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# Maternal & Infant Health in the Digital World:

Patient-Centered Care During COVID and Beyond

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# Redefining Postpartum Health During COVID-19

Leveraging artificial intelligence to fill the gap in postpartum care



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## **Learning Objectives**

How to maintain high-touch clinically accurate and timely care despite shortened hospital stays and stay-at-home guidelines in the COVID-19 era.

How to design one platform that can manage symptoms, logistics and milestone tracking for a dyadic patient.

How digital health tools like Memora Health can improve the value of care delivery

## **Maternal Mortality**



is a Health Care Crisis

of maternal mortality occurs postpartum

...Most within 42 days of birth

#### Stories of women affected

Serena Williams: What my life-threatening experience taught me about giving birth



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Judge Hatchett's Son Seeks Justice After His Wife's Tragic Childbirth Death: 'No One Should Feel This Pain'

"Kira and I talked a lot about raising men that would change the world — and I don't plan to change that goal at all," Charles Johnson tells PEOPLE



Hypertensive disease

Hemorrhage

Mental health

Cardiac disease

Thromboembolism

Infection

Racial inequity

Social determinants of health

# **Clinical Concerns**

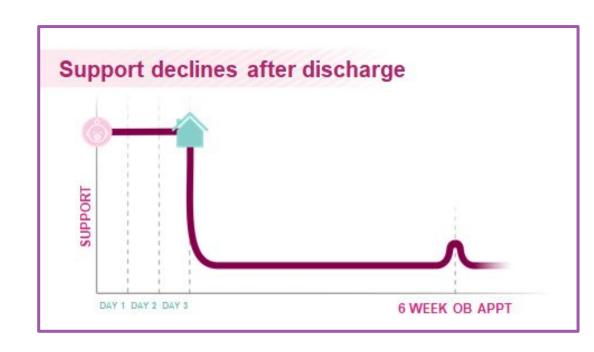
#### **Traditional model of care**

Weekly visits the last month of pregnancy



One visit at 4-6 weeks postpartum

Seperate care for moms and babies



#### **ACOG COMMITTEE OPINION**

Number 736 • May 2018

(Replaces Committee Opinion Number 666, June 2016)

Presidential Task Force on Redefining the Postpartum Visit Committee on Obstetric Practice

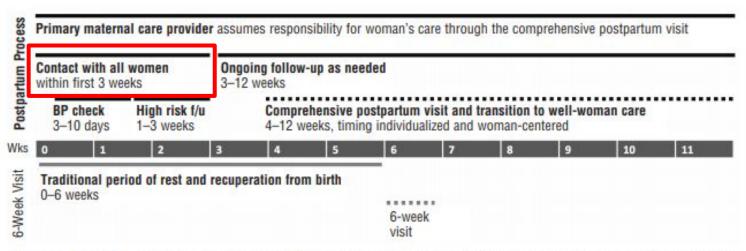


Figure 1. Proposed paradigm shift for postpartum visits. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Presidential Task Force on Redefining the Postpartum Visit and the Committee on Obstetric Practice propose shifting the paradigm for postpartum care from a single 6-week visit (bottom) to a postpartum process (top). Abbreviations: BP, blood pressure; f/u, follow-up.  $\Leftarrow$ 

## Real World Challenges

- Packed clinic schedules
- Bundled payment for services
- Routine calls/questions impede focus on more critical concerns
- Patient information is delivered all at once
- Mothers view themselves and their infants as one patient

### **Impact of COVID-19**

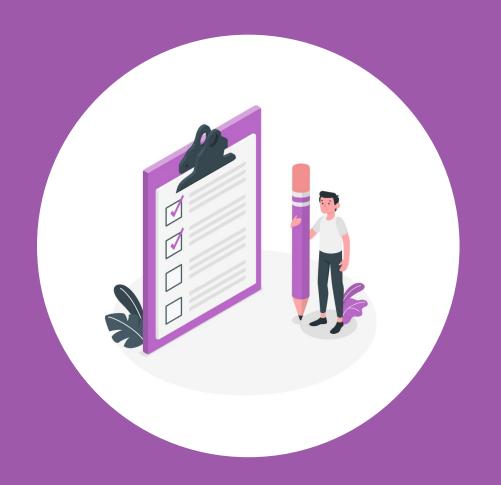
- Active push to discharge dyads
- Women requesting early discharge to decrease risk
  - ➤ LOS has decreased 20%
- "High-risk" dyads are leaving sooner
- Women are even more isolated than before
- Less access to peer support
- Access to in-person visits is more limited

## How technology is helping

- Multidisciplinary collaboration
- Timely anticipatory guidance
- 24/7 access to information & triage
- Alignment with ACOG recommendations
- Medium that encourages patient honesty
- Enables focus on critical clinical concerns

## **Our Solution**

How do you leverage technology to streamline postpartum care delivery?



