



# Advancing Nursing Practice with Generative AI

Northeast Nursing Informatics Consortium

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# Our Team



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*Chief Nursing Officer – Enterprise Transformation*

Dr. Cognetta-Rieke is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science and serves as the chief nursing officer for Mayo Clinic leading the enterprise Department of Nursing transformation work.



## **Angie Griffin**

*Director – Clinical Systems Strategy and Innovation*

Angie has a rich background in EHR implementation and optimization, specifically in achieving EHR success in outpatient specialties. Currently, Angie supports Clinical Systems by articulating strategy, championing innovation – including Generative AI, automation, and ambient documentation – and demonstrating value to support Mayo Clinic's mission to Cure, Connect, and Transform.

# Mayo Clinic Multidisciplinary Academic, Practice, Education & Research Center – AZ, FL, MN, WI, IA, International

Epic version – November 2023



**Rochester**  
Minnesota



**Jacksonville**  
Florida



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Arizona



**Health System**  
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A photograph of two healthcare professionals, a Black woman with curly hair and a white woman with wavy hair, both wearing blue scrubs. The Black woman has a stethoscope around her neck and is looking down at a patient's hands. The white woman is smiling and holding a white medical device connected to a white cable. The background is a blurred clinical setting.

## Primary Value

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The needs of the patient come first

## Mission

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Inspiring hope and promoting health through integrated clinical practice, education, and research.

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Hospitals

**20**

Surgeries

**141,000**

Organ transplants

**1,858**

Outpatient visits

**14 mil**

Virtual visits

**15-20%**

Staff

**76,000**

## **Disclosure of relevant financial relationship(s) with industry**

- Nothing to disclose

## **References to off-label usage(s) of pharmaceuticals or instruments**

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# Strategy for Implementing AI in Nursing Practice

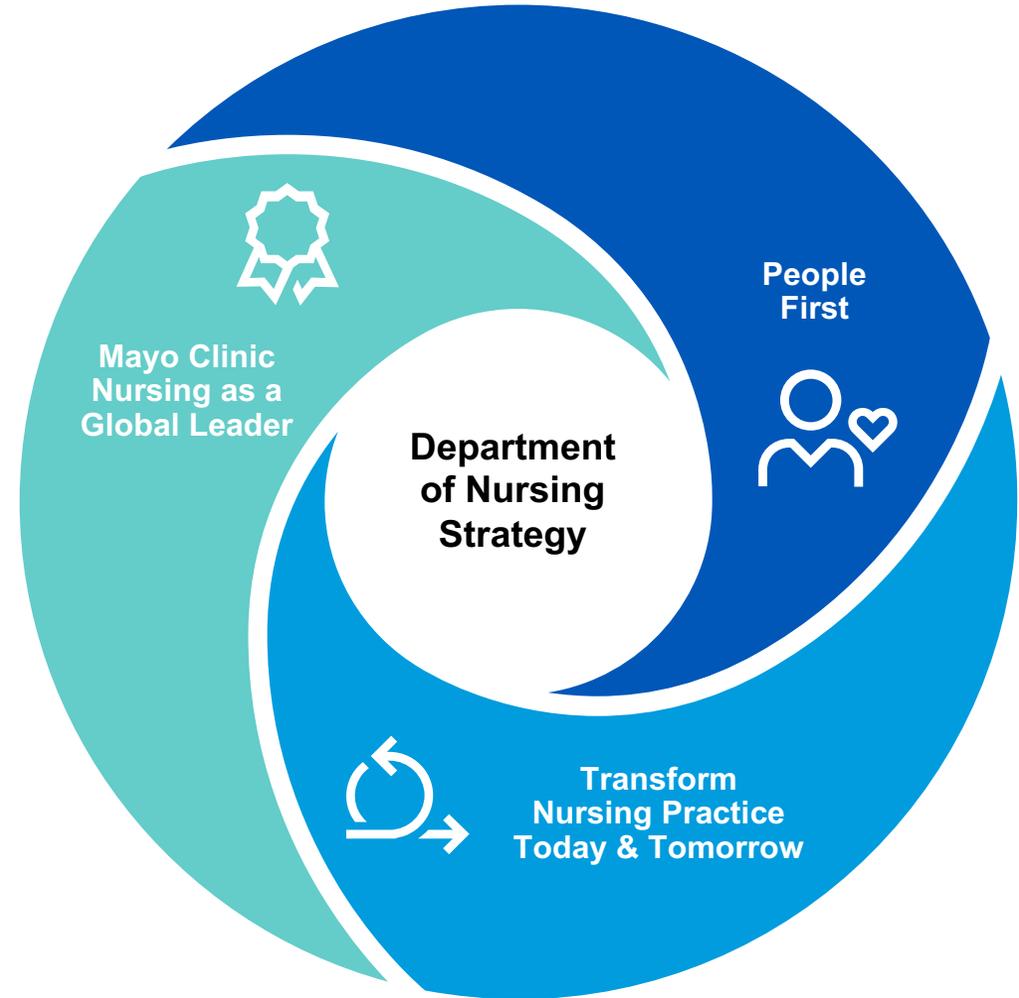
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# Mayo Clinic Nursing

