Title: Enhancing Operational Efficiency in a Multi-Specialty Hospital

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Executive Summary

This project aims to identify inefficiencies in hospital operations and implement strategies to enhance scheduling systems, improve resource utilization, and bridge communication gaps across departments. The focus is on improving patient satisfaction, staff productivity, and overall service quality through a user-centric, technology-enabled approach.

Case study overview

The management has identified key areas for improvement, including:

- Reducing wait times
- Optimizing resource allocation
- Improving communication between stakeholders

Task overview

As a Business Analyst, you have been tasked with driving this initiative. Your role will involve:

- Gathering stakeholder requirements
- Analyzing existing processes
- Developing data-driven solutions to improve operational efficiency
- Developing risk assessment and mitigation plan

Business Objectives

- Long wait times for patients due to poor scheduling and overbooking.
- Inefficient resource allocation, causing delays in care and overburdening of staff.
- Communication gaps between departments and with patients, leading to missed information, duplication of efforts, and delayed care.
- These problems impact patient satisfaction, clinical outcomes, and the working conditions for healthcare staff.

Task 1

Business Requirement Document (BRD)

A BRD defines the business objectives, project scope, key requirements, stakeholder expectations, and deliverables for a project. Your task includes writing the following:

Problem statement

- **Long wait times for patients due to poor scheduling and overbooking.**
- **Inefficient resource allocation, causing delays in care and overburdening of staff.**
- **Communication gaps between departments and with patients, leading to missed information, duplication of efforts, and delayed care.**

Key requirements to improve operational efficiency

- **Online appointment system with real-time availability and scheduling.**
- **SMS/email notification system for appointment confirmations, delays, and updates.**
- **Resource management dashboard for staff and room allocations.**
- **Patient record system with streamlined access and updates.**
- **Automate appointment scheduling and reduce double bookings**

Constraints

- **Budget limitations may affect the extent of system upgrades.**
- **Transition time may temporarily affect hospital operations.**
- **Staff resistance to change may slow adoption of new systems.**
- **Data migration challenges from legacy systems.**

Acceptance criteria

- **Alignment with core project objectives (wait time reduction, efficiency improvement).**
- **Justification from data or stakeholder needs.**
- **Feasibility within budget and timeline constraints.**
- **No adverse compliance or operational risks.**

Task 2

Requirement Traceability Matrix (RTM)

A Requirements Traceability Matrix maps and tracks project requirements throughout the lifecycle, ensuring that each requirement is addressed, tested, and aligned with business objectives, stakeholder needs, and project deliverables. You are required to add screenshot of your RTM that:

- Categorize requirements into functional and non-functional
- Categorize requirements using the MoSCoW method
- List requirements based on priority

Requirement ID	Requirement Description	Requirement Type	Priority (MoSCoW)	Stakeholder(s)	Project Objective	Related Data File	Status
FR1	Real-time online appointment scheduling	Functional	Must Have	Patients, Admin Staff	Reduce wait times by 20%	appointment_data.csv	Validated
FR2	SMS/Email alerts for appointments	Functional	Must Have	Patients, IT	Improve communication	feedback_data.csv	Validated
FR3	Integrated HIS	Functional	Must Have	Doctors, Nurses, Admin	Streamline operations	All files	Validated
FR4	Resource allocation dashboard	Functional	Should Have	Doctors, Nurses	Optimize resources	resource_data.csv	Validated
FR5	Inter-departmental handoff automation	Functional	Should Have	Doctors, Nurses	Improve coordination	feedback_data.csv	Validated
NFR1	99.9% system	Non Functional	Must Have	IT, Admin	Maintain availability	N/A	Assumed
NFR2	HIPAA compliance	Non Functional	Must Have	IT, Admin	Ensure security	N/A	Assumed
FR6	Mobile-friendly UI	Functional	Should Have	Patients	Enhance usability	feedback_data.csv	Suggested
FR7	Data analytics tool	Functional	Could Have	IT	Monitor trends	resource_data.csv	Suggested
FR8	AI-based patient trend alerts	Functional	Won't Have	IT	Future innovation	N/A	Out of Scope

Task 3

Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan

The Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan identifies key stakeholders, understands their interests and influence, and develops strategies to effectively communicate, engage, and manage their expectations throughout the project lifecycle.

Identifying and documenting stakeholders

Stakeholder Group	Stakeholder Name/Role	Category
Patients	Sarah Ayvazyan, Lak Ayer	End Users
Doctors	Dr. Aftab Khan, Dr. Robert Lee	Service Providers
Nurses	Santa Murmu, Jessica Gomes	Support Providers
Administrative Staff	Maria Carter (Scheduler), Ivan Walker (Billing Admin)	Operations
IT Team	Rajesh Singh (IT Manager), Laura Simkow (Software Developer)	Technical Support
Hospital Leadership	Executive Management (Assumed)	Strategic Oversight