# Ongoing Care for Mother and Baby

Upon discharge, new parents can use Penny, a text-based digital assistant



## **Penny Fills in the Gaps**



#### **Timely Reminders**

Appointment scheduling reminders & follow up
Anticipatory guidance



#### **Validated Screenings**

Depression Screening

Mother-Infant Bonding Scale

Baby weight tracking

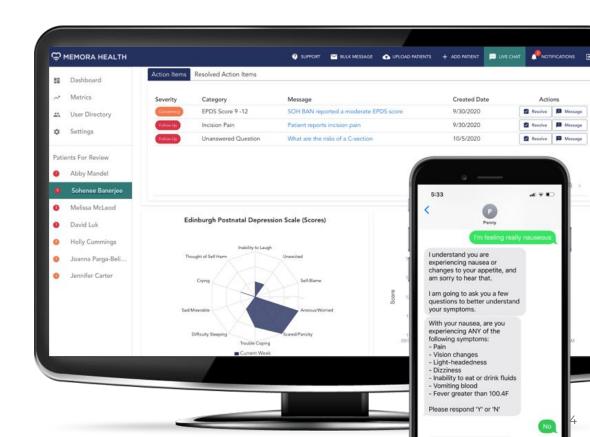


#### **FAQ Support**

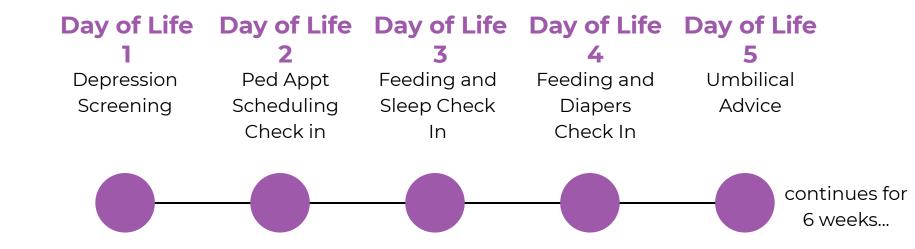
Automated 24/7 responses

Notification of care team if

concerns reported



## The Postpartum Journey with Penny



At any time, Mom can ask her own

questions, too!

## **Penny's Automated Follow Up**



The color and consistency of breast milk can vary. It's usually yellow, white, clear, cream or tan and is sometimes thin and watery. It may be blue-tinged, green or orange if you have been eating lots of greens or other colored foods.

#### Breastfeeding FAQ

Okay awesome! And how often should I be feeding again?

Babies feed 8-12 times a day (both day and night). Make sure you offer the breast at early signs of hunger and leave them on until they appear satisfied, then burp and offer the second breast as "dessert."

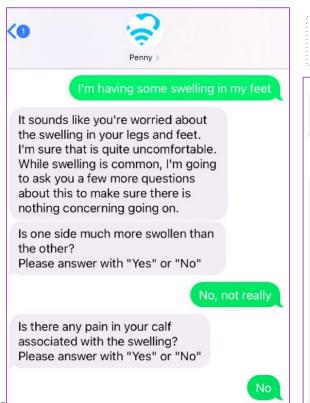
Babies need to eat every 2-3 hours. But babies sometimes "cluster" their feedings and eat every hour. This is normal.

If Cassie is never satisfied after feeding, this may be a cause for concern and please seek lactation support at +1 (215) 662-2361

Is your baby nursing at least 8 times in 24 hours?

