# The Patient Financial Experience: A Link to Satisfaction, Payment, and More

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Chief Financial Officer





#### The Speaker







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Dennis Laraway is Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer for Memorial Hermann Health System, Houston Texas. Memorial Hermann owns and operates sixteen (16) hospitals across the greater-Houston area. Memorial Hermann, one of the largest comprehensive health systems in the nation, operates an annual budget of over \$5 Billion, and is widely acclaimed for operating one of the nation's largest clinically-integrated physician networks (CIN) and industry-leading Accountable Care Organization (ACO).

Previously, Dennis served as Chief Financial Officer for Scott & White Healthcare, that owned, operated, or partnered in a network of twelve (12) hospitals. Prior to Scott & White, he served as Chief Financial Officer for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (of Catholic Healthcare West, now Dignity Health) in Phoenix, AZ, and as Chief Financial Officer for Seton Health, a multi-hospital health system located in Troy, New York (then part of Ascension Health based in St. Louis, Missouri).

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#### Gameplan

#### **About Memorial Hermann**

Patient Financial Care Opportunity

Applied Learnings from the Field



# About Memorial Hermann The Market Leader – Houston MSA



\$6.5B Total Assets \$5B Net Operating Revenue 25,000 Employees; 5,500 Physicians

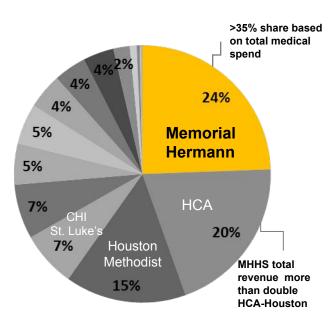
#### 227 Locations

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#### **Market Share Ranking**

- 1st: Aggregate Market Share
- 1st: Burns
- 1st: Cardiology
- 1st: ENT
- 1st: General Medicine
- 1st: General Surgery
- 1st: Neurology
- 1st: Neurosurgery
- 1st: Ophthalmology
- 1st: Orthopedics
- 1st: Rehab
- 1st: Spine
- 1st: Thoracic Surgery
- 1st: Urology
- 1st: Vascular
- 2nd: Gynecology
- 2nd: Neonatology
- 2nd: Obstetrics

#### **Inpatient Market Share**

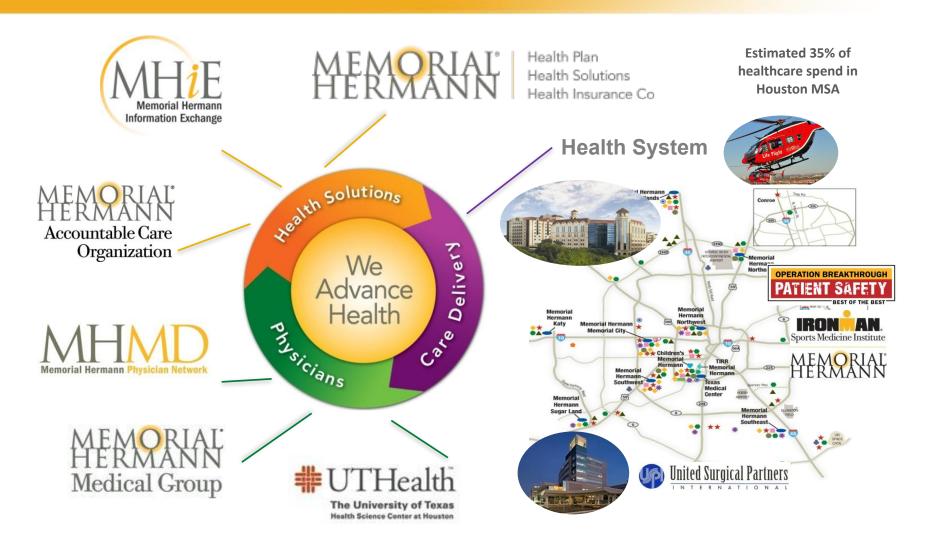


Greater Houston MSA 6.5 million population (projected to 7.1 million 2020)