Categorizing stakeholders' influence as high, medium, or low

Stakeholder Role	Influence Level	Interest Level	Stakeholder Matrix Position
Doctors	High	High	Key Players
Nurses	High	High	Key Players
Administrative Staff	High	High	Key Players
IT Team	High	Low	Keep Satisfied
Patients	Low	High	Keep Informed
Support Staff (e.g. janitors, clerks)	Low	Low	Monitor
Hospital Leadership	High	Low	Keep Satisfied

Listing stakeholder engagement strategies

Stakeholder Group	Communication Methods	Purpose of Engagement	Frequency
Key Players (Doctors, Nurses, Admin Staff)	Meetings, Progress Reports, Collaborative Dashboards	Co-create solutions, manage resources, resolve pain points	**Weekly**
Keep Satisfied (IT Team, Hospital Leadership)	Email updates, Tech status reports, Executive summaries	Inform of strategic progress and system demands	**Bi-weekly**
Keep Informed (Patients)	SMS/email alerts, Newsletters, In-app surveys	Keep aware of changes, collect feedback on user experience	**Monthly**
Monitor (Support Staff)	Meeting notes, General memos	Passive updates to maintain general awareness	**As needed**

Alignment with Project Goals

Project Goal	Supported By Stakeholder Engagement
Reduce patient wait times	Input from Patients, Doctors, Admin Staff
Improve resource allocation	Engagement with Doctors, Nurses, IT
Enhance inter-departmental communication	Coordination between Admin, Nurses, IT
Modernize hospital systems	Collaboration with IT, Admin, Leadership

Task 4

Scope Management Plan

The Scope Management Plan defines how the project scope will be planned, documented, validated, and controlled to ensure that all project objectives and deliverables are met while preventing scope creep. Your tasks include:

In-scope

- **Automation of appointment scheduling, including online and in-clinic interfaces.**
- **Integration of real-time SMS/email notification systems for patients and staff.**
- **Implementation of dashboards to monitor equipment and staff resource utilization.**
- **Data analysis of appointment, feedback, and resource datasets to identify bottlenecks.**
- **Training staff on new systems and workflows.**
- **Ensuring HIPAA and healthcare data compliance.**

Out-of-Scope

- **Hospital infrastructure upgrades (e.g., construction, physical expansions).**
- **Recruitment of new clinical personnel.**
- **Full electronic health record (EHR) overhaul (only limited integrations will be made).**
- **Medical equipment procurement outside of the optimization tools.**

Scope Management Plan

Constraints

- **Budget limitations for third-party software and IT upgrades.**
- **Timeline constraint: Project must be completed within 6 months.**
- **Regulatory compliance with HIPAA and local health data laws.**
- **Limited availability of some stakeholders (doctors, nurses) due to duty shifts.**

Assumptions

- **All stakeholders will be available for regular feedback cycles.**
- **Provided datasets are accurate and complete.**
- **Hospital leadership will support IT infrastructure upgrades and integration efforts.**
- **Current IT systems are compatible for incremental upgrades and add-ons.**

Scope Management Plan

Defining phases in the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)

HealthFirst Care Improvement Initiative

- **1.0 Requirements Gathering**
  - 1.1.1 Conduct stakeholder interviews (Doctors, Nurses, Patients, IT, Admin)
  - 1.1.2 Analyze appointment_data.csv
  - 1.1.3 Analyze feedback_data.csv
  - 1.1.4 Analyze resource_data.csv
  - 📍 **Milestone: Completion of BRD**
- **2.0 System Design & Planning**
  - 2.1.1 Identify tech stack and HIS compatibility
  - 2.1.2 Define system architecture
  - 2.1.3 Prepare workflow diagrams for scheduling, resource use
  - 📍 **Milestone: Stakeholder sign-off on optimized workflows**
- **3.0 Development & Implementation**
  - 3.1.1 Develop automated scheduling system
  - 3.1.2 Integrate notification system (SMS/email)
  - 3.1.3 Build resource utilization dashboards
  - 3.1.4 Ensure data encryption and HIPAA compliance
  - 📍 **Milestone: Completion of feature development**
- **4.0 Testing & Validation**
  - 4.1.1 Conduct unit and integration tests
  - 4.1.2 Run pilot with selected departments
  - 4.1.3 Collect stakeholder feedback
  - 📍 **Milestone: UAT (User Acceptance Testing) Sign-off**
- **5.0 Deployment & Training**
  - 5.1.1 Deploy system hospital-wide
  - 5.1.2 Train staff on new tools and processes
  - 📍 **Milestone: Go-live of HealthFirst Care System**
- **6.0 Monitoring & Maintenance**
  - 6.1.1 Set up performance tracking metrics
  - 6.1.2 Weekly check-ins with key stakeholders
  - 6.1.3 Issue resolution and patches (as needed)

Scope Management Plan

Note Scope Change Management

Role	Scope Change Responsibility
Project Manager	Initial review and process coordination
IT Manager	Technical feasibility assessment
Finance Analyst	Budget impact analysis
Hospital Leadership	Final approval of high-impact changes

