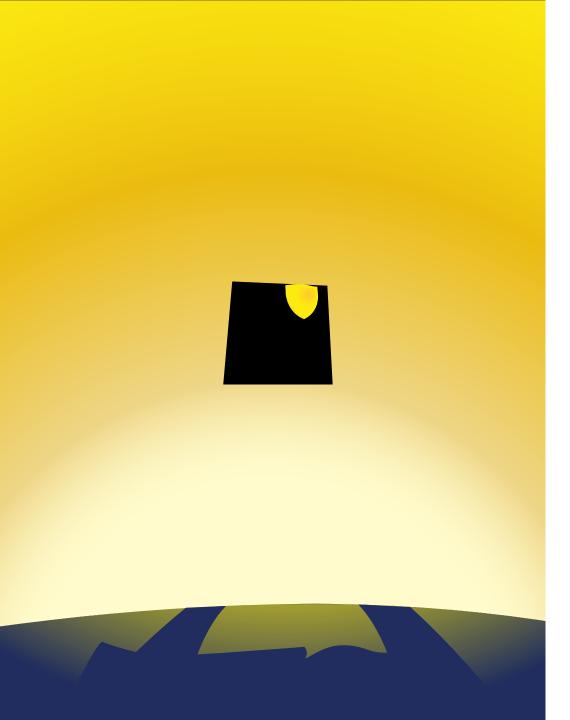


Super Powers of Artificial Intelligence

How a digital workforce is transforming operations and impact at MedStar Health

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Today's Agenda

- MedStar Health background
- The case for change: identifying the need for intelligent automation
- Identifying & building a successful partnership
- Accelerating value with a digital workforce
- Case studies: Driving results and transformation across the enterprise
- Paving the way forward: impact, cultural change, and lessons learned

Patient Financial Services Overview (PFS)

MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center

Centralized in 1997

Revenue cycle operations:

10 Acute Facilities

53 outpatient locations in National Rehabilitation Network

435 Employees



THE NEED FOR INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION

GETTING STARTED WITH ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION (RPA)



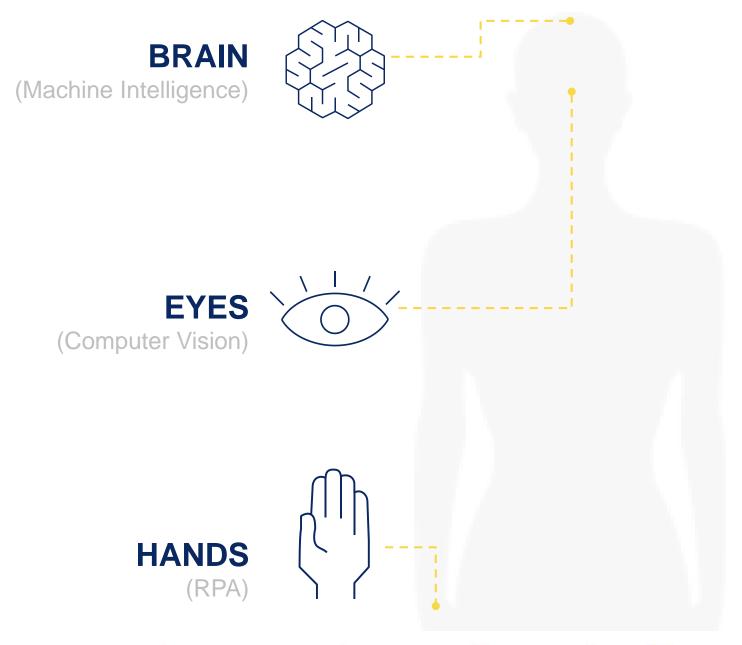
The symptoms of inefficiency





The cure?
A digital employee
powered by artificial
intelligence.

Designed to operate as an **analogous human**, interacting with systems and people, and integrated into our workforce



Knowledge and Compassion Focused on You

A few things RPA can do ...