Penny can ask follow up questions

### **Penny's Automated Follow Up**



#### Leg Swelling Triage

Is there any redness of your legs or calf? Please answer with "Yes" or "No" Great, at this time it doesn't seem like there is a reason to be concerned about your swelling. Most moms experience increased leg swelling (worse than in pregnancy) within the first few days after delivery. They should start to look and feel back to normal by 1-2 weeks! Try medications like Tylenol and ibuprofen to manage the pain. Wear compression stockings or bandage your legs tightly and keep your feet up when you can should help the fluid go down more quickly.

Penny follows logic & asks additional triage questions

Based on answers, Penny provides anticipatory guidance





Some new moms experience "baby blues" after childbirth, which can include mood swings, crying spells, anxiety and difficulty sleeping. Baby blues can last up to 2 weeks post-delivery. Some new moms experience a more severe, long-lasting form of depression known as postpartum depression.

Each week I will send you a survey that your care team uses to track your risk for postpartum depression. It will be 10-questions long, and should take about 5 minutes to complete!

Please respond with the LETTER associated with the answer that comes closest to how you have felt in the PAST 7 DAYS, not just how you feel today:

#### [Q1/10]

"I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things."

- A) As much as I always could
- B) Not quite so much nowC) Definitely not so much now
- D) Not at all

## **Penny's Automated Follow Up**

Based on these answers, it sounds like you are having a tough time. Feelings like these are common, but some mothers need more support for depression or anxiety.

If you feel you are at risk of harming yourself or your baby, please go to the nearest ER or call the national suicide hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

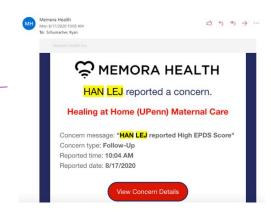
Expect a call from an OB provider today to talk more about how you have been feeling recently.

Some resources in the meantime: Postpartum Support International: bit.ly/PostpartumNet
MOPS International (a network of parenting support/social groups): bit.ly/MopsDotOrg

If you want care with a private therapist, you can find in-network providers by checking your insurance by phone or online, or visit <a href="https://www.psychologytoday.com">www.psychologytoday.com</a> and search for therapists. There is an option for therapists that specialize in perinatal care.

**Depression Screening** 

Penny Automatically Alerts the OB Care Team



## **Send Penny your questions!**

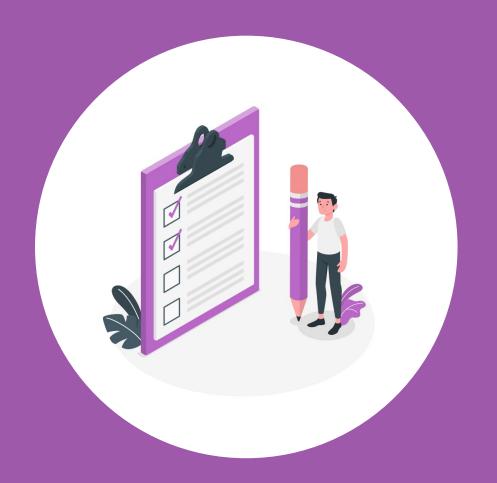
If (or when) you were a new mom, what would you want to know?

Your questions may be used in a live demo later in the presentation!

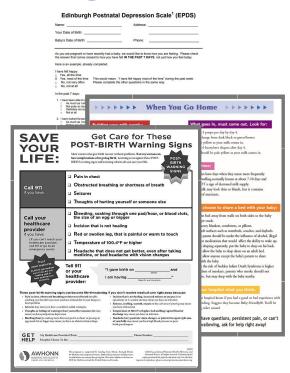
Use the AccelEvents to send in your questions at any time!

## **Our Process**

How do you train AI to manage postpartum care?



## Establish Knowledge Scope: Digitize Evidence-Based Protocols



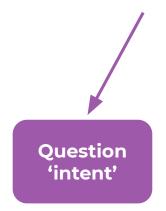


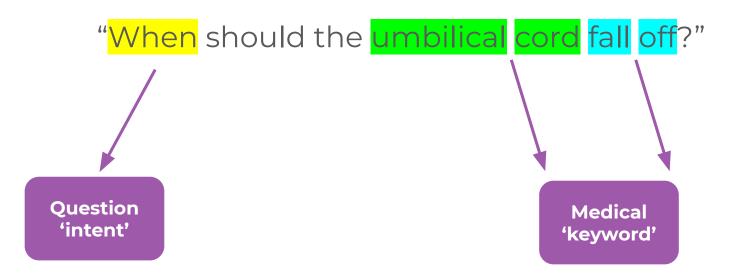
## Collaborate With Multi-Specialty Care Teams To Design A Standard of Care