The definitive source of unparalleled nursing knowledge, trusted expertise and innovative patient care.

**24,000 Nursing staff**



# Generative AI at Mayo Clinic



## Vision

A reimagined healthcare system where clinicians, researchers, educators, administrators and allied health professionals all practice at the top of their license, ensuring the most optimal care for patients.

## Purpose

To seek out, develop and integrate into Mayo Clinic the most impactful generative AI solutions to reduce administrative burden, improve the clinical practice and transform healthcare.

# Workstreams Supporting Generative AI



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## Supporting Staff-Generated Innovation

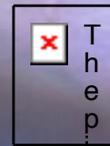
Helping progress novel ideas from mayo clinic employees



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## Foundation Model

'Mayo AI doc' for the world



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## Reduce Admin Burden

Implement solutions to generate optimal workflows



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## Skunkworks

Leverage infrastructure for LLM development to foster collaboration and innovation

# Plummer Chart (Epic) Subcommittee

Ease. Elevate. Evolve.

Mayo Clinic is exploring generative AI use cases that can help our clinicians and staff. As an early adoption partner with Epic, we will provide ongoing rapid feedback to speed the delivery of use cases from concept to release and maturation.

The goal is to **leverage the technology side of healthcare** in innovative ways that increase productivity and efficiency, reduce administrative burden, and allow our clinicians to **focus more on the human side of healthcare: our patients.**

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# Outcomes from Generative AI Adoption

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### Case Study: In Basket Augmented Reply Technology

- High-quality, empathetic messages to patients
- Reported reduced cognitive burden & time savings
- Metrics
  - Adoption
  - Appropriate Use
  - ROI

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# In Basket Augmented Response Technology

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**What is it?** Generative AI drafts replies to patient portal messages, which staff review and edit, if necessary, before sending.

# Background

**Pilot Details:** The feature was rolled out to 30 nurses and 10 providers July – Dec 2023

## Pilot Observations

- No observed hallucinations
- More valuable for nursing than providers as the prompt explicitly avoids medical decision making
- Nursing feedback shows value in the tool; drafts prevent “writer’s block” and improve empathy
- Overall, high draft usage (30-50% of messages started from draft); utility varies by individual and specialty; need more data to fully understand this

## Pilot Outcomes

Limited timing studies (n=25) indicate that on average, nursing users spent 30 seconds less per message when using the AI-generated draft, showing potential for time savings with a larger roll-out

