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The Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic

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Proposal for Establishing a Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic (HMFC) through Academia, Industry, and User Groups

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1. Introduction

Frailty is a significant concern among aging populations, contributing to higher healthcare costs and diminished quality of life. **Integrative care** offers a promising approach to managing frailty by addressing the diverse needs of frail individuals through a holistic lens. Implementing key strategies in integrative care can **enhance frailty management**. Integrative care begins with comprehensive assessments of physical health, mental well-being, and social factors, providing a thorough understanding of each patient's frailty. By considering the unique circumstances of individuals, care plans can be tailored to incorporate medical treatment, nutritional support, physical therapy, and mental health services. Collaboration among various healthcare professionals—such as doctors, nurses, dietitians, and social workers—is essential in integrative care, ensuring that all aspects of a patient's health are coordinated and effectively addressed. This approach emphasizes **preventive measures, helping to lower the risk of further decline by promoting healthy lifestyle choices, regular exercise, and nutritional education**. Moreover, integrative care encourages **active patient participation**, which enhances adherence to treatment plans and leads to better health outcomes. It also addresses social needs by connecting patients with community resources and involving family members, thereby improving overall well-being and reducing feelings of isolation. Regular follow-ups and adjustments to care plans are crucial in responding to changes in a patient's condition, **ensuring that interventions remain effective**. By focusing on the whole person rather than solely their medical issues, integrative care can lead to more effective frailty management and significantly improve the quality of life for older adults. A dedicated Frailty Clinic, grounded in the principles of integrative care, can deliver comprehensive services that enhance patient outcomes and reduce hospital admissions. To ensure financial sustainability, this proposal outlines a **collaborative funding model** that involves partnerships among academic institutions, industry stakeholders, and user groups.

2. Objectives of the Frailty Clinic

- ## To provide comprehensive geriatric assessment (CGA) and interventions.

A Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA) is a thorough, **interdisciplinary diagnostic process** aimed at evaluating an older adult's medical, psychological, and functional capabilities. Its primary objective is to develop **a coordinated treatment plan** and ensure long-term follow-up. The traditional process begins with a review of the individual's medical history and current medications, followed by an assessment of chronic conditions and any acute medical issues. This evaluation is supported by physical examinations and diagnostic tests. A critical component of the CGA is the assessment of **Activities of Daily Living** (ADLs), which include bathing, dressing, eating, and mobility, as well as instrumental activities like cooking, cleaning, and financial management. Additionally, cognitive impairment is screened using tools such as the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) or the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), along with evaluations of memory, attention, and executive function. The assessment also encompasses psychosocial factors, including mental health screenings for depression and anxiety, an evaluation of social support systems, and the living situation. Nutritional habits and status are reviewed to identify any risks of malnutrition. Current medications are assessed for appropriateness, side effects, and potential interactions, along with discussions about adherence and understanding of prescribed drugs. The living environment is

examined for safety and accessibility, with recommendations for modifications if needed. Goals of care and advanced directives are also discussed, along with **planning for future healthcare needs** and preferences. A CGA is typically conducted by a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, including geriatricians, nurses, social workers, and therapists. The results of the assessment **guide the development of a personalized care plan** that addresses the specific needs of the involved patients, aimed at improving their quality of life and optimizing health outcomes.

However, **there is a significant need for innovation in Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA**), especially regarding our understanding of complex systems like human health in the elderly. Minor changes in initial conditions can result in vastly different outcomes in complex, dynamic, and unpredictable systems such as human behavior. **The aging process involves numerous variables, as mentioned before, which can interact in unpredictable ways. CGA should be able to capture these complexities, allowing for a more nuanced understanding of an older individual's health, which is lacking today.** Just as dynamics systems theory suggests, systems can change rapidly, older adults' health can fluctuate due to various factors, including acute illnesses, medication changes, or social support variations. CGA must be adapted to account for these dynamic changes, ensuring ongoing, relevant assessments. Incorporating **dynamic systems theory** into **predictive models** in geriatric care could enhance understanding of potential health trajectories for elderly people, allowing for **proactive rather than reactive** management, which perfectly suits integrative care.

- ## Improve functional independence

This proposal extends well beyond Intramuros' preventive and curative measures aimed at improving the functional independence of frail elderly individuals. It introduces a frailty clinic that adopts the concept of a metaverse hospital—a virtual healthcare facility situated within a digital landscape that utilizes augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and other immersive technologies **to deliver integrated care services at home.** By **merging a metaverse hospital with traditional healthcare** approaches, this proposal seeks to enhance **accessibility, efficiency, specificity, and personalization of care**. Moreover, **HMFC** transcends the elderly person's immediate home environment, encompassing their entire surroundings and facilitating access to social interactions, cultural experiences, and economic activities. This approach aligns with the well-established **participation model**, which prioritizes the active involvement of older adults in decisions that significantly impact their care, overall well-being, and daily lives. By emphasizing the importance of collaboration, this model fosters a **cooperative environment** between caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the elderly themselves, creating highly personalized and dignity-centered care plans. The concept of **Shared Decision-Making** is central to this model, empowering elderly people to actively contribute to setting their own care goals. For example, they can participate in decisions about mobility plans, dietary preferences, and other aspects of their care rather than passively receiving instructions. This involvement ensures that their personal preferences and needs are respected and integrated into their care. Moreover, the model **encourages self-management** whenever possible. This means that older adults are supported in making choices about their daily routines or selecting social activities, which helps maintain their independence and enhances their quality of life. Such empowerment can lead to improved mental and emotional well-being, as individuals feel more in control of their lives. Regular input and feedback from all participants—whether they are the elderly individuals themselves, their families, or their caregivers—are essential to continually refining and improving care strategies. This **ongoing dialogue** ensures that care plans

remain relevant and effective over time, **adapting to any changes in the elderly person's condition** or preferences.

