enhance the overall quality of care.

Al-Powered Care Manager: The Next Evolution in Patient Care

GenAl is turning possibilities into everyday breakthroughs in patient care and management. Enterprises are building Al agents with healthcare knowledge to improve customer experience and increase efficiency. These Al-powered care managers represent a significant leap forward in healthcare delivery.

These intelligent agents are designed to analyze vast amounts of patient data, from electronic health records to wearable device readings, and provide real-time insights and personalized recommendations. By automating routine tasks and enhancing patient education, AI empowers human care managers to focus on complex care coordination and patient engagement. This shift towards proactive care management can potentially improve patient outcomes and wellness quotients.

Core Components of AI-Powered Care Managers

Imagine a future where healthcare isn't just reactive, but proactive, personalized treatment plans are tailored to individual needs, and potential health risks are identified before they escalate. Alpowered care managers are bringing this vision to life.

Key components of these intelligent systems include:

Personalized Treatment Plans

Al-powered care managers can analyze vast amounts of patient data, including electronic health records, genomic information, social history and lifestyle factors, to develop highly personalized treatment plans. This enables precise risk prediction, especially for post-operative complications and chronic conditions. By considering a patient's unique health history and social determinants, Al can identify potential risks and recommend tailored interventions.

Proactive Risk Stratification

Al-driven risk assessment models can analyze health surveys, clinical data, and social determinants to identify high-risk individuals. By flagging these patients, care managers can prioritize their needs and intervene early to prevent adverse health outcomes. Additionally, AI can generate concise and informative summaries of clinical notes, enabling care managers to quickly grasp patient histories and make informed decisions.

Remote Monitoring and Management

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The integration of AI with IoT devices and wearables empowers patients to continuously monitor their health remotely. Training healthcare staff to use the remote monitoring system and interpret the data requires significant investment in time and resources. AI algorithms can analyze real-time data streams to detect anomalies and alert healthcare providers to potential issues. This enables timely interventions, particularly for patients with chronic conditions. Moreover, de-identified patient data can be used for research and population health studies, leading to valuable insights that can improve care for future generations.

Challenges and Considerations

While the potential of Al-powered care managers is immense, several challenges must be navigated.

Data Privacy and Security

Ensuring data privacy and security is paramount, especially when dealing with sensitive health information. For this, Al-powered care managers must adhere to stringent regulations like HIPAA to protect patient information. Robust security measures, including encryption, secure authentication, and access controls, are essential to safeguard data from unauthorized access and cyberattacks. Moreover, obtaining informed patient consent is crucial for the ethical use of their data in Al algorithms.



Data Readiness and Standardization

Integrating data from various sources, including electronic health records, wearable devices, and health claims, can be challenging due to issues in data quality, completeness, scale and interoperability. Creating a comprehensive, standardized data view across different clinical domains is essential for accurate Aldriven insights. Data cleaning, normalization, and harmonization techniques can help address these challenges.

🗗 🛛 Ethical Use of Al in Healthcare

To ensure responsible and equitable use of AI in healthcare, it is crucial to prioritize transparency in AI decision-making, enabling healthcare providers to understand the reasoning behind AI-generated recommendations. Additionally, it is essential to consider the potential for algorithmic bias and take steps to mitigate it. By promoting fairness, transparency, and accountability, we can ensure that AI is used to benefit all patients, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

Future Directions and Opportunities for Al-Powered Care Managers

The future of AI-powered care management is brimming with exciting possibilities. As AI technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see significant advancements in the capabilities of these intelligent systems.

Advancements in Generative AI for Healthcare

Generative AI has the potential to revolutionize healthcare by generating realistic and informative content. In the context of AIpowered care managers, this technology can create personalized patient education materials, generate detailed clinical reports, and even simulate patient interactions to train healthcare providers.





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Value-Based Care Models

Al-powered care managers are well-positioned to support the shift towards value-based care. By identifying high-risk patients, predicting future health needs, and enabling proactive interventions, AI can help healthcare organizations improve patient outcomes while reducing costs. This focus on health-span, rather than just lifespan, aligns with the core principles of valuebased care.

Research and Population Health

The de-identified patient data ethically collected by Al-powered care managers can be a valuable resource for research and population health studies. By analyzing large datasets which are meticulously anonymized and aggregated in adherence to HIPAA Data Privacy Regulations, researchers can identify trends, discover new insights, and develop innovative interventions. This data-driven approach can help improve public health and reduce healthcare disparities.

Data Management and Governance

As the volume and complexity of healthcare data continue to grow, effective data management is critical. Al-powered care managers must be equipped with robust data governance frameworks to ensure data quality, security, and privacy. This includes data cleaning, integration, organization and standardization while implementing rigorous data security protocols.

The Way Ahead

The future of AI-powered care management is bright. As AI technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see significant advancements in the capabilities of these intelligent systems. Generative AI, for example, can be used to create personalized patient education materials and simulate patient interactions.

By embracing AI, the healthcare industry can unlock new possibilities, improve patient experiences, and ultimately, save lives. The goal is to create a future where proactive health management becomes the norm, empowering individuals to take control of their well-being and leading to a healthier, happier world.

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