2020 Healthcare Digital Transformation Survey

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A New Digital Reality

The doctor has entered the chat.

In a pandemic and post-pandemic state, phrases like this one will be the norm as the response to COVID-19 changes healthcare forever.

Telehealth’s rapid scale up has been critical in the public health response to the coronavirus pandemic. We’ve reached a tipping point, and patients are unlikely to revert to the previous reality once society recovers from today’s outbreak, particularly as the likelihood of follow-on waves looms absent a vaccine.

Telehealth will be critical to addressing access to care and helping to mitigate a clinician shortage that the pandemic has no doubt exacerbated. But it must be done right.

To make the former imperative possible, a critical piece will be that providers plot out sustainable pricing and customer experience (CX) models that hold both clinicians and patients accountable in the way that poor patient satisfaction scores and copays and last-minute cancelation fees, respectively, have held them accountable for in-person visits. To support the latter imperative, providers must first determine which clinicians should deliver what types of care via telehealth and which ones should be elevated to higher levels of practice elsewhere on the continuum—which could include in patients’ homes.

Beyond the need to get telehealth right, the pandemic has brought to light other very clear healthcare imperatives that providers, payers and retail clinics must address, including:

- Remaining agile, with clear plans for transforming existing infrastructure for other uses quickly, effectively and in a way that preserves patient safety
- Ensuring better upstream and downstream care coordination of services across the continuum
- Reimagining—and then effectively monitoring and coordinating—drug and medical supply chains across the country and internationally to avoid critical supply shortages seen during the U.S. outbreak

Digital transformation is a critical piece of the answer for how healthcare organizations can address these imperatives and navigate out of—and beyond—the pandemic state. In doing so, they can build a system that is not only better equipped to handle public health emergencies, but also to provide better coordinated routine patient care that provides a more holistic view of each patient’s health.

Read on to see how your organization’s digital transformation efforts stack up against peers and learn where you should prioritize investments to thrive in healthcare’s new reality.
Survey Methodology

BDO’s 2020 Healthcare Digital Transformation Survey polled 100 C-suite executives at healthcare organizations with annual revenues between $250 million and $3 billion. Rabin Research Company, an independent marketing research firm, conducted the survey in November 2019.

WHO WE SURVEYED

Types of Providers

- Hospitals/academic medical centers
- Physician groups
- Outpatient/ambulatory surgery centers
- Long-term/post-acute care
- Home health
- Hospice

HOW DO YOUR ORGANIZATION’S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS STACK UP?
Results are grouped into two main breakouts:

**ANNUAL REVENUES**
- Lower market: $250-750M
- Upper market: $751M-3B

**EXECUTIVE TITLES**
- 75% Non-tech (CEO, CFO, COO, CMO, Line of Business Executive)
- 25% Tech (CIO, CISO, CTO)
- 34% $250 million to $500 million
- 16% $501 million to $750 million
- 16% $751 million to just under $1 billion
- 27% $1 billion to just under $2 billion
- 7% $2 billion to $3 billion
Snapshot / Healthcare’s 2020 Digital Outlook

A snapshot of how healthcare providers are already planning to transform digitally to drive better patient care outcomes:

TOP DIGITAL PRIORITY – NEXT 12 MONTHS

1. Improving CX (26%)
2. Optimizing Business Processes and Driving Operational Efficiencies (22%)
3. Consolidating or Upgrading Legacy Technology Landscape (21%)
4. Implementing Change Management for Digital Adoption in the Workplace (16%)
5. Adopting a New Business or Revenue Model (14%)

HEALTHCARE MUST BALANCE NUMEROUS DIGITAL PRIORITIES, BUT THEY ALL LEAD BACK TO DRIVING BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES.

54% of healthcare providers have developed or are implementing against a digital transformation strategy.
For healthcare—an industry with a larger-than-average target on its back because of the valuable patient data and broader information it possesses—building and maintaining a strong Digital Backbone is paramount.

**TOP DIGITAL THREAT – NEXT 12 MONTHS**

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33% see industry disruption as the #1 digital threat.
Business objectives and transformation focus areas center around market differentiation by providing better value to the patient and increasing operational efficiencies—a critical piece of accomplishing the former. COVID-19 is likely to cause organizations to focus even more on operational efficiencies and cost savings in the short term. Healthcare organizations that fail to optimize efficiencies in a way that breaks down organizational silos to truly prioritize CX in the long-term as well as the short-term will fall behind.