To achieve these goals and to facilitate independence while managing costs effectively, **HMFC** employs a **Huber business model**. This model strategically integrates cost management with personalized care, ensuring that quality is not compromised while resources are used efficiently. By doing so, **HMFC** can provide sustainable and high-quality care that meets the evolving needs of older adults, ensuring their dignity and independence are upheld. **To optimize operations**, we will utilize existing automated matching algorithms to effectively connect service providers with patients. Additionally, we will **implement AI-driven analytics** to enhance operational efficiency and anticipate personalized needs. To improve the patient experience, we will create a **user-friendly app** interface that offers seamless navigation and personalized recommendations based on individual behaviors and preferences. Our approach will be phased, allowing for the expansion of services in line with patient needs and their surrounding environment. Building partnerships with local medical practices, pharmacies, sport facilities for the elderly and businesses will be crucial as we aim to transition from a local focus to a regional one. We will also establish a continuous feedback mechanism and a thorough vetting process for service delivery to ensure we uphold the highest standards. **Data analytics** will enhance our understanding of evolving healthcare needs and trends. It will also support the creation of community forums, either online or through scheduled meetings at community centers. In these forums, patients can share interests and goals, engage in discussions, exchange information about managing daily life, ask questions, and support one another. A dedicated **24/7 customer service** will significantly enhance social networking among elderly citizens, making their interactions more enjoyable and accessible. By providing continuous support, seniors can effortlessly connect with peers, share experiences, and engage in meaningful conversations. Additionally, this service will **streamline transportation to and from the HMFC** for both patients and visitors. By offering attractive and competitive pricing models, it ensures that transportation is not only affordable but also reliable and convenient. Customer satisfaction will be at the heart of these initiatives, driving improvements and fostering a sense of community. As a result, this focus on **meeting the needs of seniors** will become a key factor in promoting growth and success, ultimately leading to a more connected and supportive environment for everyone involved.

- ## Reduce hospitalizations.

The relationship between functional independence and the frequency of hospitalizations exhibits a strong negative correlation, indicating that individuals with higher levels of functional independence tend to experience fewer hospital visits, while those with diminished independence are more likely to be hospitalized. This observation underscores the critical **importance of promoting and maintaining functional independence**, as previously discussed. The **interplay between hospitalization and frailty** is particularly significant, as both factors can profoundly affect each other. Hospital environments often present challenges that can be disorienting and stressful, especially for older adults. These challenges may lead to various complications, including sleep disturbances, delirium, and a decline in overall functional capabilities. For many older patients, the unfamiliarity of a hospital setting can exacerbate anxiety and confusion, further complicating their recovery process. Extended periods of bed rest, which are frequently necessary during hospital stays, can lead to a host of negative physical outcomes. One major consequence is muscle loss, known as sarcopenia, which can severely impact mobility and strength. Additionally, prolonged immobility contributes to decreased bone density and diminished cardiovascular function both of

which are hallmark indicators of frailty. These physical declines can create a vicious cycle, where the inability to move leads to further deterioration of health and independence. Moreover, **hospitals can expose patients to a range of infections**, which pose a significant risk, particularly for frail individuals with weakened immune systems. **The hospital setting, while necessary for treatment, can inadvertently become a source of additional health complications**. For example, the prevalence of nosocomial infections (infections acquired during hospital stays) can be detrimental to patients already battling frailty. Another critical factor to consider is the **medication management** that occurs during hospitalization. Hospitalized patients often find themselves on multiple medications, increasing the likelihood of adverse drug events. This is particularly concerning for individuals with pre-existing cognitive impairments, as they may struggle to manage complex medication regimens. The risk of polypharmacy can further contribute to frailty and complicate recovery efforts. Additionally, hospital stays can **disrupt regular eating habits**, which can result in malnutrition and dehydration. These nutritional deficiencies are particularly harmful in older adults, exacerbating pre-existing frailty and significantly hindering the healing process. The combination of inadequate nutrition and the physiological stressors of hospitalization can lead to a downward spiral in health, making recovery more challenging.

Recognizing the complex interplay between hospitalization and frailty is crucial for developing effective strategies aimed at mitigating these risks and promoting better health outcomes. By understanding the bidirectional relationship between these two factors, healthcare providers can implement targeted interventions designed to break the cycle of decline. Such strategies may include **enhanced pre-hospitalization assessments**, **personalized care plans** that emphasize functional independence, and post-discharge support systems. To facilitate this transformative approach, this proposal seeks to introduce a '**Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic**.' This innovative model aims to integrate the physical environment of hospitals with virtual, digital spaces, allowing for a more comprehensive approach to geriatric healthcare. By blending traditional in-person care with advanced telehealth technologies, the hybrid clinic can provide **tailored support, enhance patient engagement, and facilitate ongoing monitoring of health status**. Ultimately, this integrative approach holds the potential to **redefine how healthcare is delivered** to elderly patients, ensuring that their functional independence is prioritized and sustained throughout their healthcare journey. By harnessing the benefits of both physical and virtual healthcare environments, we can create a holistic framework that addresses the multifaceted challenges faced by frail individuals, leading to improved quality of life and better health outcomes overall.

- Foster **research and innovation** in frailty management.

This proposal promotes research and innovation in frailty management through a multifaceted approach. The **HMFC** will foster collaborations among geriatricians, physiotherapists, nutritionists, and technologists, hosting academic institutions, healthcare providers, and industry leaders in its facilities. To ensure sustained quality, funding for project-based, multidisciplinary research will be sought from both public and private sectors. Opportunities from the Swiss Frailty Network and Repository, the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Innosuisse, the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH), and foundations like the Velux Stiftung and the Gebert Rüf Stiftung will be actively pursued. Additionally, university grants and partnerships with biotech and pharmaceutical companies focused on aging research will be continuously explored for potential funding. Significant

emphasis will be placed on **research that supports the participation model within service-oriented communities**. This model, along with the concept of fractal organizations, includes the integration of care approaches. **HMFC** bases its approach on the ability of societies to self-organize into advanced collective systems. By harnessing AI and machine learning, **HMFC** aims to predict and personalize care plans effectively. These technologies are pivotal in utilizing big data analytics, which play a crucial role in identifying trends and predictive factors. This approach allows for the development of more precise and individualized care strategies, tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual. The integration of AI-driven insights enables a **deeper understanding of patterns in health and well-being,** facilitating proactive interventions. This innovative use of technology ensures that care is not only reactive but also anticipatory, addressing potential issues before they become significant concerns. Furthermore, the ability to analyze vast amounts of data helps in refining care approaches continuously, ensuring they remain relevant and effective. This **dynamic adaptation** is essential in maintaining high-quality care that evolves with the changing needs of individuals and communities. Overall, the combination of research, technology, and community participation creates a robust framework for delivering integrated care that is both efficient and empathetic, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for those involved. Additionally, **HMFC** is committed to expanding and strengthening its professional network. To achieve this, it will organize comprehensive training programs and interactive workshops that focus on the latest advancements in research and technologies related to frailty management. These initiatives aim to foster collaboration among professionals, encourage knowledge sharing, and drive innovation in the field.