Task 5

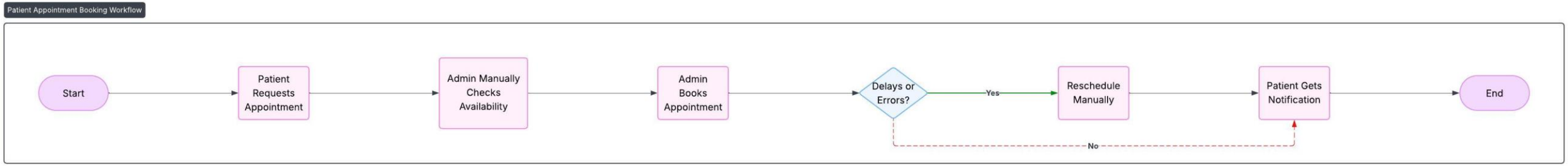
Process Map Diagrams

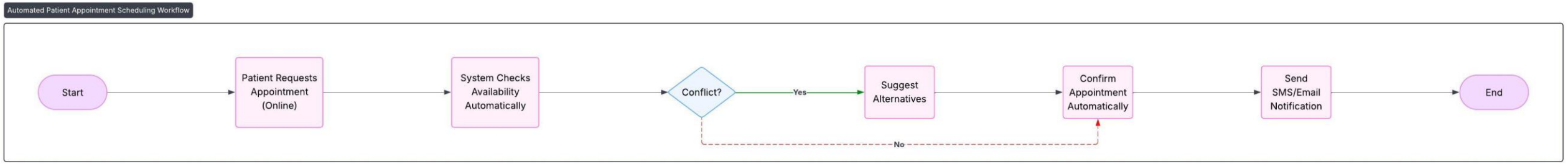
Process	As-Is model	To-Be model
Appointment Scheduling	• Manual slot checking leads to delays and frequent double bookings. • Lack of integration between patient preferences and scheduling system. • IT support often reacts to problems rather than preventing them.	**Automated Scheduling with Conflict Detection** • Integrated platform to verify availability in real time. • Notifications to patients via SMS/email reduce manual communication overhead.
Patient Check-in and Resource Allocation	• Manual paperwork causes long queues and frustration. • Roles of front desk and clinical staff often overlap, causing miscommunication. • Resource availability (doctors, beds) is not tracked in real-time.	**Streamlined Check-in via Kiosks** • Patients use self-service kiosks or mobile check-in to skip front-desk bottlenecks. • Automated notification to doctors and nurses on patient arrival
Discharge Planning	• Doctors and admin staff often work in silos, resulting in delayed discharges. • Billing clearance is not integrated with the discharge summary process. • Patient feedback collection is not timely or automated.	**Discharge Workflow Optimization** • Trigger-based workflows using BPMN to automate summary generation and billing. • Feedback captured immediately post-discharge using digital forms.

Task 6

BPMN Diagrams

Workflow using Advanced BPMN Model





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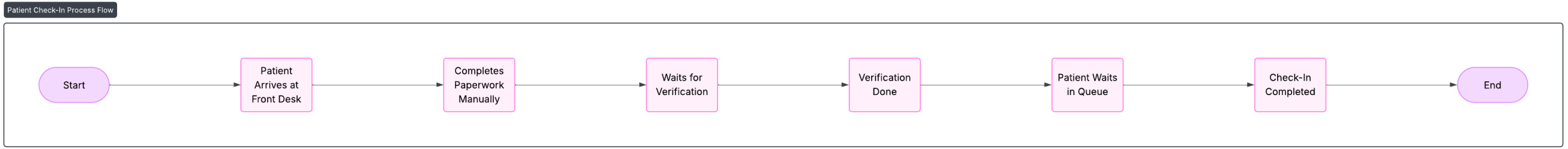

