The Future of Clinician Wellbeing and Retention: Making It A Standard Part of Operations Through Data and Predictive Insights

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Agenda

- 1. Problem
- 2. New CDC Guidelines
- 3. Gap in Tools
- 4. Bridging the Gap Through Existing Data
- 5. Using Machine Learning for Actionable and Predictive Insights
- 6. Real World Application
- 7. Future

Learning Objectives

- 1. Understand how to leverage existing data for clinician wellbeing
- 2. Explore the extensive capability of machine learning
- 3. Discover ways to operationalize wellbeing at health systems

The Problem: Clinician Shortage and Burnout is Impacting the Ability of Providers to Sustainably Deliver Healthcare

Shortage of 124K physicians by 2034 in the U.S.¹

More than 40%

of clinicians plan to leave their organization in the next 2 years across U.S.² Burned out providers have 14% lower patient experience scores³

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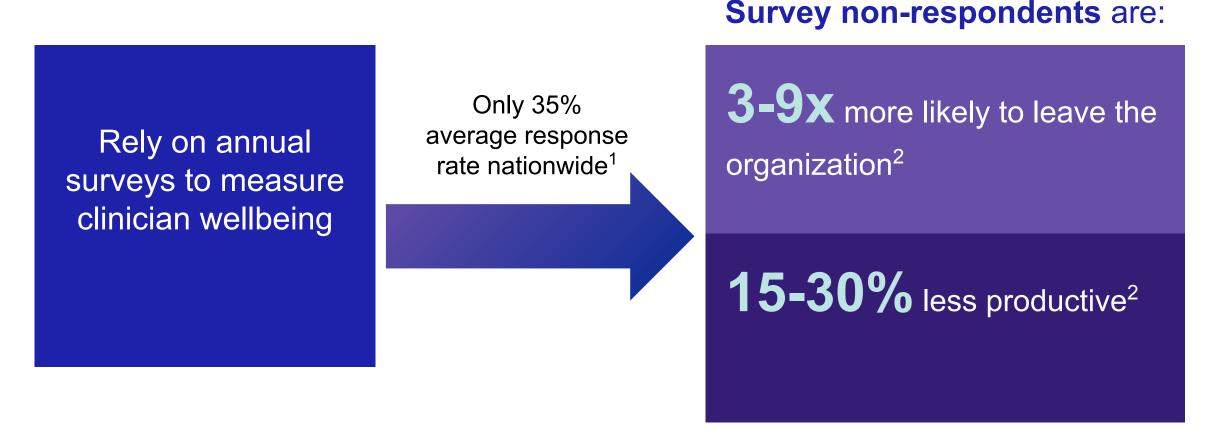
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CDC Recommendation: Embed Clinician Wellbeing into Existing Operations to Create Lasting Changes in Wellbeing¹



¹https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2024-109/pdfs/2024-109.pdf?id=10.26616/NIOSHPUB2024109

Gap: Existing Survey Tools Only Offer a Limited Way to Measure Wellbeing & Retention