stion Theme	Patient Question	Memora Suggested Answer	Clinician Response	Editing H@H Tear Member	n Notes from H@H Team	Edite: H@H	oy has a high fever
			Peds				
	My baby has stomach pain / How do I comfort my baby	Babies have weak abdominal (belly) muscles, so their belly often seems bigger compared to their chest. Their belly should be soff if you squeeze it gently. If Stably ;firsName's belly seems hard or has visible blood vessels, if they are splitting up more often, or their behavior seems different, I would recommend calling Sabaly, firsName's doctor.					Is the fever above 100.4F?
Digestive	How long should he sit up straight after eating?						is the level above loo. If .
	How do I wash bottles properly / how do I sterilize	You can keep your baby's bottles clean by boiling it or running it through the dishwasher frequently. Make sure you buy a bottle that is dishwasher safe.					
	Can babies drink formula	Some babies will happily drink cold formula. If you would like to heaf formula, you can use bottle warmers. You also may try running the bottle under warm water. You shouldn't microwave breast milk or formula.					
Formula		The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend breastmik only for babies until 6 months of age until you introduce solid foods. After 6 months babies should be fed solid food and breastmik deally. However, many mothers choose to give formula event flavor are breastfeeding, feeding baby any amount of breastmik provides additional immune benefits. You should choose a feeding plan that is night for you and your baby. If you have dhort questions, please contact your pediatrician for advice					As long as the fever is not abo
Skin		Most lotions or powders without fragrance are safe for your baby's skin. Aveeno or Eucerin cream are two good examples. Try to avoid lotions with fragrance as they can be irritating to your baby's skin.					100.4F, this is a normal fluctuin the baby's temperature. Pl
		Any mild soap or shampoo meant for babies can be used on \$baby_firstName\$. Avoid soaps with scents.					call your care team with any
						_	questions.

## Train The Al: Leveraging Al To Digitize Care







## Crowdsourced Testing Framework: Scaling the NLP

"When should the umbilical cord fall off?"

button?

Is it normal for the umbilical cord to come off so soon Is it to early for the umbilical cord to fall off now? Umbilical cord falls off when Is it normal for his umbilical cord to not have come off yet? Is it possible for the umbilical cord to come off early? how did an umbilical cord falls off Should the umbilical stay on the belly button for a specific length of time The umbilical cord just fell off should I be worried Hey her belly thing is falling off of her an it's almost bleeding... How long does a baby's umbilical cord usually stay attached to belly button What is shortest time for cord to remain attached without causing harm What can I do with her belly button because the umbilical cord has fallen off What is the usual length of time that an umbilical stays attached to a baby What do I use to clean my baby's belly button when the cord detaches What do I do when my daughter's umbilical cord comes off To come off so soon is it normal for the umbilical cord What coming soon to the umbilical cord off Is it weird for the umbilical cord to come off so soon How soon should I expect the umbilical cord to come off When umbilical cord to come off so soon is it normal Is it ever too soon for the umbilical cord to fall off It is normal to the umbilical cord to come off so soon Is it abnormal for the umbilical cord to come off so soon When should I be expecting the belly button to come off About how long does it take for **baby's belly button** to heal?

What happens if it looks like his umbilical cord falls off early? What if it falls off before 2 weeks? The umbilical cord fell off three days ago What is the normal time for the umbilical cord to fall off At what time does the umbilical cord falls off At what point does the umbilical cord fall off her belly button How long after birth does the umbilical cord fall off Is there a "normal" time for umbilical release When precisely does the umbilical cord fall off How soon should the umbilical cord fall off What is the normal time frame for umbilical cords to come off umbilical cord to fall off now When it is easy If the umbilical cord comes off now is that too early What was early for the umbilical cord to fall off Can the umbilical cord fall off too early Should I be worried if the umbilical cord comes off now is it too soon for her umbilical cord to come off it to early for the umbilical cord to fall off now Is it to early for the umbilical cord to come off Is the umbilical cord going to fall off sooner When is it considered too soon for the umbilical cord to drop off Is the umbilical cord supposed to come off that soon When the umbilical cord falls off what products do I use to clean the belly button Hello, how long does it take for the umbilical cord to fall off my baby's belly

