

#### Development of Mobile Applications to Improve HIV Care Continuum for Adolescents and Young Adults

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# **Learning Objectives**

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- 1. Understand what it takes to develop a mobile medical application.
- 2. Identify the mobile app features that are the most useful in keeping individuals engaged in the app.
- 3. Understand the privacy and HIPAA issues that need to be addressed in using mobile app technology.



#### **Background – HIV Care Continuum**

#### BY AGE: Younger Americans are least likely to have their virus in check.





#### **Background – Apps and Social Media**

Pew Research Poll 2014

- 74% of online adults used social media sites
  - Highest in age group 18-29 (89%); 30-49 (82%)
  - No difference by sex, education or earnings (< or > 30K annually)
- Cellphone penetration in 2018 (Pew)

	Any Cell Phone	Smart Phone
Total	95%	77%
Ages 18-29	100%	94%
Ages 30-49	98%	89%



#### **Background – HIV in Central PA**

HIV care model in southcentral PA

- Small urban centers: Harrisburg metro area, Lebanon, Carlisle
  - Dauphin County (Harrisburg) ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in PA for cumulative AIDS cases
  - Relatively large AA population (Harrisburg) and Latinos (Harrisburg, Lebanon), both disproportionately affected
- Large rural population: 10+ counties
  - Largely Caucasian population
- Increasing proportion of MSM, young and youngish



## Objectives

Link all Ryan White-funded providers in the greater Harrisburg area in a collaborative project

- Unmet need #1
  - Extend the existing OPT-In For Life brand (<u>http://optinforlife.org</u>) to include all individuals on our web and all social media sites
- Unmet need #2
  - Develop the OPT-In For Life app to target our new and existing patients, ages 18-34 for whom we have already demonstrated a high dropout rate



#### Collaborators

- PennState Health, Hershey Medical Center
  - Division of Infectious Diseases
  - Public Health Sciences
- UPMC Pinnacle
  - REACCH Program
- Hamilton Health Center
  - Hamilton HOPE Program
- Alder Health Services



#### **Unmet Needs Addressed**

Unmet Need #1.

- Any and all individuals, primarily focusing on individuals in the targeted age group, who are infected but not diagnosed, diagnosed but not in care.
  - Social media sites

Unmet Need #2.

- All patients in the targeted age group, enrolled or newly enrolling during the project period, receiving HIV care at any of our clinical sites.
  - Social media sites
  - Mobile app



#### **Protocol Inclusion Criteria**

- Age 18-34
  - Considered enrolling 13-17; too few
- Newly diagnosed HIV+ in the past 12 months
- At least one period of 6 months+ out of care in the past 24 months



## **Mobile App Development**

Selecting an app developer

- Entertained three proposals at the start of the project
- Only one had experience in building healthcare-related apps
  - DuetHealth (now owned by MedData)
    - Previously worked with one of our collaborators
  - Initial cost of mobile app development: \$70K
  - Ongoing maintenance costs for the mobile app: ~\$30K/year



#### **Data Storage Management**

- Data are stored on NIST 800-171 compliant Duet servers
  - There is no such thing as "HIPPA compliant Servers"
- Backend is managed on a web-based system
  - Strong similarity to Content Management Systems (CMS) like Wordpress
  - Doesn't require knowledge of HTML or CSS, but tech savvy navigation



## **App Download and Activation**

- An email is sent with a direct link for both iOS and Android devices
  - Account is tied to email, not phone number
  - Can be downloaded to a new phone and different mobile OS while still maintaining the same account information
- Ensure the patient has downloaded and logged in for the first time
  - In person activation is a manual security check
- Clinical team can now upload lab data
  - The in person activation ensures the right person owns the account before uploading any PHI
  - Clinical team can now initiate "ice breaker" messages



#### **Multi-Site Capable**

- Under the OPT-In Brand umbrella, multiple sites can be serviced.
  - Within the app a blend of features are controlled at the "Program Wide" level, or at the "Care Site" level.
- With confidentiality agreements one person can register patients for multiple sites.
- A small dedicated team can publish content directly to all patients "Program Wide"
  - App is multimedia capable
    - Images, videos, pdf files, text



#### **Patient Profile**

Program Utilization		Journal Entries: 1	DOWNLOAD JOURNAL	ENTRIES AS CSV
Application Opens	0	Meal	Entries: 0 Prin	nt CSV
Opens / Week	0	Water	Entries: 0 Prin	nt CSV
iOS Devices	1			
Android Devices	0	Weight	Entries: 0 Prir	t CSV
		Reflection Journal	Entries: 1 Alert Prin	nt CSV
		Activity	Entries: 0 Prin	nt CSV
		Sexual Partner Follow Up	Entries: 0 Prin	csv
Goals In Process: 2	HISTORY	Timeline: N/A		
Lose weight	1	This is a medical manage	ement patient.	
Exercise				
Exercise Content Interaction: 2		Messages: 5 NEW F	ROM PATIENT	SEND NEW
	1	Messages: 5 NEW F	06/12/18 2:47 PM	
Content Interaction: 2	1			06/12/18 2:47 PN
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Medications

