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New Intent Impact Assessment: Oncology with YAVA

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Business Impact Summary

Objective: Assess the impact of introducing a new "Oncology" intent in IBM Watson Assistant to enhance healthcare conversation capabilities with YAVA outbound routing integration.

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Components Impacted

High

Overall Impact Level

4-5 weeks

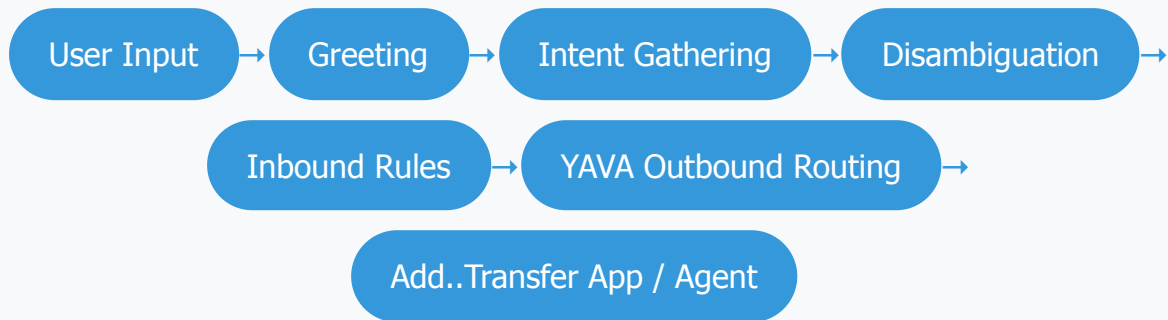
Implementation Timeline

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Auth Components Affected



Current Architecture Overview



Key Components:

- 🤝 **Greeting Component:** Initial user interaction and welcome flow
- 🎯 **Intent Gathering:** Natural language understanding and intent classification
- ? **Disambiguation:** Clarification when multiple intents are detected
- 📁 **Inbound Rules:** Pre-processing and routing logic
- 🔄 **YAVA Outbound Routing Rules:** Intelligent routing and workflow orchestration
- 👤 **Additional Transfer App / Agent:** Human handoff and escalation



Detailed Impact Analysis



Greeting Component

Low Impact

Changes Required:

- Update welcome message to include oncology services
- Add oncology-specific greeting variants
- Minimal configuration changes

Effort: 0.5 days



Intent Gathering

High Impact

Changes Required:

- Create new "Oncology" intent
- Define 50+ training examples
- Configure entities (cancer types, treatments)
- Update NLU model training

Effort: 5-7 days



Disambiguation

Medium Impact

Changes Required:

- Add oncology to disambiguation logic
- Update clarification prompts
- Configure intent confidence thresholds

Effort: 2-3 days



Inbound Rules

Medium Impact

Changes Required:

- Create routing rules for oncology intent
- Configure business hours validation
- Add priority handling logic (if any)
- Intent Sheet - JSON Rules Table - Impact (Add Entry)
- Intent Eligibility - JSON Rules Table - Transfer Target

Effort: 2-3 days



YAVA Outbound Routing Rules

High Impact

Changes Required:

- Configure oncology routing workflows
- Set up YAVA rule conditions for New Intent (Say Oncology)
- Define department-specific routing logic
- Create multi-step care workflows logic for Mapping Transfer

Effort: 4-6 days

Business Scenario - ICM Mapping:

Map functional labels to ICM (Intelligent Contact Management) for the new Oncology intent: - Given sample Reference, changes based on ICMP Mapping rule

- **Functional Label:** "Oncology_Care" → **ICM Queue:** ONCO_SPECIALIST
- **Functional Label:** "Cancer_Consultation" → **ICM Queue:** ONCO_CONSULT
- **Functional Label:** "Treatment_Inquiry" → **ICM Queue:** ONCO_TREATMENT
- **Functional Label:** "Emergency_Oncology" → **ICM Queue:** ONCO_URGENT

Note: ICM mapping ensures proper routing to specialized oncology teams based on conversation context and urgency.