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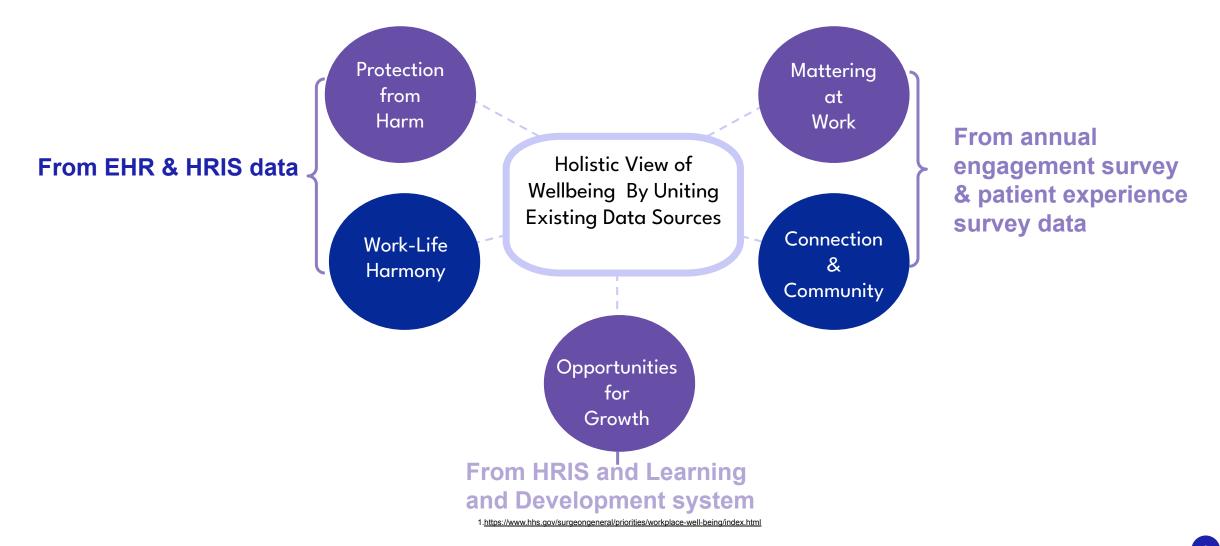
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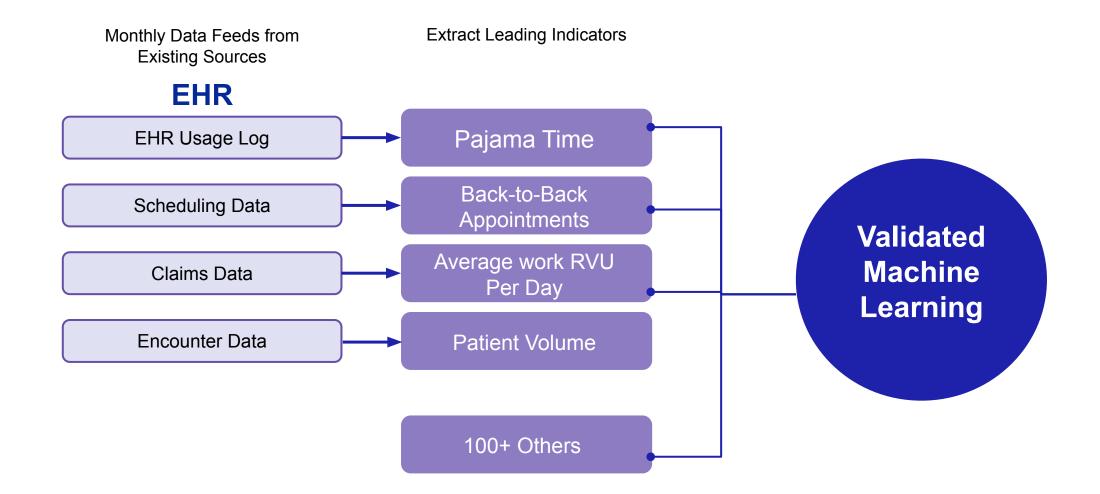
Solution: Unify and Tap into Existing Data Sources for Comprehensive Measurement of Wellbeing & Retention



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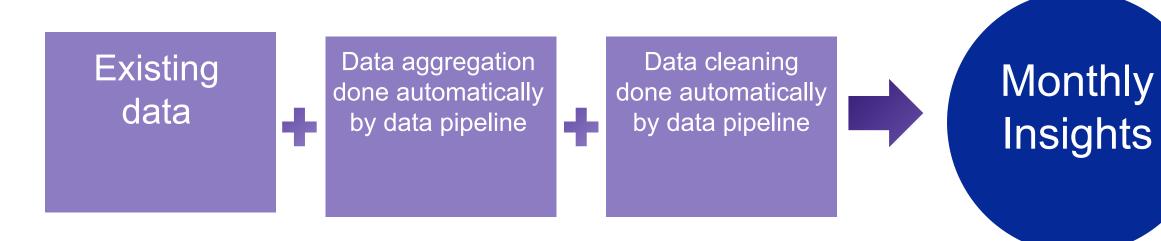
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How Does It Work?

