



Canada Health Infoway

# What Canadians Want: using data analytics to drive health system decisions

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# About the presenters...

- Bobby's career includes 20 years of analytical, consulting and management experience across the acute care, government, and policy sectors of the health care system. His health care journey has had him work alongside clinician leaders, health care executives, Ministers and consultants to shape policy and deliver value to stakeholders.
- In his current role at Canada Health Infoway, Bobby combines his knowledge of health data with a deep understanding of the Canadian digital health landscape to innovate new ways of developing, measuring, and reporting performance and outcome indicators. By growing organizational data analytics capabilities, Bobby provides insights that stimulate adoption and demonstrate tangible benefits of investments in digital health.
- Bobby has a Bachelor in Business Administration from the Schulich School of Business, York University and a Master's Degree in Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation from the University of Toronto.



Bobby Gheorghiu, Director, Analytics

# About the presenters...

- Barry is a Data Science Analyst at Canada Health Infoway where he is responsible for developing the Infoway's self-service analytics website and conducting business intelligence and advanced analysis on research and operations data.
- Barry received his master's degree at the University of Toronto in data analytics and machine learning.
- His main areas of interest include utilizing power of artificial intelligence to provide advanced analytics and data-driven insights to make better business decisions and to derive out-of-box solutions to today's digital health problems across Canada.



Barry Xu, Analyst, Data Science

# This is Infoway

- We're an independent organization
- We're not-for-profit
- We're funded by the federal government



# Infoway's mandates to date



## Building the Infrastructure

Foundational infrastructure for digital health: investments in six core components of an electronic health record (EHR)



## Providing Digital Tools for Clinicians

Electronic medical records (EMRs), telehealth, public health surveillance solutions, PrescribeIT®

