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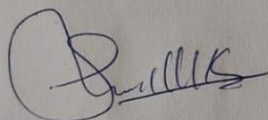
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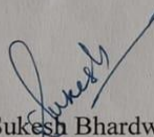
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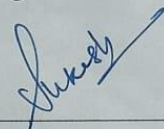
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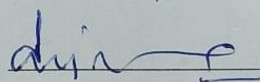
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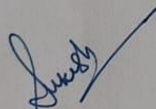
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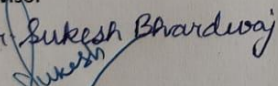


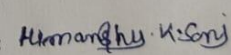
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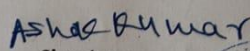
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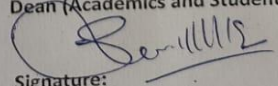
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

HMIS – Hospital Management Information System

OPD – Out-patient Department

IPD – In-patient Department

EMR – Electronic Medical Record

LIS – Laboratory Information System

RIS – Radiology Information System

OT – Operation Theatre

UAT – User Acceptance Testing

QA – Quality Assurance

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND



The Reliance funded start-up *KareXpert* founded in 2018 provides artificial intelligence and cloud-based digital healthcare platform for hospital. Aimed at digitally transforming one lakh hospitals by 2026. Amid the COVID-19 crisis, healthcare, starting from doctor consultation and diagnostics tests to getting medicines, shifted online almost overnight. the lack of digital services for doctors, KareXpert pivoted to focus on building B2B solutions. In 2018, Nidhi launched **KareXpert**, which is aimed at digitalising hospitals by providing a **SaaS based digital healthcare platform** to fulfil its mission of digitally transforming 100,000 hospitals in India and across the world in the next five years.

Besides disruptive technology and SaaS based commercial model, KareXpert has also built the holistic Managed Services model for the Hospitals serving both onsite and offsite support needs bringing complete peace of mind to the customer

With 50+ modules and 450+ applications, KareXpert is the first Indian company to offer a most exhaustive portfolio for hospitals. The service includes advanced HIMS, EMR/EHR, LIMS, RIS/PACS, pharmacy, connected ambulance, advanced BI, MIS, e-Claim, telemedicine, inventory & SCM, queue management, counselling, and branded mobile apps as a pre-integrated stack.

Using its Patient-First and Mobile-first approach, the Digital Healthcare Platform will revolutionize the Hospital IT as it brings the speed of business with innovation using most modern software technologies at a fraction of cost. The platform is already being used in some of the top hospitals across India, helping them streamline their operations.

INTRODUCTION

A complete, integrated information system for managing a hospital's operational, financial, and clinical aspects is called the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS). The finest possible electronic data processing assistance for patient care and administration is what a hospital management information system aims to achieve. The goal of an HMIS, a subfield of medical informatics, is to provide the greatest possible assistance for patient care, outcomes, and administration by capturing data when necessary and presenting it where it is needed as a result of networked electronic data processing. The primary requirements for hospital management information systems are accurate data storage, dependable utilization, quick access to data, secure data storage, and decreased usage costs. They offer a common source of data on a patient's condition¹.

Once it has been modified and put into use, the hospital management information system (HMIS) is a stand-alone, completely self-contained system. It covers all components and functionalities in a seamless, integrated manner. In many hospitals, HMIS represents a significant step toward paperless operations. It is an enterprise-wide software that addresses every facet of hospital management and operations. Its primary goals are patient and employee pleasure, as well as the best clinical results, ideal financial performance, and other goals. According to the kind of services it provides, HMIS is generally divided into three categories: clinical, support, and back office services².

Large departments and units that coordinate patient care are seen in hospitals, which are incredibly complicated institutions. HMIS is a large-scale, integrated system that supports the full information needs of hospitals, including patient, clinical, ancillary, and financial management. It is meant to store, manipulate, and retrieve information of the administrative and clinical elements. The potential of HMIS to support diagnosis, management, and education for better and improved services and practices is becoming more and more important to hospitals³.

HMIS benefits to patient:

- Reduction in wait times for registration, examination, investigations, pharmacy, and admission. Patient can enter hospital at any moment without medical records in tow. There's no need to return to get the investigation's reports.
- More in-depth clinical examination time spent by the doctor with the patient.
- Better treatment outcomes as a result of access to older electronic medical records (EMR).
- The unit chief (doctor) will have daily access to an online review of all IP patients.
- Because the EMR will be easily accessible, patients can be posted for procedures right away in case of emergencies without losing valuable time.
- Health status and current treatments can be tracked daily.
- It is possible to track patient entitlements such as clean linen, national camps, meals, medications, and so forth.
- Death and birth records

HMIS benefits to the Hospital:

- Decreased manual data entry for the same patient at various hospital locations during a visit or admission.
- Access to Secured Data from Anywhere, anytime.
- Error is decreased through timely delivery of accurate information.
- Including standardized treatment recommendations in patient care.
- Easy access to patient EMRs, as most patients who lack literacy do not bring medical documents.
- Slashed the time it takes to retrieve patient investigation reports.
- An improvement in diagnosis quality as a result of the EMR's accessibility to older records.
- Ensures that nurses confirm that every Inpatient takes their regular diet.
- Drop-down menus minimize the amount of time that treating doctors must spend writing.
- Better management of the medications, consumables, and disposables inventories.

No patient entering a hospital needs to have their demographic information entered. Each module in HMIS is interconnected with other modules in terms of functionalities and data sharing. All modules can be accessed from single sign on feature³.

The most frequent issues in using HMIS at university hospitals have to do with aspects of the human environment. Additionally, the biggest difficulties in non-academic hospitals are

human ones. To remove these obstacles and boost HMIS users' enthusiasm, it is advised to adopt certain policies and programmes, such as in-service training⁴.

Customers of the HMIS are divided into internal and external categories. Internal customers are those who deal with the critical processes of a healthcare facility, such as doctors, nurses, laboratory techs, pharmacists, quality department, and others. Patients, patients' families, insurance companies, vendors, health services researchers, etc. are examples of external clients.

HMIS are crucial in delivering high-quality healthcare services while lowering costs. The HMIS deployment faces numerous challenges, including user resistance to new technology, a lack of user interaction and participation in the system's design and implementation, integration with healthcare workflow, and untrained users. The findings highlight that one of the most important elements in achieving HMIS performance is training. Untrained users resist the shift out of concern that they won't be able to handle the HMIS and will be fired. One way to lower the obstacles to implementing the HMIS is to educate users about its purpose and advantages, then include more users in its implementation and make it easier for them to do so³.

The HMIS project should be implemented gradually so that users have time to adjust to the new system. Additionally, positions, duties, and their significance should be effectively explained to various stakeholders. Even if you are planning for a generic application, all department-specific requirements should be recorded. All of the aforementioned criteria should be taken into account for the implementation to be successful. If everyone works together to successfully adopt and use HMIS in every hospital, it will be beneficial to society².

When a hospital management information system is implemented, the first and most crucial aspect that benefits is patient (customer) satisfaction because waiting times are decreased. This aids in their achievement of a degree of patient satisfaction, which makes them eager to continue their care. When waiting times are shortened, the patient is automatically moved to the next stage, which is the admissions process. Future technological advancements will lead to great growth in the healthcare industry, which will lighten the load on administrators and raise patient quality and satisfaction levels⁵.

Less bother in managing the client-side system is one of the many advantages of web-based applications. Due to the ease with which a web browser can access the system from a server, we do not need to install it on the client-side (web based). Due to time efficiency, this shift impacts patient health services more quickly.

HMIS must have a user-friendly interface that is as simple to operate as popular social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, which are already familiar to most users⁶.