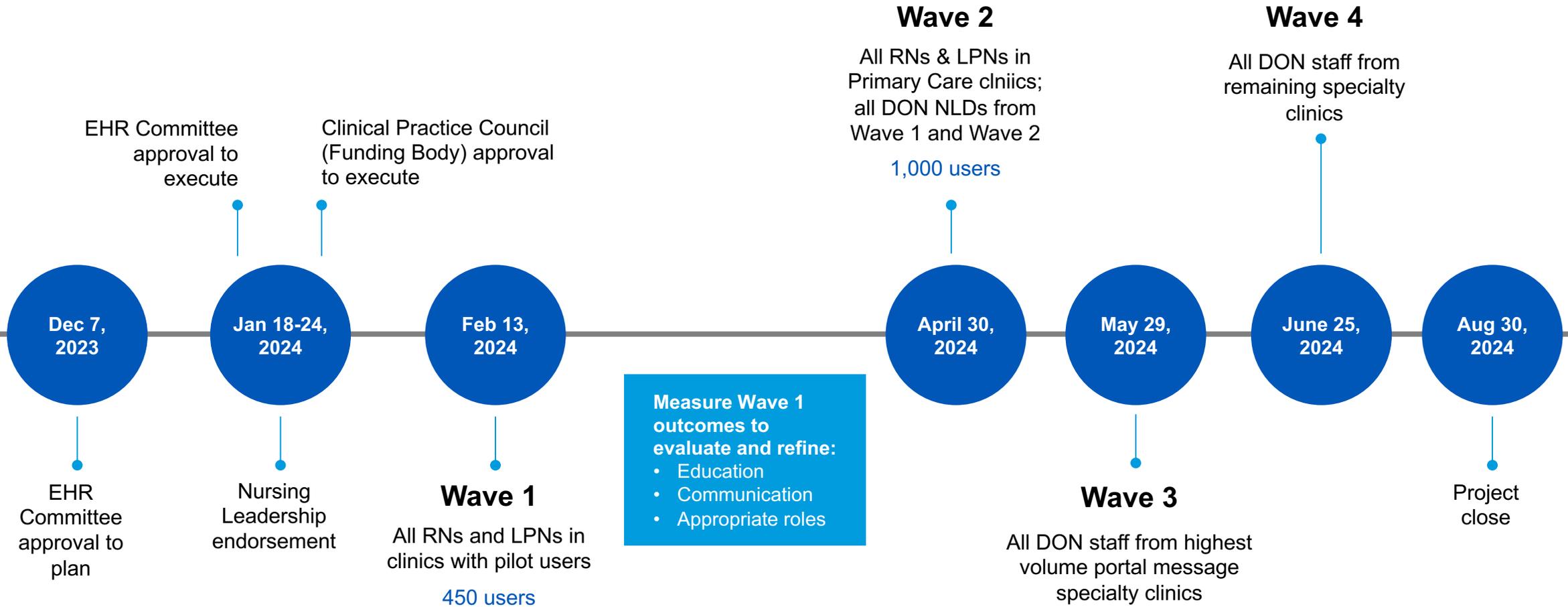
## Rollout Project

Approval to Execute secured on Feb 1

# Rollout Plan

- Focus on nurses (RN, LPN); limited value for providers
- Prioritize specialties with the highest volumes of Patient Advice Portal Messages
  1. Primary Care
  2. Med Specialities, OBGYN, Oncology
  3. Remaining specialties and Peds
- Following Wave 1, expanded to include non-licensed delegates under the Department of Nursing
- Exploring expansion to administrative non-licensed delegate (administrative assistants, scheduling staff)

# Project Timeline



# Training Strategy

## Wave 1

**Materials:** Providing online training modules (4 mins) and Quick Reference Guides managers to distribute to their staff

**Strategy:** Distribute to managers, managers share with staff

**Outcome:**

Wave 1 – Week 1 Opt-In: 53%

Wave 1 – Week 1 Draft Usage: 40%

## Wave 2

**Materials:** No change

**Strategy:** Offer “Go-Live Open House” sessions for Nurse Managers, Supervisors, and NES

Ask nurse leaders to share training materials with staff

**Outcome:**

Wave 2 – Week 1 Opt-In: 53%

Wave 2 – Week 1 Draft Usage: 51%

# Implications for Nursing Practice

## The generative draft reply:

- Will enhance the nurse's workflow
- Will reduce cognitive burden
- Will provide a starting point for replies to patient messages
- Will allow for easy edits including discarding the generated draft
- Will include empathetic and professional text
- Will **NOT** replace clinical judgement
- Will **NOT** change scope of practice
- Will **NOT** remove nurses' responsibility for message content