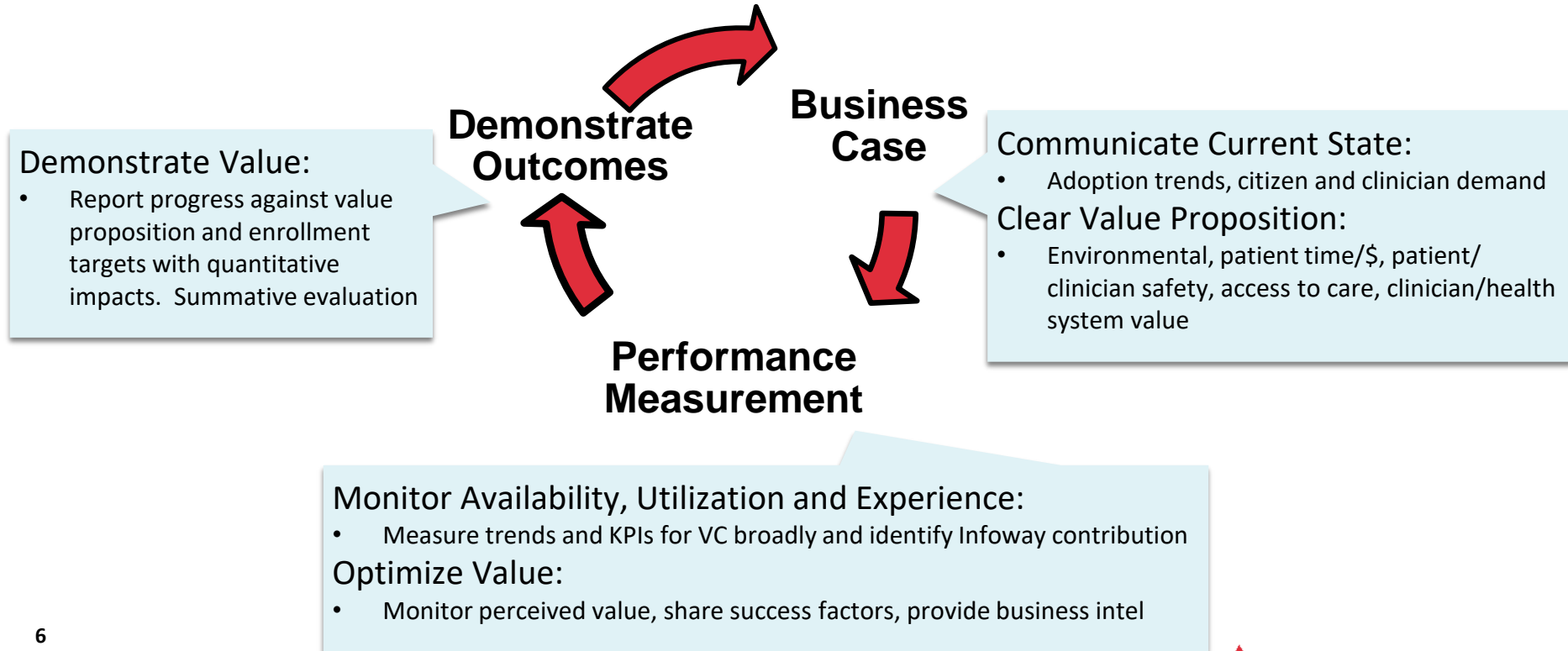


## Driving Access for Canadians

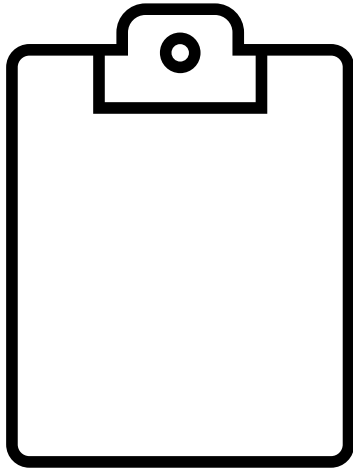
Consumer-facing solutions to empower patients and increase access to care



# Performance Analytics informs progress



# From PowerPoint Slides to Advanced Visualizations



- For many years, Canada Health Infoway has conducted yearly surveys of Canadians for the purpose of gauging awareness, attitudes, use and adoption of digital health.
- Results and analyses have been shared via PowerPoint slides, with customization needed to address the individual needs of various internal and external audiences.
- As the interest and appetite for detailed results and custom queries has grown, we have looked for ways to continue to meet this demand in an efficient manner.

# Objectives



- Present data in interactive and visually engaging means
- Allow stakeholders to trend and filter data as needed
- Provide key reference data in easy to access and digestible formats
- Showcase research outputs and external collaborations
- Provide thought leadership in benefits modeling with interactive analytics tools



# Development Methodology

- Conceptualization: iterative process to consider user interface (UI) design and the structure of the website in order to serve current business objectives as well as be scalable for future growth. Concepts and mock-ups were needed to incorporate business branding and marketing and communication strategies.
- Development: data pre-processing on the survey data and visualizations; research on modern web development methods resulted in the use of Python Flask and Dash as the two main development frameworks with basic HTML, CSS, API interaction and responsive web design principles.
- Deployment and Fine-tuning: initially deployed internally to the company's development/testing server and shared with stakeholders across the organization to obtain feedback on both content and usability while making incremental improvements. Migration to external servers occurred after development of French-language site and revisions necessary to comply with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act or AODA standards.

# Infoway Insights: A hub for digital health research

Easy access to data regarding the attitudes, behaviours and opinions of clinicians and the public about key topics in digital health:

- virtual care,
- e-prescribing and
- e-mental health
- and many others...

**Digital Health Research**

Canada Health Infoway is committed to contributing to digital health research in Canada. To support health care organizations, clinicians, policy makers, and patients, families and caregivers, Infoway conducts research into the value of digital health solutions as well as clinicians' and Canadians' attitudes and perceptions.

| SURVEYS & DATA

**COVID-19 Tracking Survey**  
4th April 2022  
The COVID-19 tracking is a periodic data collection aimed at generating insights about Canadians' health care experiences during the pandemic, including their interaction with the health system, their uptake of virtual care, the types of health provider visited, their satisfaction with virtual care and the barriers to accessing care.

**2021 Canadian Digital Health Survey**  
28 September 2021  
Canada Health Infoway has been tracking specific aspects of digital health awareness, utilization and perceptions among Canadians annually since 2010 to better understand the national, provincial and territorial digital health landscape.

**2021 National Survey of Canadian Physicians**  
17 August 2021  
This survey conducted by Canada Health Infoway (Infoway) and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), aims to better understand the use of digital health and information technology among physicians in Canada.

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# Research Collaborations

<https://insights.infoway-inforoute.ca/research>

RESEARCH COLLABORATION MAP

## Collaborating with researchers across the country.

Infoway conducts research into the value and impacts of Canadian digital health implementations and digital health enablers that support the success of projects, new innovative technologies and health care priorities. Click on the interactive map to obtain more details on our collaborations with researchers across Canada.



# Infoway Insights: Key Statistics

- Since we launched the website last year, Infoway Insights has been accessed by **4,736 users across all provinces and territories in Canada and in 63 other countries.**



## Infoway Insights: An Interactive Data and Analytics Hub

Visualize and customize data collected by Infoway and our partners on topics such as virtual care, e-prescribing, e-mental health and more.



*Scan to access  
the latest data!*

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# Follow **Performance Analytics** Ongoing Work

## **EXPLORE** Our Digital Health Evidence and Analysis



<https://bit.ly/3jNSnw9>

## **ACCESS** Pan-Canadian Data on Insights



[insights.infoway-inforoute.ca/](https://insights.infoway-inforoute.ca/)

## **LET'S CONNECT** Join Infoway's Benefits Evaluation (BE) Collaboration Network



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## **STAY INFORMED** Subscribe to the Digital Health Infowatch Newsletter



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