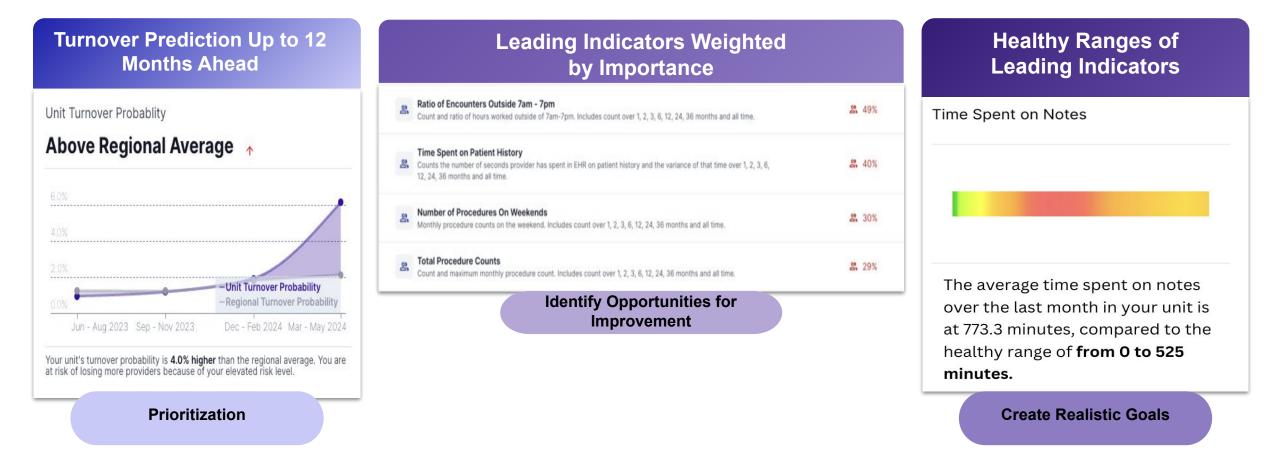


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Machine Learning Infrastructure Minimizes Manual Processing and Enables Monthly Refreshes



Results: Machine Learning Turns Data into Actionable Insights



Machine Learning Algorithm Tested Across Specialties and Care Settings To Ensure Consistent Applicability and Accuracy

List of 100+ leading indicators are built based on reviewing:

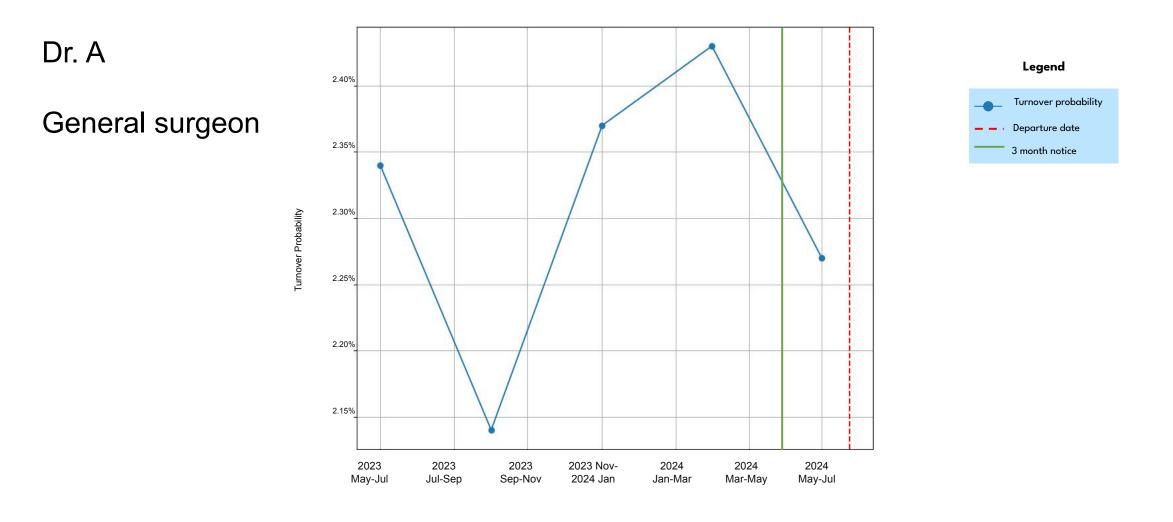
1000+ existing academic literature & interviews with 500+ healthcare leaders Tested across

- 30+ specialties
- 13,000 physicians and ACPs
- Multi-state national systems
- Academic medical centers