### Next 12-18 Months

1. Improving CX | 72%
2. Increasing operational efficiencies | 56%
3. Modernizing technology landscape | 54%
4. Bolstering cybersecurity | 51%
5. Diversifying revenues | 38%
6. Increasing market differentiation | 37%

### Next 18 months to 3 years

1. Increasing operational efficiencies | 40%
1. Increasing market differentiation | 40%
3. Modernizing technology landscape | 39%
3. Bolstering cybersecurity | 39%
5. Diversifying revenues | 36%
6. Improving CX | 31%
**Transformation Focus Areas**

- **IT**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 68%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 23%

- **Customer Service**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 60%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 37%

- **Risk Mgmt. & Compliance**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 48%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 37%

- **Finance & Accounting**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 45%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 27%

- **Core Business Operations**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 44%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 52%

- **HR**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 42%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 37%

- **Marketing & Sales**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 42%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 41%

- **Tax**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 34%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 28%

- **Other**
  - Projects Currently in Motion: 2%
  - Projects Planned in Next 12 Months: 4%

*Projects for the next 12 months were planned prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, so some may have been de-prioritized or put on hold.*
Digital Transformation Value Drivers

- Better Care for Patients
- Improved CX
- Greater Efficiencies
- Better Protection of Patient Data
1 / Better Care for Patients

Providers are focusing their digital investments in the areas of population health management, greater personalization of care and improving secure communication with patients—and for good reason. A key piece of transitioning the U.S. healthcare system to the value-based one envisioned pre-pandemic, centered on preventative versus reactive care, will be improving primary care, an area that 51% of healthcare CFOs plan to invest more in over the next three years. The three most-cited areas of digital investment are critical to improving primary care, especially for patients with access to care issues..

- 89% have revenue tied to value-based care—a model that actively incentivizes the use of integrated care processes supported by technology to lower care costs and improve quality of outcomes*
- 97% are moderately or extremely confident in the quality and/or accuracy of the data their organization collects to record and track care outcomes

*Revenue tied to value-based care was calculated prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, so some of these arrangements may have changed.
Gone are the days when patients were comfortable with waiting hours in a doctor’s office for an appointment that they had booked weeks earlier. Patient demands were changing long before coronavirus. Now, people demand more, and it’s a public health imperative that providers listen—and they are: Improving CX is a top digital priority, and lagging CX is a clear digital threat. Successful CX that aligns patient experience, operations, technology and space will preserve both patient safety and care outcomes while helping put consumers at ease in a post-pandemic environment. In the process, it will empower providers to differentiate their brand.

**THE ELEMENTS OF CX**

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<td>Speed of Customer Support</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>Consistency</td>
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<td>Personalization</td>
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<td>User-Friendliness/Design</td>
<td>31%</td>
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- **72%** cite it as a digital objective over the next 12-18 months
- **26%** Most-cited digital priority
- **20%** Second-biggest digital threat after cyberattacks or privacy breaches
CX-RELATED DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

Customer Service 60%  
Marketing & Sales 42%

BDO INSIGHT

Often the starting point for digital transformation, CX is key not only to increasing patient satisfaction and provider loyalty, but also to creating regular touchpoints with patients when in-person visits are not possible or warranted, monitoring ongoing health issues and recommending proactive health interventions. When done right, it can also help ensure healthcare needs are being met for underserved patient populations according to what modality works best for them, which is even more critical during COVID-19 response and recovery. As an engine of health data insights, CX can also serve as a catalyst for much-needed product and service innovation as well as entirely new revenue models, which providers—especially those that have had to halt most of their services during the pandemic—will be prioritizing.
3 / Greater Efficiencies

For an industry that was already under mounting financial pressure before the pandemic, which has now been multiplied many times over, the Digital Business and Digital Process components of digital transformation are focal points. When executed successfully, both can help providers create operational efficiencies, improve financial reporting and transform entire operating models, all of which will not only be critical to securing federal, state and local relief funding and mitigating associated compliance risks, but also to addressing the industry’s post-COVID imperatives. Under value-based arrangements, where revenue not only depends on an organization’s own outcomes but also those of their partners on the continuum, optimizing Digital Business and Digital Process become lifelines.

Optimizing business processes and driving operational efficiencies is second only to improving CX

say increasing operational efficiencies is a business objective of their DT strategy in the next 12-18 months
4 / Better Protection of Patient Data

Nearly half of healthcare organizations have digital transformation projects underway in the areas of risk and compliance. Cyberattacks or privacy breaches, meanwhile, top the industry’s most-cited digital threats, and cybersecurity is the biggest challenge in launching a new digital initiative. It’s no wonder. The World Health Organization has seen cyberattacks against it double since the onset of the pandemic, with broader instances of ransomware campaigns targeting hospitals through their VPN capabilities and other network devices being reported. At the same time, organizations are being held to higher standards when it comes to the ethical use of patient data, after numerous reports of organizations using such data in ways of which people were unaware.