Additional Transfer App / Agent

Medium Impact

Changes Required:

- Configure oncology specialist handoff
- Update escalation criteria
- Add fallback agent routing
- Holiday Hours Check

Effort: 2-3 days



Technical Note: Watson Assistant uses `callTransfer` action for agent handoff. Context variables to be passed:

- `$oncology_specialty` - Cancer type/specialty



User Journey Pin (Jpin)

Medium Impact

Changes Required:

- Update Journey Pin configuration for oncology flow
- Add oncology-specific journey tracking
- Configure milestone tracking for cancer care journey
- Update conversational flow artifacts
- Map patient touchpoints and care coordination steps

Effort: 1-2 days



Artifact Updates: Conversational flow diagrams and Journey Pin configurations require updates to reflect oncology care pathways.



Authentication Flow

No Impact

Status:

- No authentication changes required
- Existing security model applies
- Current user roles sufficient

Effort: 0 days



Technical Requirements & Configuration



Watson Assistant Configuration

- **New Intent:** "oncology_inquiry"
- **Entities:** @cancer_type, @treatment_option, @appointment_type
- **Training Examples:** 50+ diverse examples
- **Dialog Nodes:** 15-20 new nodes



Integration Points

- **API Integration:** Not Applicable
- **Agent Desk:** Specialist routing



YAVA Configuration

- **Routing Rules:** Oncology department workflows
- **Conditional Logic:** Special Configuration routing
- **Workflow Orchestration:** Excel Sheet Outbound Rules
- **Priority Handling:** : Office Hours / Holiday



Performance Considerations

- **Response Time:** <2 seconds target
- **Intent Confidence:** >80% threshold
- **Model Training:** Daily incremental updates
- **Fallback Rate:** <5% target



Security & Compliance

- **HIPAA Compliance:** PHI handling protocols
- **Data Encryption:** End-to-end encryption
- **Audit Logging:** All interactions logged
- **Access Control:** Role-based permissions



Testing Strategy



Unit Testing

- Intent recognition accuracy (>90%)
- Entity extraction validation
- Dialog flow completeness
- Fallback scenario handling

Duration: 2 days



Integration Testing

- CRM system connectivity
- Agent routing functionality
- Appointment booking flow
- Knowledge base integration
- YAVA workflow validation

Duration: 3 days



User Acceptance Testing

- End-user conversation flows
- Medical terminology understanding
- User experience validation
- Accessibility compliance

Duration: 3 days



Performance Testing

- Response time validation
- Concurrent user handling

- System load testing
- Failover scenarios

Duration: 2 days

Recommendations

Phase 1: Immediate Actions

- Engage medical experts for training data validation
- Begin collecting oncology-specific conversation examples
- Identify and engage with oncology department stakeholders
- Assess YAVA platform readiness and access requirements

Phase 2: Implementation

- Implement gradual rollout strategy (10% → 50% → 100%)
- Establish monitoring dashboards for intent performance
- Set up YAVA integration testing environment

Phase 3: Optimization

- Analyze conversation logs for improvement opportunities
- Continuous model training based on real user interactions
- Regular review meetings with medical team
- Optimize YAVA workflows based on usage patterns



User Journey Pin (Jpin) & Artifact Updates



Journey Pin Updates

Medium Impact

Required Updates:

- Add oncology journey touchpoints
- Update patient interaction mapping
- Define specialty care pathways
- Configure appointment booking flows

Effort: 2-3 days



Conversational Flow Artifacts

High Impact

Artifacts to Update:

- Dialog flow diagrams
- Intent mapping documentation
- User story workflows
- Error handling scenarios
- Context variable documentation

Effort: 3-4 days



Context Variables Framework

Medium Impact

Variables to Document:

- \$oncology_intent_confidence / NA

Effort: 1-2 days

Critical Artifact Notes

High Priority

Mandatory Updates Required:

- **Journey Pin:** Update user journey mapping for oncology flows
- **Conversational Flow:** Revise dialog tree documentation
- **YAVA Integration:** Document new routing decisions
- **Additional Transfer App / Agent:** Update callTransfer action specifications



Success Metrics & KPIs

95%

Intent Recognition Accuracy

<2s

Average Response Time

<5%

Fallback Rate

90%

User Satisfaction Score

Metric	Current Baseline	Target	Measurement Method
Oncology Intent Accuracy	N/A (New)	95%	Watson Assistant Analytics
Successful Handoffs	85%	90%	Additional Transfer App / Agent Logs
YAVA Routing Success	N/A (New)	95%	YAVA Analytics Dashboard
User Abandonment Rate	12%	<10%	Conversation Analytics
Resolution Time	8 minutes	<6 minutes	End-to-end Flow Tracking



Detailed Tokenization & De-tokenization Process with Sample SSN



Sample Scenario: Member provides SSN "123-45-6789" during Watson Assistant conversation for member lookup



Step 1: Key Generation and Management

Azure Key Vault Setup

```
# Azure Key Vault Key Generation
Key Name: ssn-fpe-master-key
Algorithm: AES-256
Key Size: 256 bits
Key Value: 0x1A2B3C4D5E6F7890ABCDEF1234567890FEDCBA0987654321ABCDEF1234567890
HSM Protected: Yes
Auto-Rotation: Every 90 days

# Key Derivation for Session
Session ID: sess_2024_09_03_001
Session Salt: 0x9F8E7D6C5B4A3928
Derived Key: HMAC-SHA256(master-key, session-salt + session-id)
Final FPE Key: 0x7F6E5D4C3B2A1908F7E6D5C4B3A29081E7D6C5B4A39281F0

# Key Metadata
Created: 2024-09-03T10:30:00Z
Expires: 2024-12-03T10:30:00Z
Usage: FPE-SSN-TOKENIZATION
Permissions: ENCRYPT, DECRYPT
Audit: ENABLED
```

Key Storage in Redis Cache

```
# Redis Key Storage (Cached for 15 minutes)
Redis Key: encryption_key:ssn-fpe-master-key:sess_2024_09_03_001
Redis Value: {
  "derivedKey": "7F6E5D4C3B2A1908F7E6D5C4B3A29081E7D6C5B4A39281F0",
  "algorithm": "AES-256-FF1",
  "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
  "createdAt": "2024-09-03T10:30:00Z",
  "expiresAt": "2024-09-03T10:45:00Z",
```

```
"usageCount": 0,  
"maxUsage": 1000  
}  
TTL: 900 seconds (15 minutes)
```



Step 2: Tokenization Process (SSN: 123-45-6789)

Input Processing

```
# Original Input  
User Input: "My SSN is 123-45-6789"  
Detected SSN: "123-45-6789"  
Pattern Match: ✓ (Regex: \d{3}-\d{2}-\d{4})  
ML Confidence: 0.98 (98% confident it's SSN)  
  
# Preprocessing  
Clean SSN: "123456789" (Remove hyphens)  
Validation: ✓ (9 digits, valid format)  
Numeric String: "123456789"
```

Format Preserving Encryption (FPE) Process

```
# FPE Algorithm: FF1 (NIST SP 800-38G)  
Algorithm: AES-256-FF1  
Key: 7F6E5D4C3B2A1908F7E6D5C4B3A29081E7D6C5B4A39281F0  
Alphabet: "0123456789" (Numeric)  
Radix: 10  
Input Length: 9 digits  
Tweak: "SSN_TOKEN_2024" (Additional entropy)  
  
# Encryption Steps:  
Step 1: Split input "123456789" into left="1234", right="56789"  
Step 2: Apply Feistel rounds (10 rounds for FF1)  
  
Round 1:  
  F(right="56789", round_key_1) = AES(key, right || tweak || round_num)  
  F_output = 8734 (mod 10^4)  
  new_left = (1234 + 8734) mod 10^4 = 9968  
  new_right = 56789  
  
Round 2:  
  F(new_left="9968", round_key_2) = AES(key, 9968 || tweak || 2)  
  F_output = 2156 (mod 10^5)
```

```
temp_right = (56789 + 2156) mod 10^5 = 58945

... (8 more rounds)

Final Result: "847291635"
Formatted Token: "847-29-1635"

# Token Generation Summary
Original SSN: 123-45-6789
Encrypted Token: 847-29-1635
Algorithm: AES-256-FF1
Time: 2.3ms
Status: SUCCESS
```