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# Outcomes

# Current Usage Data

April 28th – May 5th, 2024

## Draft Usage Data

Viewed drafts used	<b>42%</b> 1,728 of 4,153	
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## User Adoption Data

Eligible users who have opted In	<b>60%</b> 914 of 1,536	
Opted in users who used a draft	<b>46%</b> 425 out of 914	

## ROI Data

Total minutes saved	tbd	
Avg % of sent messages written by AI	<b>87%</b>	↑

## Appropriate Use Data

Unchanged drafts	<b>29.6%</b> 506 out of 1,708	↑
Avg % of draft used per message	<b>89%</b>	↑

\*In a blinded qualitative assessment, our team has shown that messages started with the AI draft are empathetic, address the patient need, and are appropriate length and reading level.

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# Future AI for Nursing at Mayo Clinic

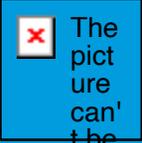
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- Nursing Virtual Assistant (case study)
- Epic Draft Shift Summary Note
- Ambient nursing documentation
- Generative AI Patient Summaries

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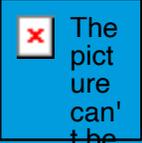
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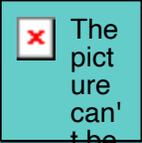


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Patient Ed



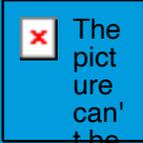
Professional Development



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Care Guidance

## Nursing Virtual Assistant



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Staffing & Scheduling



News



Communication



Clinical Resources

# Purpose and Problems



We aim to develop a **Nursing Virtual Assistant (NVA)** that will **guide individualized nursing care**, including identification of missed care

## Regulatory

Care planning is not personalized which is out of alignment with Joint Commission requirements

## Support

We have many new, float, and traveling nurses who need support with planning care

## Usability

Care planning documentation lacks ease of use and direct value to patients and nursing workflow

## Resources

Nurses may not have time or know how to quickly find relevant care guidance resources

