# Better Mobile Communications for Patient Engagement

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# Agenda

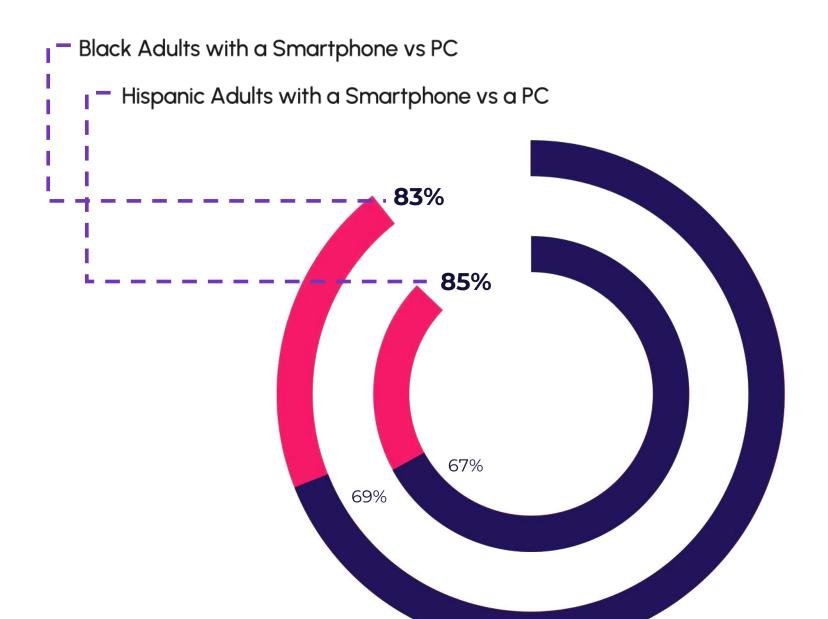
- I. What do patients need?
- 2. How are healthcare organizations using mobile messaging today?
- 3. Expanding mobile messaging to optimize patient engagement.
- 4. Q&A





Why is it important for healthcare organizations to get patient communication right?

# Access and Demographics







## St. Louis Digital Divide Hits Low-Income **Neighborhoods Hard**

A new report found that as many as 300,000 households in the city and St. Louis County lack high-quality Internet access and 25 percent of homes in the city do not even have a computer.

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(TNS) — Between 250,000 and 300,000 households in St. Louis and St. Louis County, Mo., lack access to high-quality internet, and one-fourth of homes in the city do not even have a computer, according to a new report measuring the gap in digital access between rich and poor areas of the region.

The report, the St. Louis Digital Divide, says that families in low-income school districts, such as Normandy, Jennings, Riverview Gardens and St. Louis Public Schools, have the furthest to go in closing what's known as the digital divide.

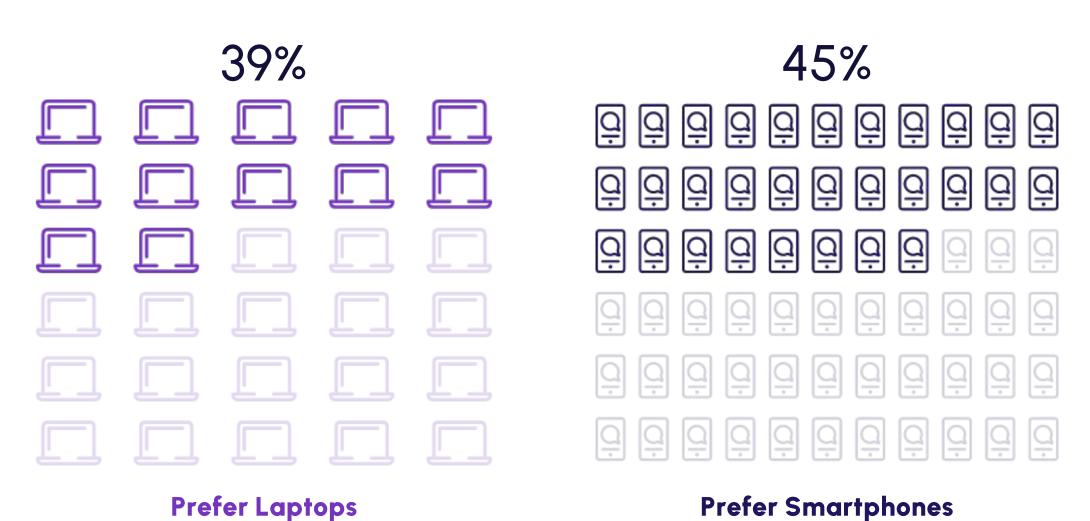
The region must invest in order to reverse the trend, said Dave Leipholtz, executive director at the Center for Civic Research and Innovation, a co-author of the report.