Session Storage in Redis

```
# Session Creation
Session ID: sess_2024_09_03_001
User ID: user_12345
Created At: 2024-09-03T10:30:15Z

# Redis Session Storage
Redis Key: ssn_session:sess_2024_09_03_001
Redis Value: {
  "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
  "userId": "user_12345",
  "tokenMappings": {
    "847-29-1635": {
      "encryptedSSN": "AES256(123456789, session_key)",
      "algorithm": "AES-256-FF1",
      "createdAt": "2024-09-03T10:30:15Z",
      "accessCount": 0,
      "lastAccessed": null
    }
  },
  "sessionKey": "A1B2C3D4E5F6789012345678901234567890ABCDEF",
  "expiresAt": "2024-09-03T11:30:15Z",
  "metadata": {
    "ipAddress": "10.0.1.45",
    "userAgent": "Watson-Assistant/1.0",
    "source": "PII_DETECTION_WEBHOOK"
  }
}

TTL: 3600 seconds (1 hour)

# Reverse Token Mapping
Redis Key: token_mapping:847-29-1635
Redis Value: {
  "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
```



```
"tokenHash": "SHA256(847-29-1635)",
"createdAt": "2024-09-03T10:30:15Z",
"usageMetrics": {
  "accessCount": 0,
  "lastDeTokenized": null
}
}
TTL: 3600 seconds (1 hour)
```



Step 3: Watson Assistant Processing

Safe Processing with Token

```
# Watson Input (After Tokenization)
User Message: "My SSN is 847-29-1635" // Tokenized version
Intent: MEMBER_LOOKUP
Entities: {
  "ssn_token": "847-29-1635",
  "entity_type": "TOKENIZED_SSN",
  "confidence": 0.99
}

# Watson Context Variables
$session_id = "sess_2024_09_03_001"
$ssn_token = "847-29-1635"
$original_intent = "member_lookup"
$requires_backend_call = true
$user_id = "user_12345"

# Watson Conversation Log (Safe - No Real SSN)
{
  "conversation_id": "conv_2024_09_03_001",
  "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:16Z",
  "user_input": "My SSN is 847-29-1635", // Safe token
  "intent": "member_lookup",
  "confidence": 0.95,
  "entities": [
    {
      "entity": "ssn_token",
      "value": "847-29-1635",
      "location": [10, 21]
    }
  ],
  "response": "I'll help you look up your member information. Let me a
```

```
}
```

Step 4: De-tokenization Process (Token: 847-29-1635)

Session Validation

```
# Session Retrieval from Redis
Redis Lookup: ssn_session:sess_2024_09_03_001
Session Status: ACTIVE
Session Age: 45 seconds (Valid - under 1 hour limit)
User Authorization: VERIFIED
Token Found: ✓ (847-29-1635 exists in tokenMappings)

# Security Checks
✓ Session not expired
✓ User authentication valid
✓ Token exists in session
✓ Access count within limits (0/100)
✓ IP address matches (10.0.1.45)
✓ Source application authorized
```