MAJOR WORKFLOWS OF HMIS

1) Appointment

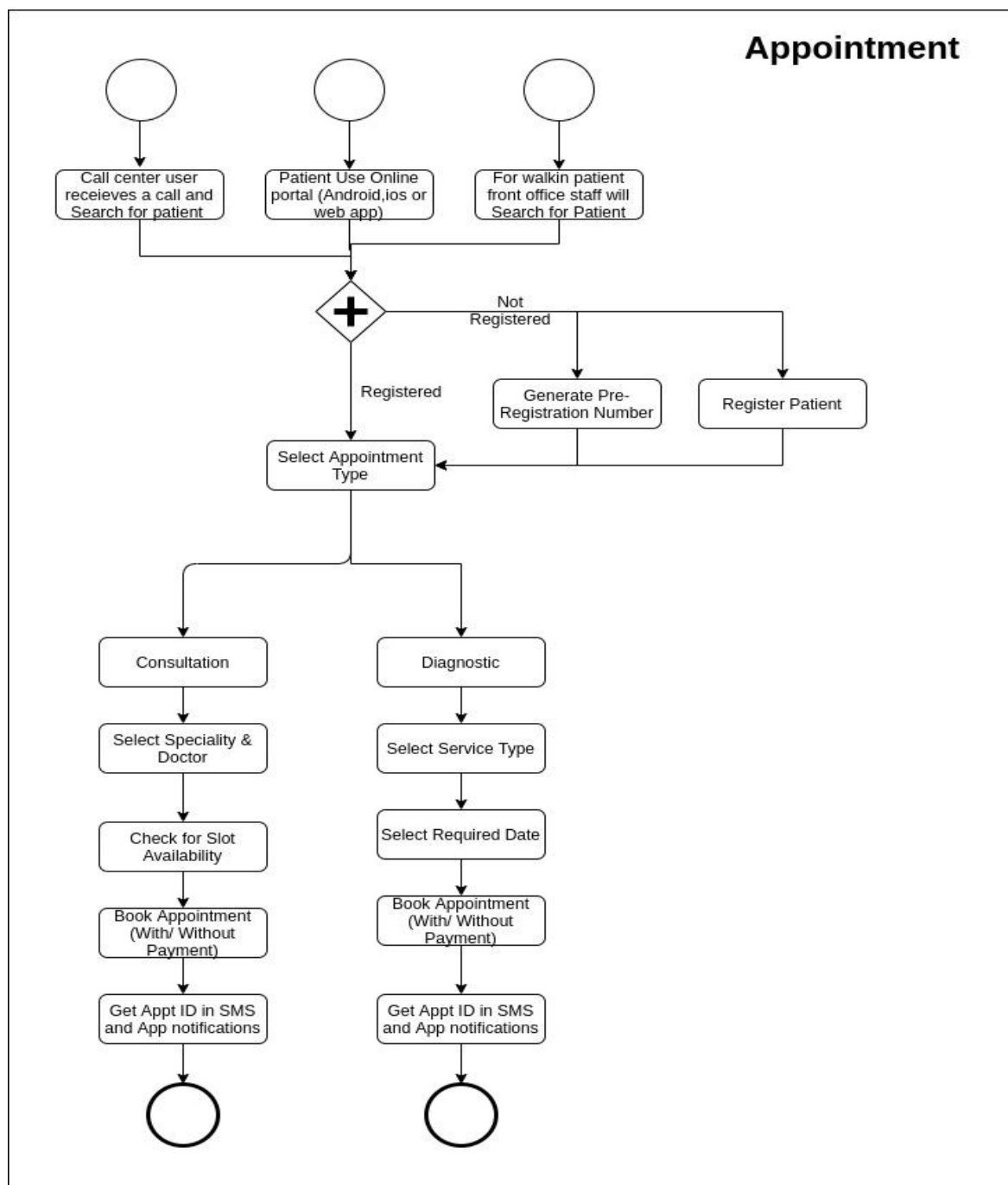


Figure 1 Appointment

2) Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

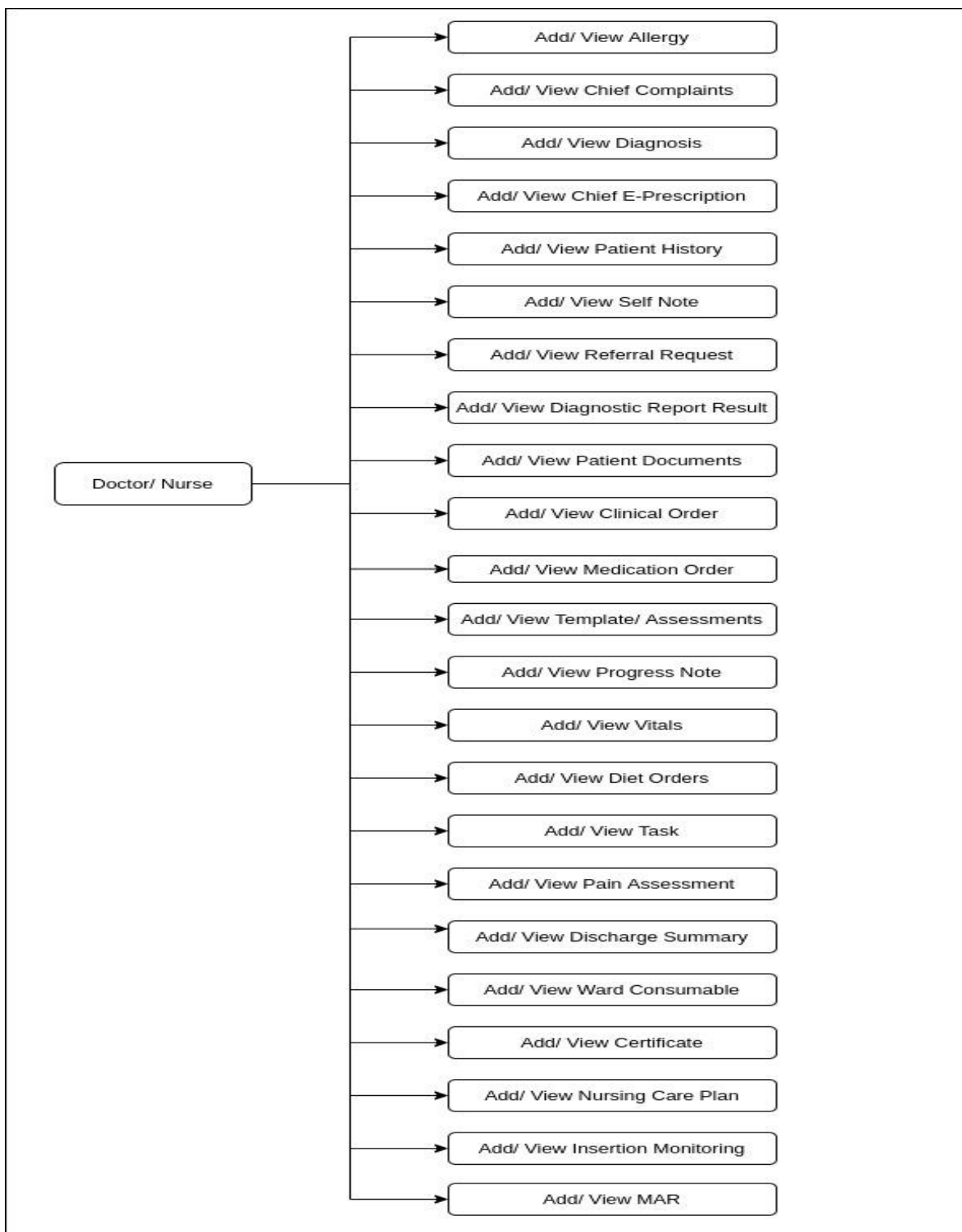


Figure 2 Electronic Medical Record

3) Inventory

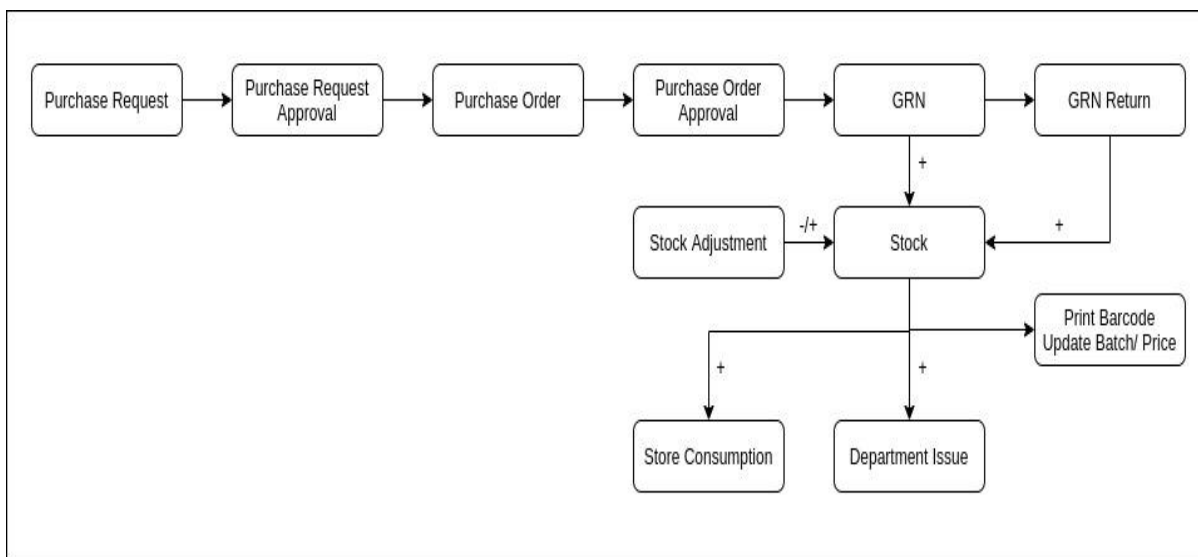


Figure-3 Inventory

4) IP Pharmacy

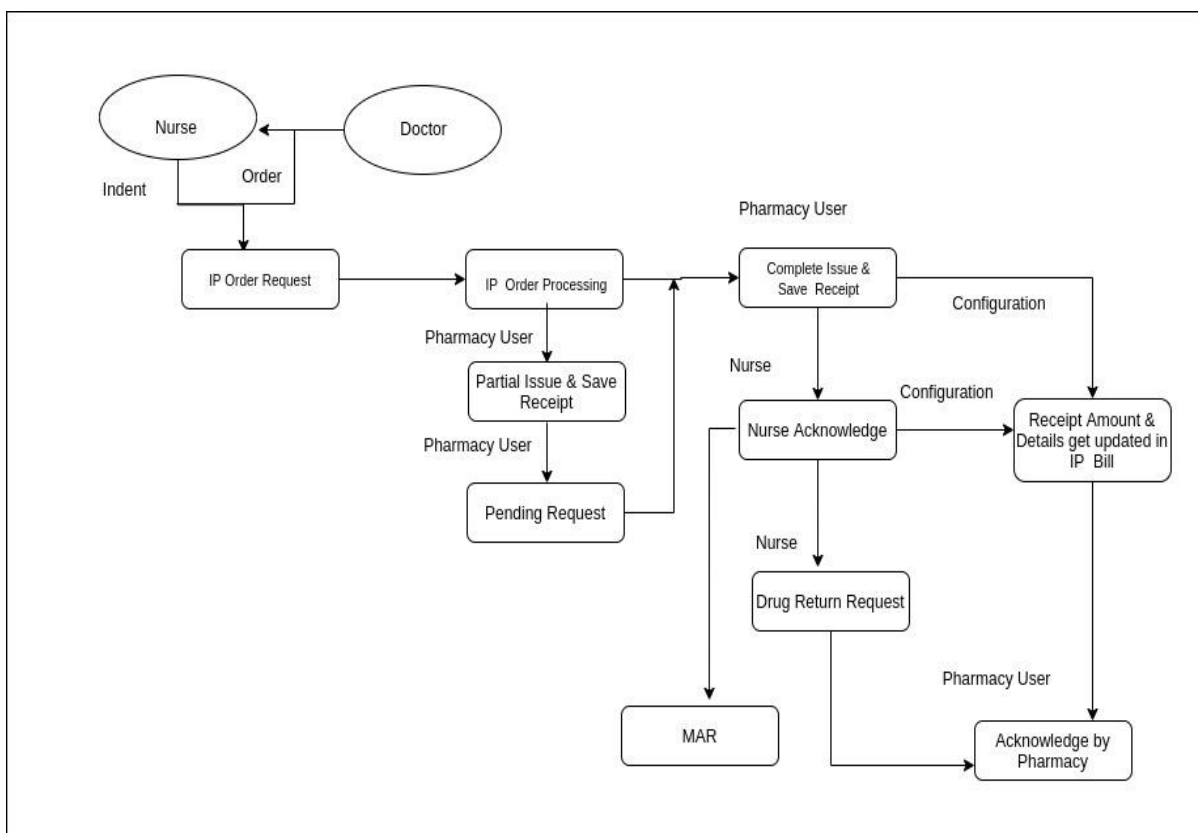


Figure-4 IP Pharmacy

5) In-patient Department (IPD)

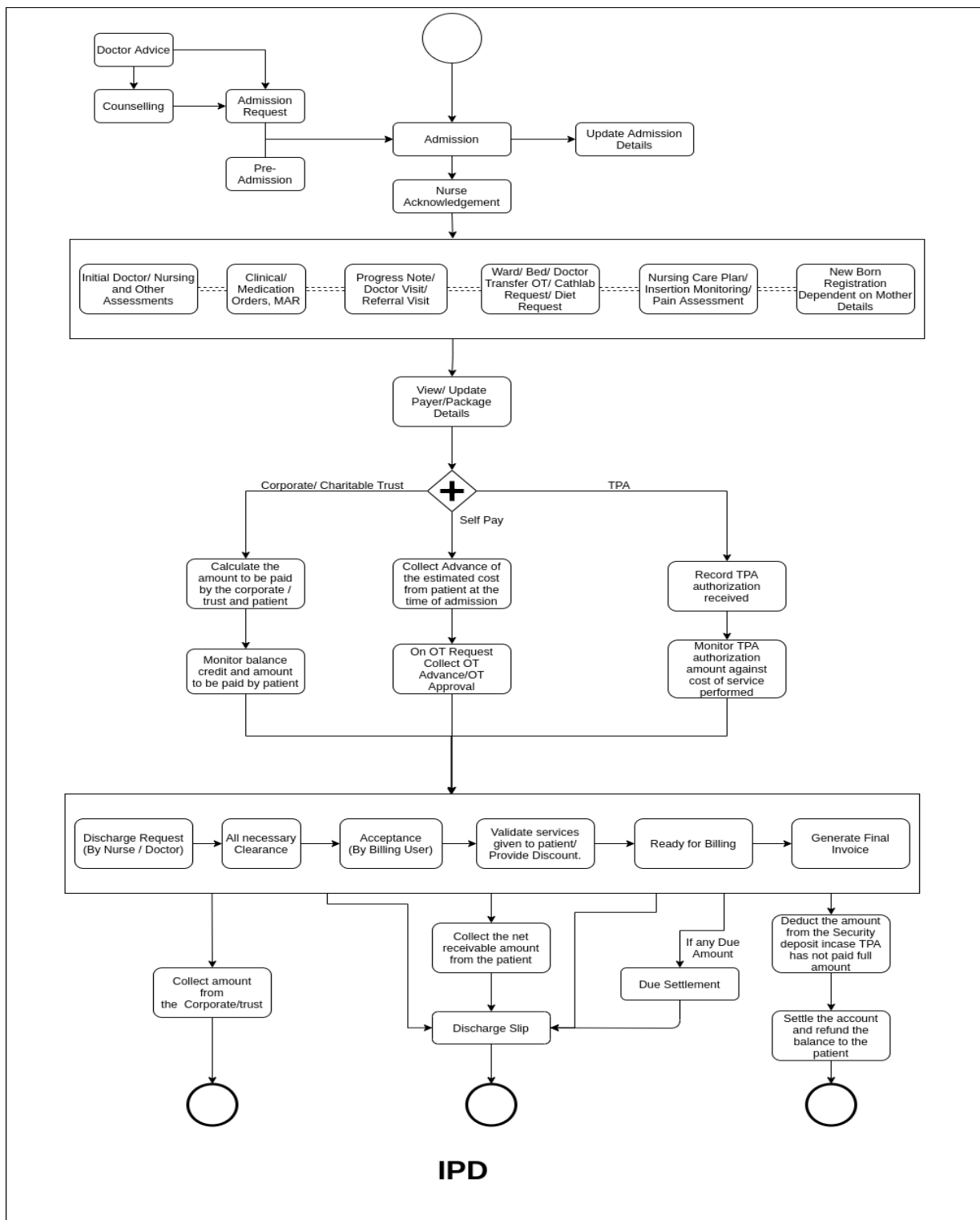


Figure 5 In-patient Department

6) Laboratory Information System (LIS)