By integrating cutting-edge technologies with a strong emphasis on professional development, the HMFC seeks to lead the way in transforming frailty management and improving patient outcomes. Therefore, HMFC **will collaborate with prominent global organizations**, including the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) (www.iagg.org), the World Health Organization (WHO) – Aging and Health Unit (www.who.int/ageing), The Frailty Network (Canada) (frailtynetwork.ca), the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP-AHA) (ec.europa.eu/eip/ageing), the Global Frailty Network (GFN), the national Institute on Aging (NIA – USA) (www.nia.nih.gov), the National Health Service (NHS – UK) (www.england.nhs.uk), the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) (www.americangeriatrics.org), the British Geriatrics Society (BGS) (www.bgs.org.uk), the European Geriatric Medicine Society (EuGMS) (www.eugms.org), HelpAge International (www.helpage.org), AARP (USA) (www.aarp.org), Johns Hopkins University – Center on Aging and Health (CAPABLE program) (coah.jhu.edu), Mayo Clinic – Kogod Center on Aging (www.mayo.edu), Newcastle University (UK) – NIHR Newcastle Biomedical Research Centre (www.newcastlebrc.nihr.ac.uk), Pfizer – Geriatric Innovation Fund, AbbVie – Aging and Frailty Research, Grassroots & Community Programs, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE – USA) (www.npaonline.org), and Age UK (www.ageuk.org.uk), to develop resource-stratified, evidence-based guidelines. These guidelines will equip healthcare professionals worldwide with essential information to safely diagnose, treat, and manage frailty, **regardless of whether they are working in low-resourced or high-resourced environments.**

- Searching for the appropriate **Care Model**.

HMFC is actively exploring the possibility of running its clinic **without primarily relying on insurance reimbursement**, all while ensuring that services **remain affordable for patients**. This approach

reflects a commitment to accessibility and quality care, recognizing that conventional funding models can sometimes create barriers for those in need. While **HMFC** is fully aware of the challenges associated with this model, the organization is convinced that success is attainable through carefully designed strategies. To navigate these complexities, **HMFC** plans to implement innovative funding approaches that could include alternative payment models, community partnerships, and self-pay options that cater to diverse patient needs. Additionally, **effective cost management will play a crucial role in this endeavor**. By streamlining operations and optimizing resource allocation, **HMFC** aims to reduce overhead costs, which can contribute to lower prices for patients. Furthermore, patient engagement will be at the heart of this initiative. By actively involving patients in their care decisions and promoting health literacy, **HMFC** seeks to improve outcomes and foster **a sense of ownership and responsibility** among patients. Ultimately, HMFC believes that by combining these innovative approaches, it can successfully create a sustainable clinic model that prioritizes patient care without compromising affordability. This vision not only aims to enhance the patient's experience but also to set a precedent for future healthcare models.

*Raw and minimal estimation of the Annual Costs for Running **HMFC** in Switzerland*

Establishing a frailty clinic with ≤30 private beds in Switzerland involves careful consideration of various **overhead and operational costs** (Table *1*) , which can fluctuate significantly based on factors such as geographical location, the quality of the facility, and the specific services offered to patients. Below, we provide a comprehensive draft breakdown of the typical minimal annual costs associated with running such a clinic.

Utilities: One of the primary operational expenses will be utility costs, which encompass essential services like electricity, water, heating, and internet access. These expenses are estimated to be approximately **CHF 30,000** annually. Reliable utilities are crucial for maintaining a comfortable environment for patients and staff alike, ensuring that the clinic operates smoothly and efficiently.

Maintenance and Repairs: Regular maintenance and minor repairs are another significant aspect of operational costs. It is projected that these expenses will amount to around **CHF 20,000** per year. This budget is vital for keeping the facility in good condition, addressing wear and tear, and ensuring that all equipment functions properly, thereby enhancing the overall patient experience.

Medical Supplies: The initial setup costs for a frailty clinic can be substantial; however, it is essential to budget for ongoing medical supplies, which include medications, equipment maintenance, and other necessary materials. The annual allocation for these supplies is estimated to be around **CHF 50,000**. This budget will help ensure that the clinic is adequately stocked to provide high-quality care to its patients.

Insurance Costs: Operating a healthcare facility entails various risks, making insurance a crucial component of the budget. Liability insurance and healthcare-related coverage can collectively cost up to **CHF 30,000** annually. This investment protects the clinic against potential legal claims and ensures compliance with regulatory requirements, which is vital for maintaining the clinic's reputation and operational integrity.

Administrative Expenses: Administrative costs also play a significant role in the overall budget. These expenses, which include office supplies, software subscriptions for record-keeping, billing, and other administrative tasks, are estimated to be a minimum of **CHF 15,000** per year.

Efficient administrative operations are essential for the clinic's smooth functioning and for providing timely and accurate services for patients.

Marketing and Outreach: To attract patients and build a strong community presence, marketing and outreach activities are necessary, especially for a new clinic. The budget for these initiatives might easily reach **CHF 15,000** annually. Effective marketing strategies, including digital advertising, community events, and partnerships, will help raise awareness of the clinic's services and its commitment to patient care.

Staff Training and Continuing Education: Investing in staff training and continuing education is crucial for maintaining high standards of care and ensuring that the medical team is up to date with the latest practices and technologies. A budget of around **CHF 10,000** per year is advisable for these initiatives. This investment not only enhances staff skills but also contributes to improved patient outcomes and satisfaction.

Miscellaneous Expenses: Finally, it is prudent to allocate funds for miscellaneous expenses, which may cover unexpected costs or contingencies that arise throughout the year. A budget of approximately **CHF 10,000** annually for these unforeseen expenses can provide a safety net, allowing the clinic to navigate challenges without compromising care quality.

In summary, the operational landscape of a frailty clinic in Switzerland is multifaceted, with various costs that require careful planning and management. By understanding and budgeting for these expenses, the clinic can ensure sustainable operations while delivering exceptional care to its patients.