## **Scaling the NLP**



- How long
- How soon
- Which day
- What time
- At what point
- Is there a certain time
- Will this start
- Is it okay
- Is it normal
- How many weeks
- Best time
- Expected time

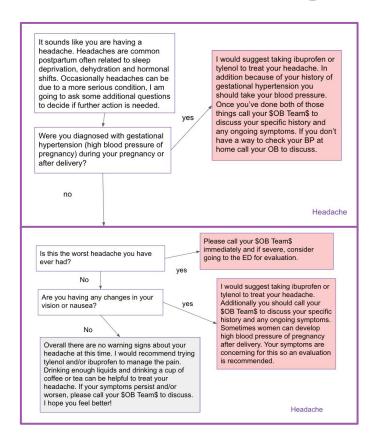


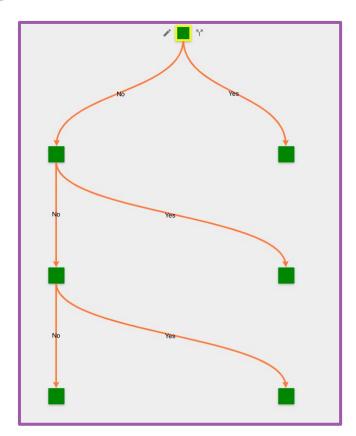
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- abdomen thing
- tummy thing
- belly thing
- stump
- cord
- belly button
- navel
- omphalic cord
- tummy button
- umbilical
- umbilical cord



- coming off
- coming out
- came out
- came off
- fell off
- fallen out
- fallen off
- falls off
- remain on
- stay on
- intact
- attach

## **Making Care Algorithmic**





### **Complements In-Person Care**

Patients are more forthcoming with digital tools

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This is especially true with mental health screenings.

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Penny distributes depression screenings 3 times during the mother's postpartum journey

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Even more frequently if a patient scores positive for depression or indicates that they need mental health support.

#### **Promoting**

Honesty

"Maybe you are feeling a certain way, and you may not want to say it, but since it is a text message, people may be more willing to answer honestly."

— Anonymous Patient at Hospital University of Pennsylvania

"A lot of people suffer from postpartum depression and don't know it. This service helps them out a lot by asking those series of questions that can help save a person life!"

— Anonymous Patient at Hospital University of Pennsylvania

## **Accessibility**



of American households earning under \$30,000 have mobile phones

But, in the same demographic, laptop or desktop access is only available to



Completely free for patients.

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No smartphone is needed.

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No desktop or laptop is needed.

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No internet or data is needed.

### **Focused on Promoting Health Justice**

#### **Equity**

Penny treats every patient the same regardless of their background or resources

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Penny can also adapt if a patient needs more attention.

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Penny has programs for formula feeding moms and breastfeeding moms, to support and celebrate all mothers' feeding choices.

## Live Demo!

### **Implementing Healing at Home**

## Phase 1: Identify patients suitable for early discharge post uncomplicated vaginal delivery

Both OB/GYN and PEDS clinical partners to create algorithm with pertinent clinical information for both Parent & Baby to be eligible

#### **Challenges:**

- Getting consensus from team on algorithm content
- Implementing new workflows to support documentation needs
- Building complex exclusion criteria
- Linking parent and baby records within EHR