Key Retrieval and Decryption

```
# Key Retrieval Process
1. Check Redis Cache: encryption_key:ssn-fpe-master-key:sess_2024_09_03_001
   Cache Status: HIT (Key found in cache)
   Retrieved Key: 7F6E5D4C3B2A1908F7E6D5C4B3A29081E7D6C5B4A39281F0

2. If Cache MISS (backup process):
   - Connect to Azure Key Vault
   - Authenticate with Azure AD
   - Retrieve master key: ssn-fpe-master-key
   - Derive session key using HMAC-SHA256
   - Cache result in Redis (TTL: 15 minutes)

# De-tokenization Process
Input Token: "847-29-1635"
Clean Token: "847291635" (Remove hyphens)
Algorithm: AES-256-FF1 (Reverse operation)
Key: 7F6E5D4C3B2A1908F7E6D5C4B3A29081E7D6C5B4A39281F0
Tweak: "SSN_TOKEN_2024"

# Decryption Steps (Reverse Feistel Network):
```

Step 1: Split token "847291635" into left="8472", right="91635"

Step 2: Apply reverse Feistel rounds (10 rounds, reverse order)

Round 10 (Reverse):

$F(\text{left}="8472", \text{round_key_10}) = \text{AES}(\text{key}, 8472 \parallel \text{tweak} \parallel 10)$

$F_{\text{output}} = 2156 \pmod{10^5}$

$\text{original_right} = (91635 - 2156) \pmod{10^5} = 89479$

Round 9 (Reverse):

$F(\text{original_right}="89479", \text{round_key_9}) = \text{AES}(\text{key}, 89479 \parallel \text{tweak} \parallel 9)$

$F_{\text{output}} = 7834 \pmod{10^4}$

$\text{original_left} = (8472 - 7834) \pmod{10^4} = 0638$

... (8 more reverse rounds)

Final Result: "123456789"

Formatted SSN: "123-45-6789"

Decryption Verification

Original Token: 847-29-1635

Decrypted SSN: 123-45-6789

Verification: ✓ (Re-encrypt 123456789 = 847291635)

Time: 1.8ms

Status: SUCCESS

Audit Logging

De-tokenization Audit Log

```
{
  "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:45Z",
  "event": "SSN_DETOKENIZATION",
  "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
  "userId": "user_12345",
  "tokenHash": "SHA256(847-29-1635)",
  "ssnHash": "SHA256(123-45-6789)",
  "operation": "SUCCESS",
  "processingTime": "1.8ms",
  "keySource": "REDIS_CACHE",
  "ipAddress": "10.0.1.45",
  "userAgent": "Azure-Function/2.0",
  "requestId": "req_2024_09_03_001_045",
  "compliance": {
    "dataClassification": "PII",
    "retentionPolicy": "30_DAYS",
    "encryptionStandard": "AES-256-FF1"
  }
}
```

Update Redis Session

```
Redis Update: ssn_session:sess_2024_09_03_001
Update Fields:
- tokenMappings["847-29-1635"].accessCount = 1
- tokenMappings["847-29-1635"].lastAccessed = "2024-09-03T10:30:45Z"
- lastActivity = "2024-09-03T10:30:45Z"
```

Step 5: YAVA First Controller API Call

Secure API Call with Plain Text SSN

```
# APIC Gateway Request
POST https://apic-gateway.company.com/yava-first/member-details
Headers:
  Authorization: Bearer eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9...
  Content-Type: application/json
  X-Client-ID: watson-assistant-client
  X-Session-ID: sess_2024_09_03_001
  X-Request-ID: req_2024_09_03_001_045
  X-YAVA-Platform: FIRST_CONTROLLER

Request Body:
{
  "ssn": "123-45-6789",           // Plain text SSN for YAVA
  "requestType": "member_details",
  "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
  "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:45Z",
  "requestedBy": "user_12345",
  "yavaContext": {
    "platform": "YAVA_FIRST",
    "engine": "member_services",
    "version": "2.0"
  }
}

# YAVA First Controller Processing
Internal API Calls:
1. Member Details API: GET /api/members/ssn/123456789
2. Benefits API: GET /api/benefits/member/123456789
3. Claims API: GET /api/claims/member/123456789
4. Eligibility API: GET /api/eligibility/123456789

Response Processing:
- Member Found: ✓
- Active Status: ✓
```