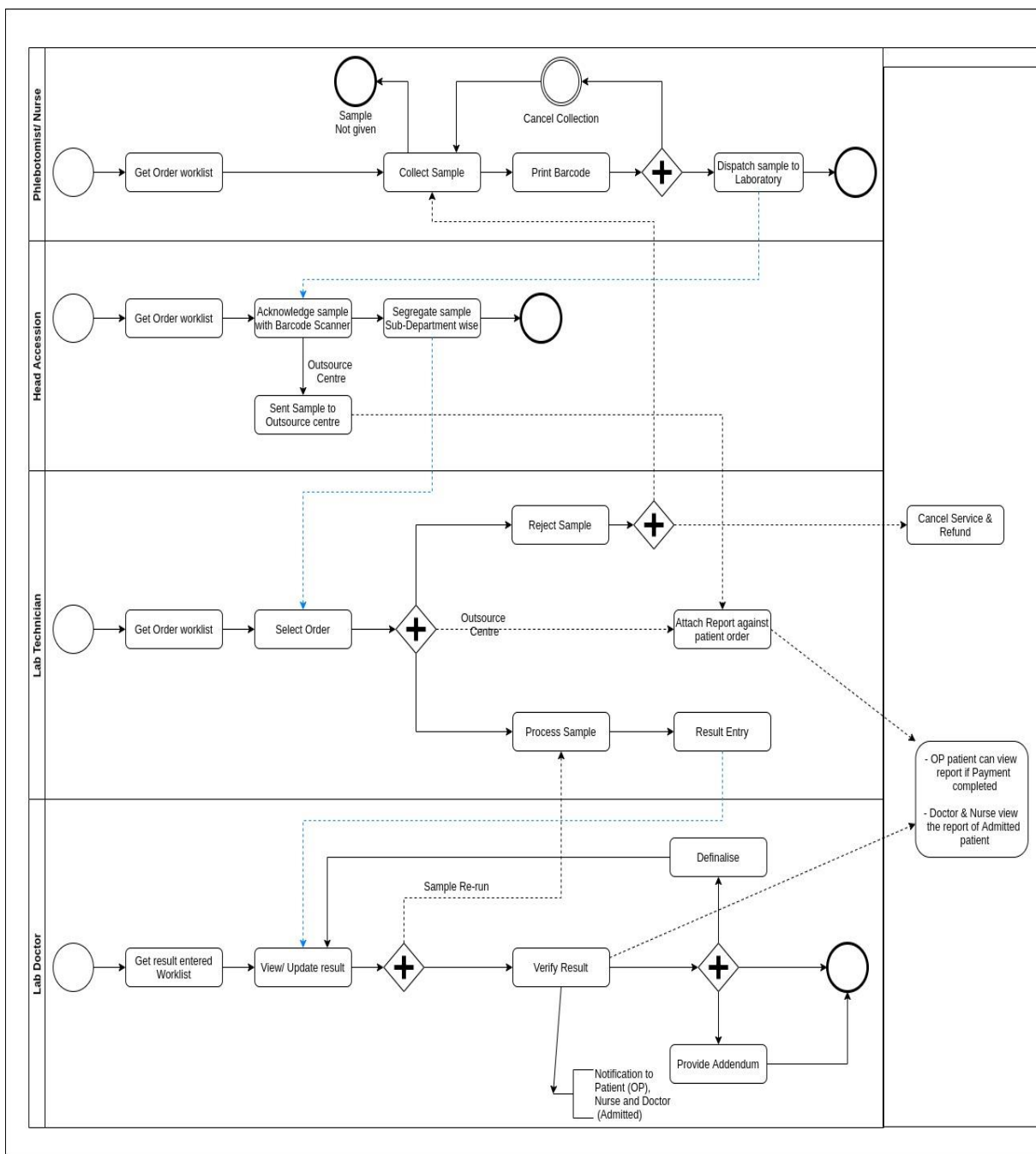


Figure 6 Laboratory Information System

7) OP Billing

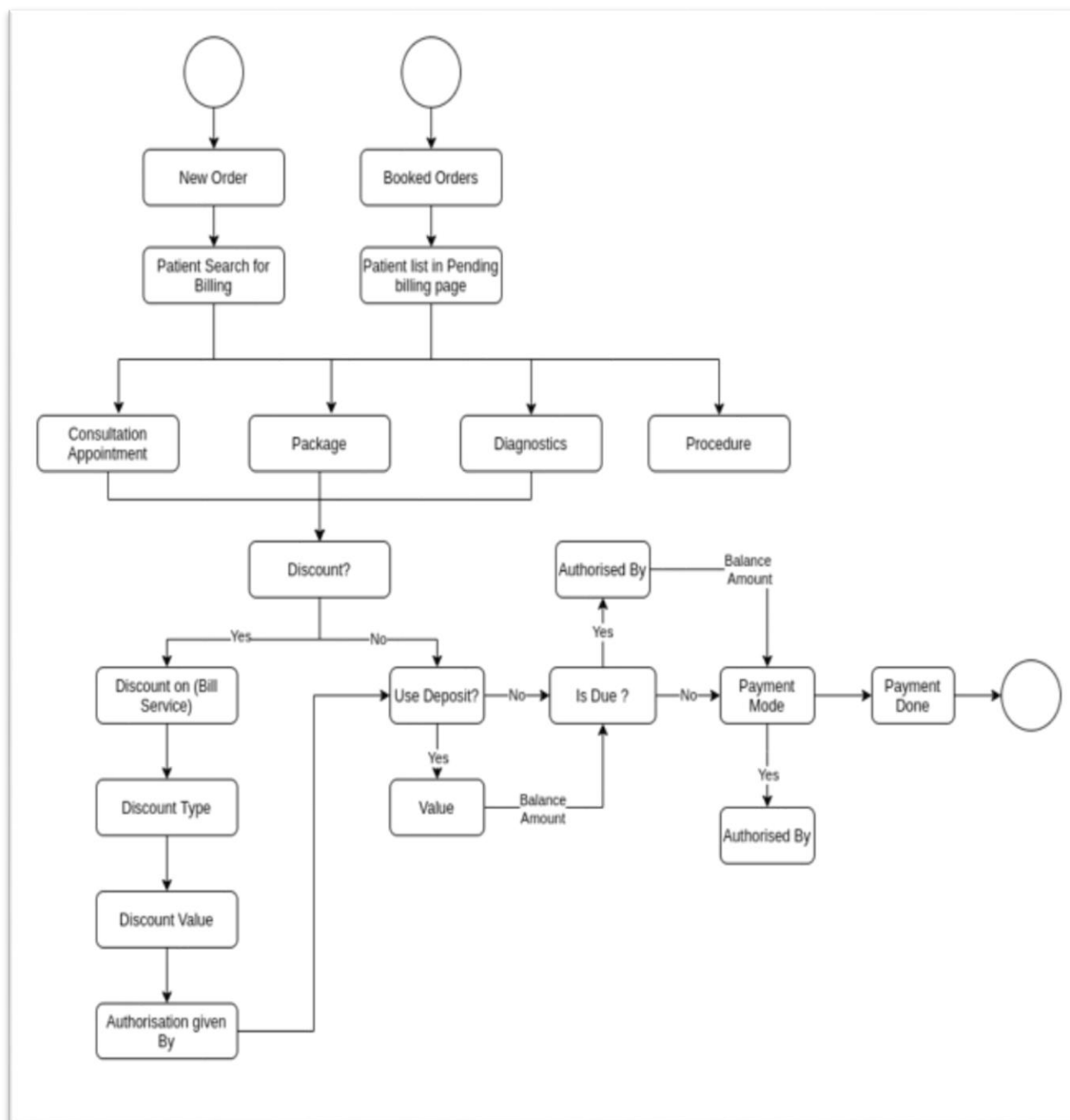


Figure 7 OP Billing

8) OP Pharmacy

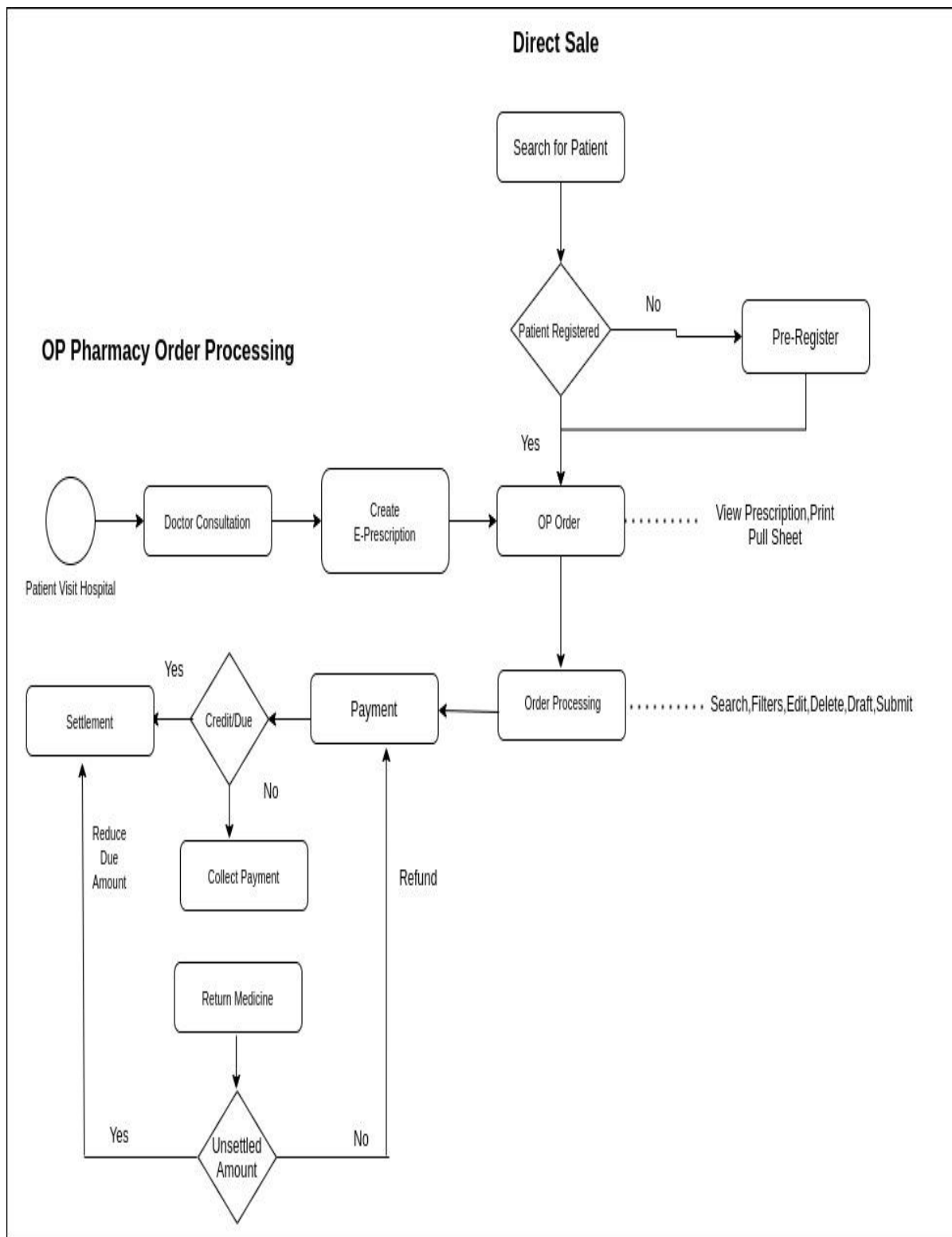


Figure 8 OP Pharmacy

9) Operation Theatre (OT)