### **Healing at Home Care Redesign**

#### **Phase 2: Global Pandemic**

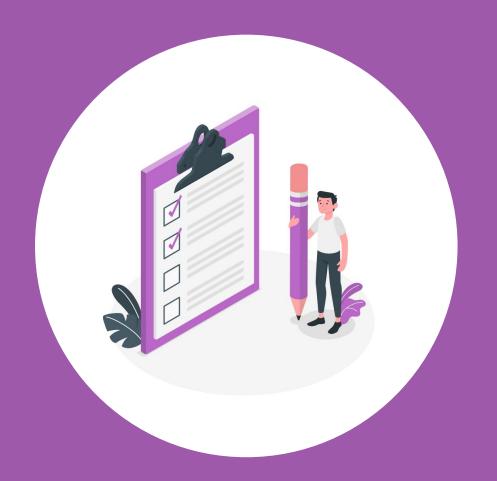
Patients requesting early discharge

LOS decreased 20%

Expanded access to the H@H program ahead of schedule

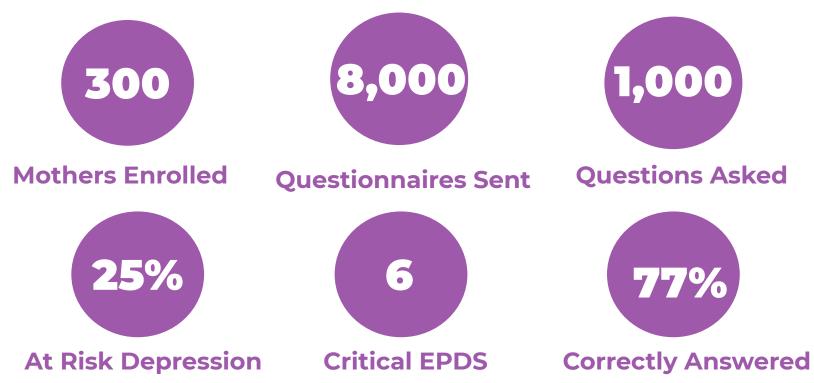
## **Our Results**

Demonstrated feasibility and safety profile



#### **Impact to Date**

in the past 6 months...



Screens

### **Impact to Date**

#### Patients Love Penny

"I was telling my girlfriends, and they were saying they hope they could have a program like this wherever they deliver. If I were to have another child, I would use this again.
"The service was a great support postpartum esp during Covid! It was easy to use and extremely informative! I am very appreciative that this service was provided. Thank you!"
'Great knowing as new parents we weren't left on our own for our first baby. A quick text with a fas response put my husband and my mind at ease"

# Q: What is the **top** question new mom's have after leaving the hospital?

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#### Most Common Question:

A: Baby Poop Frequency/Color

B: Umbilical Cord Care

C: Breast Engorgement

D: Jaundice

E: Baby Hiccups

#### Most Common Question:

A: Baby Poop Frequency/Color (5.1%)

B: Umbilical Cord Care (8.2%)

C: Breast Engorgement (2.1%)

D: Jaundice (1.9 %)

E: Baby Hiccups (1.7 %)

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DOL4: Outbound Message

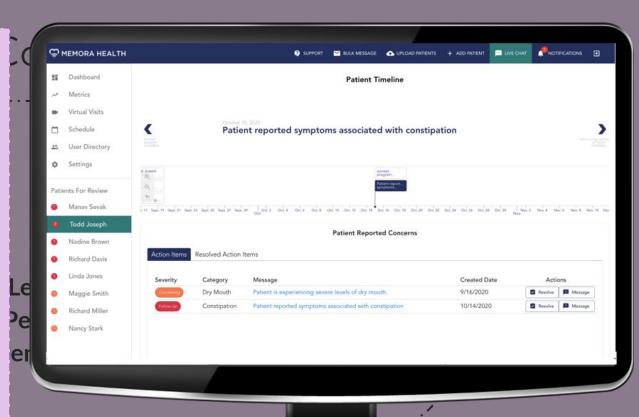
[baby\_name]'s umbilical cord may have already fallen off, which is totally normal! If it hasn't, it will fall off in the next 1-2 weeks. You shouldn't pull it off, but let it fall off on its own.

## Most Common Category:

Category	Count	
Pediatrics	47.03%	
Lactation	16.53%	
Obstetrics	8.90%	
Escalation, Leg Swelling	7.20%	
Escalation,Pediatrics,Vomiting	2.12%	
Non-Emergent. Latch, Challenge	1.69%	
Mon-Emergent, Laten, Challenge	1.07%	

### Automated Routing to Care Teams:

- OB/GYN
  - 31 possible emergency situations triaged
- PEDS
- Lactation
  - 18 real-time referrals to lactation consultants
- Social Work



## Engagement Rates

White	47.19%
East Indian	40.00%
Black / White	38.35%
Patient Declined	35.85%
Black	33.79%
Other	31.53%
Asian	30.90%
Unknown	24.35%
HLW - Hipanic Latino/White	23.42%

/ Race	AVERAGE Questions/% Total		
Unknown	5	(3.73%)	
HLW	4	(2.99%)	
Other	4	(8.96%)	
Black	3.95	(64.9%)	
White	2.17	(19.4%)	
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# On the horizon for Healing at Home

Build and evaluate care pathways to support moms in "high-risk" categories:

- C-section deliveries
- NICU babies/parents
- Healthcare utilization research

COVID 19 is the forcing function for rapid adoption of digital health technologies.



