Abhishek Kakalis:-

Entering in the real world industry is always a fascination for a learner and I realized the value of it when I steps into this industry through Persistent Systems Inc. Getting an opportunity to work as a Software Intern has helped me to learn a lot more about my field than I knew. My project was based on Population Health Management which mainly focused on how the US population health management changed from ‘Fee For Services’ to ‘Pay For Performance’.

We understood that how switching to ‘Pay For Performance’ has changed the traditional model of healthcare reimbursement on its head causing providers to change the way they bill for care. Instead of providers being paid by the number of visits and tests they order (fee-for-service), their payments are now based on the value of care they deliver (value-based care).

A lot of this change is long overdue and quite exciting because it’s [driving improvements](https://www.healthcatalyst.com/clinical-quality-improvement-in-healthcare) to the delivery of care by mandating better care at a lower cost. But for those providers and health systems that can’t achieve the required scores, the financial penalties and lower reimbursements will create a significant financial burden. Under the guidance of Dr. Sawad Thotathil, we got to know how the US population healthcare is changing day by day.

To bring this in visualization, we did a research for required data on various resources. Further this data was collected and cleaned. We finalized few parameters for the collected data. I have carried out all the data merging and data segregation tasks with the help of MySQL. We have created new dashboard on ShareInsights platform.

Persistent’s working culture was very energetic and senior employees were very helpful whenever needed. This internship has helped me to discover what career path I want to pursue and how to get work in professional world. When I see my work come to life, that’s when I know that I’m passionate about it.

“It’s important to see what my job can potentially look like through internship experience.”