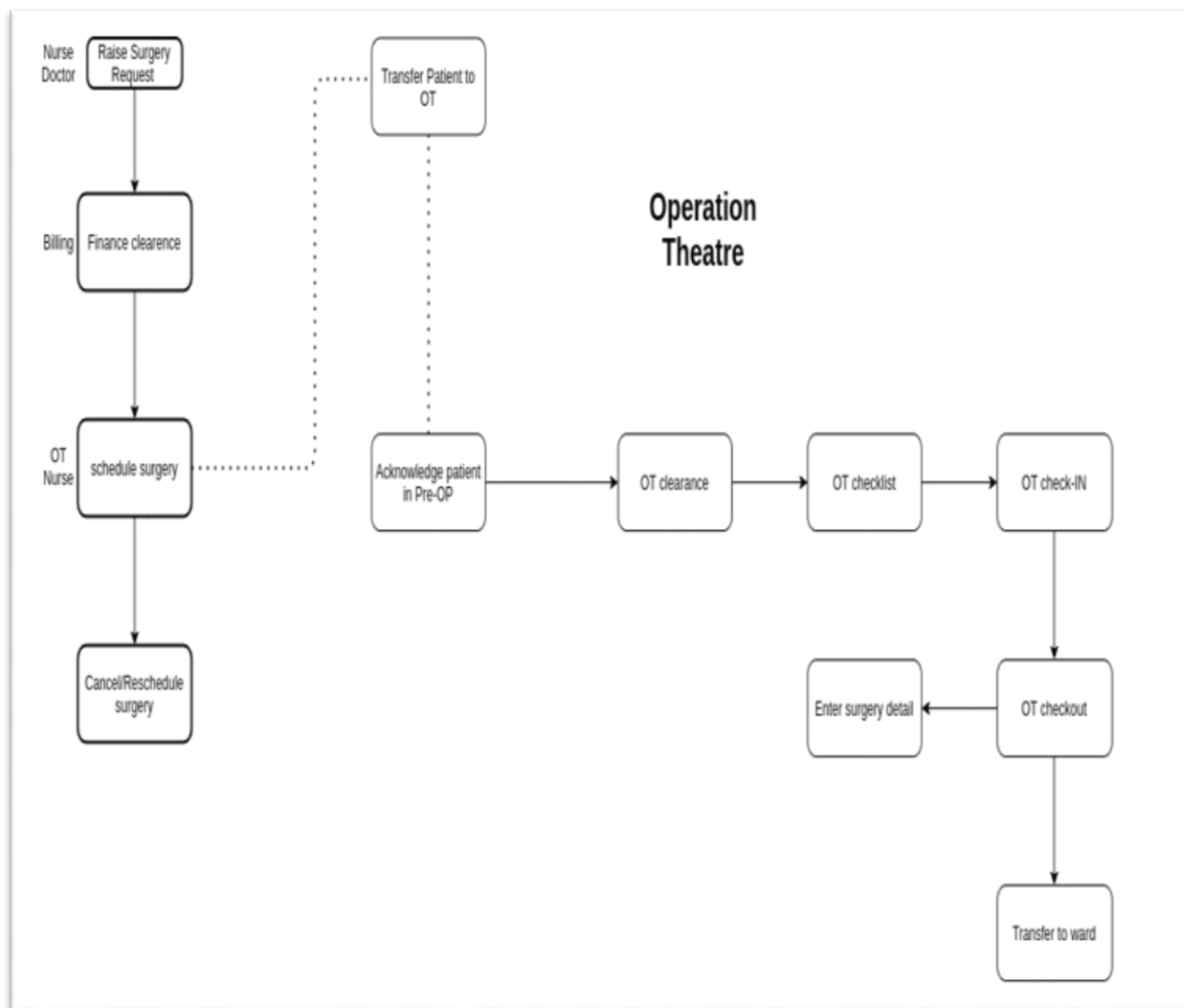


Figure 9 Operation Theatre

10) Radiology Information System (RIS)

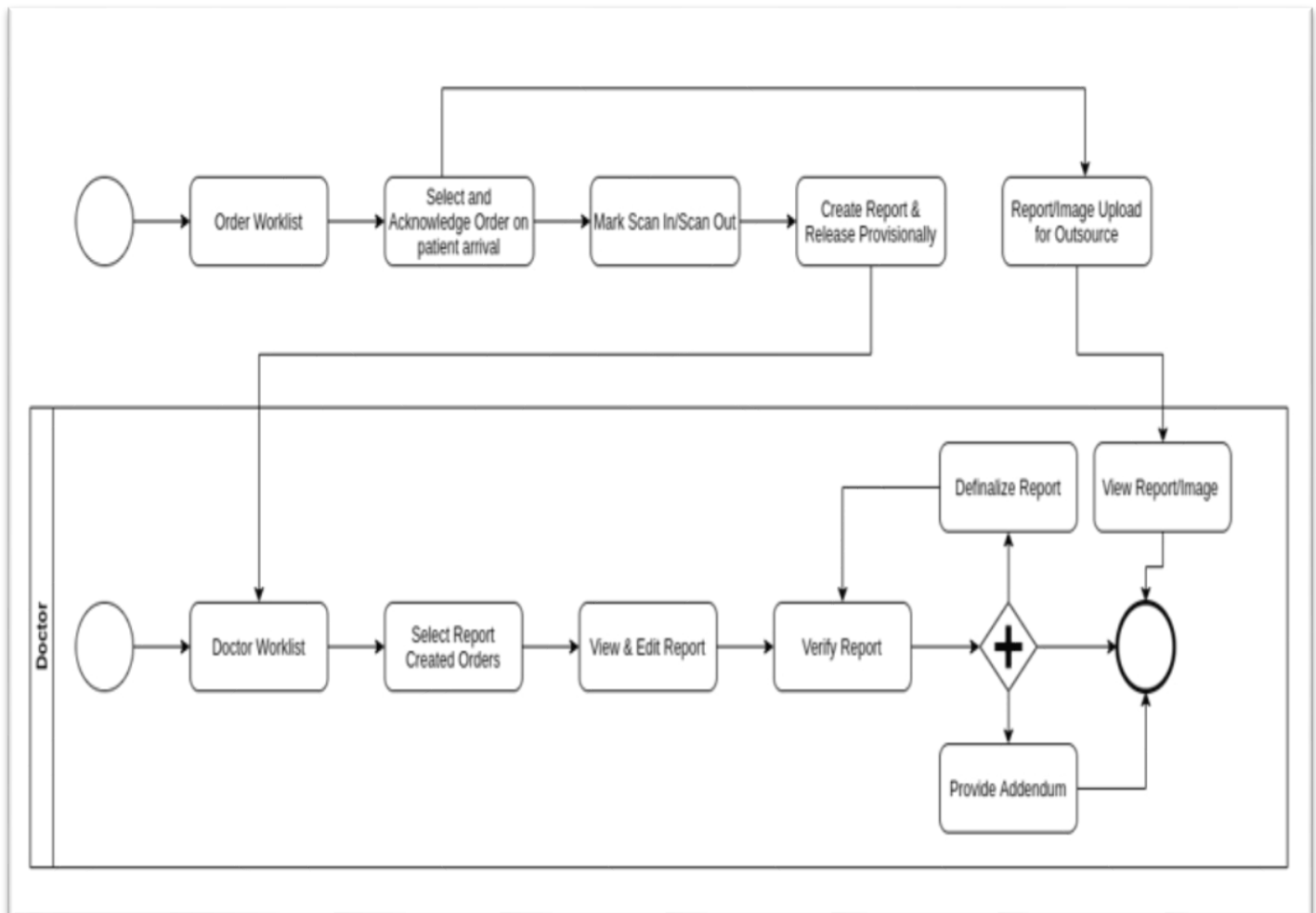


Figure 10 Radiology Information System

Need of the study:

To Enhance the Product functionality and user acceptance for the HIMS software product of the KareXpert, through end-user experiences while working in the live production environment.

Aim of the study:

The aim of the study is to understand the barriers in acceptance of the HMIS with end-users.

Objectives of the study:

- 1) To identify the challenges faced by the end-users in using HMIS software.
- 2) To understand the importance of end-user training on the HMIS.
- 3) To get the end-user reviews and feedback for the HMIS software in production environment.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A 2012 study about training and the success of hospital management information systems (HMIS) was undertaken by Sima Ajami et al. The purpose of this study was to demonstrate the value of user training for effective HMIS. This review study was not systematic. With the use of a library, books, conference proceedings, data bank, and search engines like Google Scholar, the literature on training and its effects on user satisfaction and HMIS effectiveness was looked up. The results of this study demonstrated that there are various significant aspects

that affect both user happiness and the success or failure of HMIS. The findings highlight that one of the most important elements in achieving HMIS performance is training. Untrained consumers are afraid of losing their³.

In order to improve the quality of healthcare services, Rully Sumarlin did a study in 2018 titled *The Review of User Experience and User Interface Design of Hospital Information System*. The goal of the study was to make the most of the Hospital Information System software, which helps doctors and hospital management employees to provide better healthcare. The Dewi Sri Hospital in Karawang, one of the city's oldest hospitals, hosted this study. It was built in 1997. Dewi Sri must continually enhance every part of its services due to the large number of patients in Karawang who want medical attention. The study's quality research methodology is based on user interviews regarding the hospital information system and observations of how it is implemented and impacts Dewi Sri Hospital Karawang Health Service as a whole⁶.

In 2014, B. K. Murthy et al. published research titled "A Case Study of PGIMER, Chandigarh: Implementation Challenges of Hospital Information System in Super Specialty Hospital." Despite efficient planning and phased implementation, there is still worry about the difficulties in using and implementing HIS. Technical issues such data security, unauthorized access, secret information, and the integration of medical software to prevent double entry are included here, as well administrative challenges like stakeholder involvement, user acceptance, lack of ownership, etc. This can be reduced by using data entry operators or via offline and duplicate entries, however these implementations fall short of the HIS's goals. The difficulties

encountered when implementing HIS in a super specialty hospital are discussed in this research².

Researchers Leila Ahmadian et al. compared academic and non-academic hospitals in their study, "Challenges of Using Hospital Information Systems by Nurses." 2015 saw the completion of this cross-sectional investigation. The nurses who worked at Kerman's academic and non-academic hospitals made up the study's statistical population. Two portions of a questionnaire were utilised. The participants' demographic data made up the first segment, and the second component included 34 questions about the difficulties in using HIS. Using the SPSS 19 programme, the data were analysed using descriptive and statistical methods (t-test and ANOVA). In university hospitals, human environment issues, notably "negative attitude of society about employing HIS," were the most prevalent and significant problems⁴.

Information systems in Hospitals: A Review Article from a Nursing Management Perspective was the focus of a 2013 study by Helja Laine et al. This literature review's objective was to outline the information and communication resources that hospital nurse managers may use to aid in decision-making. Strategic, tactical, and operational decisions are made by managers. The main conclusions were that a variety of information and communication systems had been developed to assist nurse managers in managing their information, but that these systems primarily supported strategic and tactical decision-making without providing real-time information support, and that operational decision-making was only marginally supported.

Additionally, there was a dearth of studies examining how the current platforms assist nurse supervisors in making decisions⁷.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Study Design – Cross-sectional study design

Sample population size – 50

Sampling technique – Convenience sampling

Targeted population size – 122

Data collection tool – Microsoft Forms

Questionnaire circulation tool – WhatsApp instant messaging service

Inclusion criteria

- **On role staff and active end-users of the health facility.**
- **End-users utilizing KareXpert's HMIS software.**

Exclusion criteria

- **Contractual staff and inactive end-users of the health facility**
- **KareXpert's employees**

DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE

User Consent: I am conducting research on HMIS (Hospital Management Information System) role-based user experience. Through this questionnaire, we will be able to get the real-time feedback of the end-users and this will help us in improving our product services. The reported information will be used for research purpose only and will be kept confidential.

The questionnaire was filled on voluntary basis by the HMIS end-users of the hospitals and the purpose of circulating the questionnaire was explained to them.

Questionnaire data collection tool comprised of 15 questions to perform the study. It included the demographic questions of the end-users (Q1-Q4) and the remaining questions (Q5-Q15) were the major questions that focused on the end-user experience for HMIS.

The questionnaire was circulated with the help of WhatsApp instant messaging service in the health care facilities under me and colleagues' portfolios in which the SPOC persons of 7 healthcare facilities forwarded the questionnaire among the hospital staff. There was total 122 active end-users out of which 50 users responded to the questionnaire.