### **Implementing Memora Health**

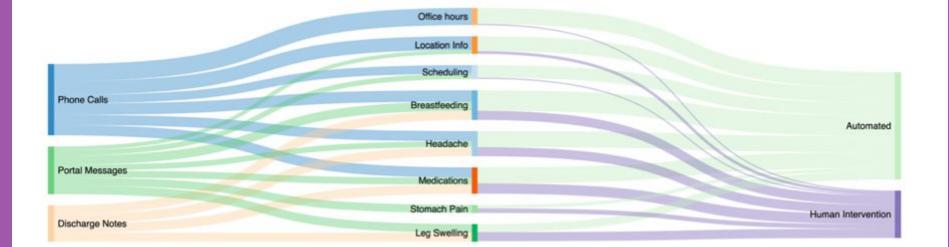


#### **MEMORA HEALTH**

THE OPERATING SYSTEM FOR CARE DELIVERY

**Standardize and Digitize Protocols** 

**Enable Great Human Interaction** 



## Thanks!



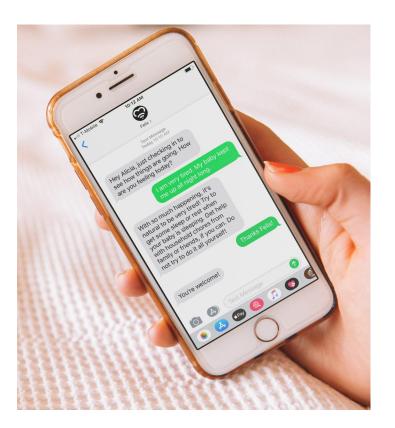






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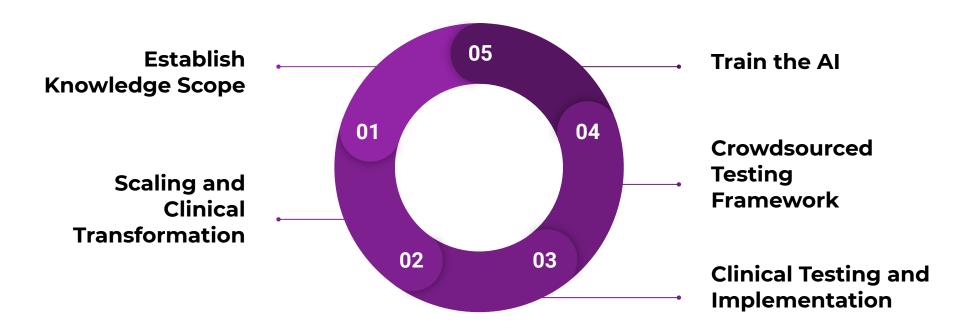


## **Appendix**

## **Answers Designed By Clinicians**

Day 1	Parent:  "What creams are good for diaper rash?"	Penny recommends zinc oxide cream, advises when to be concerned about rash
Day 3	Parent:  "My baby won't latch"	Penny asks follow up questions and learns that the baby's latch isn't deep enough. Sends a video and detailed instructions on latching
Day 6	Parent:  "When can I start exercising again?"	Penny advises light stretches and exercises, gives timeline for more intense workouts

# Designing Penny: A Virtual, Postpartum Assistant



## Technology Designed For Clinical Workflows

Day 7	Parent reports increase in bleeding	Penny asks follow up questions, immediately alerts <i>OB team</i> if bleeding is abnormal
Day 9	Parent:  "How do I produce more breastmilk?"	Penny advises increasing feeding frequency and fluid intake, connects mom to a <i>lactation consultant</i>
Day 10	Parent:  "My baby can't breathe"	Penny instructs mother to go to the <b>ER</b> , follows up 3 hours later to check in