Transforming Patient Care: Building Intelligent Hospitals with Salesforce

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Envision Meadowbrook Medical Center, a comprehensive regional hospital system with 1,500 staff spread across multiple campuses. Like many modern healthcare providers, they face a significant challenge: a fragmented patient engagement process that impacts everything from initial inquiries to long-term care coordination, leading to missed opportunities for preventative care, efficient resource allocation, and optimized patient outcomes. On March 15, 2025, CEO Dr. Amelia Hayes challenges her leadership team to fully leverage Salesforce's advanced tools: Agentforce, Data Cloud, Einstein AI, and Flow Orchestrator. Here's how they transform their operations to create a truly patient-centric hospital system.

The Meadowbrook Transformation: Implementing a Cutting-Edge Salesforce System

Day 1: Initial Contact and AI-Driven Assessment (March 22, 2025)

At 10:17 AM, a prospective patient, Maria Garcia, submits an online form on Meadowbrook's website, inquiring about their specialized orthopedic services after experiencing a sports injury. Within seconds, Agentforce initiates the following actions:

- **10:18 AM:** Agentforce analyzes the form data, cross-referencing Maria's information with publicly available data (if consented) and assigning an initial engagement rating of 84/100. This score considers Maria's reported injury, age bracket, insurance provider, and indicated interest in sports medicine.

- **10:19 AM:** Agentforce creates a new patient lead record in the CRM and automatically triggers a Flow Orchestrator process labeled "Ortho Patient Intake," initiating a sequence of automated

tasks and personalized communications. This Flow checks for duplicate records based on name, DOB and insurance info.

- **10:20 AM:** Agentforce sends a personalized SMS and email to Maria, acknowledging receipt of her inquiry, providing links to relevant information about Meadowbrook's orthopedic department, including physician profiles and patient testimonials.

- **11:00 AM:** Agentforce, utilizing Apex actions and Flows, starts building a comprehensive patient profile, pulling relevant information from publicly available databases (if consented) and health-related social media channels (if authorized). This information is securely stored in Data Cloud for immediate access across the platform.

- **11:30 AM:** Agentforce assigns the lead to a dedicated Patient Navigator based on Maria's location, insurance plan and injury type for a more personalized experience.

Day 2-3: Personalized Interaction and Appointment Scheduling (March 23-24, 2025)

- **Day 2, 9:00 AM:** Patient Navigator David Lee receives a high-priority alert to review Maria's case. The alert provides David with a summary of her expressed needs, initial assessment score, and any potential red flags identified by Agentforce.

- **9:30 AM:** Flow Orchestrator automatically generates a task for David to contact Maria, address any initial questions, and schedule a preliminary consultation with a specialized orthopedic surgeon. The system intelligently suggests optimal appointment slots based on physician availability, Maria's preferred times, and insurance pre-authorization requirements.

- During the 25-minute call, David leverages Agentforce to access a knowledge base of FAQs, insurance coverage details, and pre-appointment instructions, ensuring he can provide Maria with accurate and timely information. Agentforce also records the key details discussed during the conversation.

- **10:00 AM:** Based on Maria's preferences and physician availability, David schedules the consultation for March 29th with Dr. Sarah Chen and sends Maria a detailed confirmation email with all the necessary information, including directions to the hospital campus, parking instructions, and pre-appointment preparation guidelines.

- **Day 3, 9:00 AM:** Flow Orchestrator initiates a series of pre-appointment reminders to Maria via SMS and email, including links to online check-in forms, directions to the hospital, and a checklist of items to bring to the appointment (e.g., insurance card, medical records).

Day 4-7: Consultation and Treatment Planning (March 29 - April 2, 2025)

- **Day 4, 10:00 AM:** Maria arrives for her consultation with Dr. Chen.

- Einstein Conversation Insights automatically analyzes Dr. Chen's notes and the recorded audio from the consultation (with patient consent), identifying key symptoms, concerns, and potential diagnoses. It also analyzes the sentiment of the conversation, flagging any potential areas of patient dissatisfaction or anxiety.

- **11:00 AM:** Agentforce automatically updates Maria's patient record with Dr. Chen's findings, the identified ICD-10 codes, and a preliminary treatment plan outline. It also generates personalized educational materials about Maria's potential condition and treatment options, providing her with readily accessible information to make informed decisions.

- **Day 5, 2:00 PM:** Dr. Chen, David, and a multidisciplinary team (including a physical therapist, radiologist, and nurse practitioner) convene to review Maria's case. Leveraging Data Cloud's seamless integration with the hospital's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system, the team can access Maria's complete medical history, lab results, and imaging studies in a single unified view.

- Agentforce assists the team by providing real-time access to evidence-based clinical guidelines, peer-reviewed research articles, and best practice protocols relevant to Maria's potential condition. The system also suggests potential treatment pathways based on similar cases and patient outcomes.