Fill in or complete form



Open email and attachment



Scrape data from the web



Collect social media statistics



Connect to system APIs



Log into applications



Make calculations



Copy and paste



Follow "if/then" decisions/rules



Read and write to databases



Extract structured data from docs



Move files and folders



WHY RPA?















IDENTIFYING AND BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP



5 Questions to ask when evaluating automation vendors

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What economic value can I expect from your solution?

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How will your team prevent your technology from going offline?

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How does your solution support continuous improvement when workflows, processes and policies continuously evolve?

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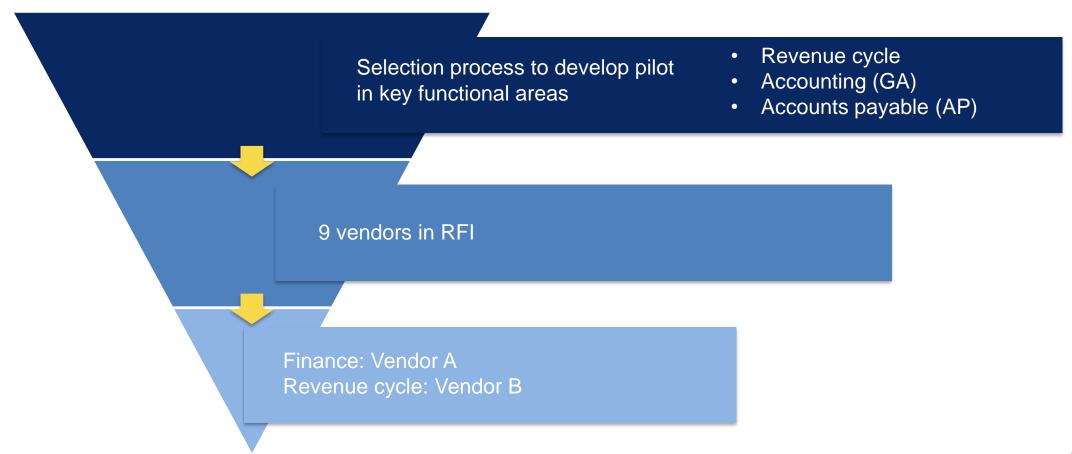
How will your solution get smarter over time?

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What strategies have you worked with your customers on to repurpose existing staff?



We began our journey through a pilot in finance and identified two front runners for our initial deployment





MedStar Health Partners

FINANCE Vendor A

- Pure RPA
- Choice of RPA software
 - Selected 1 primary vendor
- Separate fees for annual licenses, development, and support of bots
- Engagement also focused on governance, opportunity prioritization

REVENUE CYCLE

Vendor B

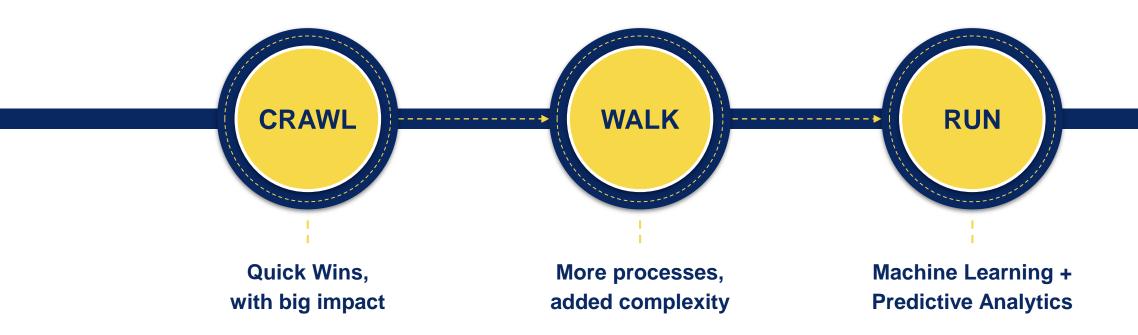
- RPA, CV, + Machine Intelligence
 - Deep learning and global awareness enables RPA to get smarter over time
- Al as a Service
 - Proprietary software
- All-inclusive fee includes development, support, and performance improvement
- Unlimited 'run time' or capacity
- Healthcare expertise and HIPAA compliance



CRAFTING A ROADMAP TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE VALUE



We worked with our partners to chart our automation roadmap - with the goal of achieving quick wins and accelerating value creation





What makes a strong automation candidate?