Rent or Mortgage	CHF 960,000.00	CHF 80,000.00	monthly
Utilities	CHF 30,000.00		yearly
Maintenance and Repairs	CHF 20,000.00		yearly
Medical Supplies and Equipment	CHF 50,000.00		yearly
Insurance Costs	CHF 30,000.00		yearly
Administrative Costs	CHF 15,000.00		yearly
Marketing and Outreach	CHF 15,000.00		yearly
Training and Professional Development	CHF 10,000.00		yearly
Miscellaneous Expenses	CHF 10,000.00		yearly
Total	CHF 1,140,000.00		yearly

Table 1 Various overhead and operational costs

To estimate the staffing requirements for the HMFC ≤30 private beds in Switzerland, we need to consider the costs based on minimal necessary staffing levels and the average salaries for healthcare professionals in 2025. Operating such a clinic efficiently requires **a dedicated team of approximately 20 to 25 staff members**. This team ensures comprehensive care across multiple domains, including medical, nursing, therapeutic, and administrative support. In the medical domain, the clinic would require physicians and specialists who can address the complex health issues faced by frail patients. Nurses, with expertise in geriatric care, are essential for providing daily

care and monitoring patient health. Additionally, therapeutic staff such as physiotherapists and occupational therapists play a critical role in maintaining and improving patient mobility and independence. Administrative staff are also vital for the smooth operation of the clinic, managing appointments, patient records, and coordination among different departments. This comprehensive minimal staffing model is designed to meet the unique needs of frail patients, ensuring they receive personalized and holistic care. By carefully planning and allocating resources, the clinic can provide high-quality care while managing costs effectively, ultimately enhancing the well-being and quality of life for its patients. (Table *2*)

Position	Number of Staff	Annual Salary (CHF)	Total Cost (CHF)
Doctors	3	135,000	405,000
Registered Nurses	5	85,000	425,000
Nurse Practitioners	2	100,000	200,000
Physiotherapists	3	80,000	240,000
Occupational Therapists	1	80,000	80,000
Psychologists/Psychiatrists	2	100,000	200,000
Nutritionists	1	80,000	80,000
Administrative Coordinator	3	70,000	210,000
Nursing Aides	3	60,000	180,000
Total Estimated Hiring Costs			2,020,000

Table 2 Total Hiring Costs Summary

The total annual cost to operate the proposed clinic amounts to **CHF 3,160,000**. This figure encompasses all necessary expenses, including staffing, equipment, utilities, and other operational costs, ensuring the clinic is fully functional throughout the year.

To make the HMFC self-sustainable requires balancing clinical care, cost-effectiveness, and innovative funding strategies. Financial sustainability means the clinic can cover its costs through its operations. For HMFC, that would involve a hybrid payment model combining direct payments, memberships, and partnerships. When we talk about self-sustainability it is extremely important to think realistically and not use commonplaces. For example, when we talk about preventive medicine and early detection of frailty, we are certainly reducing medical costs, however, the immediate operational costs of the hospital might not see a significant decrease. This is because operational costs are often fixed and include staffing, facilities, and equipment, which remain constant regardless of complication rates. It can eventually lead to more efficient use of resources over time, potentially freeing up capacity and allowing the hospital to serve more patients or improve overall care quality, but the immediate impact on operational costs is minimal. The reasoning consequently is simple, fewer hospitalizations can lead to reduced income from patient care services, especially since hospitals rely on admissions for revenue. To avoid starting from square one, it's essential to analyze existing innovative business care models, explore the integration of specific models, optimize them, and ultimately identify the most suitable model that can maximize profitability and added value for the HMFC (Table 3).

	Kaiser Performante	Singapore's Healthier SG Initiative	Japan's Community-Based Integrated Care System	Accountable Care Organizations
Integrated Ecosystem	Kaiser's vertical integration (insurance, providers, hospitals) could inspire partnerships between virtual care platforms, insurers, and physical clinics A hybrid clinic could combine metaverse-based consults, in-person rehab, and home visits, streamlining care coordination and reducing redundancies.	There is an integrated ecosystem that connects various stakeholders, including healthcare providers, technology companies, and government agencies, to ensure seamless collaboration and data sharing. Key components include collaborations with tech companies to facilitate the development of innovative tools for remote monitoring and data analytics.	The system integrates healthcare, welfare, and lifestyle support services within communities. It involves collaboration among hospitals, clinics, care facilities, and local governments to ensure seamless care delivery.	ACOs bring together various healthcare providers, including hospitals, primary care physicians, and specialists, to work collaboratively. The goal is to create a seamless experience for patients across different care settings.
Preventive Care & Remote Monitoring	Kaiser's emphasis on prevention aligns with using metaverse tools (e.g., wearable sensors, VR therapy, AI-driven diagnostics) to monitor frailty markers (e.g., gait, balance, cognitive function) in real time. Early interventions could reduce hospitalizations, lowering costs and improving patient outcomes.	The initiative prioritizes preventive measures to reduce the incidence of chronic diseases. This includes encouraging healthier lifestyles, regular health screenings, and vaccinations to catch potential health issues early. Utilizing technology to monitor patients' health remotely allows for continuous care without the need for frequent	It emphasizes preventive measures, such as regular health check-ups and community health programs, to maintain well-being. Remote monitoring technologies are used to track health conditions, enabling timely interventions and reducing the need for hospital visits.	ACOs emphasize preventive care to reduce hospital admissions and manage chronic conditions. Remote monitoring technologies are employed to track patient health, facilitating early interventions and ongoing care management.

		hospital visits. This is particularly beneficial for chronic disease management, enabling healthcare providers to track patient data in real time and intervene promptly when necessary.		
Scalability & Cost Efficiency	Virtual visits in the metaverse reduce overhead (e.g., facility costs) while expanding reach to rural or homebound patients. AI triage and automated follow-ups could optimize clinician time, mimicking Kaiser's efficiency.	By integrating technology and focusing on prevention, the initiative aims to reduce overall healthcare costs and make services scalable. Efficient resource allocation and reduced hospital admissions help in managing healthcare expenditures effectively	The system is designed to be scalable by leveraging community resources and technology. This approach helps manage costs by reducing hospital admissions and focusing on home and community-based care, which is more cost-effective than institutional care.	By focusing on coordinated care and reducing unnecessary services, ACOs aim to improve cost efficiency. Scalability is achieved through standardized practices and shared resources, allowing for broader implementation across different regions.
Data-Driven Personalization	Kaiser's use of EHRs and analytics could translate to predictive models in the metaverse, tailoring interventions to individual frailty risks.	Healthier SG leverages data analytics to provide personalized care plans tailored to individual needs. By analyzing patient data, healthcare providers can offer customized advice and interventions, improving patient outcomes and engagement.	Utilizes data analytics to tailor healthcare services to individual needs. Personalized care plans are developed based on patient data, improving outcomes and enhancing patient engagement.	ACOs leverage data analytics to provide personalized care. By analyzing patient data, they develop tailored care plans that address individual health needs, leading to better health outcomes and patient satisfaction.

Table 3 Comparison of different care models

Kaiser Permanente's integrated healthcare model is often lauded, yet it has notable limitations. Members are required to utilize Kaiser facilities and providers, which can restrict access to external specialists and services not available within the network. Additionally, Kaiser primarily operates in specific regions, leaving those outside these areas without access. Although the model is generally cost-effective, some patients may find premiums or out-of-pocket expenses to be higher than with

other plans, particularly when seeking out-of-network services. Managing complex cases that involve multiple specialties can also present communication challenges within the system.

