

Allscripts enables independent software developers to develop healthcare IT services

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Allscripts Sunrise™ is an open platform which provides the opportunity for clients and third-party developers to adapt hospital EMR systems to reflect changing healthcare needs



Allscripts, a global leader in healthcare IT, cultivates a community-oriented approach to healthcare technology software development via its electronic medical record, Allscripts Sunrise™. The open platform provides its users the flexibility to respond swiftly to the changing needs of the healthcare industry, such as with the COVID-19 pandemic which is redefining the approach to patient care. Independent developers and healthcare providers can collaborate through the open ecosystem to solve healthcare challenges like those presented by the pandemic as they develop, building out capabilities on Sunrise to support responsive care.

With nearly 200 apps available through the Allscripts Developer Programme, Allscripts currently partners with approximately 370 companies and more than 7,000 registered developers. 300 of its clients are developing with the company, with more than 2,000 activations of Allscripts Developer Programme solutions.

This was made evident at the Allscripts Asia 2020 Innovators Summit held on 16 July, which promoted familiarity with the Allscripts Developers Programme, illustrating how software developers can strengthen support for the healthcare system with their expertise. By registering to the Allscripts Developers Programme for free, independent software developers can access the resources needed to build integrative capabilities for the Sunrise platform. The event saw third party developers coming together virtually from all over the region to broaden their knowledge of how to work with one of the largest communities in healthcare.

“The current pandemic response is a driving force for increased capacity requirements and optimised workflows in healthcare services, and this illustrates the adaptability healthcare IT solutions need to be capable of in order to effectively support clinical workflows,” said Alan Fowles, President of Allscripts Global. “Not only do healthcare providers utilising Sunrise have the flexibility to optimise their digital processes to reflect patient needs, independent developers can use their skill set to help build out capabilities that ease the burden on clinicians and support healthcare workers.”

With a comprehensive open platform that connects all aspects of care, including acute, ambulatory, surgical, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services, the Allscripts Sunrise ecosystem has been adopted across a range of hospitals in

Singapore, including SingHealth, Singapore's largest public healthcare cluster. The EMR system is used in its network of acute and community hospitals, specialist centres and polyclinics. The platform acts as an information hub across the healthcare system that unifies all units connected to it and has made it possible to review clinician notes and patient care plans, simultaneously across the various entities. The open architecture capabilities of the Sunrise ecosystem empowers healthcare providers like SingHealth to take capability expansions into their own hands and build out functionality at pace as needed, co-innovating with third party developers.

Recognized as an industry leader in healthcare technology, Allscripts is constantly working to expandhdi its offering and its community of partners and developers, innovating to support healthcare providers in delivering better, more responsive patient care. Most recently, it was announced that Allscripts and Microsoft have extended their strategic alliance to transform cloud-based health IT solutions. The five-year extension will support Allscripts' cloud-based Sunrise electronic health record, making Microsoft the cloud provider for the solution and opening up co-innovation opportunities to help transform healthcare with smarter, more scalable technology. Among other added benefits, the cloud-based Sunrise solution will include a marketplace that enables healthcare apps and third parties to easily integrate with a hospital EMR. Allscripts clients should expect to see these updates by the end of 2020.