Multi Vitamin and Mineral

Refill in 90 days

Truvada

Care Team		
John Zurlo, MD		

Care Team



#### **Patient Initiated Goals**

Exercise	
tart Date: 06/01/2018	Goal: 20
Goal Type: Activity	Milestones
Reason: Exercise 5 days a week	



#### Matthew Mahoney GOALS 2 IN-PROCESS 1 COMPLETED Goal Progress Goal Name Goal Start Date Goal Type **Completion Type** 06/01/2018 Goal Amount Exercise Activity Lose weight 05/31/2018 Health Goal Amount



#### **Clinical Portal**

B Duet	Controls	Communications	Content J	ournal Editor	Patient Messages	Patient Alerts	Logout
OPT-In FOR LIFE							
Iodule: Living with HIV	~	<b>(</b>	ENTERPF overarching cor	RISE CONT	ROL CENTI	ER	
PATIENT INTELLIGENCE CENTER	54 PATIENTS	17 TEST USERS	0 DEACTIVATED		INVITATIONS	Search by Patient N	Name Q
0-441	Name	Мо	dule	Created On	Last Used	Activation C	ode
Settings	David Huber	r Livi	ing with HIV	05-07-18	10-02-18		
Locations	Jeff Harper	Livi	ing with HIV	01-16-18	05-23-18		
Care Team	Chen Chen	Livi	ing with HIV	12-12-17	05-10-18		
Engagement Score	Chrome Tes	ter889 Livi	ing with HIV	09-25-17	10-02-17		
Manage Goals	Dr Shen		ing with HIV	09-15-17	10-09-17		
Manage Checklist Items	Test Person		ing with HIV	09-14-17	N/A	9b7d8720	
Care Sites	Test Person		ing with HIV	09-14-17	09-14-17	Condon 20	
User Management	Test Person		ing with HIV	09-14-17	10-24-17		
	Tester BOB		ing with HIV	09-14-17	09-14-17		
Users	Verbenia Co		ing with HIV	03-31-17	06-20-18		
Audit Logs	Elaine Davis		ing with HIV	01-10-17	N/A	a395ac3a	
	Djibril Ba		ing with HIV	01-09-17	05-15-17		
	Ping Du		ing with HIV	10-07-16	10-01-18		
	Rosalee Fre		ing with HIV	10-05-16	07-10-17		
	Ethan Canty		ing with HIV	06-02-16	07-27-16		
	John Zurlo		ing with HIV	05-13-16	10-02-18		
	HMC 999	Livi	ing with HIV	05-13-16	10-05-16		



## Privacy, HIPAA, IRB

- Privacy and HIPAA
- IRB-related Issues





# APP: <u>ORIGINAL</u> FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES



## APP: CURRENT FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES



Are you feeling more in control of your health care since using the OPT-In For Life App?

Yes, I find certain things about the app help me.

Yes, but not because of the app

No, and I don't use the app

Cancel

No, I just don't find benefit from the app

Next

# **APP:** *Reflections*

AT&T LTE	4:20 PM	7 85%	)
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			$\overline{}$
	All Messages		4
-	For Life	7/13/18 3:22 PM	
Quick A	tment Reminder ppointment Remind eduled an appointm		>
-	For Life	6/29/18 9:24 AM	
New Lo	ook, Different App!		>
Hey the	ere!		
•	For Life ontent: Medical Ma	5/09/18 10:01 AM	
Hi Every		arijuaria	>
•	For Life	11/14/17 11:34 AM	
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-	For Life	9/08/17 12:09 PM	
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Opt-In	For Life	9/08/17 11:58 AM	
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## **APP:** *Messaging*



To: John Zurlo 7/13/18 3:22 PM Read On: 7/23/2018 at 1:27 PM

Quick Appointment Reminder- (if you have not scheduled an appointment in the last 3 months)

Taking care of your health is your #1 priority and you are the star player on your health care team. Give your team a call at **717-531-8881 option #5** to schedule a follow up appointment.

Take Care of You, Ve'

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## **APP:** *Messaging*

#### **New App Features**

- Question/Answer (You ask/we answer)
- Telehealth

#### Advantages/Disadvantages Mobile App Development, Established Company

- Advantages
  - Off-the-shelf technology
  - Rapid development
  - Platform updates benefit all users
  - Cheaper
  - Privacy/HIPAA
  - Immediate bug-reporting response
  - Will more dependably stay in business?

- Disadvantages
  - Not as customizable
  - Contractual complexities
  - HIV is unique



## **Challenges to Mobile App Use**

- Must be kept fresh (UI/UX: user interface/user experience)
- Falloff in usage over time
- Does content influence usage? Does usage result in better outcomes?
- Maintaining a warm connection with clients
  - We cannot always be available



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