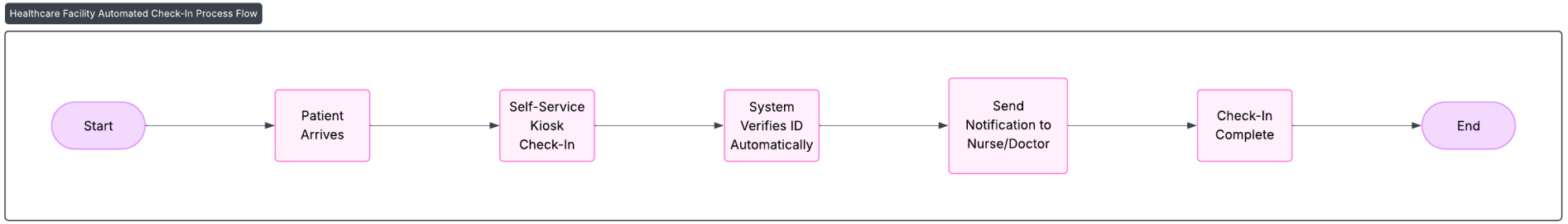

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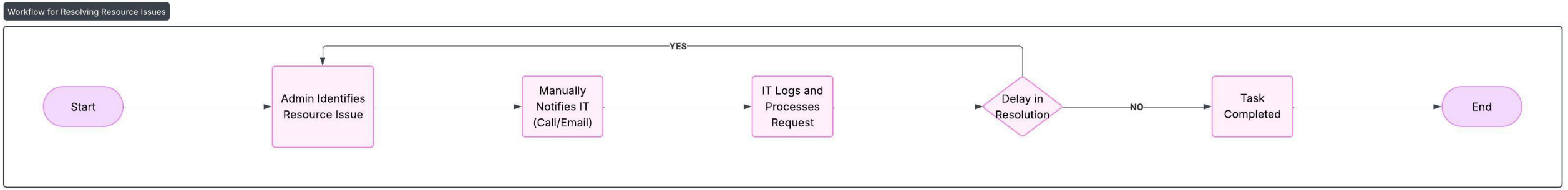
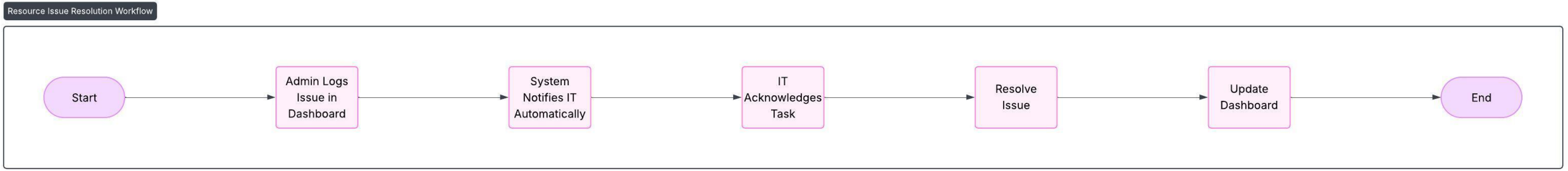
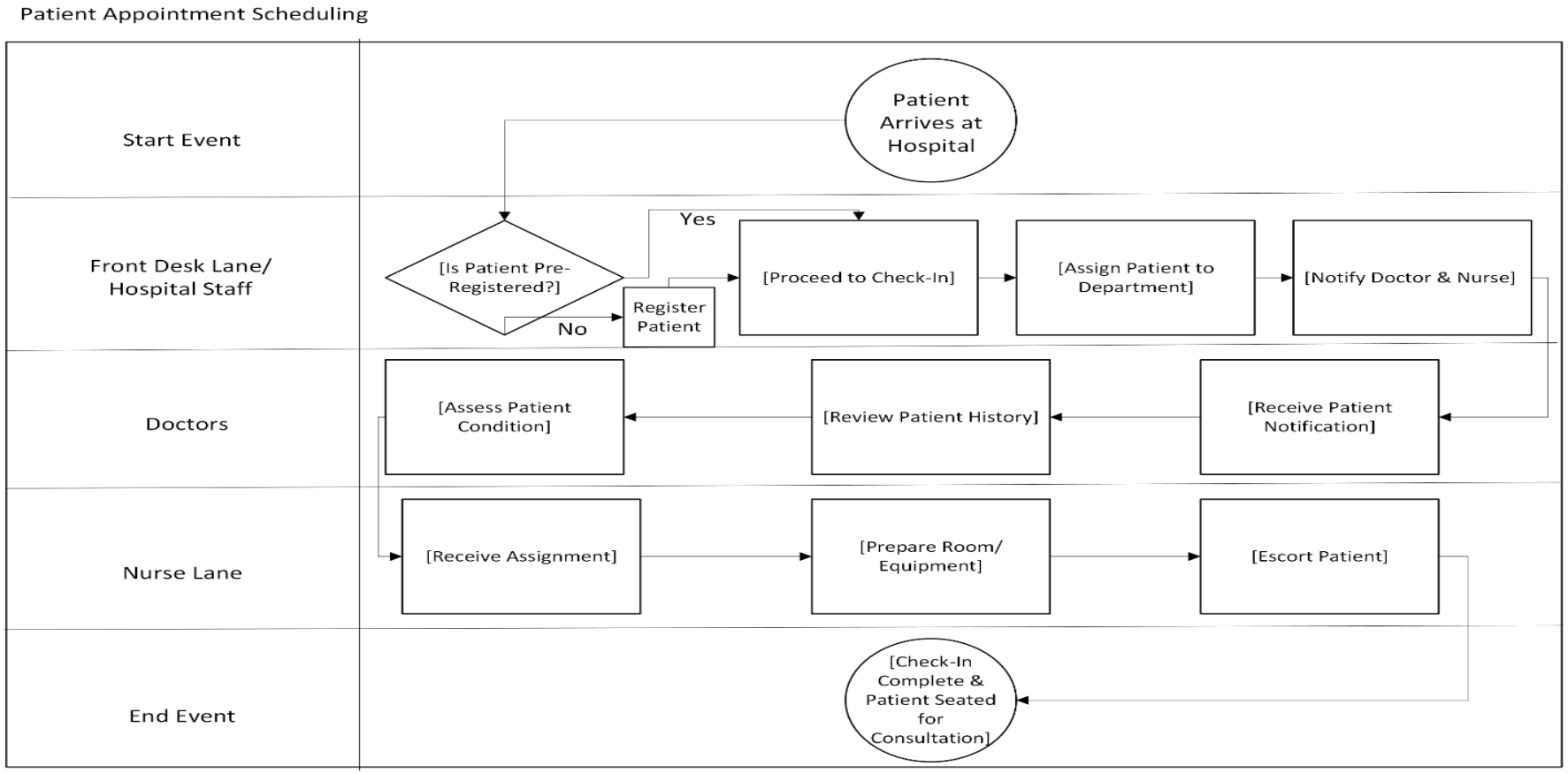