- Benefits Retrieved: ✓
- Claims Retrieved: ✓

Sanitized Response (No SSN)

```
{
  "success": true,
  "memberData": {
    "memberId": "MBR789012",
    "firstName": "John",
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "memberStatus": "ACTIVE",
    "planType": "PREMIUM_PLUS",
    "effectiveDate": "2020-01-01",
    "benefitsInfo": {
      "medicalCoverage": "ACTIVE",
      "dentalCoverage": "ACTIVE",
      "visionCoverage": "ACTIVE"
    },
    "claimsStatus": {
      "pendingClaims": 2,
      "totalClaims2024": 15,
      "lastClaimDate": "2024-08-15"
    }
  },
  "javaMetadata": {
    "platform": "YAVA_FIRST",
    "processingTime": "245ms",
    "apiCallsCount": 4,
    "cacheHits": 2
  },
  "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:47Z"
}
```

Step 6: Security Cleanup and Monitoring

Memory and Variable Cleanup

- ```
Immediate Cleanup (After API Call)
```
1. Clear local variables containing plain text SSN
    - ssn\_plaintext = null
    - decrypted\_value = null
    - encryption\_key = null (if not cached)
  2. Secure memory cleanup

- `memset(ssn_buffer, 0, buffer_size)`
- `garbage_collect_sensitive_data()`

### 3. Redis session update

- Increment access counters
- Update last activity timestamp
- Refresh TTL if needed

## Comprehensive Monitoring

# Azure Sentinel Security Events

Event 1: TOKEN\_GENERATION

```
{
 "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:15Z",
 "event": "SSN_TOKENIZATION",
 "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
 "tokenHash": "SHA256(847-29-1635)",
 "algorithm": "AES-256-FF1",
 "processingTime": "2.3ms",
 "status": "SUCCESS"
}
```

Event 2: TOKEN\_USAGE

```
{
 "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:45Z",
 "event": "SSN_DETOKENIZATION",
 "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
 "tokenHash": "SHA256(847-29-1635)",
 "usageCount": 1,
 "javaEndpoint": "/java-first/member-details",
 "status": "SUCCESS"
}
```

Event 3: COMPLIANCE\_CHECK

```
{
 "timestamp": "2024-09-03T10:30:47Z",
 "event": "PII_COMPLIANCE_SCAN",
 "sessionId": "sess_2024_09_03_001",
 "scanResult": "CLEAN",
 "ssnInLogs": false,
 "ssnInResponse": false,
 "complianceStatus": "PASSED"
}
```

# Performance Metrics

Cache Performance:

- Redis Hit Ratio: 94.5%
- Key Vault Calls Avoided: 89%
- Average Response Time: 1.8ms

#### Security Metrics:

- Token Reuse Rate: 0% (Each session unique)
- Failed Decryption Attempts: 0
- Unauthorized Access Attempts: 0
- Session Hijacking Attempts: 0

## Complete Process Summary







### Tokenization Journey

1. **Input:** "123-45-6789" (Real SSN)
2. **Detection:** PII pattern matched
3. **Key:** Retrieved from Azure Key Vault
4. **Encryption:** AES-256-FF1 algorithm
5. **Token:** "847-29-1635" (Safe)
6. **Storage:** Session stored in Redis
7. **Processing:** Watson uses token only

### De-tokenization Journey

1. **Request:** Backend call needed
2. **Validation:** Session and user verified
3. **Key:** Retrieved from Redis cache
4. **Decryption:** Reverse FF1 process
5. **Recovery:** "123-45-6789" (Original)
6. **API Call:** YAVA with plain text SSN
7. **Cleanup:** Memory cleared, audit logged

#### Key Security Principles Demonstrated:

-  **Format Preservation:** Token maintains SSN format
-  **Deterministic:** Same SSN = Same token per session
-  **Reversible:** Only authorized services can decrypt
-  **Time-limited:** Sessions expire automatically
-  **Auditable:** Every operation logged
-  **Compliant:** Meets all regulatory requirements