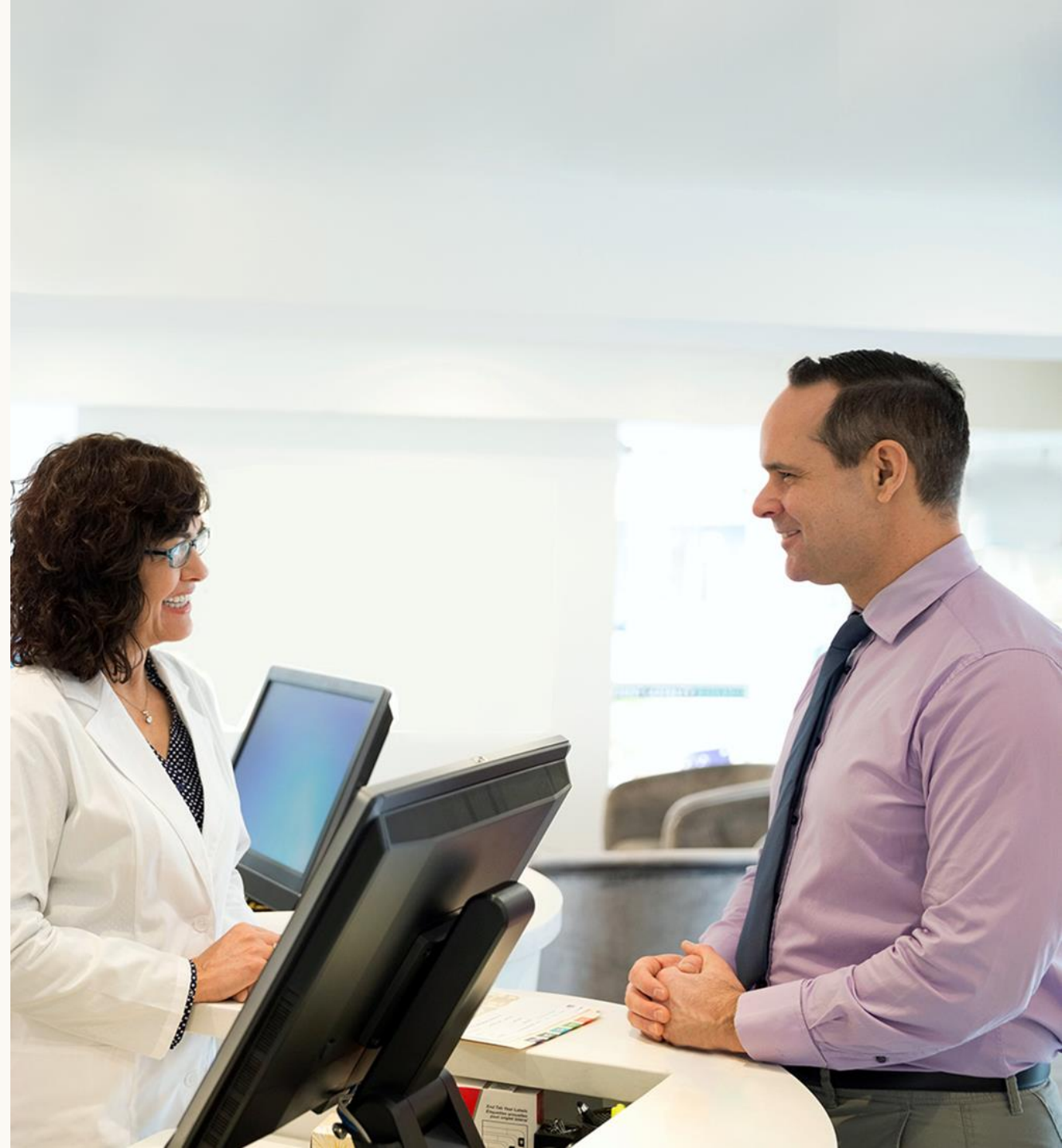




# Empowering Patient Access

Shifting from denials management  
to a preemptive mindset





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## Agenda

- 1 Reimagine Patient Access
- 2 Evaluate Team Structure
- 3 Improve Data & Revenue Integrity
- 4 Enable Engagement – Improve Experience
- 5 Identify & Cultivate Future RCM Leaders