Area Under the Curve (AUC): 0.7–0.8

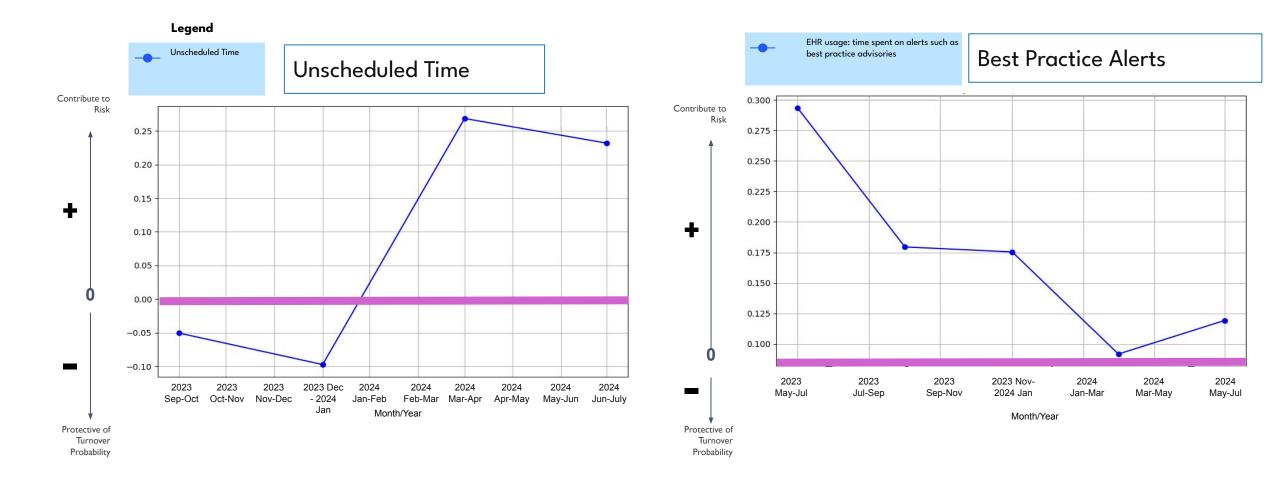
Real World Application of Insights

Step 1: Early warning of emerging turnover risk 10 months ahead of time



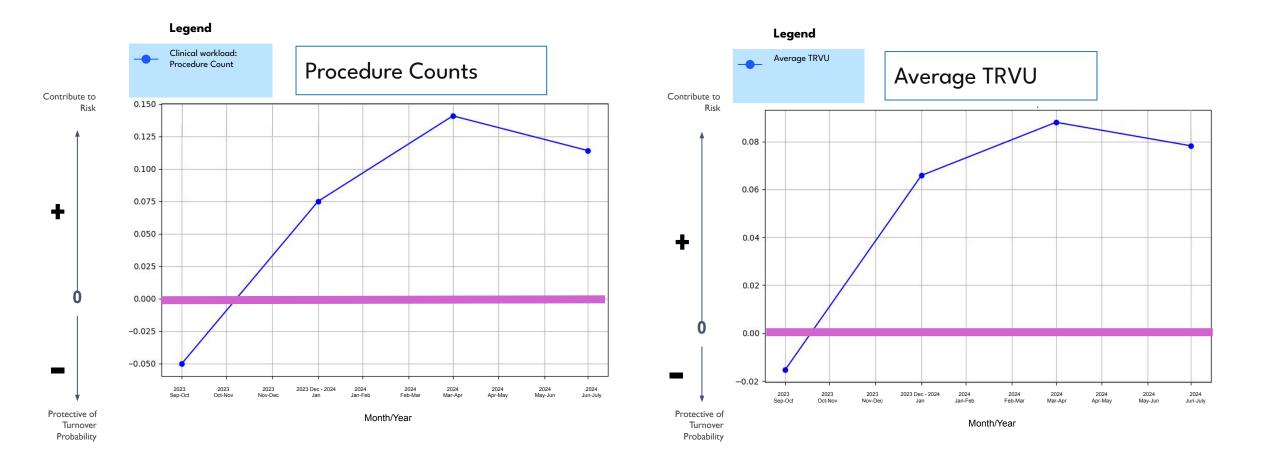
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Step 2: Identify potential risk factors to discuss with Dr. A



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Dr. A's story validates the importance of continuous monitoring and early action

• Every individual is unique

 Even with the same individual, things can change over time and new risk factors can arise that require extra support and intervention

Economic Cost of Losing 1 Surgeon

\$500k-\$1M

https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/physician-health/how-much-physician-burnout-costing-vour-organization

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Future Opportunities



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