## Integrated Delivery System (IDS)



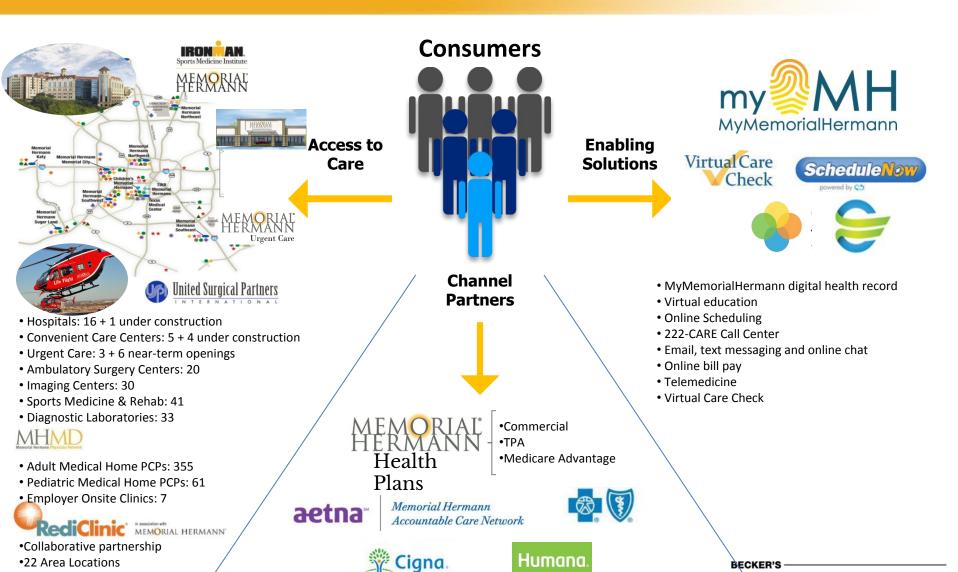




#### **Consumer Driven Approach**



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"My doctor told me to avoid any unnecessary stress, so I didn't open his bill."



#### Context

#### Patients struggle to pay

36%

Patients pursue less/no care due to price 1

face \$1k+ deductibles (and growing!) 3 Privately insured patients

2 in 3 Americans have less than \$1,000 in savings <sup>2</sup>

#### Providers struggle to adapt

American have medical debt, most owe \$2,000 or more <sup>4</sup>

avg. collected on balances above \$500 <sup>5</sup>

"Increase in bad debt and even in charity care for people with high-deductible health plans"

Caroline Steinberg (VP Trends Analysis)

- <sup>1</sup> The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Surveys (link, 2014) and McKinsey Retail Healthcare Consumer Survey 2009
- <sup>2</sup> USA Today "Nearly 7 in 10 Americans have less than \$1,000 in savings" (9 Oct 2016, article link)
- <sup>3</sup> Modern Healthcare, May 2016
- <sup>4</sup> US Census 2011 County Business Patterns
- <sup>5</sup> Trends in Healthcare Payments Annual Report, 2012



#### Patients face many *hurdles*



Patient Needs Care

# Hard to decide

(limited transparency plus technical jargon)

#### Confusing

(Multiple systems, disjointed flow)

# Inconvenient and Slow

(paper and people intensive, not digital or mobile friendly)