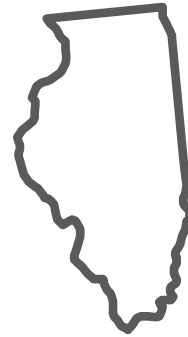
## Case Study



80  
beds



8  
clinics



Serving 2  
rural counties  
in Illinois



NPR \$140M

## Welcome to Patient Access

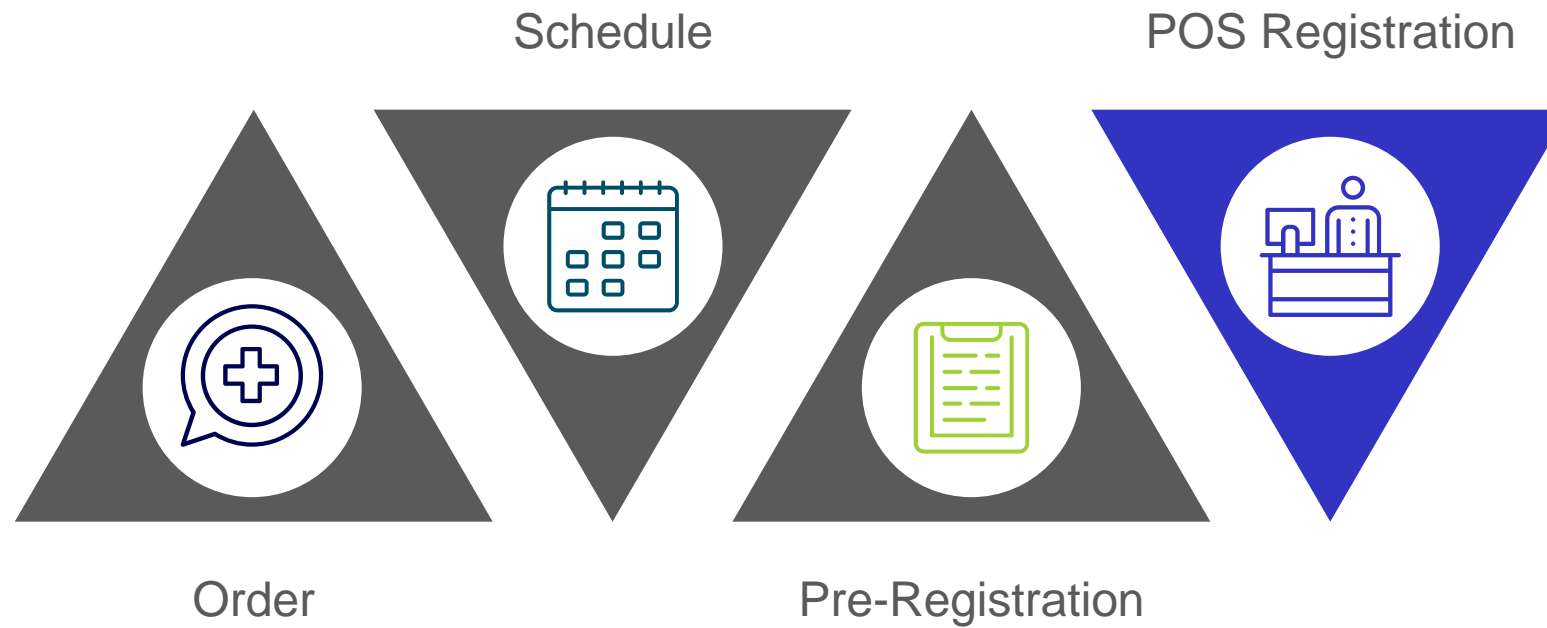


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Years

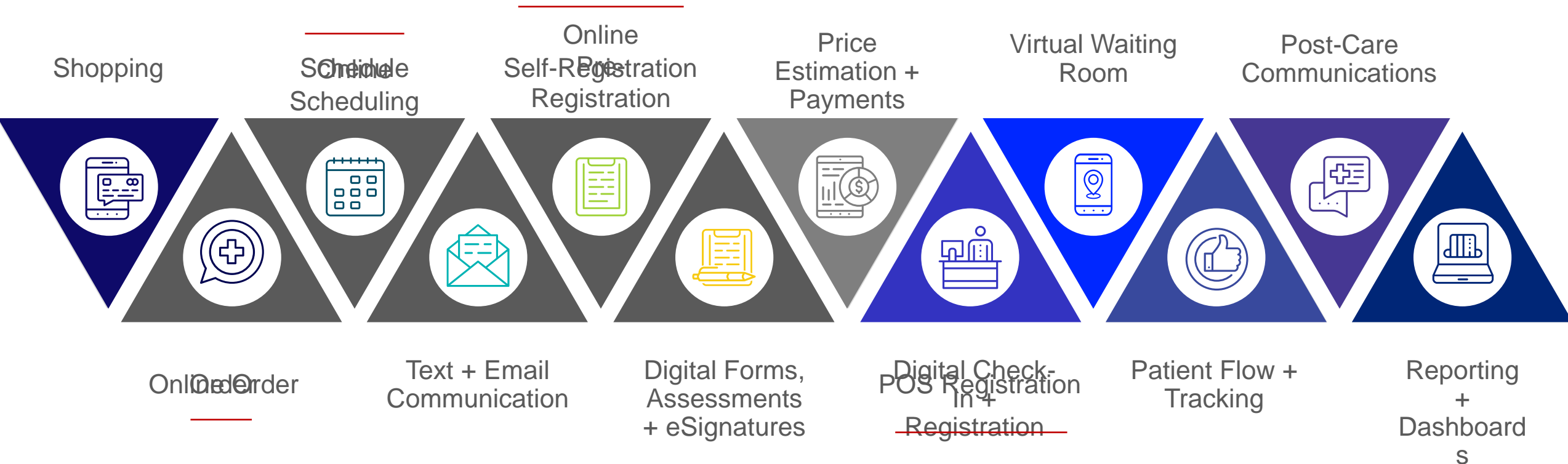
- No Healthcare Experience
- No Insurance/Payer Experience
- Medical Terminology
- What is Patient Access?
- Error Dumping Ground
- What is Patient Status?
- Clinical vs Financial Gap
- Set up for failure