BPMN and Swimlane Diagrams

Stakeholder responsibilities using Swimlane diagram



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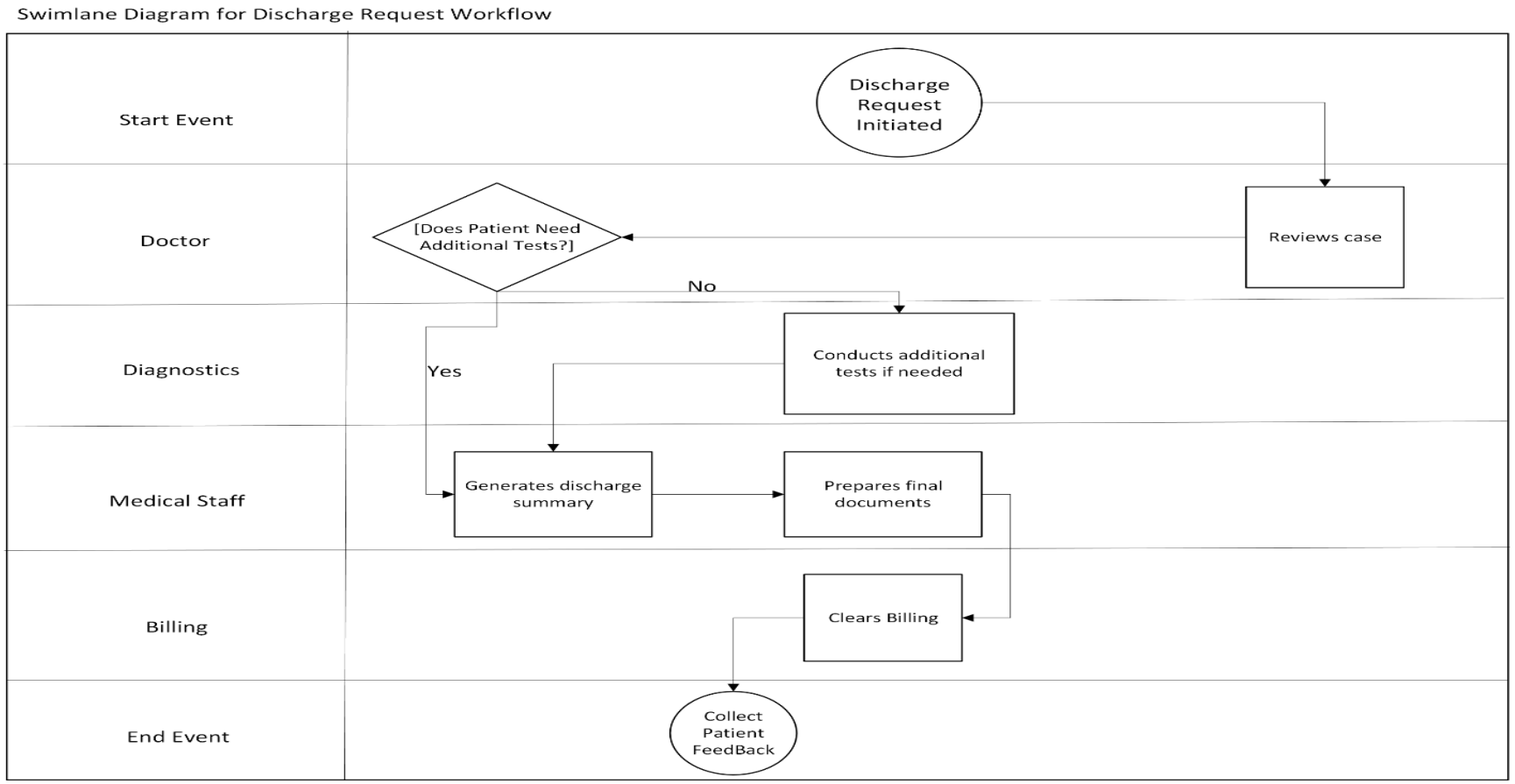