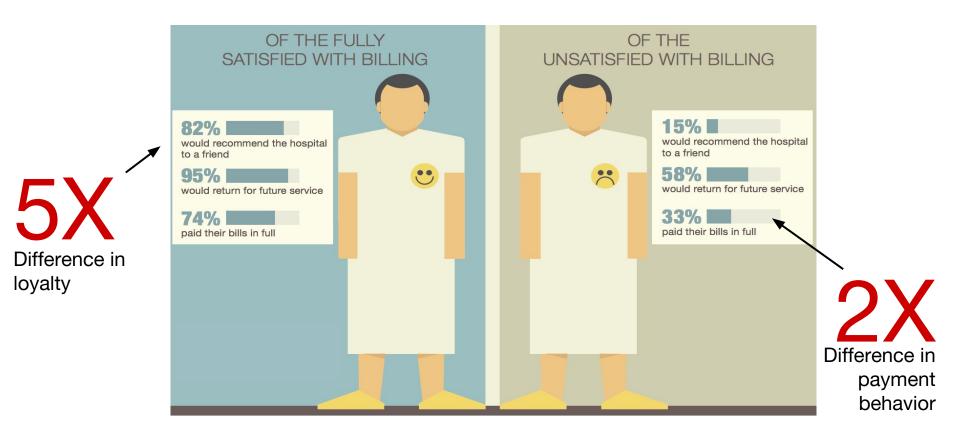
Too Little, Too Late

(limited flexibility, reactive help)

Patient Delays or Avoids



#### Financial care goes beyond payment... loyalty too!



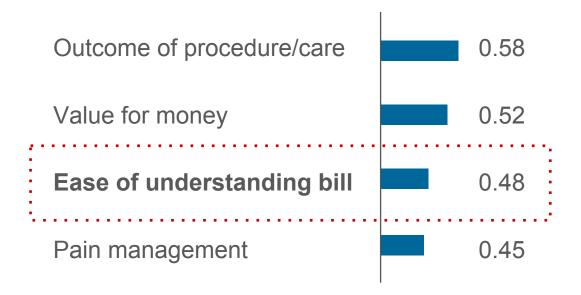
# Patient financial care can impact: acquisition, payments, reimbursement, and loyalty





## **INSIGHT:** Billing pain now compares with physical pain!

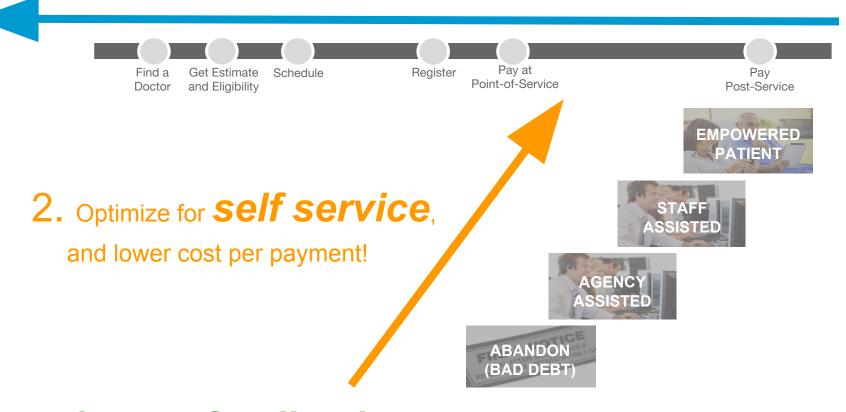
# Patient Satisfaction Drivers and Correlation to Inpatient Care





#### New KPIs: Better align success of patient and provider

1. **Engage** early and adapt



3. Build in **feedback**, collect net promoter score (NPS)



#### Working together: motivated and multidisciplinary

**Patient** Revenue **Experience** Cycle & Innovation **Patient Financial** Care **Marketing** 

"Dunning cycles"

Staff driven

Transactional

**Painpoint** 

Engagement that adapts

Flow optimized for self-service

Transparency and realtime feedback



#### Patient financial care is...

- Last impression
- First impression
- Common to ALL patients
- Affects "significant" dollars



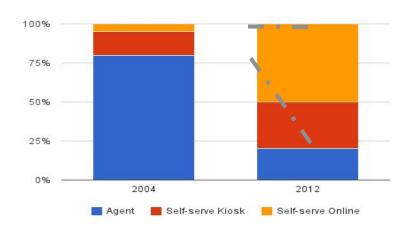
Strategic complement to clinical care

# **OPPORTUNITY!**

## Perspective: Airlines and the move to "exception handling"



- Transformed boarding experience and the role of agents
- $20\% \rightarrow 80\%$  self service in only 8 years<sup>1</sup>





**Hospital Review** 



Drennen, Hannah. "Self Service Technology in Airports and the Customer Experience." (2011). UNLY Theses/Dissertations/ Professional Papers/Capstones. Paper 1053. Accessed October 8. 2014. digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2054&context=thesesdissertations.