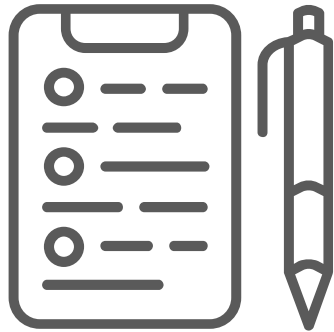
# Traditional front-end healthcare experience



# Key elements of the modern consumer healthcare experience



## The Challenge



Bridge gap  
between clinical  
& financial  
teams



Prevent  
errors,  
denials,  
& rework



Engage &  
include  
patients in their  
care



# Putting patients at the center requires an enterprise approach

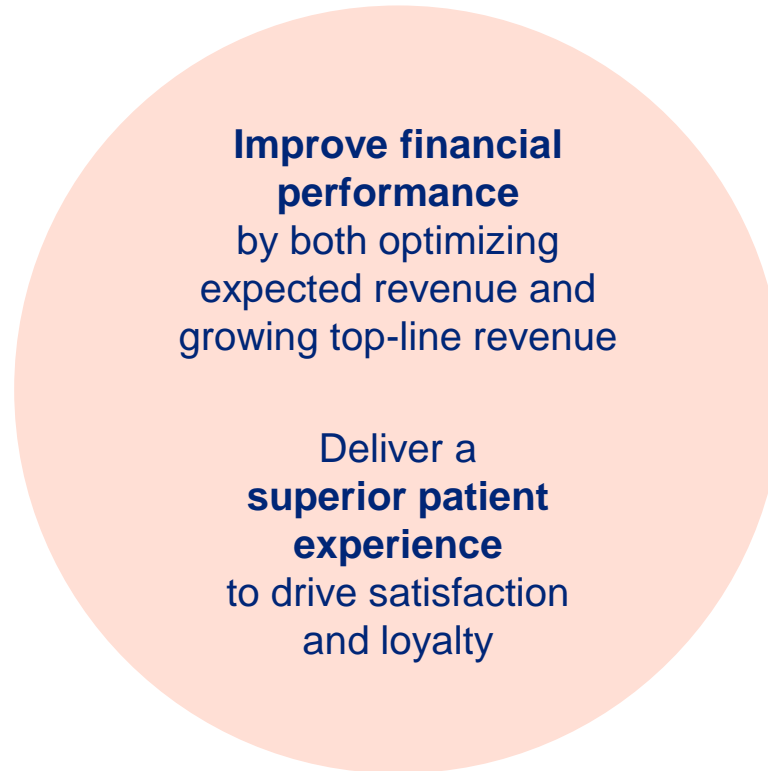
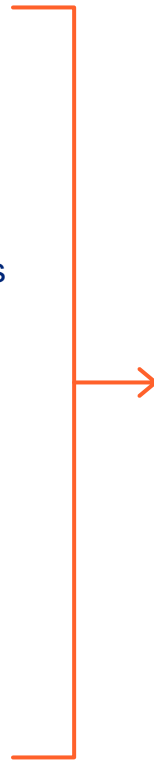
The value of bringing together financial clearance and patient experience



## Financial clearance

Automated staff-driven workflows

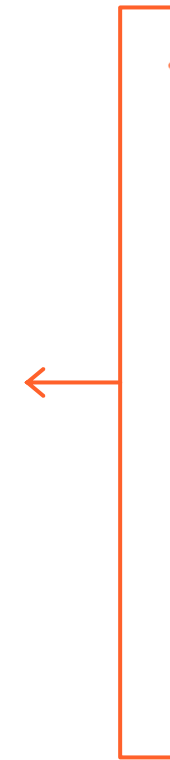
- Exception-based workflows for maximum efficiency
- Accelerate payments and optimize collections
- Decrease denials and reduce bad debt
- Decrease administrative costs and staff time spent on manual tasks



