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## Video: Open App Challenge Developers on a Mission

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As I shared in my post What's Motivating Healthcare Innovators?, I'm encouraged by my conversations with Allscripts Open App Challenge developers. Solving healthcare problems is not about financial gain for them; it's a mission to help others.

It's about transforming healthcare. To make this happen, all of healthcare IT has to work together – and so do our solutions. Interoperability is key to unlocking the potential that technology has to offer. The Open App Challenge holds promise beyond any one vendor or company.  By fostering innovation  *and* collaboration, we have a much better chance to solve problems we once thought were unsolvable.

**Phase One of the challenge is underway.**

We'll likely have far more high-quality applications than we can recognize. I wish I were one of the judges that will review fascinating ideas from inspiring innovators.

Consider Dr. Phillip Lisagor, a retired cardio-thoracic surgeon. His mission is to help physicians and patients have the tough conversations needed to plan for end of life. Dr. Lisagor envisions "Rest Of Your Life" or "ROYL" champions in healthcare.

Then there is Dr. Tashfeen Ekram.  After having difficulty rescheduling a dentist appointment for himself, he recognized a need for better scheduling options for patients in his own practice. He's working towards a solution that will notify patients who are willing to be seen sooner of recent cancellations.

Declan Frye has a mission, too. He is creating tools for social workers and hospital discharge planners to quickly identify safety net facilities – such as nursing homes, mental health or substance abuse facilities. Access to this information can improve care coordination for patients as they move from one provider to another.
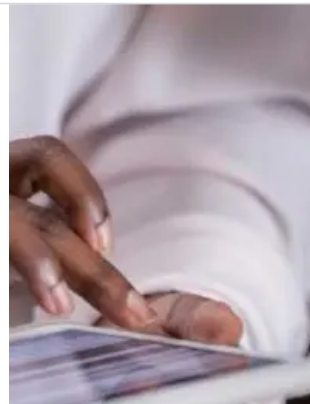
These are just a few examples from the surge of innovations happening today in healthcare. We'll share more news from the Open App Challenge as it progresses.

Check out the highlights of my video chats with CEOs and Founders of HappyHealth.me, SampleRx, Purple Binder, ROYL, Chiron Data Systems, mHealthCoach and more:

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