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## **MyMemorialHermann today** Strip Mall of Apps



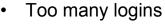












- Desktop only
- Up to 7 steps to access features







Referrals

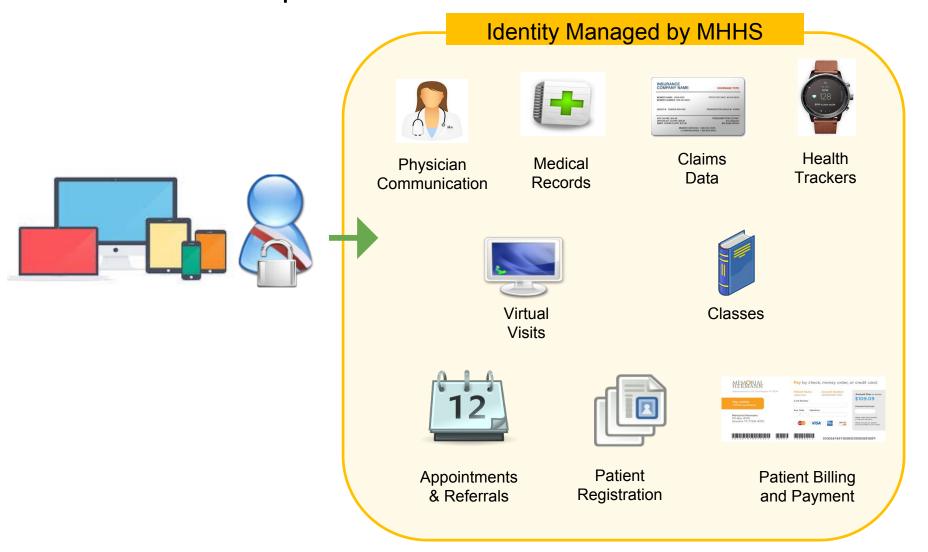


**Appointments** 

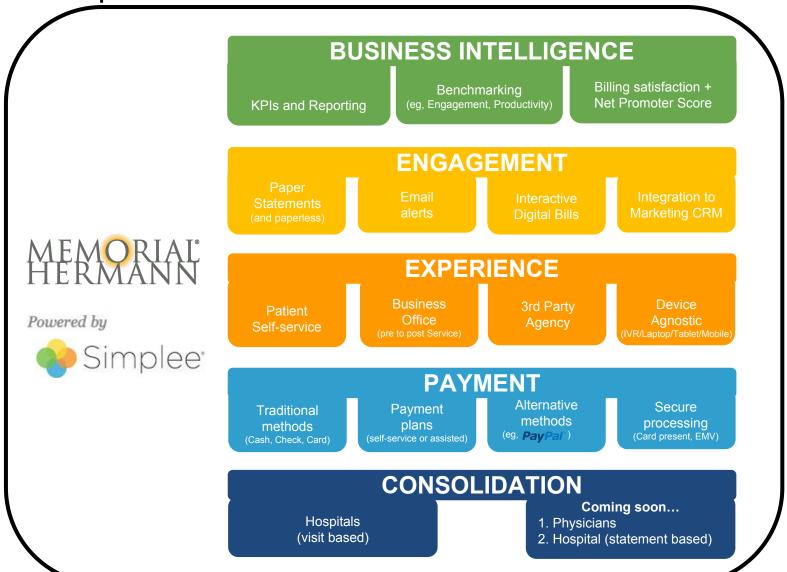


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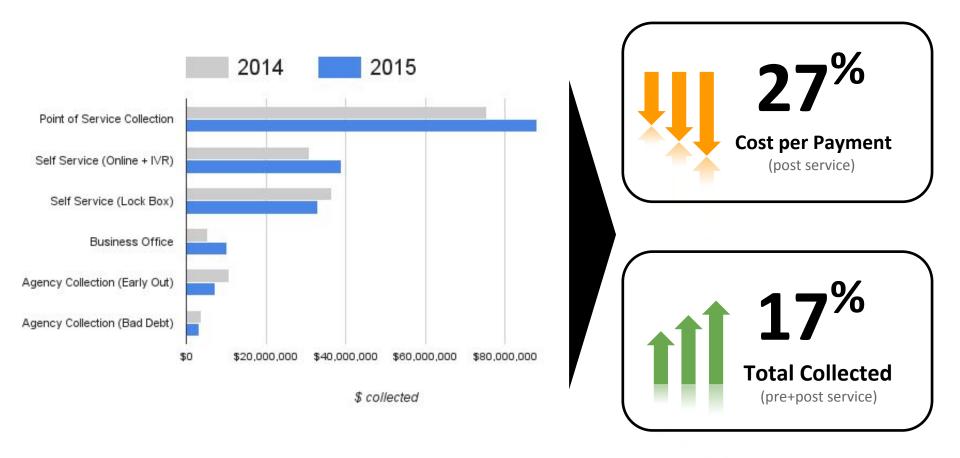
## MyMemorialHermann 2.0 Amazon-like Department Store



#### Complement the clinical with *financial care*



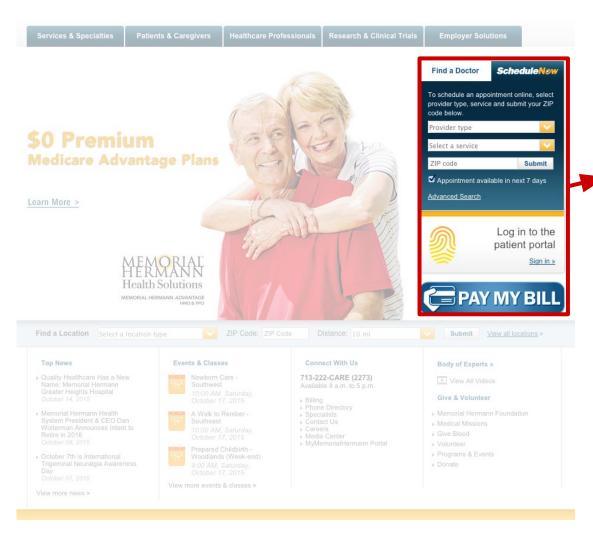
#### **New KPIs** like self-service, driving impact



#### Source:



## Make it easy, capture more inbound



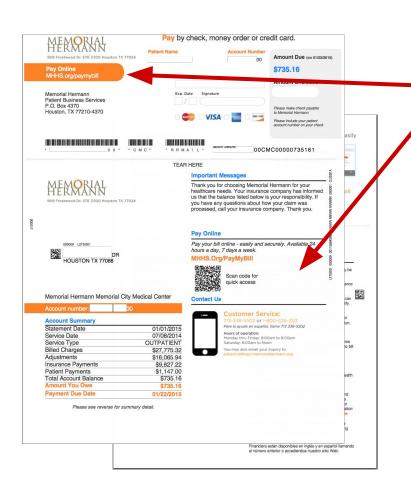
"I called and I was on hold, so I decided to log on and it was faster and convenient for me. Thanks"

Patient
Memorial Hermann

"I was surprised that it was as easy as it was"
Patient
Memorial Hermann



## Design paper (and staff flow) for exception handling



#### **Design principles**

- Visual layout, focus on key messages
- Emphasize benefits of paying online
- Multiple paths to online (mobile too)