Given below is the URL for the questionnaire which was circulated among the HMIS users –

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RESULTS

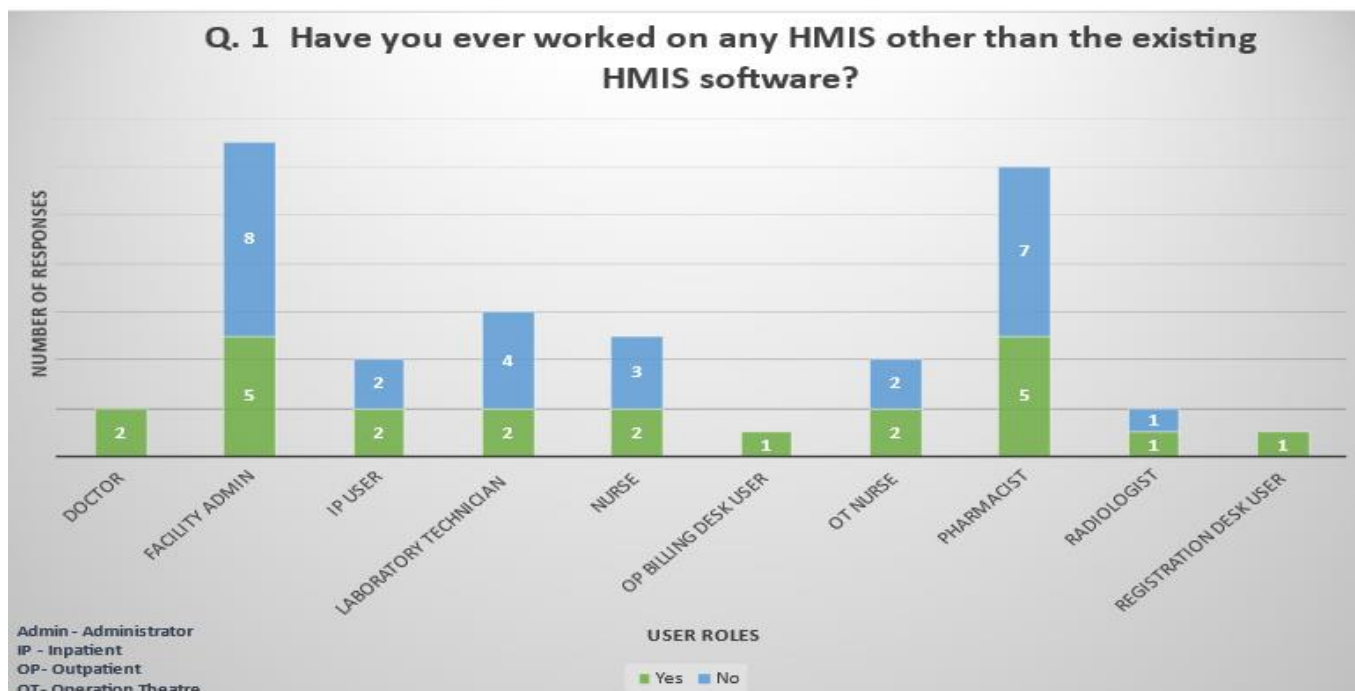


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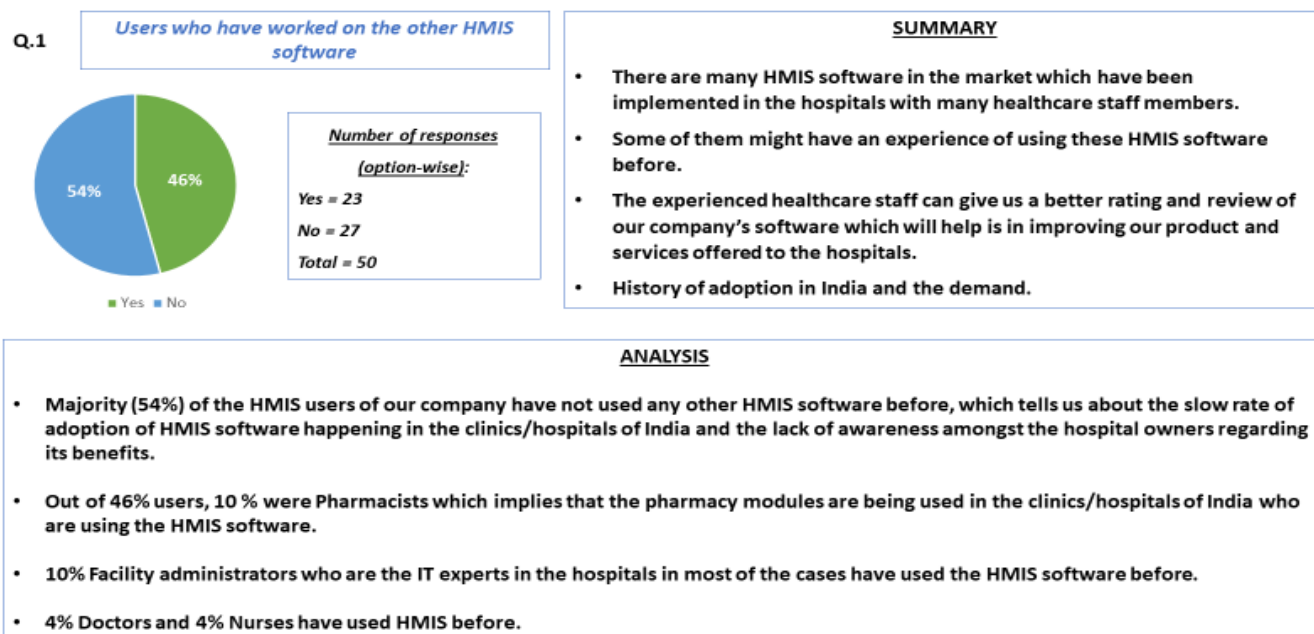


Figure 12 Analysis Q.1

Q.2 WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY YOU WHILE USING HMIS SOFTWARE?

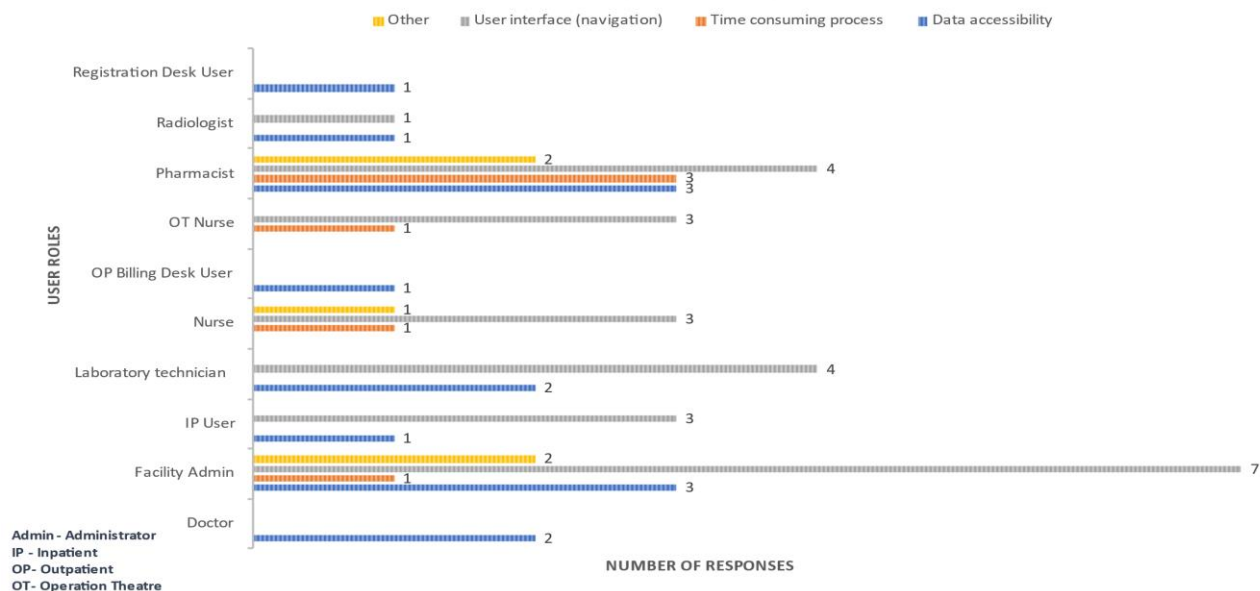
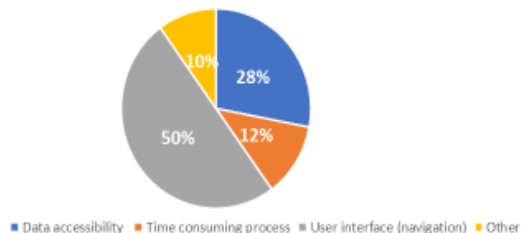


Figure 13 Graph Q.2

Q.2

Challenges faced by end user



Number of responses (option-wise):

- Data accessibility = 14
- Time consuming process = 6
- User interface(navigation) = 25
- Other = 5
- Total = 50

SUMMARY

- Data accessibility- Patients' data (demographic and health data), data related to various departments of the hospitals.
- Time consuming process- Impact of HMIS software on end user's time efficiency for day-to-day tasks while operating it. Due to many steps that have to be followed in order to complete the workflow of the module, it consumes a lot of time of the user.
- User interface (navigation)- Whether the operational environment of this software is user friendly and if the user finds it easy to navigate within the modules of the system that are interconnected.
- Other challenges may include bugs in the system which sometimes result in the hinderance of the hospital workflows of the system. They can be either be due to coding issues or weekly releases on the production server.

ANALYSIS

- 6% Pharmacists and 6% Facility administrative users found data accessibility as their challenge.
- According to 6% Pharmacists, using HMIS was a time consuming process.
- User interface (navigation) was found to be the biggest challenge according to 14% Facility administrators, 8% pharmacists and 8% laboratory technicians
- 2% Facility admin users belonging to others category believed that bugs in the system caused hinderance.

Figure 14 Analysis Q.2

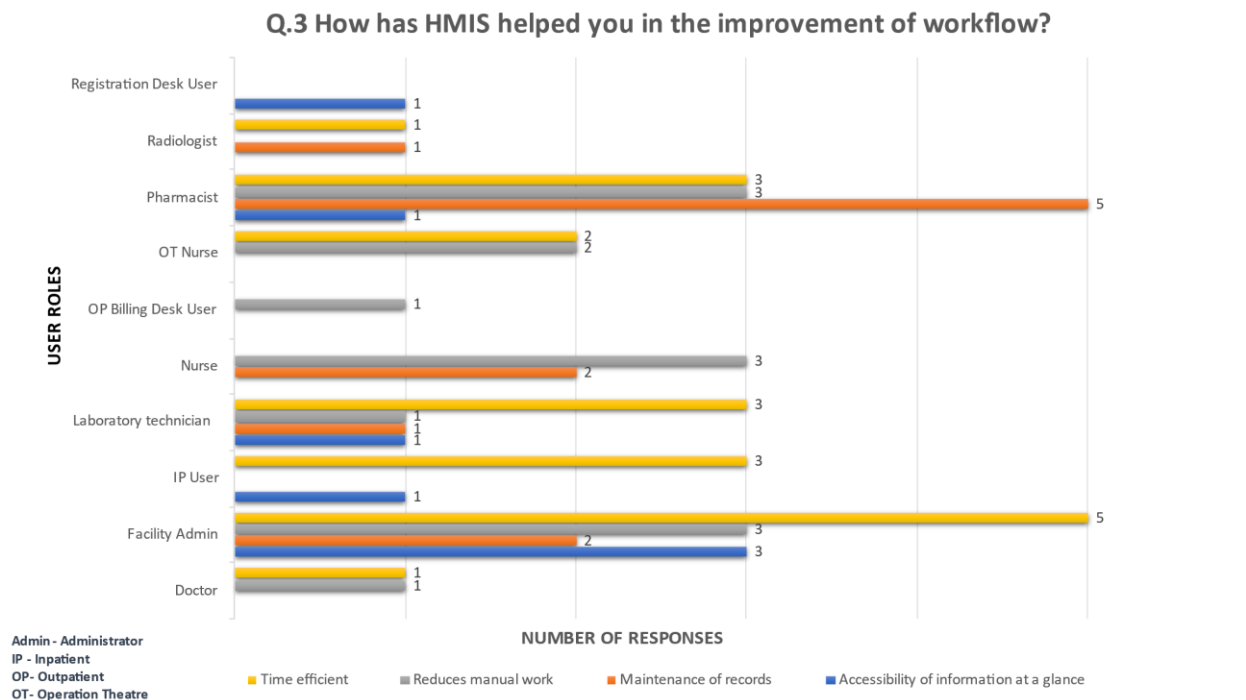
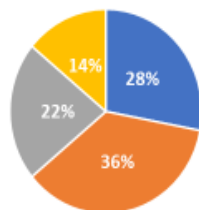


Figure 15 Graph Q.3

Q.3

Improvement of workflow due to HMIS



Reduces manual work
Time efficient
Maintenance of records
Accessibility of information at a glance

Number of responses (option-wise):

- Reduces manual work = 14
 - Time efficient = 18
 - Maintenance of records = 11
 - Accessibility of information at a glance = 7
- Total = 50

SUMMARY

- **Time efficient-** After the user role-based training, the end user is capable enough to complete the workflow in a short span of time which in turn saves a lot of time of the user and increases the productivity.
- **Reduction of manual work-** Since the system has a capability to save the data related to the patients, finance, pharmacy, etc, it helps in the reduction of manual steps related to various departments of the hospital.
- **Maintenance of records-** Various records related to the patients, clinical and non-clinical departments of the hospital can be maintained in the HMIS cloud server of our company.
- **Accessibility of information at a glance-** The hospital's data is accessible any time by logging in the system via the website or the Android/iOS application by the respected users.