Despite its advancements, issues with seamless data sharing and integration can arise, especially when interfacing with non-Kaiser systems. To address these gaps, **improvements in flexibility, geographic expansion, and data interoperability are essential**.

Similarly, **Singapore's Healthier SG initiative**, while ambitious, has its own critical gaps. Fully integrating data across various healthcare providers can be complicated, impacting care coordination. Ensuring adequate resources and manpower to support preventive care and remote monitoring is a challenge, as is encouraging broad participation in preventive health programs, which requires ongoing public education and engagement. Not all patients may be comfortable with or have access to the technologies necessary for remote monitoring and digital health services. Balancing the costs of implementing new technologies while maintaining healthcare affordability is vital. To overcome these challenges, **enhancing integration, improving resource efficiency, and boosting public outreach and education are necessary**.

Japan's Community-Based Integrated Care System also faces significant gaps. A shortage of healthcare professionals and caregivers can hinder the system's ability to provide comprehensive care. Regional disparities in resources and infrastructure may result in unequal access to services. Additionally, the adoption and integration of technology, particularly in rural areas, can obstruct remote monitoring and data sharing. Engaging and educating an aging population about available services and technologies poses its own difficulties. Ensuring long-term financial sustainability amid rising demand and costs remains a major concern. Addressing these issues requires **targeted workforce development, enhanced regional support, and improved technology infrastructure**.

Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) may be the least advantageous option for the proposed HMFC due to several shortcomings. Integrating data across different systems can impede effective care coordination and analytics. Engaging patients in their care plans and ensuring adherence to preventive measures can be challenging. Disagreements may arise over the equitable distribution of savings among providers within the ACO. Additionally, navigating complex regulations and reporting requirements can be burdensome. Developing accurate metrics to evaluate quality and cost savings is often difficult. To bridge these gaps, **improvements in data systems, enhanced patient engagement strategies, and streamlined regulatory processes are essential**.

Given that all models have their unique strengths and weaknesses, **it's worthwhile to explore the potential benefits of merging the three most prominent models: the Kaiser Permanente Performance Model, Singapore's Healthier SG Initiative, and Japan's Community-Based Integrated Care System** (Figure 1) By analyzing and optimizing these models together, we can create a **robust, patient-centered healthcare framework**. The Kaiser Permanente Performance Model is known for its integrated care approach, emphasizing coordination across various healthcare services. Singapore's Healthier SG Initiative focuses on preventive care and leveraging technology to empower individuals in managing their health. Meanwhile, Japan's Community-Based Integrated Care System excels in fostering community involvement and supporting the elderly population through localized services.

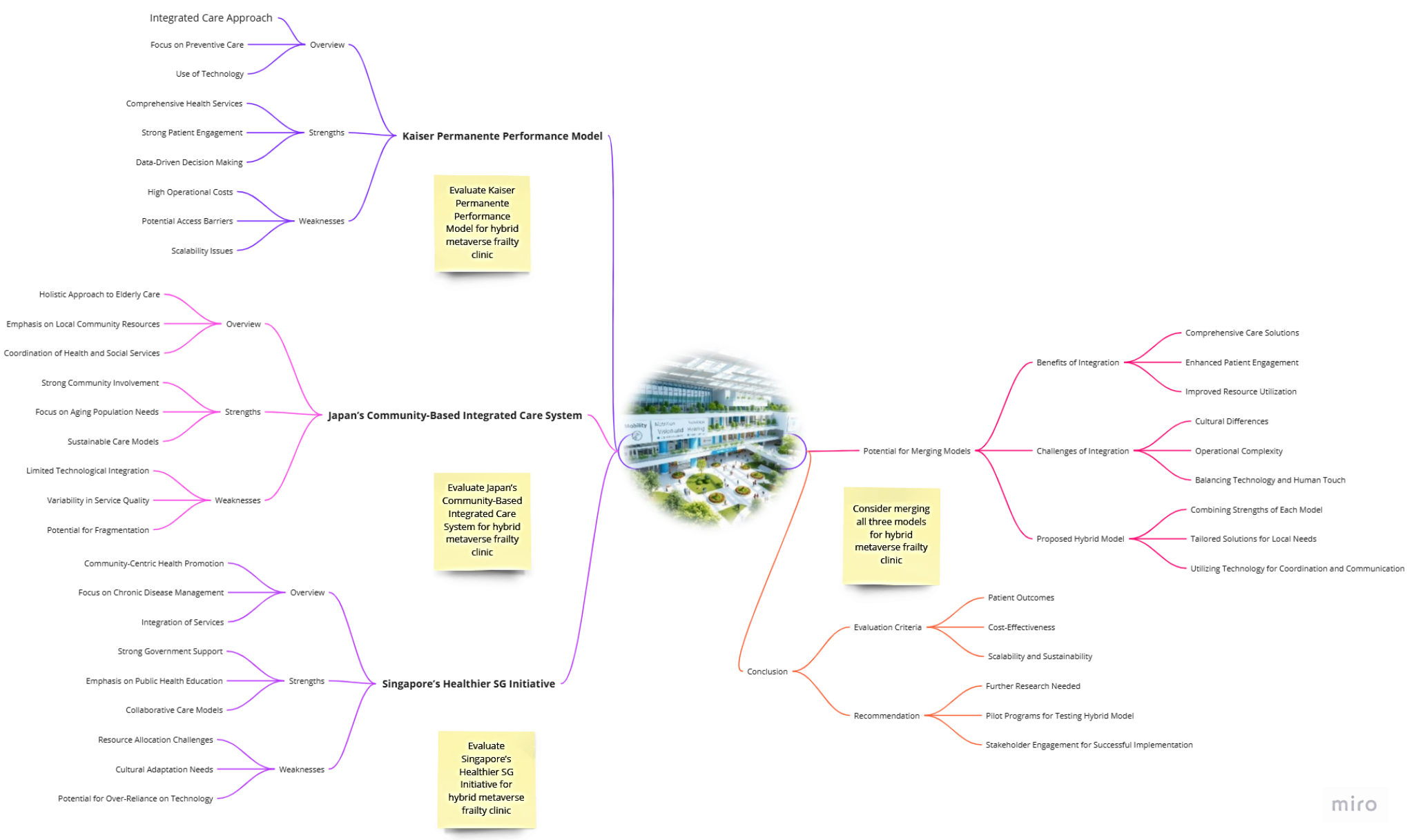

*Figure 1 A merger of the Kaiser Permanente Performance Model, Singapore's Healthier SG Initiative, and Japan's Community-Based Integrated Care System would create a comprehensive, patient-centered healthcare framework focused on prevention, **integration**, and community empowerment.*