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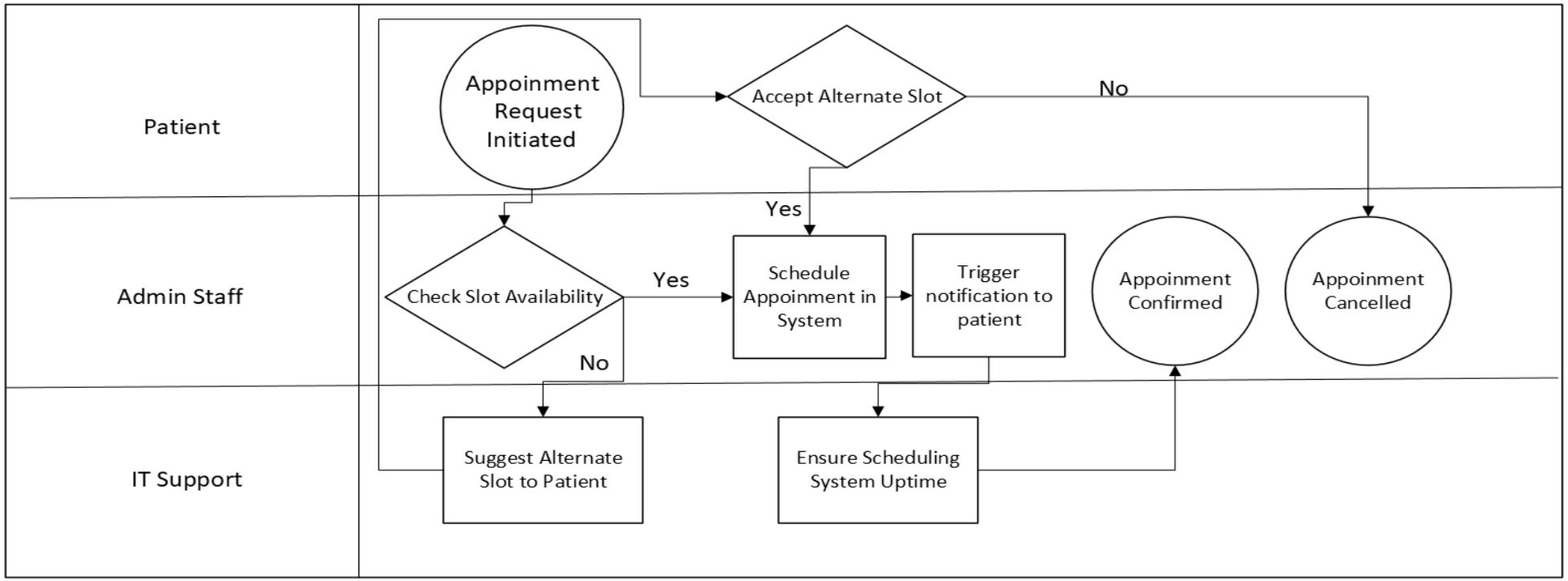
Rescheduling Workflow



Task 7

Data Analysis Document

The Data Analysis Document summarizes the key findings, trends, and insights derived from patient and resource data, providing evidence-based recommendations to enhance hospital operations and patient satisfaction. Your tasks include adding screenshots for the following:

Trends identified using Pivot Table

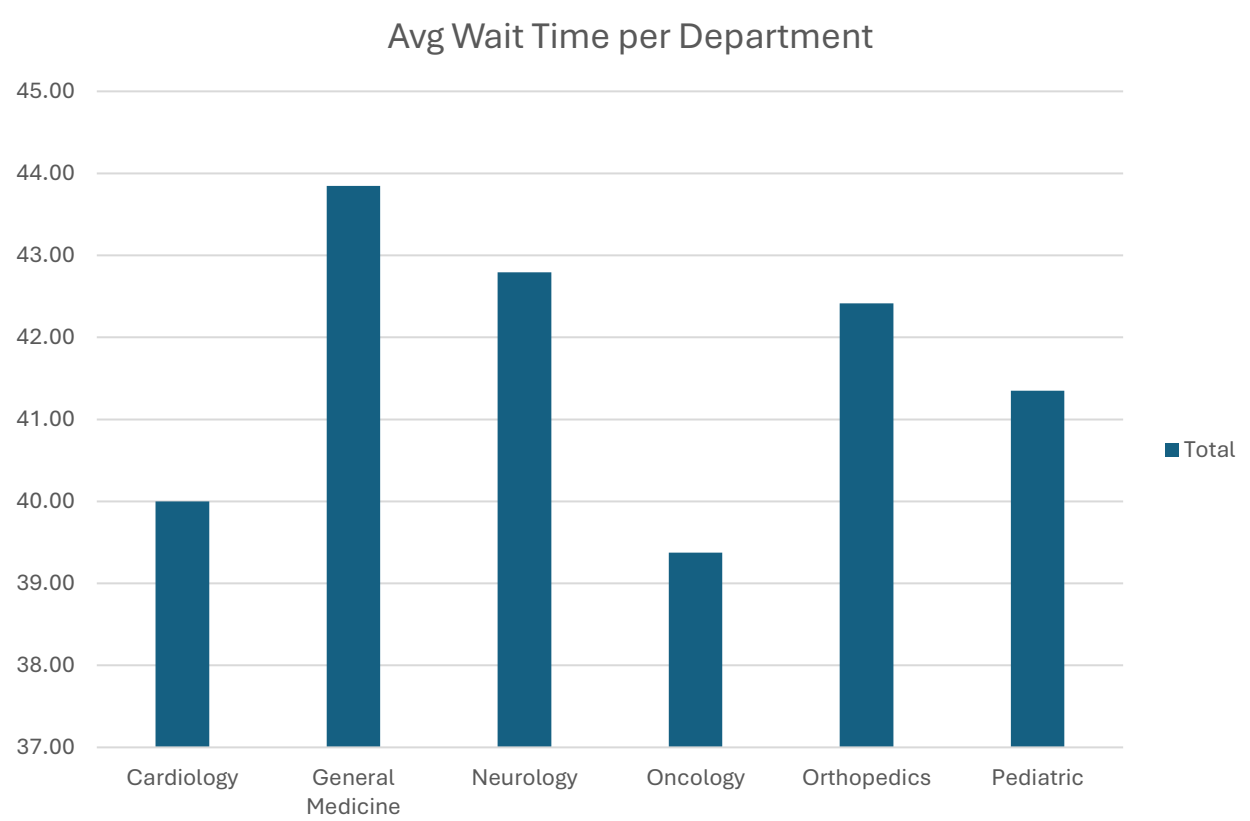
Average wait time per department	
Row Labels	Average of WaitTime(in min)
Cardiology	40.00
General Medicine	43.85
Neurology	42.79
Oncology	39.38
Orthopedics	42.41
Pediatric	41.35
Grand Total	**41.54**