ANALYSIS

- **Time efficient-** 10% Facility admin users believed that HMIS helped them in the improvement of workflow.
- **Reduced manual work-** Pharmacists (6%), Nurses (6%) and Facility admin (6%) users.
- **Maintenance of records-** 10% Pharmacists believed that it helped in the improvement of workflow.
- **Accessibility of information at a glance-** 6% Facility admin users believed that the information was easily accessible through HMIS.

Figure 16 Analysis Q.3

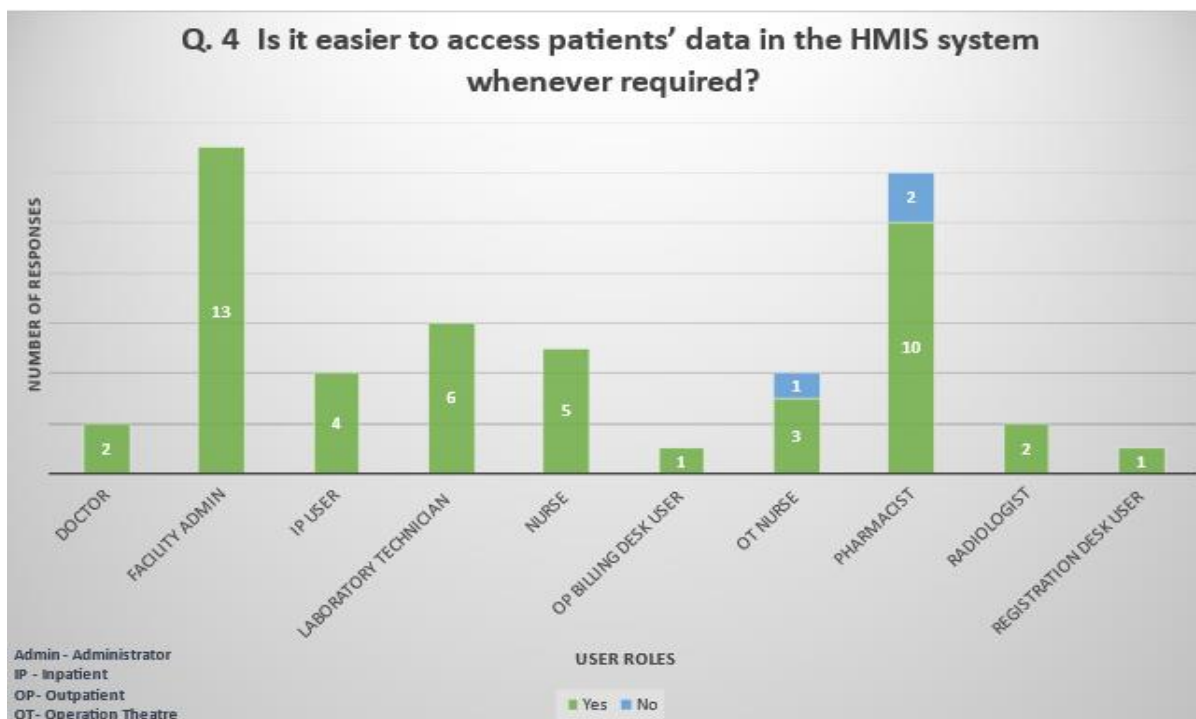


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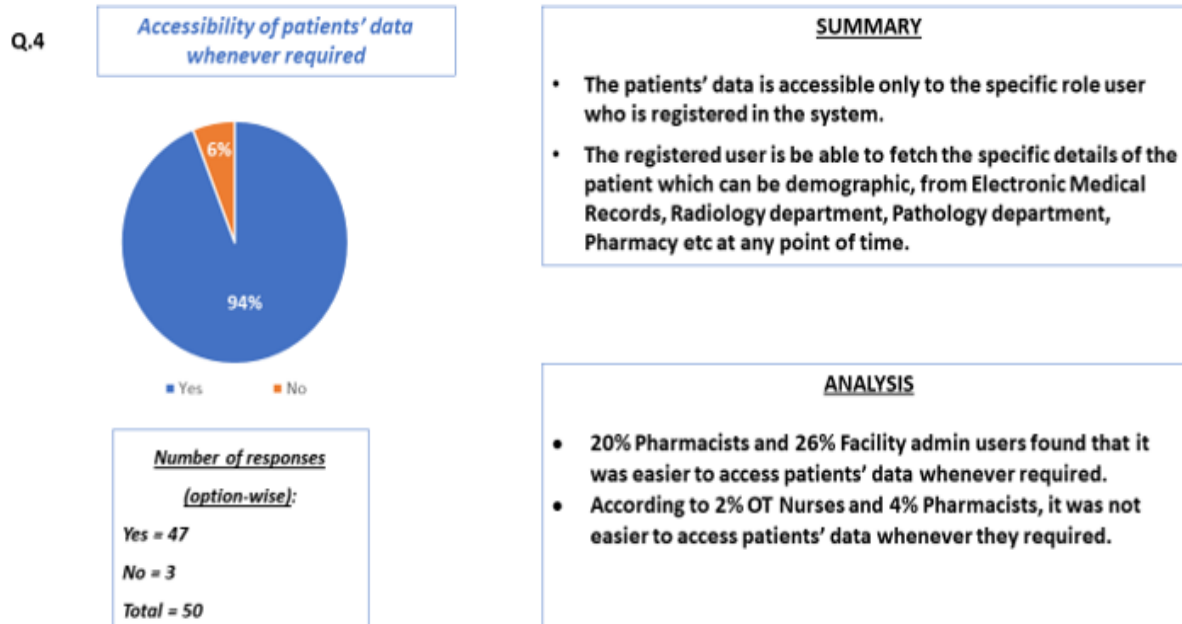


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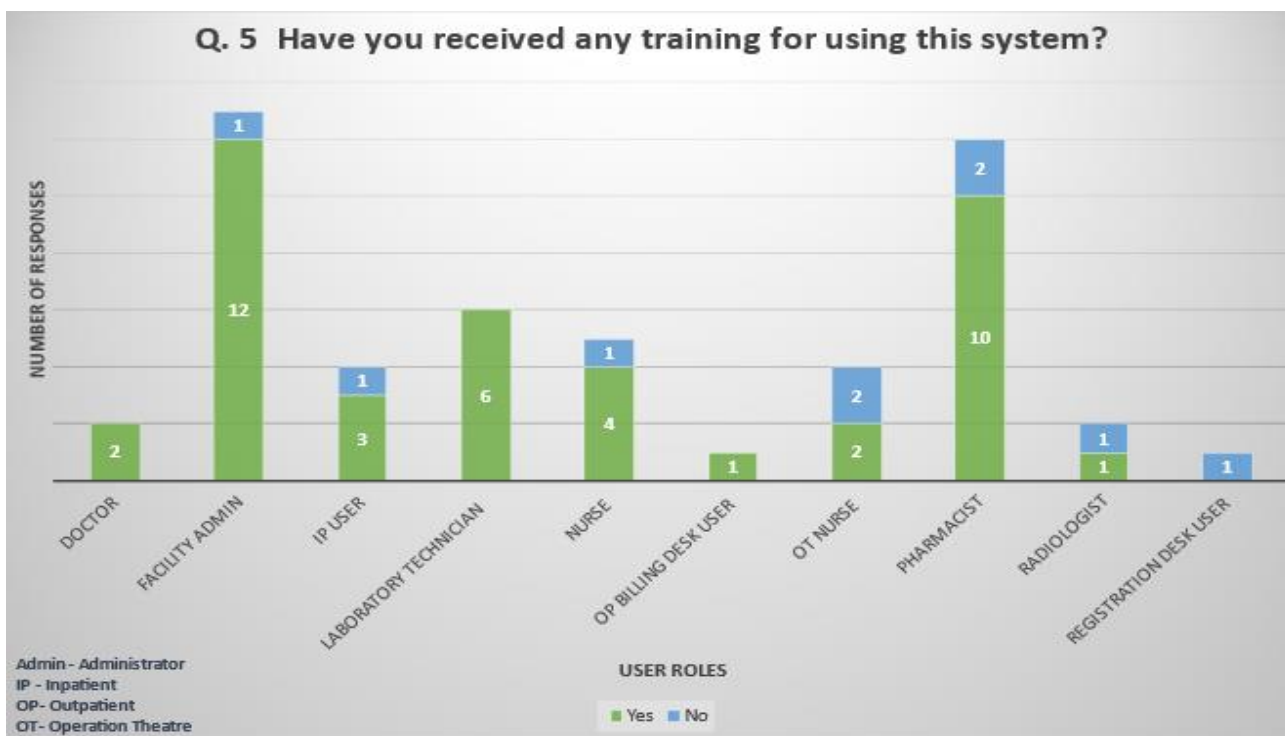
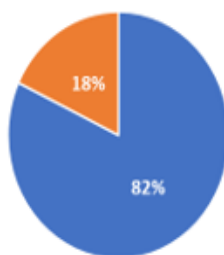


Figure 19 Graph Q.5

Q.5

HMIS end user training



Number of responses

(option-wise):

Yes = 41

No = 9

Total = 50

SUMMARY

- Before the UAT sign off, the users are trained role-wise on the UAT server. Once the system gets live, no further training is provided to them.
- The Facility administrator is trained completely regarding the master data and workflows whereas department specific roles are only trained for their part.
- Problem occurs when the staff of the hospital gets changed and the new users aren't able to adapt or understand the HMIS system as they were not the part of training sessions which were given to the old users.

ANALYSIS

- 24% Facility administrators and 20% Pharmacists were trained the most.
- 4% OT Nurses and 4% Pharmacists didn't receive the training.