## Patient engagement/experience

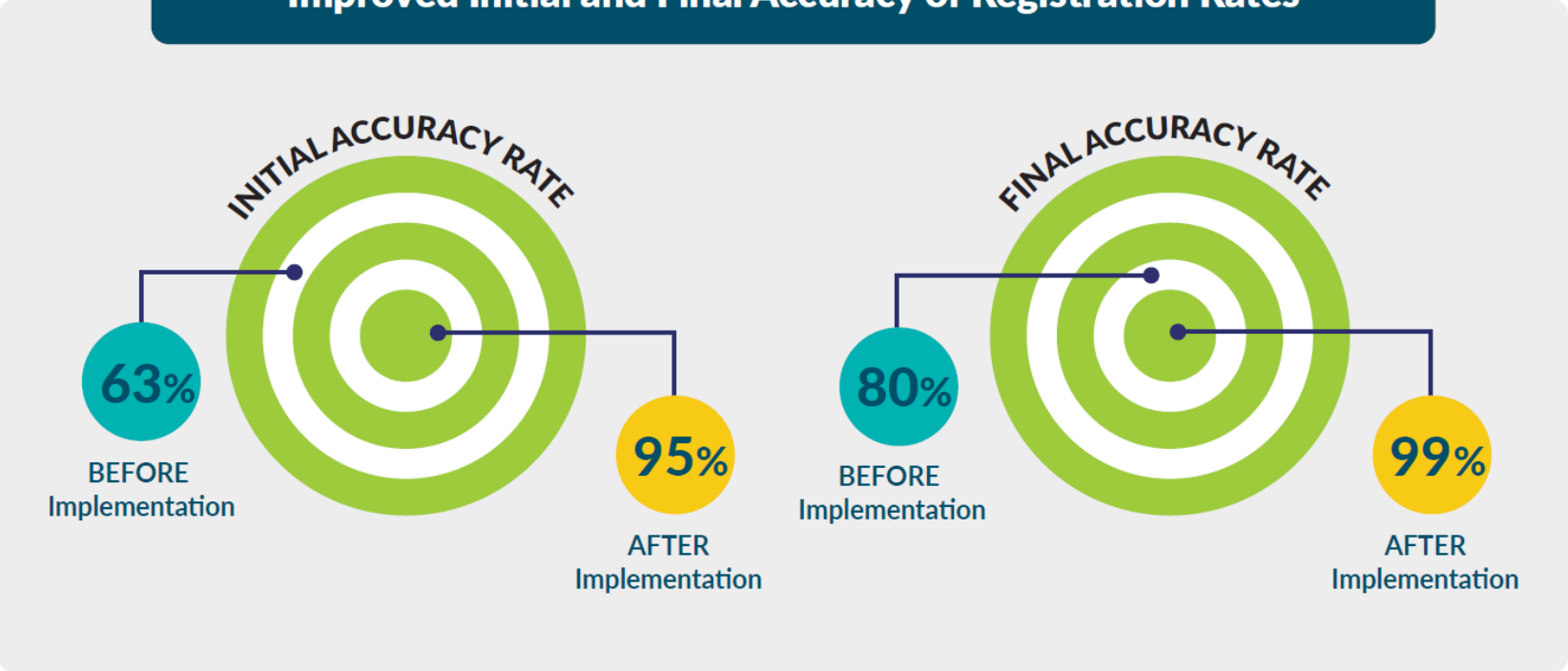
Patient self-service, autonomous tools

- Increase patient satisfaction and loyalty
- Increase referral conversion rate and grow market share
- Maximize schedule utilization, decrease no-shows



# Case Study – Outcomes

## Improved Initial and Final Accuracy of Registration Rates



# Case Study – Outcomes

## Staff Retention and Engagement

Staff turnover rate:



42%

2019

25%

2021

## Reduced Check-in Times



2019

Check-in time:  
3-5 minutes

2021

Check-in time:  
45 seconds

82%

Improvement Rate

## Denials Prevention

Denials in 2019

21%

Denials in 2021

7%

A Savings of \$20,000,000

## Hardwire Behavior on Patient Collections

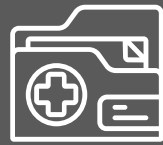


Track POS collections, which now total between \$11,000 and \$30,000 per week

# Empower Patient Access 5 Outcomes of a Winning Strategy



Reimagine  
Patient  
Access



Bring  
the Team  
Together



Improve Patient  
Data Integrity  
&  
Revenue Integrity



Cultivate Leaders  
&  
Educators



Enable  
Engagement