HIGH VALUE HIGH EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION High value automations generate significant Low complexity automations are simpler to value to the business design, configure, and maintain **Capacity Creation Data Integrity Process Quality Improvement Rule Objectivity Cycle Time Improvement Process Delivery Customer Impact Process Simplicity Other Value Levers Applications**



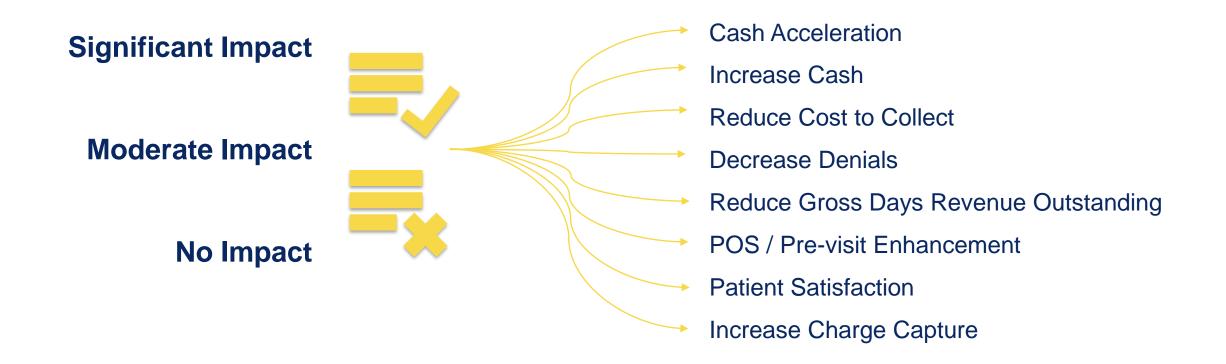
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Medstar's Revenue Cycle Roadmap

PHASE 3 PHASE 1 PHASE 2 PHASE 4 Build late Q2 & Q3 **Build Late Q2** Live In Build **Electronic Insurance Eligibility** NRN Rehab Facility Payment Posting Hospital Prior Authorization Check and Patient Balance Reconciliation Verification (Financial Clearance **CPT** code Mismatches (PX Processing) and Batch Processing) NRN Rehab Facility (bucket of work) -**Enterprise Digital Workforce** Diligence Phase Physician Claim Status Hospital Electronic Remittance Posting Expansion (Enterprise) Physician Electronic Remittance 3808 processing (MD MA Post Patient Status Transfers- Charge Posting and Cash Receipt Discharge Clinical Authorization review) **Capture Corrections** Reconciliation Daily Cash Bank Downloads (General Accounting) Hospital Payment Reconciliation Pre-Visit Prior Balance look up for Pre & TOS collections



For our revenue cycle implementation, setting baseline KPIs helped us prioritize and set improvement targets - aligning on post-implementation expectations





DELIVERING RESULTS AND TRANSFORMATION ACROSS THE REVENUE CYCLE

TWO CASE STUDIES OF AUTOMATION IN ACTION:

- 1 CHARGE CORRECTIONS
- 2 835 CASH POSTING, RECONCILIATION & ZERO REMITS





Case Study 1: Automation in Action Charge Corrections/Patient Status Transfers

THE CASE FOR CHANGE	BENEFITS OF A DIGITAL WORKFORCE	
Labor inefficiency high cost to collect	Working 24/7 in 10 facilities	
	250,000+ transactions in 3 months	
	Reallocated 2 FTE	
Missed revenue	\$4.7M inpatient pharmacy revenue improvement	
	Reduced late charge billing	
Compliance risk	Reconciliation daily with 99% accuracy rate	
	Billing compliance	



Case Study 2: Automation in Action 835 Electronic Remittance Processing (Wires, Lockbox and Zero Remit)