\*Device preference for accessing

# Telehealth



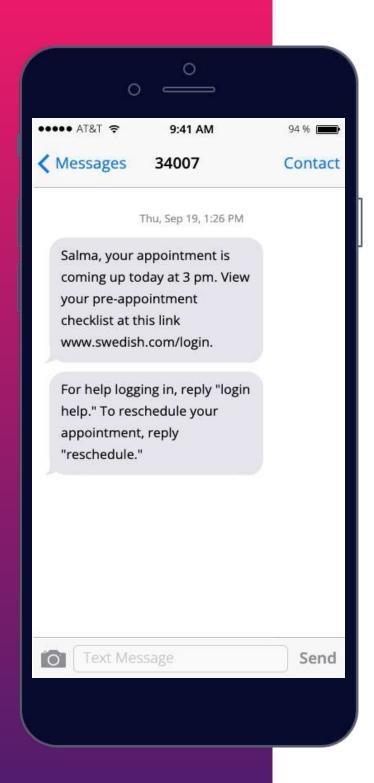
# Where are these trends going?



Of Patients want to communicate with healthcare providers via mobile



Of Patients want to communicate about a loved one's health with their doctors via SMS

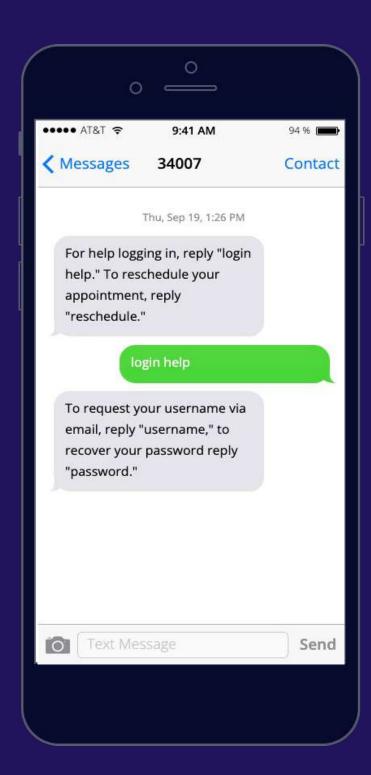


## Appointment Reminders

98% of patients will read a mobile message vs just7% of those sent through a secure patient portal

Text-based appointment reminders save nearly \$150 per missed appointment, or \$275,000 per year for a single clinic

Using automated messages is lower than the cost of phone calls and reduces staff time by 17%



# Improving Access

Reducing friction is an opportunity at every step of the patient journey.

#### Prevent fraud via SMS

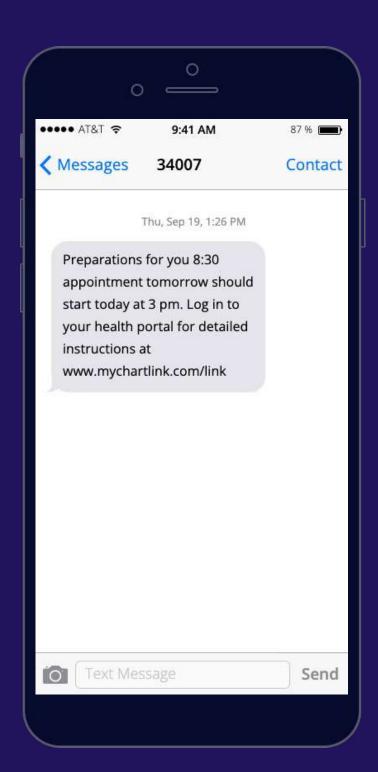
79% of all reported security breaches are in Healthcare, and 99% of compromised accounts didn't use 2-factor authentication.\*

## Prepare patients for their appointment

Sending "day of" reminder texts for telehealth appointments that provide easy ways to access help logging in if a patient is having trouble

#### A step further...

Mobile messages can do more than provide 2-Auth passwords—they can prompt you to complete prep, sign documents, check-in early, etc.