Resource available per department						
Count of ResourceType	Column Labels					
Row Labels	Doctor	Equipment	Nurse	Room	Technician	Grand Total
Cardiology			2		4	6
General Medicine	2	3	1	2	1	9
Neurology	3	2	3	1	2	11
Oncology	5			2		7
Orthopedics	2	1	2	1	1	7
Pediatric	1			3		4
Grand Total	**13**	**6**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**44**

Data Analysis Document

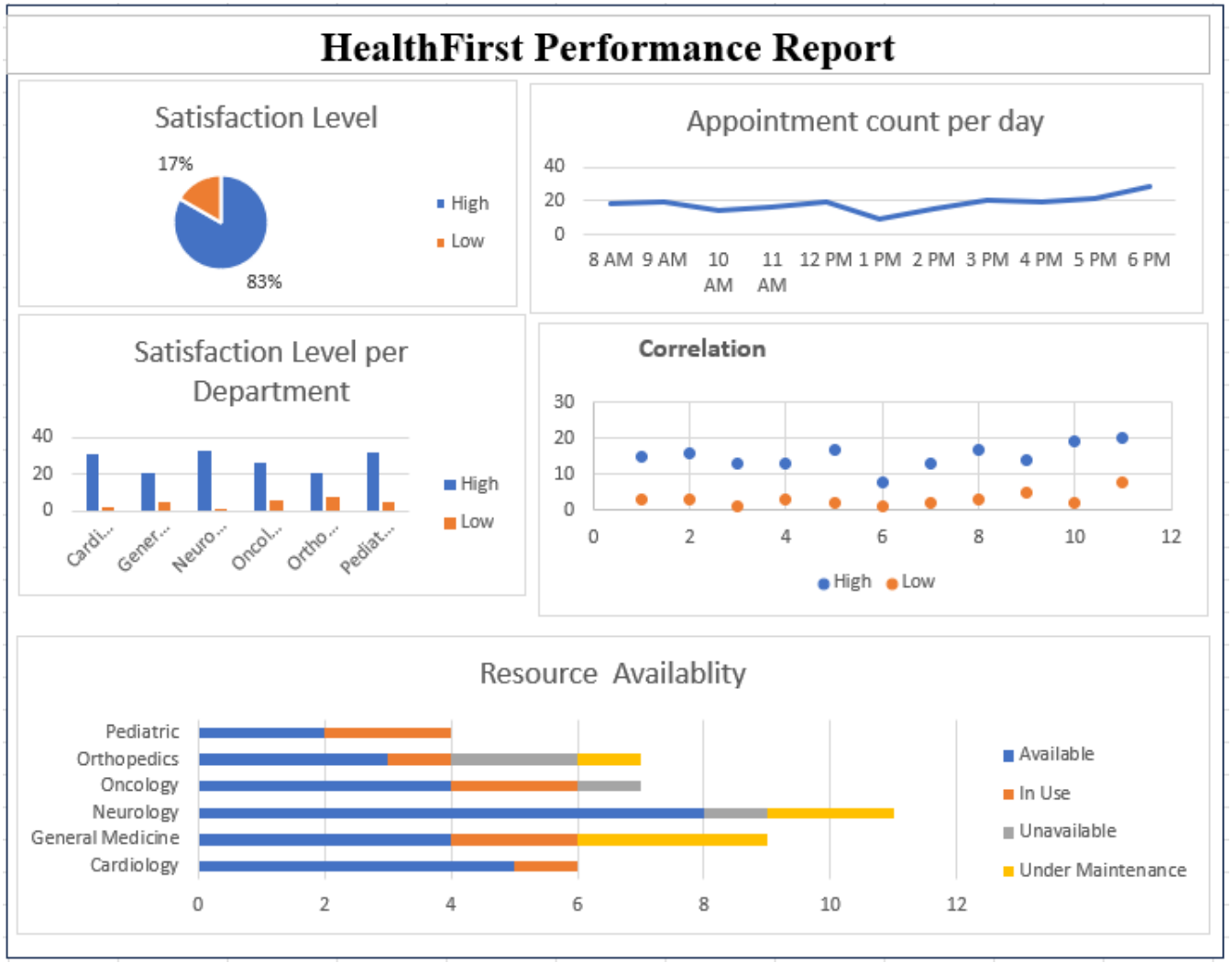
Count of Patient per Dpartment

Row Labels	Count of PatientID
Cardiology	33
General Medicine	26
Neurology	34
Oncology	32
Orthopedics	29
Pediatric	37
Grand Total	**191**



Task 8

Dashboard


HealthFirst Performance Report
Satisfaction Level
17%
83%
High
Low
Appointment count per day
40
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12 PM
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2 PM
3 PM
4 PM
5 PM
6 PM
Satisfaction Level per Department
40
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Cardi...
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Ortho...
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Pediatric
Orthopedics
Oncology
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General Medicine
Cardiology
0
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Available
In Use
Unavailable
Under Maintenance

Task 9

Risk Management Plan

Risks identified in the risk register

Risk ID	Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Priority	Severity (L*I)	Mitigation Strategy	Contingency Plan
R1	Operational Risk	Manual appointment scheduling leads to double bookings and patient delays	Medium	Medium	Mitigation Required	4	Implement automated scheduling system with real-time conflict detection	Use manual backup scheduling system temporarily
R2	Technical Risk	Downtime or failure of electronic health record (EHR) system	High	High	Critical Risk	9	Partner with cloud providers with strong SLAs; set up data backups and failover systems	Activate incident response plan, notify authorities, patch vulnerabilities
R3	Stakeholder Risk	Resistance from staff to adopt new software or tools	Medium	High	High-priority issue	6	Conduct training programs, offer incentives, involve staff early in the transition	If staff resistance persists, introduce champions from key departments to facilitate adoption. Provide additional training and support.
R4	Financial Risk	Cost overruns due to underestimated implementation or training expenses	Medium	Medium	Mitigation Required	4	Establish clear cost estimates, create contingency fund (10–15% of total budget)	Reallocate resources from lower-priority tasks
R5	Compliance Risk	Failure to meet HIPAA or other health data regulations	Low	High	High-priority issue	3	Conduct regular audits, provide data handling workshops for all employees	Engage legal/compliance experts, update policy documentation