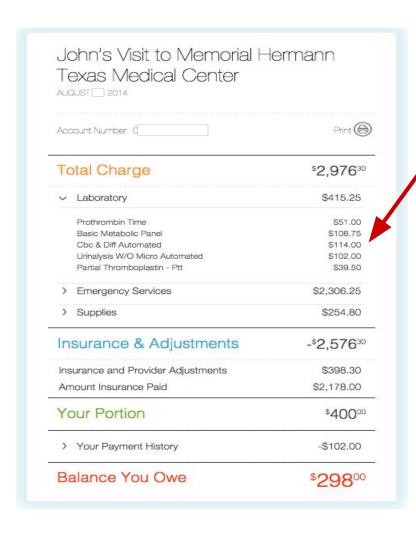
"For a 68-year-old woman, this is convenient."

#### **Patient**

Memorial Hermann



#### Offer a "carrot"... friendly details available online



#### **Design principles**

- Self-service experience offers benefits like detailed statements
- Patient bill integrated into checkout
- Interactive and mobile responsive

"Love that I can see what amount is owed"

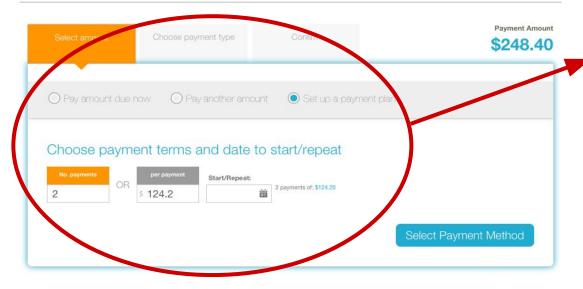
**Patient** 

Memorial Hermann



#### Reduce barriers with *online payment plans*





"Really fast and easy to set up payment plan . Best website ever for billing!"

#### **Patient**

Memorial Hermann

"I like they have let me establish a payment plan option since it is difficult for me to have enough money to pay for everything. The payment plan has really helped me out.""

#### **Patient**

Memorial Hermann

"I appreciate the option to set up a repayment plan so that I may utilize my **health savings account** for this bill."

#### **Patient**

Memorial Hermann



#### Empower people, reduce common requests



"This was so easy and quick that I almost fell off my chair."

#### **Patient**

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"Allows me to track everything and it is very accurate and easy to use!! KUDOS!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

#### **Patient**

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#### **Visibility Driving Productivity**

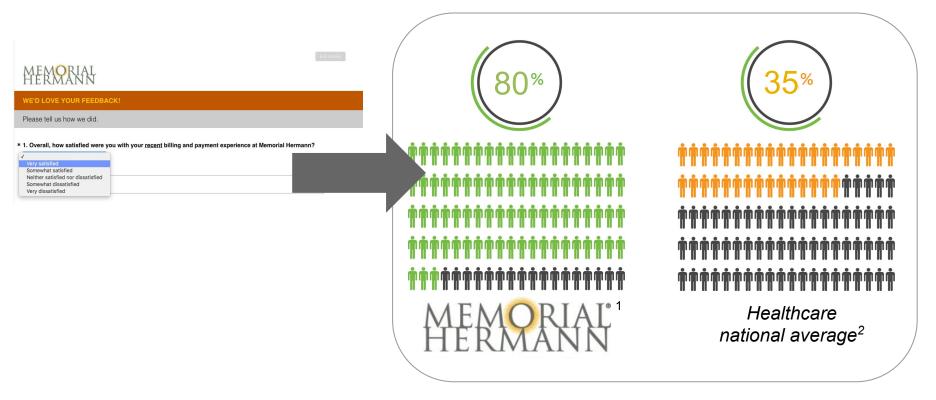


- Consolidated reporting across channels (eg, Point of Service, BAI, Online, Agency)
- Collection performance at individual staff level (hospital and collections agency)
- History of patient's payments and engagement (eg, paper statements, emails, payment dates and methods)



