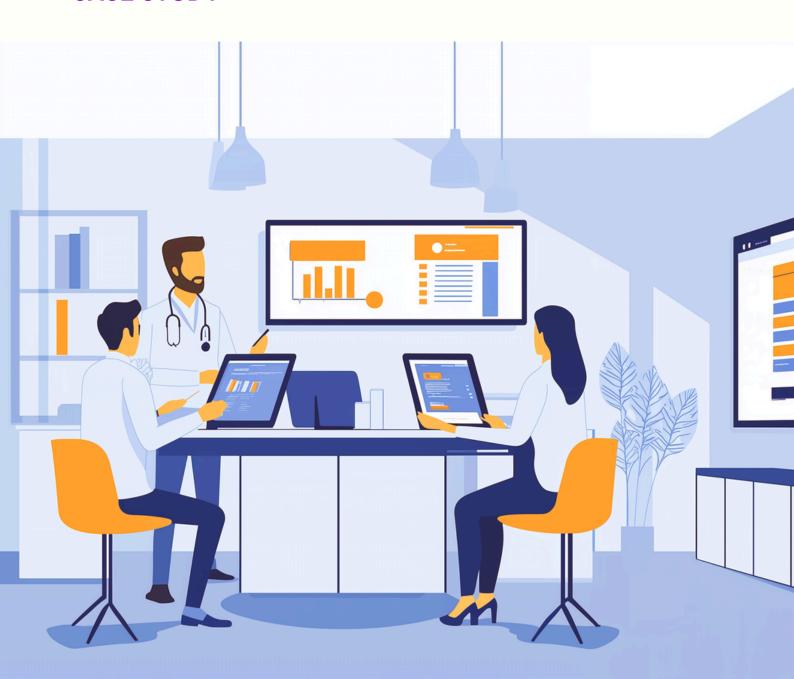


Enhancing Patient Care Through Al Innovation with the AlignAl Hub

CASE STUDY



HIGHLIGHTS

- The AI COE team achieved up to 10x productivity gains by reducing reliance on manual workflows.
- Expanded from managing a handful of scattered Al ideas to consistently tracking hundreds of Al use cases.
- Increased adoption by enabling clinicians and analysts to self-serve, using a centralized platform to replace fragmented processes for locating Al resources.
- Provided leadership with end-to-end visibility into AI initiatives, establishing confidence in the quality of AI governance and solution deployments.
- Team engagement shifted from isolated efforts to a system of people across departments, involving clinicians, analysts, security teams, and leaders.

CHALLENGES

A nationwide healthcare system with over 25,000 employees, including strategists, physicians, and clinicians, is dedicated to providing exceptional patient care through advanced treatments, cutting-edge research, and operational efficiency. The organization prioritizes data-driven decision making to deliver positive experiences that foster patient loyalty. However, as the organization sought to scale its AI initiatives to remain competitive, it encountered significant hurdles that hindered progress. This limited their ability to fully utilize data and AI insights to increase patient and member engagement.

They faced several challenges:

- Fragmented Al Processes: Al ideas were scattered across teams and managed in static Excel sheets, resulting in duplicated efforts and outdated information.
- Low Al Awareness and Adoption: Many employees and clinicians were unaware of Al resources or how to engage with the internal Al center of excellence (COE), while leadership lacked confidence in the Al solutions and data insights being produced.
- Siloed Departments: Teams working on Al under the CIO, CISO, COO and CDO operated independently, creating misaligned priorities and inconsistent workflows.
- Operational Delays: Without a scalable framework, Al use case collection and prioritization required extensive manual effort, which prolonged implementation timelines.

The organization's current process included the use of existing tools such as Excel and SharePoint. They also conducted standalone training sessions to improve Al literacy. However, the reliance on traditional office tools and inconsistent workflows made it difficult to scale, while the lack of centralized visibility hindered collaboration, alignment and proper governance across teams.

The organization needed a solution that could streamline Al transformation across departments. Their ultimate goal was to equip clinicians, employees and technical teams alike with an 'Al Source of Truth' that would improve patient care and drive operational efficiency with Al system-wide.

