

SmartContact™ Brings Smart Technology to Each Phase of the Patient Journey

The medical care continuum encompasses disease prevention, emergency department (ED) evaluation, hospitalization, post-acute recovery, and end-of-life planning.

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communication among healthcare
professionals is required to ensure the
best patient outcomes. Personalized
care plans, shaped by demographic
characteristics, medical history, and
visit patterns, address the social
determinants of care to prevent
unnecessary ED visits and



hospitalizations. This approach, supported by patient engagement, information sharing, and multidisciplinary collaboration, prevents fragmented treatment.

SmartContact™, a patient engagement platform created by the healthcare technology company



SmartContact™ leverages rule-based logic and artificial intelligence to navigate patients through the care continuum, ensuring optimized care management and enhanced patient experiences."

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<u>Auscura</u>, proactively identifies patients at risk of requiring ED care or hospitalization, creating opportunities to enhance population health.

When acute care begins in the ED, hospital admission is necessary for one-quarter of patients. According to Dr. Tom Scaletta, a practicing emergency physician, informaticist, and CEO of Auscura, "Nearly 140 million ED visits occurred in the US last year. The greatest opportunity to control healthcare costs is reducing ED visits, avoiding hospitalization, and monitoring patients' health status in pre- and post-acute care settings."

Post-acute care usually occurs at home, though fragile patients may require rehabilitation or skilled nursing facilities. Auscura has formed strategic alliances with companies using artificial intelligence and health surveillance devices to identify patients in senior living facilities showing signs of deterioration, enabling timely interventions to prevent adverse outcomes and hospital readmissions.

For hospice patients, the priority shifts to providing pain relief and emotional support during the dying process. SmartContact™ facilitates effective communication between the hospice team and patients or their family members, ensuring that pain and anxiety are well-managed.

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