#### Beyond HCAHPS, add real time surveying

Patients Reporting "Very satisfied" with Billing and Payment Experience



#### Source:

- 1, Results of billing and payment satisfaction survey across Memorial Hermann patients (2015 survey, n=9,817)
- Longitudinal study of patient satisfaction with billing and payment experience by Connance (Consumer Impact Study, 5th annual, results published Aug 2014)



## Revenue cycle can support marketing too

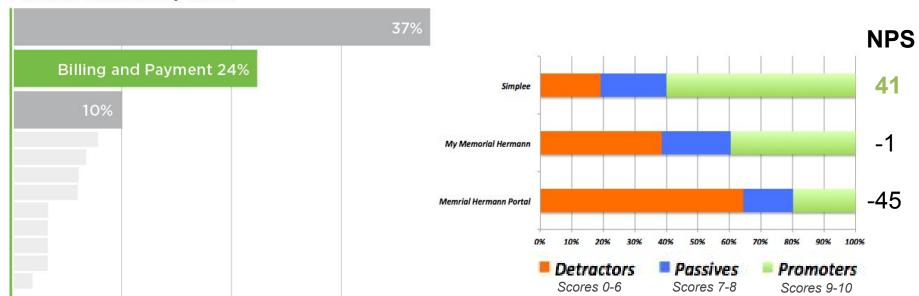
#### **Driving 1 in 4 marketing opt-ins**

FY 2016 Contributions

#### **Highest Contributor to Loyalty**

Benchmarking Net Promoter Scores (NPS)

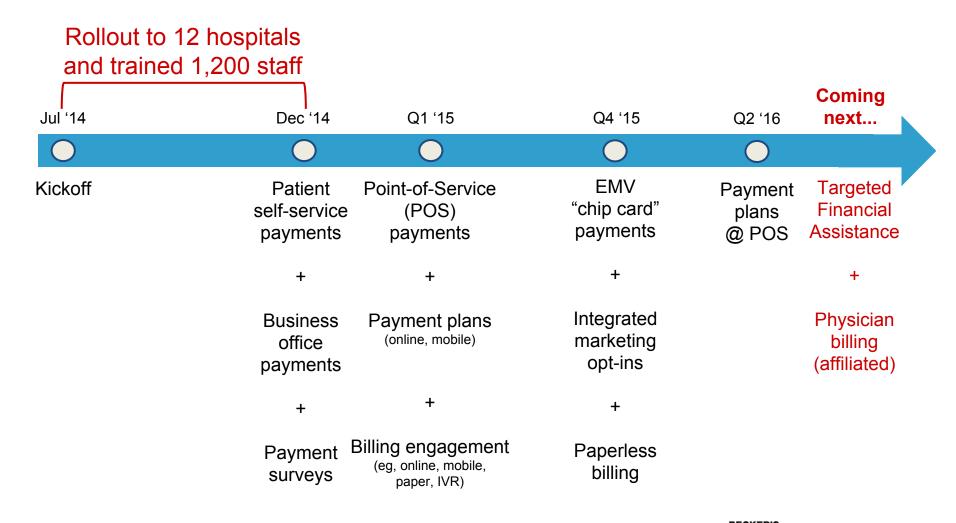
FY 2016 % Contribution by Channel



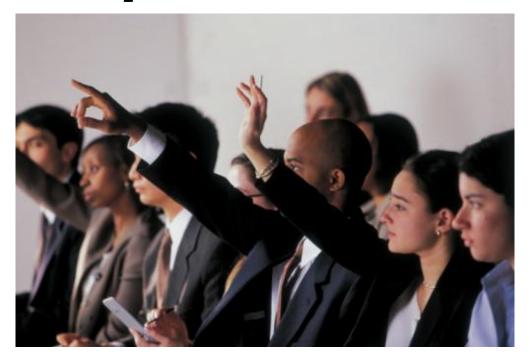




#### Faster than you think, live system wide in FIVE months



# Open Q&A



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