SOLUTION

The healthcare system adopted the AlignAl Hub to centralize and streamline the entire lifecycle of Al initiatives, from idea collection to prioritization, development, deployment and monitoring. This included custom Playbooks to drive role-specific Al literacy and process adherence, intelligent Use Case Manager to organize and prioritize Al ideas, and Control Center to ensure governance by design, by embedding regulations, standards and policies directly into Al development & approval workflows. The AlignAl Hub also integrated with key applications to unite teams and tools under one hub. By providing employees with a single source of real-time information on all things Al in the company, the organization aligned Al initiatives with their strategic priorities of increasing patient care and engagement.

Key features of the AlignAl Hub that addressed the organization's needs included:

Al Use Case Manager

This feature automatically captured hundreds of Al ideas from employees & physicians, intelligently organizing use cases for the review team within the AlignAl Hub. It categorized ideas by Al capability, estimated value, and alignment with strategic goals, streamlining prioritization. Features like automated de-duplication and filtering reduced manual effort, enabling the team to focus on advancing high-priority initiatives.

Playbooks & Control Center

The Playbooks provided guided workflows for clinicians, physicians, and leaders, ensuring clarity and consistency in their roles plus adherence to AI best-practices. The Control Center tracked adherence to regulations, company policies, and essential standards. Ensuring AI solutions had gone through the proper process and monitoring over time. By minimizing reliance on spreadsheets, meetings and emails and local files, it significantly enhanced governance, throughput and peace-of-mind for AI developers and users alike.

Integrations with Existing Tools

The AlignAl Hub connected to existing tools like Jira, Sharepoint, Excel, Epic, Axon, and Tableau. These integrations simplified the experience for employees and clinicians, by consolidating processes and creating a single source of truth for Al initiatives while maintaining familiarity and security with the existing tech stack.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The healthcare system deployed the AlignAl Hub in just a couple weeks. This rapid implementation enabled the organization to begin influencing clinicians, prioritizing use cases, preparing Al solutions for deployment, and establishing a strong foundation for new Al technologies and business-aligned solutions within the first month.

The main focus of the implementation process was to transform how Al initiatives were managed by improving the intake and prioritization of Al ideas, fostering collaboration across departments, and embedding governance to align projects with strategic goals. Ensuring high standards of data quality and stewardship was a critical aspect of the process, enabling leaders to trust data insights to inform better decision-making and feel confident in data and Al adoption.

After identifying these priorities, AlignAl integrated data from Excel, Word, PDFs, Epic, Axon, and Tableau into the platform. The initial rollout was completed in a couple weeks, with further enhancements implemented over the following months.

RESULTS

The implementation of AlignAl Hub yielded significant results for the healthcare system:

Efficiency Gains

- The AI COE team achieved up to 10x productivity gains by reducing reliance on manual workflows for idea intake, prioritization, and deployment.
- Increased adoption by enabling clinicians and analysts to self-serve, using a centralized platform to replace fragmented processes for locating AI resources.

Scalability

- Expanded from managing a handful of scattered ideas to consistently tracking hundreds of AI use cases.
- Processes were structured to manage a growing number of AI use cases without adding headcount.

Confidence in Strategic Goals

- Centralized tracking and prioritization accelerated Al solution deployment, boosting leadership confidence in alignment to strategic initiatives around patient care, loyalty, and increased membership engagement.
- Provided leadership with end-to-end visibility into Al initiatives, establishing confidence in the quality of data insights and solution deployments.

Improved Governance

- Governance and compliance requirements were embedded directly into workflows, meeting internal company policies and external standards like NIST and ISO during Al solution design and deployment.
- Structured compliance processes via playbooks ensured a consistent approach to oversight around data stewardship and quality for Al initiatives.

Cross-Team Collaboration

- Real-time dashboards gave teams centralized visibility, improving monitoring, priority alignment, and crossdepartment collaboration.
- Team engagement shifted from isolated efforts to a fully coordinated process involving clinicians analysts, security teams and executive leaders.

We needed AlignAl to help guide the design, initialization and deployment of the Al COE to support the Al use cases, governance and self-service shift we identified in our competitive gap assessment.

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ABOUT ALIGNAL

AlignAl creates an Al hub for enterprises to manage their Al use cases, establish and iterate on Al policies and standards, and manage or catalog their Al solutions, whether they are building or buying them.

The AlignAl Hub empowers organizations to streamline their Al governance, development, and deployment processes, ensuring efficiency, compliance, and innovation.

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