- **Day 6:** Flow Orchestrator initiates a collaborative workflow process to finalize the treatment plan, automatically assigning tasks to relevant team members based on their specific expertise and responsibilities. The pharmacy receives a task to review medication orders, the physical therapy department is assigned to develop a rehabilitation plan, and the scheduling team is prompted to book follow-up appointments. Each team member receives automated notifications with clear deadlines, ensuring a swift and coordinated response.

- **Day 7, 9:00 AM:** The finalized and personalized treatment plan is presented to Maria in an easy-to-understand format, outlining the recommended course of action, potential risks and benefits, estimated costs, and expected outcomes. Agentforce provides Maria with access to a dedicated patient portal where she can securely access her treatment plan, communicate with her care team, and schedule appointments.

Day 8-10: Treatment and Ongoing Care (April 3-5, 2025)

- **Day 8:** Maria begins her prescribed treatment plan, including medication management, physical therapy sessions, and follow-up appointments with Dr. Chen.

- Agentforce continuously monitors Maria's progress, tracking medication adherence, appointment attendance, patient-reported outcomes, and any reported side effects or complications. The system automatically sends reminders for upcoming appointments and medication refills, helping Maria stay on track with her treatment plan.

- **Day 9, 3:00 PM:** Maria attends a follow-up appointment with Dr. Chen to assess her progress and make any necessary adjustments to the treatment plan.

- Einstein Conversation Insights analyzes Dr. Chen's notes from the follow-up appointment, identifying any new concerns, changes in symptoms, or need for modifications to the treatment regimen. The system also analyzes Maria's emotional state and provides Dr. Chen with insights into her level of satisfaction and engagement with the treatment process.

- **Day 10, 10:00 AM:** Maria receives a satisfaction survey via email, allowing her to provide feedback on her experience with Meadowbrook Medical Center. Agentforce analyzes the survey

responses and automatically routes any negative feedback to the appropriate department for immediate follow-up and resolution.

Proactive Patient Engagement and Service Enhancement (Ongoing)

Meadowbrook Medical Center uses the system to continue engaging patients beyond their initial treatment, leveraging AI-driven insights to ensure ongoing satisfaction, prevent readmissions, and identify areas for service improvement.

- Agentforce continuously monitors various data points, including patient satisfaction scores, feedback forms, social media mentions, and clinical outcomes, calculating a daily "Patient Wellness Score" for each patient. This score provides a holistic view of the patient's overall health and well-being.

- Flow Orchestrator automatically generates and assigns proactive outreach tasks to the patient success team when the wellness score drops below a predefined threshold (e.g., 75/100) for a specific period. These tasks may include phone calls, emails, or in-person visits to address potential issues proactively and prevent escalation.

- Data Cloud analyzes patient data, including demographics, medical history, treatment patterns, and lifestyle factors, to identify patients at high risk for readmission or complications. The system then triggers proactive interventions, such as home health visits, medication counseling, or specialized care coordination, to mitigate these risks.

- Every month, Agentforce generates a comprehensive account review for each patient, which the patient success manager refines and presents to the patient (if appropriate), ensuring transparency and alignment on their care plan.

- Quarterly, Flow Orchestrator initiates a cross-departmental service review, bringing together representatives from different departments (e.g., clinical, administrative, IT) to analyze patient data, identify trends, and implement improvements to the hospital's services and processes.

Continuous Engagement and Data-Driven Improvement

Throughout the patient journey, Agentforce plays a crucial role in optimizing care delivery:

- It continuously monitors patient outcomes, alerting the care team to any potential health deterioration or ineffective treatment interventions.

- The AI analyzes patient feedback, service requests, and communication patterns to calculate a daily "Patient Engagement Index," providing insights into the level of patient engagement and satisfaction.

- Flow Orchestrator streamlines the complex coordination of ongoing care, ensuring that all tasks are completed on time and by the right personnel.

- Data Cloud constantly enriches patient profiles with new information from various sources, enabling Meadowbrook to personalize care delivery and identify opportunities to improve patient outcomes.

This implementation showcases the advanced use of Salesforce technologies in a hospital setting, demonstrating:

- Real-time data integration and analysis through Data Cloud, providing a comprehensive, 360-degree view of the patient at every touchpoint.

- AI-driven decision-making and personalization via Agentforce and Einstein AI, from initial lead scoring to ongoing treatment optimization and risk prediction.

- Automated, intelligent workflow management with Flow Orchestrator, ensuring seamless collaboration across departments and timely execution of complex processes.

- Seamless integration with the hospital's existing systems, including the EMR, billing system, and patient portal, creating a unified and efficient technology ecosystem.

- Continuous learning and data-driven improvement, with each interaction and outcome feeding back into the system to refine algorithms, personalize care pathways, and optimize hospital operations.

By leveraging these advanced technologies, Meadowbrook Medical Center has built a responsive, intelligent, and patient-centered system that delivers exceptional care, reduces costs, and improves patient outcomes. This positions Meadowbrook as a leader in the digital transformation of healthcare.

The result is a transformation that extends beyond simply improving processes. It establishes a truly intelligent hospital system, capable of delivering personalized, high-value care at scale while continuously learning and adapting to the ever-evolving needs of its patients and the healthcare landscape.

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