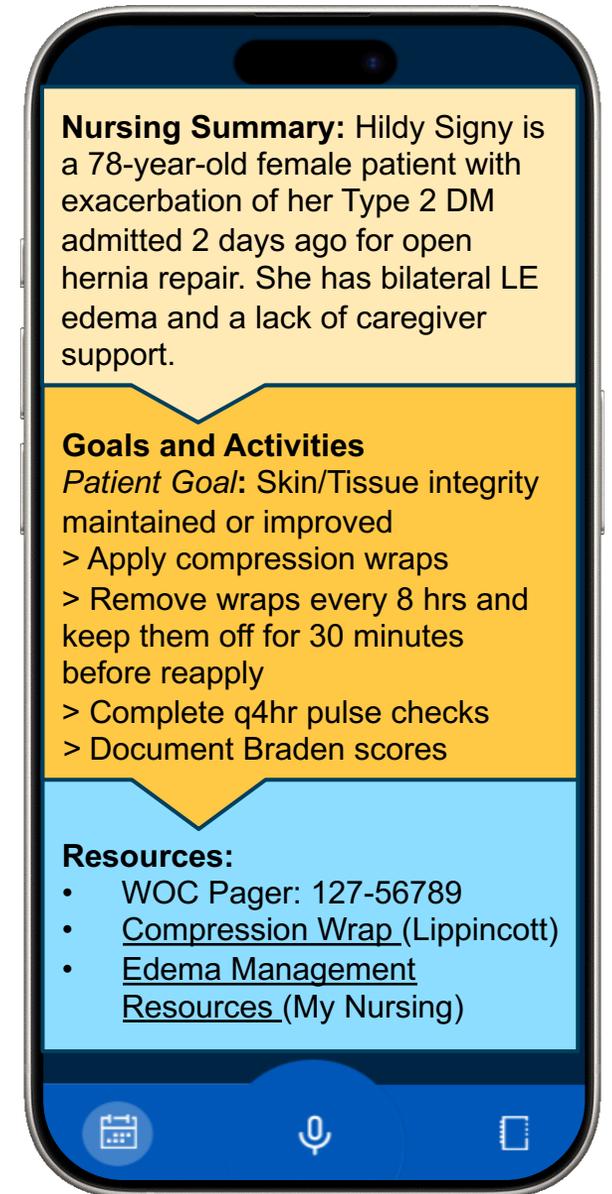
# Target MVP

## Platform: Mayo Clinic Chatbot

**Patient Summary:** nursing-centric patient summary designed for start of shift or transfer of care

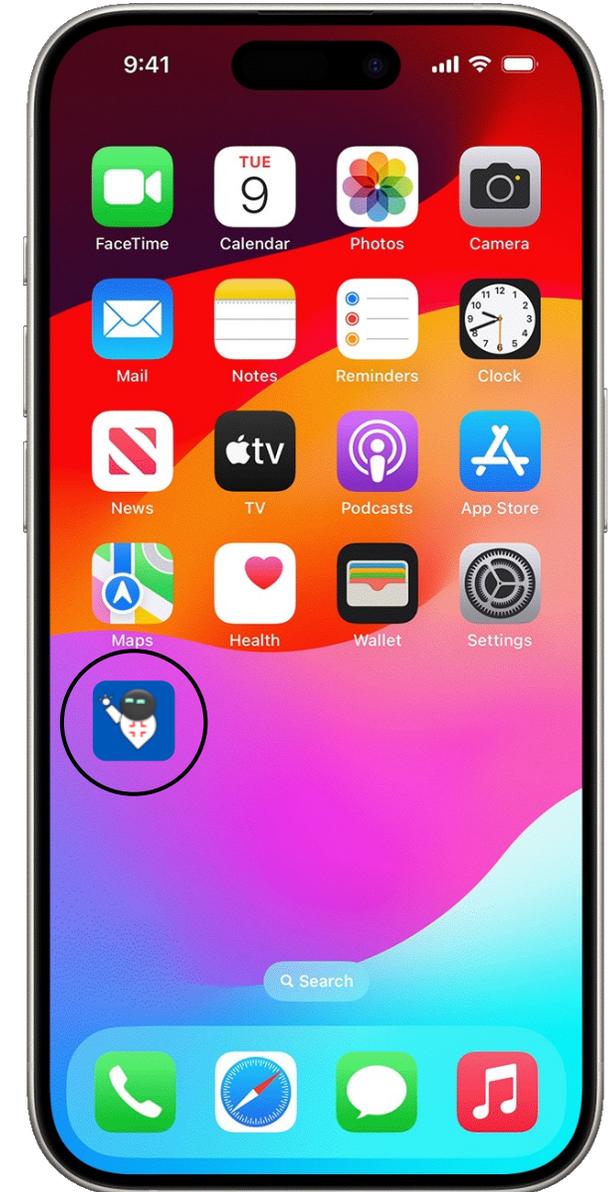
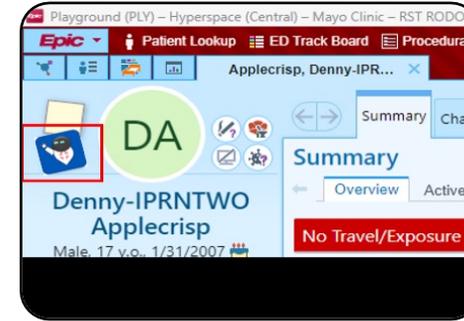
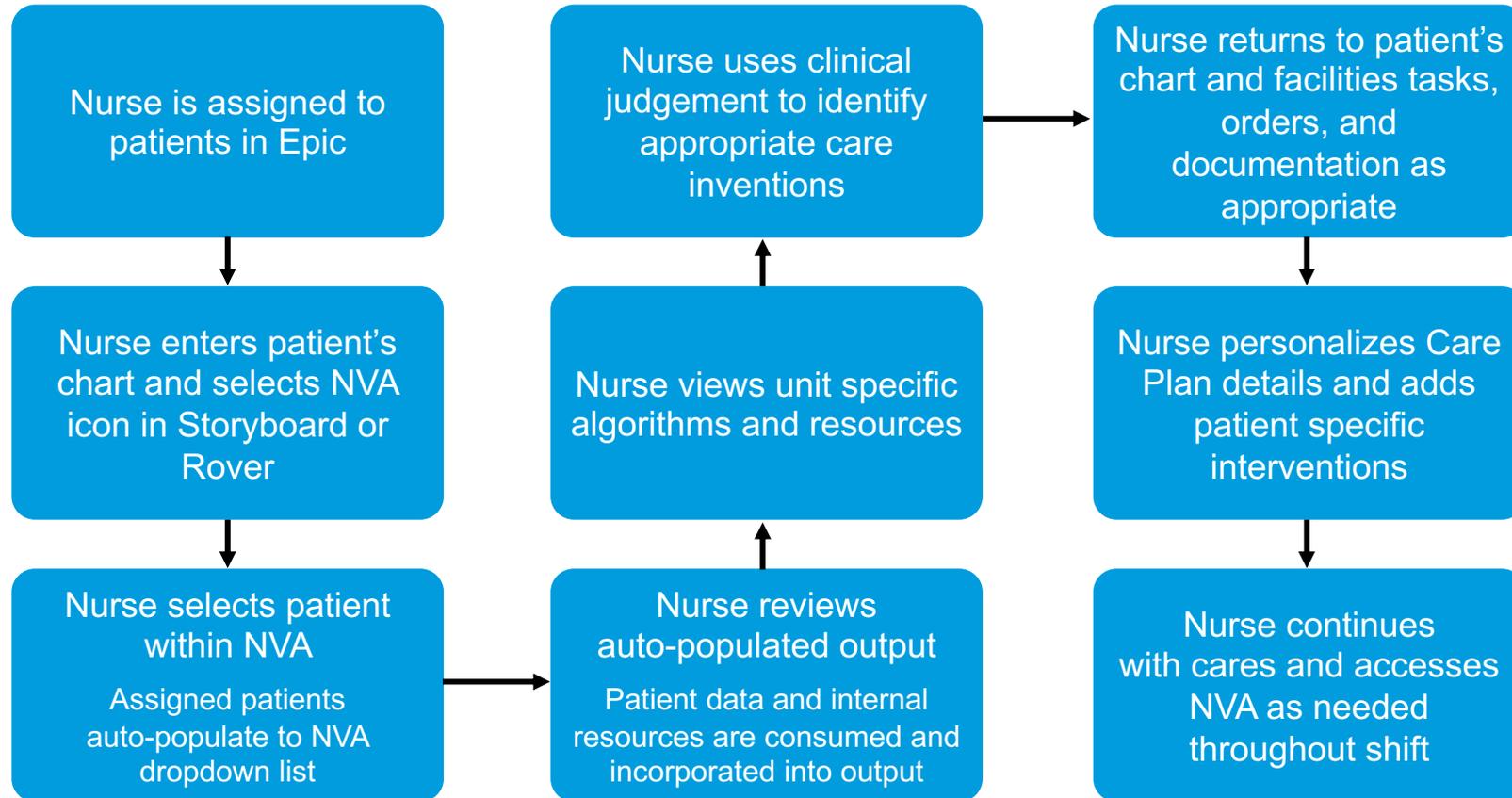
**Goals and Activities:** Patient & care goals with supporting interventions. Amplification of “care signals” that may indicate risk, missed care, or priority activities which impact patient outcomes.

**Resources:** Source of recommendations and options for getting more information



# Workflow

**START**



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# Q&A