R6	Technical Risk	Unexpected system downtime	Medium	High	Critical Risk	6	System monitoring and robust backup systems	In case of a data breach, immediately isolate affected systems and notify IT teams. Conduct root cause analysis and implement emergency fixes.

Task 10

Risk Mitigation Plan

Strategies to mitigate risks

Risk	Mitigation Strategy
Manual appointment errors	Implement automated scheduling system with real-time conflict detection
EHR system failures	Partner with cloud providers with strong SLAs; set up data backups and failover systems
Staff resistance to change	Conduct training programs, offer incentives, involve staff early in the transition
Budget overruns	Establish clear cost estimates, create contingency fund (10–15% of total budget)
Compliance violations	Conduct regular audits, provide data handling workshops for all employees

✅ Key Findings

Operational Inefficiencies:

- Manual appointment scheduling and patient check-in processes lead to delays and double bookings.
- Workflow disruptions due to unclear role ownership and redundant steps.

Technical Vulnerabilities:

•Risks of system downtime and data breaches due to lack of advanced IT infrastructure and cybersecurity protocols.

Stakeholder Challenges:

- Resistance to adopting new systems from frontline staff due to lack of training and change fatigue.
- Poor communication between departments such as Admin and IT causing delays in issue resolution.

Risk Profile Insights:

•Several medium-to-high severity risks identified (e.g., system downtime, data compliance breaches).
•The most critical risks are technical and operational in nature, requiring proactive mitigation.

✅ Key Recommedations

Automate Key Processes:

- Implement self-service kiosks and online platforms for appointment scheduling and patient check-in.
- Introduce automated conflict detection in appointment booking.

Enhance Communication Tools:

- Deploy an interdepartmental task management system to reduce handoff delays and improve accountability.

Improve Staff Training and Engagement:

- Regular training programs to support the adoption of new tools and reduce resistance to change.
- Develop clear SOPs and role-based responsibilities across workflows.

Implement Robust Risk Controls:

- Strengthen cybersecurity through regular audits and encryption protocols.
- Prepare contingency plans for critical risks such as system failures or compliance violations.

✅ Conclusion

The analysis of current workflows at HealthFirst Care revealed critical gaps in efficiency, coordination, and technology use.

By redesigning workflows using BPMN and swimlane models, automating manual steps, and strengthening communication, the organization can significantly reduce delays, improve patient experience, and mitigate key risks.

Proactive implementation of the recommended strategies will lead to a more agile, compliant, and patient-centric healthcare environment.


THANK YOU!