By integrating these elements, we can develop a comprehensive healthcare framework that prioritizes prevention, seamless service integration, and community empowerment. **This approach not only enhances patient outcomes but also promotes sustainability within healthcare systems by reducing inefficiencies and encouraging proactive health managemen**t. Ultimately, such a model could serve as a blueprint for future healthcare innovations worldwide. (Table *1*)

PERFORMANCE	**Kaiser Permanente Model**	**Singapore's Healthier SG Initiative**	**Japan's Community-Based Integrated Care System**
Preventive Care & Primary Health Focus	[influence] Leverage data-driven population health management to identify risk factors (e.g., chronic diseases) and deploy proactive interventions	[Integration] Mandate annual health screenings and personalized prevention plans, incentivized via subsidies or rewards (e.g., reduced premiums) for meeting health goals	[Contribution] Embed community health workers and volunteers to monitor at-risk groups (especially seniors) and provide lifestyle coaching
Integrated Care Networks	[Coordination] Create vertically integrated systems where hospitals, clinics, and specialists share electronic records and protocols to streamline care	[Model] Establish local "hub-and-spoke" networks linking medical, long-term care, mental health, and social services (e.g., meal delivery, housing support).	[Role] Assign residents to a designated primary care provider who acts as a "health quarterback," coordinating referrals and wellness programs
Aging-in-Place & Social Support	[Use] Use Kaiser-style predictive analytics to allocate resources for high-need individuals, reducing hospital readmissions		[Adopt] Adopt Japan's emphasis on enabling seniors to live independently via home-based care, combined with Singapore's community partnerships (e.g., senior activity centers).
Financing & Sustainability	[Model]	[Blending]	

	Kaiser's capitation model (fixed per-patient payments) could incentivize providers to prioritize cost-effective preventive care over volume-driven services.	Blend Singapore's hybrid funding (government subsidies + individual MediSave accounts) with Japan's public long-term care insurance.
Technology & Data Sharing	[Tools] Deploy AI-driven tools (like Kaiser's) to predict outbreaks or health declines, while ensuring strict data governance akin to Singapore's Digital Health Blueprint.	
	[Apps] Community health apps could gamify wellness (Singapore) and connect users to local services (Japan).	
Challenges	Balancing centralized data systems with privacy concerns. Cultural resistance to mandated prevention (e.g., Healthier SG's enrollment model). Funding disparities between urban and rural areas.	
Outcomes	Reduced chronic disease burden through early intervention. Lower hospitalization costs via community-based elder care. Improved health literacy and patient autonomy.	

Table 4 This hybrid model prioritizes prevention, equitable access, and seamless coordination, tailored to individual needs while strengthening community resilience.

Value-based healthcare is pivotal in modern medicine, as it seeks to enhance patient outcomes while effectively managing and controlling costs. Despite its importance, the aspect of added value in healthcare interventions that qualify for reimbursement remains **moderately to poorly developed, regardless of the model in question**. The three models under discussion prioritize crucial elements such as care coordination, prevention, and patient-centered outcomes, which are foundational to the principles of value-based care (VBC). These models aim to elevate healthcare quality by focusing on the comprehensive needs and well-being of patients, while simultaneously optimizing the delivery of healthcare services. However, the payment structures that support these models exhibit significant differences. **Kaiser Permanente's integrated insurer-provider model serves as a prime example of effectively embodying VBC principles**. By merging insurance with healthcare delivery, Kaiser aligns financial incentives directly with patient health outcomes. This integration encourages healthcare providers to concentrate on long-term wellness and preventive

care strategies, which are essential for fostering a holistic and sustainable healthcare environment. Such a model **effectively reduces fragmentation in care, ensuring a seamless and cohesive patient experience that promotes both efficiency and effectiveness**. On the other hand, countries like Singapore and Japan have implemented models that combine VBC-aligned delivery with hybrid or traditional payment systems. Singapore's healthcare system is particularly noteworthy for its emphasis on **cost-sharing and individual responsibility**. This approach is effectively integrated with robust government oversight to maintain high standards of quality and affordability in healthcare services. Singapore's model ensures **that patients are active participants in their healthcare journeys, which promotes accountability and informed decision-making**. Japan, renowned for its universal healthcare coverage, employs a fee-for-service payment system. Despite this traditional approach, Japan has successfully incorporated mechanisms that incentivize quality care and preventive services. These incentives are designed to encourage healthcare providers to prioritize patient outcomes and long-term health benefits, aligning with the overarching goals of value-based care. **Japan's model demonstrates how traditional payment structures can be adapted to support the principles of VBC, ensuring that patients receive comprehensive and effective care.**

In conclusion, while value-based healthcare models are diverse in their approaches and structures, they share a common goal of improving patient outcomes and optimizing resource use. By examining and learning from different international models, healthcare systems worldwide can continue to evolve and refine their approaches to providing high-quality, patient-centered care. These adaptations are not arbitrary but reflect each country's unique healthcare challenges and priorities. For instance, Singapore faces the challenge of an aging population and rising healthcare costs, while Japan contends with maintaining quality care amid a rapidly aging society. By adapting their strategies to meet the unique needs of their populations, each country aims not only to enhance health outcomes but also to manage costs effectively. This tailored approach recognizes that healthcare systems across the globe are diverse, influenced by various factors such as culture, economic conditions, and existing infrastructure. **While the fundamental principles of Value-Based Care—such as care coordination, prevention, and a strong emphasis on patient-centeredness—are universally appreciated, the path to achieving these goals is not straightforward.** Each nation must navigate its own distinct healthcare landscape, which requires innovative thinking and a willingness to embrace more transformative solutions. **To truly impact health outcomes, it is essential for countries to move beyond basic customization of existing models**. This means reimagining implementation strategies and payment structures that align more closely with local needs and challenges. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders and investing in technology, nations can create a more effective and sustainable healthcare system. In essence, **a disruptive approach is necessary to ensure that the principles of Value-Based Care are not only understood but also effectively integrated into the fabric of each individual healthcare system.**