- **63%** have a formal data ethics program or policy in place.
- **51%** say bolstering cybersecurity is a business objective in the next 12-18 months.
- **34%** cite cyberattacks or privacy breaches as their biggest digital threat—with hospitals leading the pack.
- **29%** say concerns about cybersecurity is their biggest challenge in moving forward with a new digital initiative.
CURRENT STEPS ORGANIZATIONS ARE TAKING TO COMPLY WITH DATA PRIVACY REGULATIONS

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<td>Providing Training for Employees</td>
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<td>Automating Compliance Processes</td>
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<td>Performing a Data Mapping Exercise</td>
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48% have digital transformation projects underway in risk management and compliance.
Digital Transformation Challenges

WHAT CAN THREATEN OR DERAIL DIGITAL ADOPTION IN HEALTHCARE?
For much of healthcare, digital transformation is a Catch 22. On the one hand, providers’ financial pressures could hinder digitization in the form of resource constraints, which could translate to underinvestment and under-prioritization of digital initiatives. On the other, providers’ ability to provide health services to their patients, and in turn, their own financial health, will only deteriorate without renewed investment the right digital initiatives, as weary patients turn to providers who give them safe and effective virtual options.

The COVID-19 Telehealth Program, which will provide $200 million in funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, is one source of funding healthcare providers can pursue to support their efforts to provide connected care services to patients at their homes or through mobile locations in response to COVID-19.

TO HELP DIGITAL INITIATIVES SUCCEED AMID A GROWING WORKFORCE SHORTAGE, ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS SHOULD FOCUS ON ADDRESSING THREE ISSUES:

1. **GENERATIONAL GAPS**
   
   Millennials, Gen Xers and Boomers are all active in today’s healthcare workforce, with clinicians belonging to Gen Z joining the mix soon. Healthcare leaders must know how to communicate with and understand the learning styles of each generation. Strategies and tactics that may secure buy-in from the Boomer generation of clinicians may not work as well with the Millennial generation and vice versa.

2. **EDUCATION, TOOLS & ONGOING SUPPORT:**
   
   As organizations begin to introduce new digital systems and processes into the workforce, they must provide clinicians with the proper education and tools to understand how to use them with ease. Education and tools is not a one-and-done matter, however. Organizations must also provide continuous support to clinicians, so that they have confidence that when there is an issue, they’re able to quickly get the support they need so that neither their productivity—or care provided to patients—are negatively impacted. If used to energize the workforce and update facilities lacking modern equipment and technology, healthcare organizations can use digital transformation to counteract physician burnout.

3. **CORRECTING MISCONCEPTIONS**
   
   Instead of feeling like new technologies are taking away from their time and creating more administrative work, leaders should frame—and set up for success—digital transformation initiatives as opportunities to improve efficiency, spend more time with patients and innovate to create new products.
TOP CHALLENGES TO STARTING ON THE ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION

- **29%** Concerns about cybersecurity
- **29%** Budget/resource constraints*
- **16%** Establishing the right metrics
- **12%** Making the business case to internal stakeholders
- **9%** Knowing how/where to start
- **5%** Fear of failure

*This has likely increased significantly since the time at which this survey was fielded.

PERCEIVED REASONS FOR FAILURE

- **46%** Lack of Skills or Insufficient Training
- **38%** Interoperability with Legacy Tech
- **33%** Underinvestment/Under-Prioritization
- **30%** Employee Pushback
- **24%** Poor Communication or Project Management
- **23%** Lack of Senior Leadership or Vision
WHAT'S THE TOP-CITED REASON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FAILS IN HEALTHCARE?

- **Top reason cited by CEO/CFO/CMO/CTOs**: Lack of skills or insufficient training
- **Top reason cited by Chief Medical Officers**: Interoperability with legacy technology & processes
- **Top reason cited by COOs**: Poor communication/ project mgmt. and lack of senior leadership or vision (tie)
- **Top reason cited by CIO/CISOs**: Underinvestment/ under-prioritization
- **Top reason cited by Line of Business Executives**: Interoperability with legacy technology & processes and employee pushback (tie)
Benchmarking Your Digital Transformation Efforts

How do you stack up against your peers? While every healthcare organization is different—especially depending on location, patient population and leadership structure—benchmarking against those in your revenue range can help you determine where you might be falling behind and what areas you should prioritize looking ahead.

**HOW TO USE THIS BENCHMARKING DATA**

- Identify your relative strengths & weaknesses
- Understand competitive gaps & threats
- Gauge where you can gain a competitive advantage
- Prioritize investments for better market differentiation

For the purposes of this section, organizations are categorized in two groups, according to their annual revenues:

- **Lower Market:** $250M-$750M
- **Upper Market:** $751M-$3B
**WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF YOUR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION?**

### Benchmarking / Plans for Digital Transformation

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<td>In the process of developing a DT strategy</td>
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*These numbers have likely shifted since this survey was fielded, as the federal government has earmarked funding to support providers’ expansion of virtual health in light of COVID-19.
### Benchmarking / Deployment of Advanced Technologies

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Digital Enablers Defined

**Cloud Computing**
Cloud computing shifts the access, processing and storage of data and services to the Internet.

**Advanced Analytics**
Advanced analytics go beyond historical data analysis to provide real-time and predictive business intelligence.