THE CASE FOR CHANGE	BENEFITS OF A DIGITAL WORKFORCE
Processing time for 835 ERAs	24 hours → 90 minutes
Labor inefficiencies	4 FTE backlogged → 4 FTE repurposed to higher value work
	Ability to process all zero balance remits
Burden from multiple payers	20% reduction in payment issue forms over 3 months
Delays in receiving split bank reports	3 hour advanced receipt of bank reports across facilities



PAVING THE WAY FORWARD: IMPACT, CULTURAL CHANGE, AND LESSONS LEARNED



MedStar Overall Results with RPA



\$1.1M annual savings (net of fees) in pilot

25 FTEs reduced in the FY20 budget



Time to impact: first revenue cycle go-live within a month

Digital workforce up to **60x** faster than humans

Expanded capacity to do new work



MedStar Overall Results with RPA

As of fiscal year end 2019, the RPA bots have ...

3,000

Worked hours

250

Validated and uploaded AP spreadsheets

5,000+

Processed journal entries

198k

Processed eligibility transactions

900

Completed account reconciliations

1,100

Average charge capture transactions

575+

Researched vendor statements

90%

Processed electronic payments

... in less than 4 months!



CULTURE

RPA requires organizational transformative change on a great level, and this involves changing the culture of an organization to one that **embraces and manages change** and **engages stakeholders and employees** every step of the way.

- Booz Allen

Proactively managing an evolving workforce "No one was hurt in the making of this movie"



SMART BUDGETING

Planned for staffing budget reduction due to anticipated digital workforce impact



JOB REALLOCATION

Staff impacted were provided opportunity to transition to new roles with PFS PFS Held job fair to help employees find exciting, higher value work



Our keys to success

MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

Change agent champion

Leadership engagement

Strategy for **staff augmentation**

Forward-looking budget projections

ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

Staff involvement from the start and empowered to identify opportunities

Roadshow for awareness and use case ideas

Town halls

Job fair to help identify higher value work for staff

Feedback mechanisms & sharing

PROCESS OPTIMIZATION

Roadmap planning & prioritization

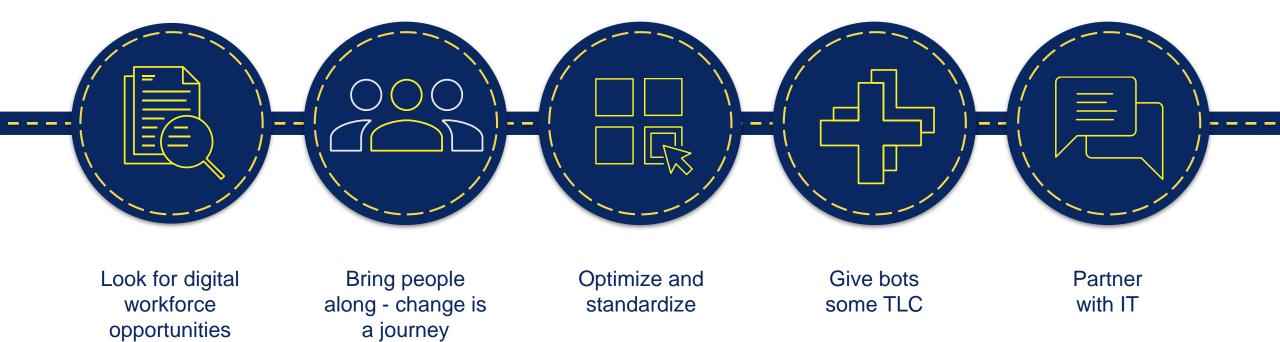
Quick wins with high volume repetitive processes

Optimize first, then build

Agile methodology



Lessons Learned





What's next for MedStar Health?

- Build and deploy remaining phases of initial automation plan
- Identify and assess other candidate processes for automation (CPAs) in revenue cycle and expand across enterprise
- Enhance existing digital workforce analytics
- Continue to train digital workforce to take on more work and advance capabilities