3. The disruptive Business Model: "2b@ging-Well”

2b@ging-Well offers a groundbreaking ICT solution for the **HMFC** and is designed to revolutionize health monitoring and care delivery, ensuring high-quality outcomes for patients. This innovative approach not only focuses on the treatment of illnesses but also significantly enhances illness prevention, empowering users to take an active role in their health management. By leveraging advanced technology, **2b@ging-Well** facilitates seamless communication between healthcare providers and patients, fostering a collaborative environment for better health outcomes. At the core of this revolutionary model is the concept of **‘ENTER[care]MENT’** which creatively blends entertainment and healthcare. **This unique approach disguises treatment as engaging and enjoyable experiences**, making health management more appealing and accessible to users. By transforming the often-daunting process of healthcare into something more relatable and enjoyable, **2b@ging-Well** aims to increase user engagement and adherence to health protocols. Moreover, **ENTER[care]MENT’** represents a pioneering profit/non-profit design in the medical field. This innovative model not only seeks to improve patient outcomes but also addresses the pressing issue of rising healthcare expenditures. By offering a sustainable and attractive way to manage costs, **2b@ging-Well** is poised to make a significant impact on the healthcare landscape, ultimately benefiting patients, providers, and the broader healthcare system. Through this integrated approach, **2b@ging-Well** is setting a new standard for how healthcare can be delivered in a more effective, affordable, and engaging manner. **2b@ging-Well** recognizes the significant cultural shifts in healthcare today, moving away from outdated paternalistic models that emphasize strict compliance and focus on patient adherence to medical treatments. Instead, it champions a modern, progressive approach that prioritizes shared decision-making and self-supported management. This evolution reflects a growing understanding that patients should be active participants in their own healthcare journeys, leading to better outcomes and enhanced satisfaction. **As the first real inter-reality-based healthcare concept, 2b@ging-Well uniquely integrates the physical and virtual realms into a cohesive experience.** This hybrid model empowers individuals to engage in healthcare processes actively and facilitates remote monitoring and care in environments where they feel most comfortable. By harnessing both technologies, it bridges the gap between traditional healthcare settings and innovative virtual solutions, making healthcare more accessible and user-friendly. Driven by user needs, 2b@ging-Well operates within a **hybrid ecosystem that incorporates effective care models, cleverly disguised through indirect engagement strategies such as games, chat rooms, virtual libraries, and discussion islands.** This multifaceted approach allows for comprehensive, multi-parametric monitoring of various health indicators, providing a detailed understanding of an individual’s health status. Moreover, 2b@ging-Well remains vigilant in adopting emerging ICT technologies, maintaining a flexible structure that adapts to market changes. This responsiveness not only enhances the user experience but also subtly drives economic growth within the healthcare sector. By embracing new trends and innovations, **2b@ging-Well positions itself as a leader in modern healthcare solutions.** The platform sees patients as the architects of their own health narratives, enabling them to integrate new trends and insights into their management strategies. This empowerment fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility, encouraging individuals to take charge of their health. Central to the inter-reality concept is the innovative notion of ‘hybridization,’ which serves as the foundation for a revolutionary and partly

automated approach to coordinating care interventions through the digital twin concept. This cutting-edge framework is intricately woven into iterative processes of knowledge generation, allowing real-time insights and data to be continuously fed back into both physical and virtual realities. By effectively bridging these two realms, the '**ENTER[care]MENT**' model ensures **low barriers to active participation**, a vital requirement for the prevention and management of frailty among elderly. This accessibility fosters an environment where individuals feel empowered to take charge of their health. The **2b@ging-Well** initiative is intrinsically linked to this '**ENTER[care]MENT**' model, which is robustly supported by advanced care technology as a product. This model embodies a unique form of 'management of restructuring, blending profit and non-profit elements within the healthcare landscape. It is designed with a keen awareness of emerging ICT technologies, featuring a flexible structure that allows for real-time reassessment of market dynamics. This adaptability not only enhances user engagement but also subtly drives economic growth within the healthcare sector. Once again, we observe clients positioned as the architects of their own health journeys, empowered to incorporate new trends, tools, and insights into their personal health management strategies. **2b@ging-Well** is certified through **a comprehensive 'case' management framework**, which is embedded in diverse scenarios that focus on prevention, healing, or management—each of which necessitates a commitment to compliance. The process begins by assessing the client's current health status to identify their specific needs and challenges. This initial evaluation is crucial as it sets the stage for tailored interventions that resonate with the individual's lifestyle and health goals. For the caregiver, it is crucial to utilize only those therapies or combinations of therapies that enhance the robustness of the proposed health challenge. In this context, two fundamental principles emerge as pivotal: patient **resilience and antifragility**. Robustness and resilience signify a patient's strength to withstand and adapt to various challenges. This concept extends beyond mere recovery; it embodies the ability to learn and grow from experiences, particularly in the face of health-threatening conditions. Resilience, in this framework, refers to an individual's capacity to maintain their well-being during adverse health events, effectively managing stressors and uncertainties. Antifragility, however, transcends resilience. It posits that certain systems can actually improve and thrive when exposed to volatility, randomness, and disorder. In the realm of health, embracing both robustness and antifragility is essential for devising a set of therapies that can adeptly navigate the complexities and uncertainties inherent in integrated care. This approach ensures not only better patient outcomes but also enhances overall health stability. "The proposed health challenge" is not a static entity; it resists settling into a simple, predictable state. Instead, it evolves dynamically within a framework of constraints that allow for both fluctuation and coherence. Even systems that appear chaotic are governed by underlying rules that shape their behavior, albeit in a manner highly sensitive to initial conditions. This inherent unpredictability underscores the necessity for adaptive and flexible therapeutic strategies. **Digital twins—virtual representations of physical systems—embody this principle by simulating and monitoring real-time health data.** By employing mathematical models that account for chaotic dynamics, **digital twins can predict and analyze irregular health patterns, offering valuable insights into the underlying stability of these patterns**. This understanding is instrumental in identifying critical thresholds where the "proposed health challenge" may transition from a state of stability to instability. Consequently, caregivers can **implement more precise and timely interventions**, effectively managing patients' health trajectories. Utilizing digital twins not only enhances our understanding of health as a chaotic system but also serves as a vital tool in advancing integrative healthcare. The ultimate goal is to holistically comprehend and manage the complex, dynamic processes that dictate human health. **By**