Figure 20 Analysis Q.5

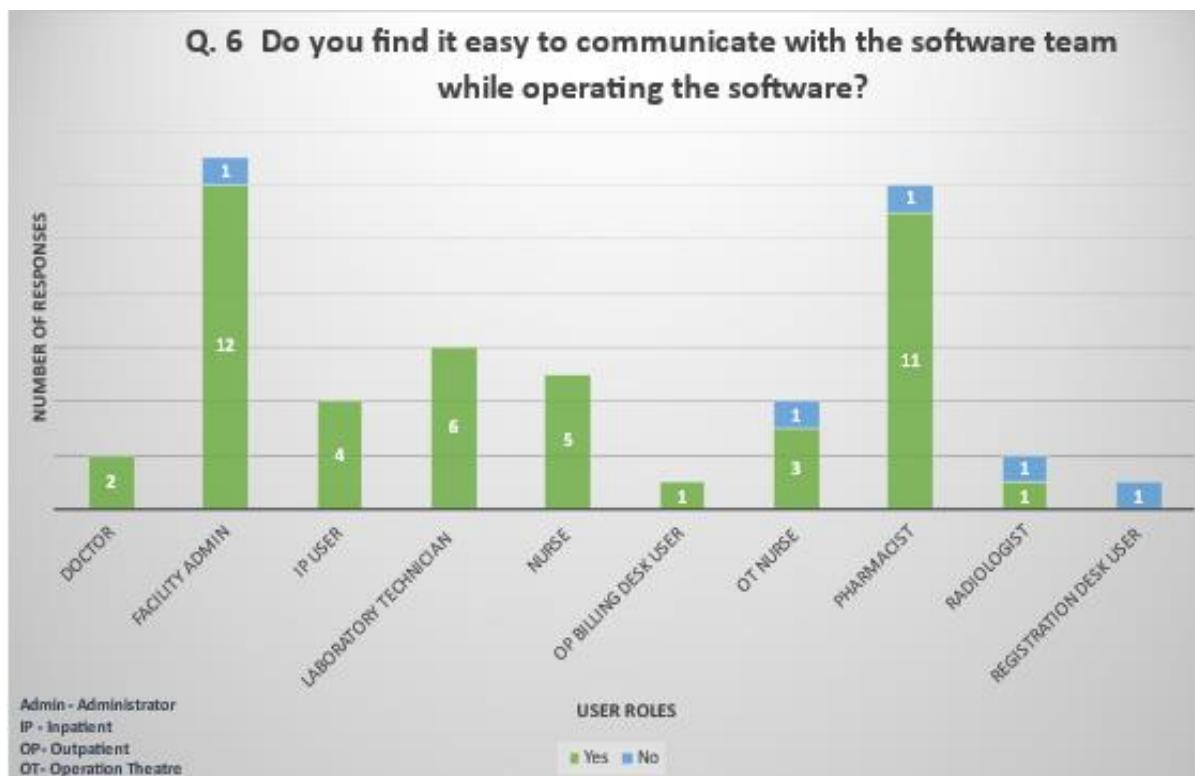


Figure 21 Graph Q.6

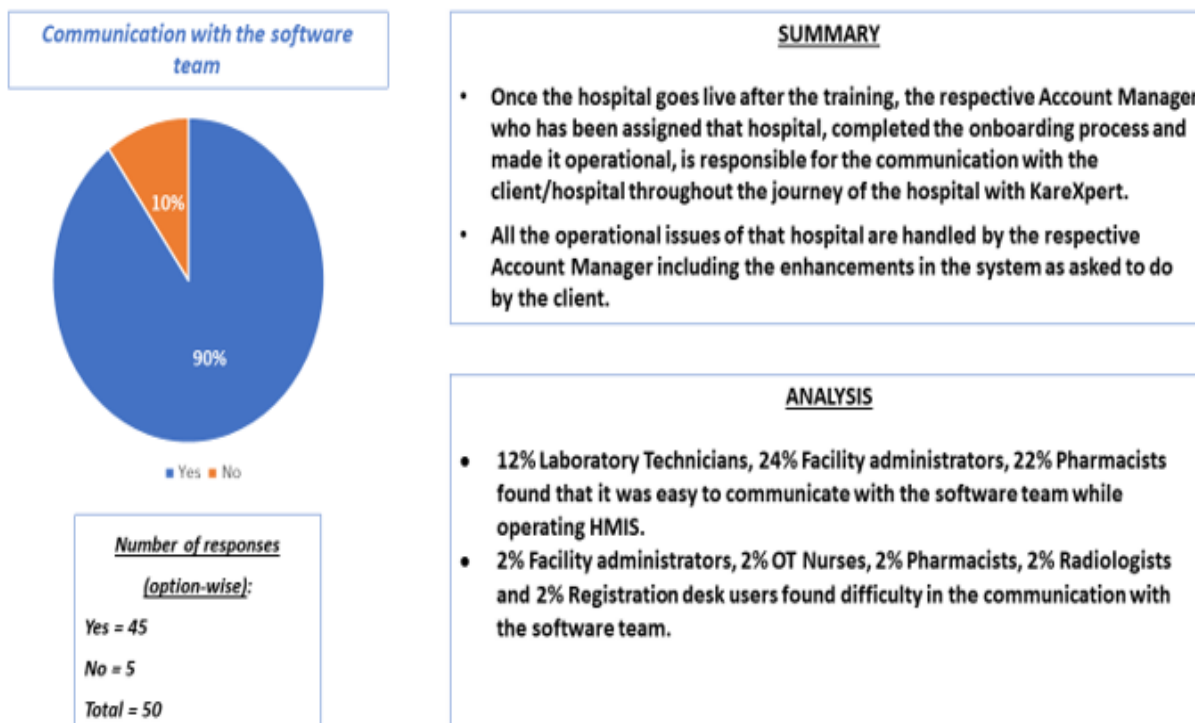


Figure 22 Analysis Q.6

Q.7 What is the average time taken by the HMIS portal/website to load?

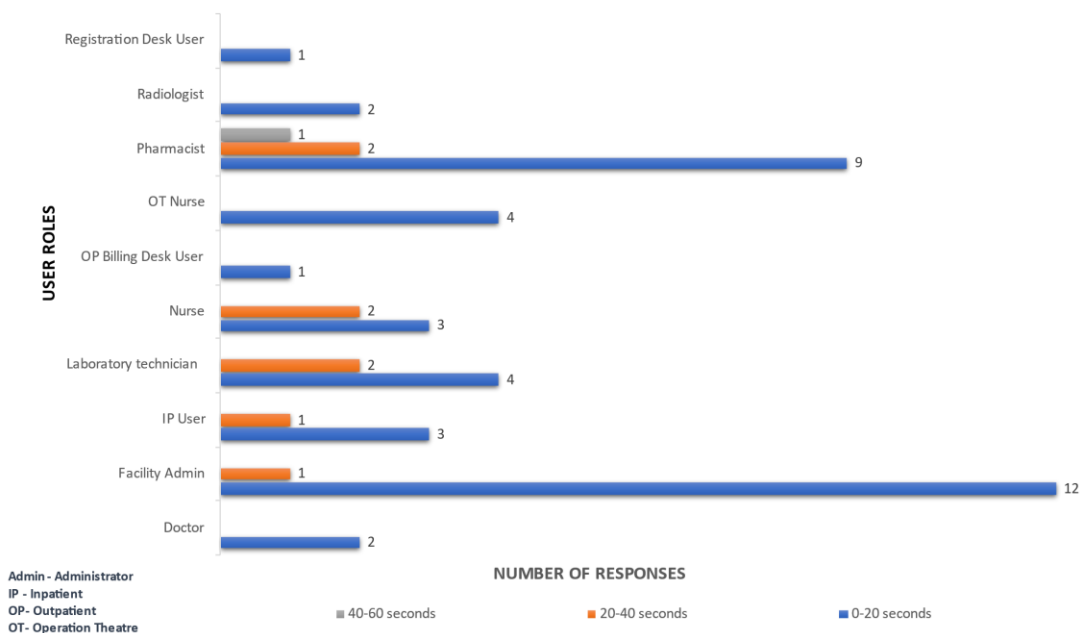
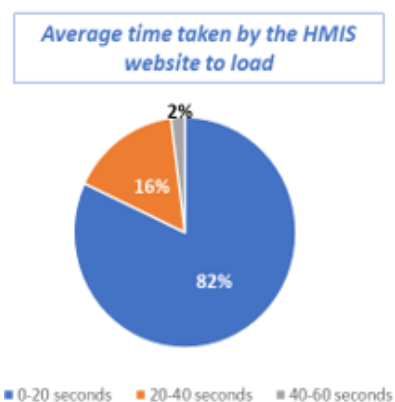


Figure 23 Graph Q.7



Number of responses
(option-wise):

0-20 seconds =	41
20-40 seconds =	8
40-60 seconds =	1
Total =	50

SUMMARY

- Generally, the KareXpert's website reloads within 10-20 seconds, but some users face difficulty in loading of the website.
- For most of the time, it is caused due to the network issues at the site of end user.
- Incompatibility of the end user's system can also be the reason.
- Rarely, it can occur due to the changes of KareXpert's configuration in the system or if the server is completely down due to some technical fault at the back end.

ANALYSIS

- According to 24% Facility Administrators, 18% Pharmacists, the average time taken by the HMIS website to load was 0-20 seconds.
- 4% Pharmacists, 4% Nurses and 4% Laboratory technicians believed that the time taken was 20-40 seconds
- Only 2% Pharmacists believed that the time taken was 40-60 seconds to load the website.

Figure 24 Analysis Q.7

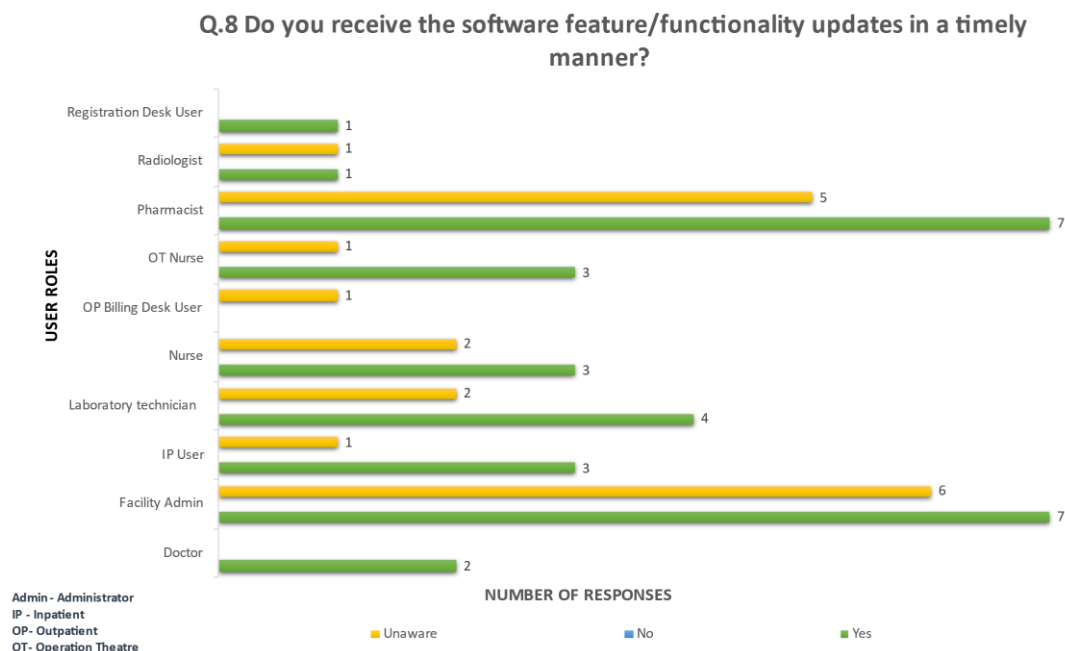
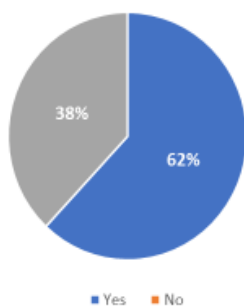


Figure 25 Graph Q.8

Q.8

Timely software updates



Number of responses

(option-wise):

Yes = 31

No = 0

Unaware = 19

Total = 50

SUMMARY

- Weekly HMIS release is deployed on the production servers.
- Developer server > QA (Quality Assurance) server > UAT (User Acceptance testing) server > Production server
- This release comes with new configurations, client enhancements, bug solutions, new features.
- For enhancements, a proper timeline is shared with the client for the upcoming demanded feature in the production server after the developer sets the version.
- Some hospital users who ask for enhancements or report for bugs know about these upcoming changes in the weekly release whereas some don't. In some cases, new users are unaware of these upcoming changes in the production server.

ANALYSIS

- 14% Pharmacists and Facility administrators received the software feature updates in a timely manner.
- 10% Pharmacists and 12% Facility administrators were unaware of the timely updates in the system.
- There were no users (0%) who didn't know about the updates

Figure 26 Analysis Q.8

Q.9 Do you foresee any changes in data security after HMIS implementation?