**Robotic Process Automation (RPA)**
RPA is the use of software "bots" that automate repetitive manual tasks.

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)**
Artificial Intelligence is a broad concept to describe machines trained to think like humans.

**Machine Learning**
A subset of AI, machine learning aims to mirror human intelligence by equipping algorithms with the ability to "learn" on their own without human intervention based on experience and new inputs.

**Internet of Things (IoT)**
IoT connects "smart" devices to the Internet and to each other.

**DLT**
A database of information that is simultaneously shared and updated in real time and in multiple locations across a network.

**Blockchain**
A type of distributed ledger technology, governed by a consensus protocol, used for sharing and storing validated and unchangeable information.

**3D Printing**
Also known as additive manufacturing, 3D printing builds three-dimensional objects from a digital model.

**Extended Reality (XR)**
The extended reality realm encompasses virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR).

**Virtual Reality**
VR is a full immersion into a computer-generated environment.

**Augmented Reality**
AR overlays virtual elements, such as computer-generated graphics or simulations, on top of the real-world environment.

**Mixed Reality**
MR is an advanced form of augmented reality, integrating the virtual and physical worlds to create an immersive interface.
**HOW MUCH OF YOUR REVENUE IS TIED TO A VALUE-BASED CONTRACT/ARRANGEMENT?**

### Benchmarking / Transition to Value-Based Care*

**HEALTHCARE’S OVERALL REVENUE TIED TO VALUE-BASED CARE**

- **7%** Greater than 60%
- **11%** No revenue under VBC
- **39%** 40–60%
- **37%** 20–39%
- **6%** Less than 20%

**REVENUE TIED TO VALUE-BASED CARE BY SIZE**

- **Greater than 60%**
  - Total Healthcare: 7%
  - Lower Market: 6%
  - Upper Market: 8%
  - **39%**

- **40–60%**
  - Total Healthcare: 40%
  - Lower Market: 38%
  - Upper Market: 38%
  - **37%**

- **20–39%**
  - Total Healthcare: 42%
  - Lower Market: 32%
  - Upper Market: 42%
  - **3%**

- **Less than 20%**
  - Total Healthcare: 6%
  - Lower Market: 6%
  - Upper Market: 6%
  - **6%**

- No revenue under VBC
  - Total Healthcare: 16%
  - Lower Market: 6%
  - Upper Market: 16%
  - **11%**

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*Revenue tied to value-based care was calculated prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, so some of these arrangements may have changed.*
## Benchmarking / Data Privacy Compliance

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<td>56%</td>
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63% have a data ethics program or policy in place while 37% say they do not.
How are you preparing for digital transformation?

**Benchmarking / Digital Adoption & Enablement**

**Plans to Enable Employee Adoption**

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<td>44%</td>
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<td>Implementing training to upskill current employees</td>
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<td>Establishing a digital transformation office</td>
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<td>Developing a formal change management strategy</td>
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<td>Leveraging third-party outsourcing solutions</td>
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**A New Digital Reality**

**Snapshot: Healthcare’s 2020 Digital Outlook**

**Digital Transformation Value Drivers**

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Conclusion

Digital transformation is key in the post-pandemic health system to developing a more agile mindset, ensuring better upstream and downstream care coordination, and re-imagining the drug and supply inventory to better handle public health emergencies. But for many health organizations, they’re stuck between a rock and a hard place. Many of them have been required to provide telehealth services largely overnight without a clear rule book or idea on how much they’d be reimbursed, while providing in-person care under battle-like conditions. Others have had to halt all of their procedures entirely because of patient safety concerns.

Now, they’re being asked to adopt this virtual mindset for the long haul, while at the same time planning for how they’ll get operations back up and running while continuing to brace for the next wave of the coronavirus. But if they don’t invest in digital transformation, it will be to the detriment of their organization’s future and the health outcomes of their patients.

“The pandemic recovery requires the continued digital transformation of the healthcare industry. To secure the health system and their own futures, providers need to not only digitize their operations, but also evolve the way they coordinate care and support consumers virtually as telehealth becomes the norm and not the exception. At the heart of it all is patient data—and the process of bringing disparate sources of it together to turn information into actionable insight and quicker patient recoveries. To preserve patient safety while helping bring us out of this pandemic, providers need to think critically about managing and protecting that data as an asset critical to public health.”

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