## Optimizing Flow

Finding opportunities to make patient engagement more efficient

## Help Patients Get Where They Want to Go

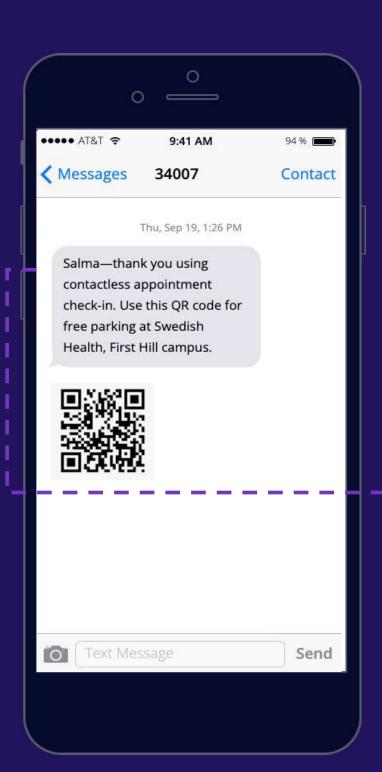
Enable patients to connect with a specific department or practice with one step using inbound keywords

### Text links to streamline the process

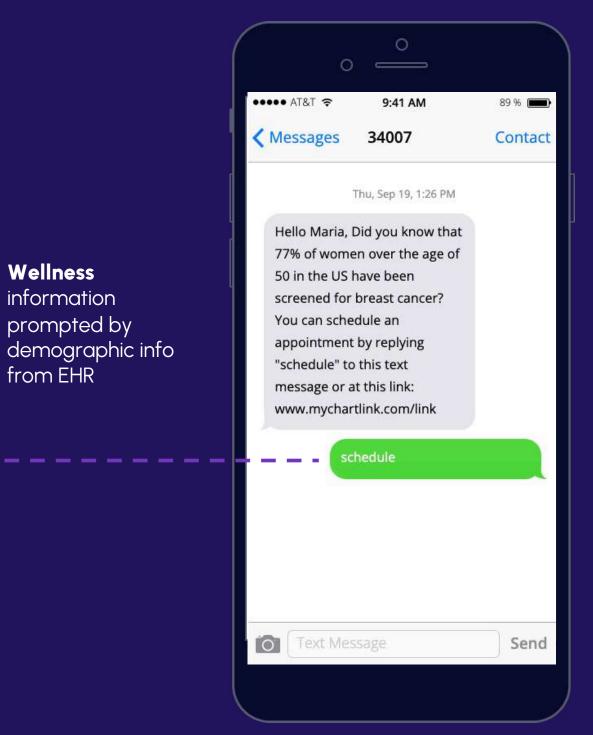
Pre-appointment preparation instructions, online intake forms, links to postcare information

## A step further...

Coordinate with building management to offer free or reduced parking to incentivize patients to arrive early for appointments



**Incentives** and cross-departmental cooperation can boost efficiency and patient satisfaction.

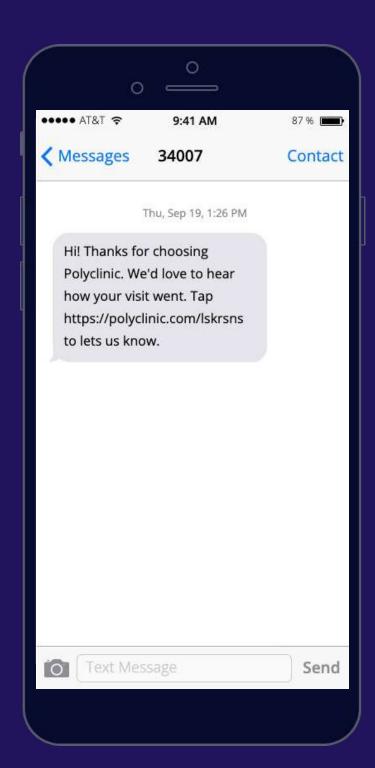


Wellness

from EHR

information

prompted by



## Focusing on Experience

Take the 30,000 foot view to design patient communications

#### **Cohesive Communications**

Ensure all areas of the organization are using the same communications strategies with patients