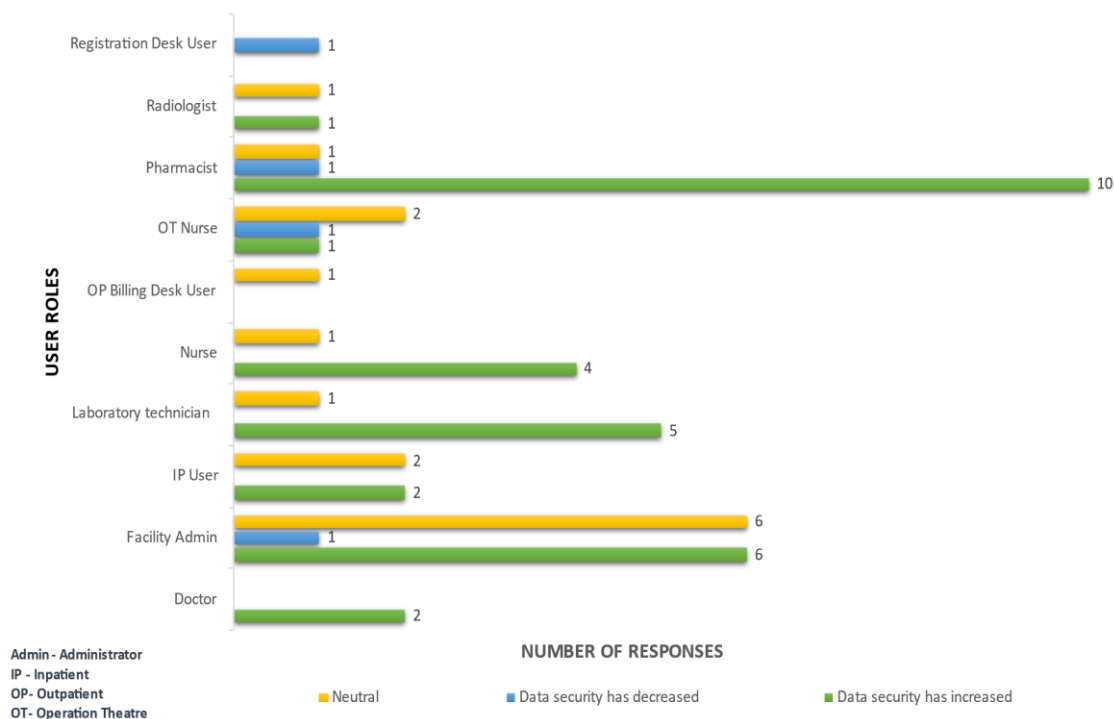
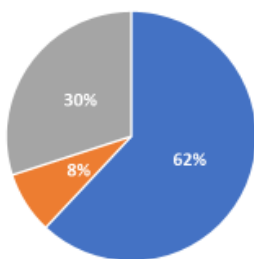


Figure 27 Graph Q.9

Q.9

Changes in data security after HMIS implementation



■ Data security has increased
 ■ Data security has decreased
 ■ Neutral

Number of responses (option-wise):

Data security has increased = 31
 Data security has decreased = 4
 Neutral = 15
 Total = 50

SUMMARY

- The data security of the hospital and its patients is the major concern for the clients. All the concerns of the hospital owners regarding the data privacy are solved by the sales team during the agreement.
- The company uses AWS (Amazon Web Services) which is the most secure cloud computing environment available today as it includes advanced encryption.

ANALYSIS

- 20% Pharmacists believed that the data security has increased.
- 2% Facility admin users, 2% Pharmacists, 2% OT Nurses and 2% Registration Desk Users saw the decrease in the data security.
- 12% Facility admin users were neutral in terms of the data security.

Figure 28 Analysis Q.9

Q.10 Overall experience of using HMIS software

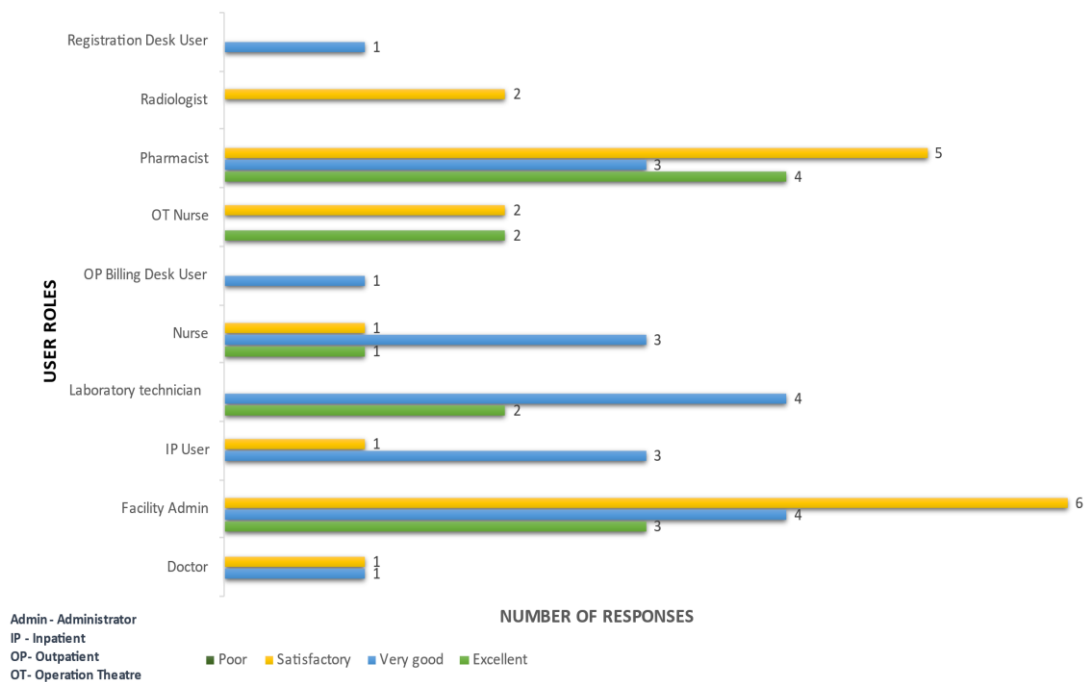
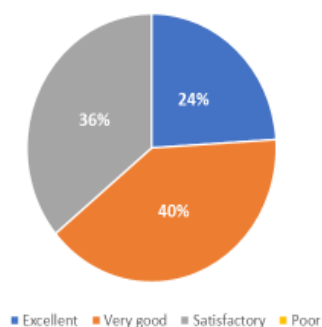


Figure 29 Graph Q.10

Q.10

Overall experience of using HMIS software



Number of responses (option-wise):

Excellent = 12

Very good = 20

Satisfactory = 18

Poor = 0

Total = 50

ANALYSIS

- 12% Facility administrators, 10% Pharmacists have a satisfactory experience while using our company's software.
- 8% Pharmacists and 6% Facility Administrators have an excellent experience.
- 8% Laboratory technicians and 8% Facility administrators, have a very good experience.
- None of the users had poor experience.

Figure 30 Analysis Q.10

The following feedbacks/ suggestions were received from some of the HMIS users and their explanation -

- **Re-training (End user) required-** Whenever the new staff member joins the hospital and is allotted the user role in HMIS, he/she needs training as he/she has never got training from the old hospital staff or the Facility administrator. This causes problem for the new user while working on the HMIS software.
- **Change in the workflow design of the modules according to the hospital-** There is a common workflow structure of KareXpert's HMIS software that is implemented in all the hospitals (from small to large). Only the configurations are done according to needs of the client. There are other changes like prints or the hospital's logo which are also done according to the client's need. Unfortunately, the design and workflows of the KareXpert's HMIS software can't be changed exactly the way client wants as it may affect the other clients as the main server 'System admin' is common for all the clients of our company to which all of the production accounts are linked.
- **Reduction in the steps of the modules-** There are many stages in the modules that can be configured according to the hospital's workflow. We can do it by making the particular stage of the workflow inactive and the sequence can be set accordingly by us. We can only make changes in the stages of the workflows. If the client requests for such a new feature, then we discuss with our developers team and if is possible according to them, then we consider it as an Enhancement and give the client the estimated time of arrival of that feature in the production server.
- **Bugs-** Due to coding issues from the side of developers, there are chances that workflow's stages may not get complete. An error message is reported by the system itself whenever this happens and doesn't let the user proceed further and the flow remains incomplete.
- **Screen log out time –** Due to security reasons, the screen logout time is kept less (half hour to one hour) to avoid any data breach.
- **System slowness –** This is a rare issue which occurs from the side of our company. The reason for this can be server maintenance, software release. The client is informed prior to this if this is likely to happen. This slowness can be due to the client's poor internet connection also.

Figure 31 Feedback for the improvement of HMIS software

DISCUSSION

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study done on KareXpert Technologies which gave us the real-time feedback of the HMIS end-users in the production environment.

The user interface of the KareXpert's HMIS software was the biggest challenge faced by the users as due to complexity and vastness in the system, it was hard for the users to navigate through the software. There are various modules that interconnected. Even after proper module training to the end-users, they are not able to cope up with the this and causes problem to them in navigating between one screen to another. There are a lot of steps in some workflows of the modules which consumes a lot of time of the end-users as they end-up getting confused in the multiple steps.

According to a survey, the biggest obstacles to implementing these systems are "network failure" and hardware issues. One of the primary obstacles in the category of hardware issues was the absence of computers in hospitals. This flaw makes it more difficult for nurses to access HIS, which has an impact on information entry and patient care time. Additionally, this results in nurses being less motivated to use these technologies⁴.

Although the majority of the end-users had got the module-wise training of HMIS before the system went live, the problem comes when the new members of the healthcare facility join and they are unaware about the workflows of the system and no one from the healthcare facility takes responsibility to train them properly.

There is no re-training policy of KareXpert due to which it is not possible to re-train the client or healthcare facility whenever demanded. The Account Managers who train the hospital staff are already occupied with the other projects. Only in some special cases, when the matter escalates and the behavior of the client becomes improper, the company then decides to train the client as if not done, the client might discontinue using the software.

According to a study, untrained users resist change out of a fear that they won't be able to handle the HIS and would lose their jobs. One way to lower the barriers to implementing the HMIS is to first train users to become more familiar with its purpose and advantages, then involve more users in its implementation and ease the needs of the HIS, acting as a safeguard against complaints in the future. In order to teach individuals how to use the system, address attitudes, and foster passion for doing so, hospitals must regularly conduct training programs³.

Some of the modules like Operation Theatre, In-patient department etc contain a lot of steps in their workflows which are actually not possible to implement in a small hospital properly which creates problem for the client in completing the process efficiently.

Talking about the user experience, majority of users found it to be in a “very good” which is a good indication for KareXpert’s bright future.

According to a study, two major factors—the advancement of technology and the demands of users to adapt their complicated and dynamic services in light of prior experiences—are driving the creation and transformation of hospital information systems. In order to meet these objectives and improve the service, new interface designs can be developed⁶.

Due to weekly releases which are common for all accounts, the prints and configurations of the system are majorly affected which increases extra manual efforts of the Account Managers as this increases workload to a greater extent due to testing of the points and implementation work of new projects. A minor coding error in the system can affect any workflow in the system which can be either clinical or non-clinical. Sometimes, doing the root cause analysis of the bug consumes a lot of time and results in the piling up of the issues from the client.

CONCLUSION

This study identified the challenges faced by the HMIS end-users using HMIS software of KareXpert. Majority (50%) of the challenges were related to the User interface (navigation). It also gave us an idea about the importance of training among the HMIS end-users and concluded that there were 18% of the end-users who didn't get the HMIS training. It gave us the end-user reviews and feedback for the HMIS software in production environment. The feedback given by the end-users were related to their re-training, change in the workflows of the modules, bugs in the production server, screen log-out time and system slowness.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The software release/update can be done in two cycles (One cycle per week).

The blocker points should be taken care of in every weekly release so that it doesn't affect the revenue of the company. The first week's release should only focus on the major and critical points. The enhancements asked by the

clients should be a part of the second week's release. This will result in the smooth operations of the company.

2. The company should try to make every enhancement that requires more man-days as a paid enhancement which will help in the revenue generation for the company.
3. Re-training of the client should be made as a paid service by the company whenever the client demands. It can also be done on a fortnightly subscription basis. The client should bear the cost of the travel of the KareXpert's SPOC person's visit to their health facility which doesn't happen in the present scenario.
4. Training on special features should also be made as a paid service for the client.
5. The company should mail the updated workflow charts of the required modules to the clients on a monthly basis so that they can refer to them. This will result in less issues related to the incompleteness of the steps of workflow by the client or the end-users of the respective healthcare facilities.

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SUPPLEMENTARY

QUESTIONNAIRE

HMIS role-based user experience

1. Name of the user _____
2. Age _____
3. Email ID _____
4. Role of the user _____
5. Have you ever worked on any HMIS other than the existing HMIS software?
 - Yes
 - No
6. What are the challenges faced by you while using HMIS software?
 - User interface (navigation)
 - Data accessibility
 - Time consuming process
 - Other _____
7. How has HMIS helped you in the improvement of workflow?
 - Reduces manual work
 - Time efficient
 - Maintenance of records
 - Accessibility of information at a glance
8. Is it easier to access patients' data in the HMIS system whenever required?
 - Yes
 - No
9. Have you received any training for using this system?
 - Yes
 - No
10. Do you find it easy to communicate with the software team while operating the software?
 - Yes
 - No
11. What is the average time taken by the HMIS portal/website to load?
 - 0-20 seconds
 - 20-40 seconds
 - 40-60 seconds
12. Do you receive the software feature/functionality updates in a timely manner?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Unaware
13. Do you foresee any changes in data security after HMIS implementation?
 - Data security has increased
 - Data security has decreased
 - Neutral

14. Overall experience of using HMIS software

- Excellent
- Very good
- Satisfactory
- Poor

15. Do you have any feedbacks/ suggestions for the improvement in HMIS software?

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