## Surveys and Feedback

Send post-appointment survey texts to get immediate feedback from patients about their experience with you

## A step further...

Implement tools that allow the patient to determine the best way for you to communicate with them

## Conversations



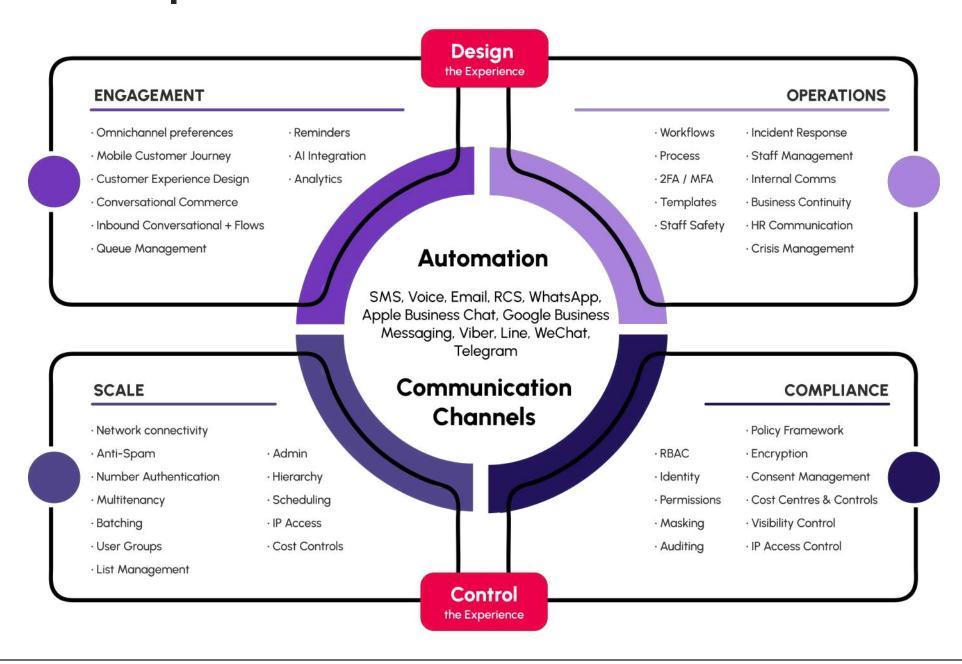
- Single platform for interaction across multiple contacts.
- Real-time two-way communication.
- Historical conversations and search.

This feature can be uniquely positioned for Users that require real-time active conversations with their recipient base allowing for very quick turnaround times and responses. As more channels are added to Conversations, users can find multiple ways to get in touch with recipients not matter what response channel they choose to respond with.

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# The Soprano Connect Product Suite



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# Thank You



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## Sources:

\* Governing.com, April 15, 2022, Janelle O'Dea, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## GLOBAL-LEADING CPAAS CAPABILITIES



Interactive messaging and orchestration



Low-code system integration



Policy, governance, & control



Security and compliance



Analytics and reporting

## GOVERNMENT-GRADE PERFORMANCE

#### **Data Sovereignty**

 The platform is hosted in ISO27001 data centers

#### High Availability + Throughput

- · Dedicated operational site
- Geo redundant/disaster recovery

#### Security

- Encryption at REST
- · Encryption in motion





# Soprano's Innovative Edge



#### Service

· Soprano offers a high-touch service pairing with our solution including custom integration/development, communication design, and API configuration.



#### Network

 Global carrier partners and direct network traffic enables superior security, reliability, throughput, and fraud prevention.



#### Structure

· Regional customer-facing teams outperform the competition through organizational structure and expertlevel resource availability.



#### Performance

Enterprise needs related to scale and compliance are often impossible with competing platforms—complex use cases and orchestration structures require Soprano's robust tooling.