incorporating real-time data and predictive analytics, caregivers can tailor interventions that resonate with the unique needs of each patient, fostering resilience and promoting antifragility. In this evolving landscape, the Metaverse emerges as a groundbreaking frontier for studying and improving integrative care. This collective virtual shared space, created by the fusion of virtually enhanced physical reality and physically persistent virtual reality, offers an innovative approach to modeling human physiology and disease. Within this immersive environment, healthcare professionals can create realistic simulations that facilitate more efficient and accurate testing of integrative treatments and interventions. Simulated intervention trials conducted in the Metaverse can significantly reduce the time and costs typically associated with traditional interventions. By enabling healthcare providers to test various therapeutic approaches in a controlled virtual setting, **the Metaverse allows for rapid iteration and refinement of interventions**. This not only accelerates the development of effective treatments but also enhances the overall quality of care provided to patients. Furthermore, the Metaverse fosters collaboration among researchers, healthcare providers, and patients, creating a **rich ecosystem for knowledge exchange and innovation**. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, it **encourages the exploration of new ideas and methodologies that can advance the field of integrative care**. As a result, caregivers can better understand the multifaceted nature of health challenges and develop comprehensive strategies that address the diverse needs of patients. Ultimately, **the interplay of resilience, antifragility, digital twins, and the Metaverse represents a transformative approach to healthcare**. By embracing these concepts, caregivers can cultivate a more robust and adaptable healthcare system that not only addresses current health challenges but also anticipates future needs. This holistic perspective redefines the relationship between patients and caregivers, fostering a collaborative environment that prioritizes well-being and empowers individuals to thrive amidst uncertainty. Through this integrated framework, the future of healthcare holds the potential for more personalized, effective, and sustainable solutions that enhance the quality of life for all patients. To ensure these interventions are both effective and relevant, evidence-based medical knowledge, combined with best practice models, translates the identified needs into structured action plans. These plans are then **transformed into engaging inter-reality-inspired narratives**, where the client takes center stage. In this dynamic setup, the individual interacts directly and indirectly with health advisors, utilizing both physical and virtual environments to enhance their understanding and management of health conditions. This interaction is not just transactional; it is a collaborative process that encourages ongoing dialogue between clients and health professionals. Through virtual chat rooms, interactive applications, and telehealth consultations, individuals can seek advice, ask questions, and share experiences, thereby enriching their health management journey. This multifaceted approach **helps demystify medical processes** and empowers clients to make informed decisions regarding their care. Furthermore, **2b@ging-Well** fosters a sense of community among users, facilitating connections with peers who may be experiencing similar health challenges. This community aspect not only provides emotional support but also encourages the sharing of best practices and strategies for health management. By creating a network of support, **2b@ging-Well** enhances the overall experience of health management, making it more engaging and less isolating. Ultimately, by combining innovative technology with a user-centered approach, **2b@ging-Well** not only enhances the effectiveness of healthcare interventions but also fosters a deeper connection between clients and their health journeys. **This integrated model ensures that individuals are not merely passive recipients of care but active participants in shaping their own health outcomes**. Through the constant evolution of its services and the incorporation of user feedback, 2b@ging-Well

is poised to redefine the future of healthcare, making it more inclusive, effective, and responsive to the needs of individuals in a rapidly changing world.

- ## Core Components

Decentralized Micro Frailty Care Hubs will be strategically established in residential areas, creating a robust network connected to the Health Management and Facility Coordination of the **HMFC**. These Hubs are designed to offer **24/7 services**, significantly enhancing accessibility for residents. By situating these Hubs alongside pharmacies, senior centers, or retail spaces, the initiative ensures that individuals can easily access essential healthcare services in familiar, convenient locations. Each hub is equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, including AI-Assisted Diagnostics, portable ultrasound devices, and advanced blood analyzers. These technologies play a crucial role in assisting nurse practitioners in real-time, enabling them to conduct thorough assessments and make informed decisions. For instance, **the ability to detect early-stage dementia through sophisticated speech pattern analysis** allows for timely interventions that can greatly improve patient outcomes. In addition to diagnostic capabilities, the Hubs feature **Telemedicine Suites that facilitate virtual consultations with geriatric specialists**. This innovative approach allows healthcare providers to address complex cases efficiently, significantly reducing referral wait times and ensuring that patients receive the expert care they need without unnecessary delays. By leveraging telemedicine, patients benefit from the convenience of consultations from their own homes, further enhancing their engagement in the healthcare process. Preventive Care Labs within the Hubs are staffed with a multidisciplinary team, including on-site nutritionists, physiotherapists, and mental health counselors. This diverse team collaborates to offer tailored programs designed to meet the specific health needs of individuals. For example, **personalized balance training programs are implemented to prevent falls, a common concern among seniors**. By focusing on preventive care, these labs aim to improve overall health and reduce the incidence of chronic conditions. To enhance mobility and access to care, the initiative incorporates the **formerly mentioned Huber Model** for ride-sharing apps, providing subsidized medical transport for patients who require assistance getting to appointments. This service ensures that transportation barriers do not prevent individuals from accessing the healthcare services they need. Additionally, local kitchens collaborate with the Hubs to provide meal delivery services tailored to chronic conditions, such as diabetic-friendly meals and other specialized dietary options. This not only supports nutritional needs but also encourages healthier eating habits among residents. **The entire ecosystem is further strengthened by AI-Powered "Health Guardians," which consist of advanced wearables that track critical health metrics, including gait stability, sleep quality, and hydration levels**. These wearables are equipped with haptic feedback mechanisms that gently remind users to drink water or take their medications as prescribed. Motion sensors integrated into the system detect irregular activities, such as prolonged stays in the bathroom, which could indicate potential health issues like urinary tract infections (UTIs). Moreover, a voice-activated AI companion, known as the "Care-Bot," provides medication reminders, emergency alerts, and companionship through engaging conversations, significantly enhancing the support network for users. **Predictive analytics play an essential role in this integrated care approach.** Utilizing machine learning models, the system analyzes data trends to forecast potential health risks. For instance, **it can predict heart failure up to 14 days in advance with an impressive 90% accuracy rate.** This proactive capability allows healthcare providers to implement preemptive interventions, such as

dispatching mobile IV teams or making necessary adjustments to treatment plans before critical situations arise, ultimately improving patient safety and health outcomes. The framework also includes a **Family & Community Co-Care Network**, which offers free online courses designed to certify family members in essential caregiving skills, such as wound care, dementia communication, and emergency response. By providing these educational resources, the initiative empowers families to take an active role in their loved ones' care. Graduates of these courses could earn "Care Credits," which can be redeemed for respite care or medical supplies, further incentivizing family involvement in caregiving. To foster engagement and recognition within the caregiving community, gamified app challenges, such as the "30-Day Mobility Boost," allow caregivers to earn badges and gain community recognition for their efforts. **This not only makes the caregiving experience more enjoyable but also encourages healthy competition and camaraderie among participants**. Partnerships with local schools and universities provide students with opportunities to earn credits by assisting seniors with technology literacy or participating in social activities. This collaboration fosters empathy among younger generations, combats ageism, and strengthens community bonds. In addition, the initiative introduces a **"Time Bank" system**, whereby seniors can exchange their skills—such as knitting, storytelling, or cooking—with volunteers. In return, volunteers earn credits that can be used to "purchase" services like grocery runs, home maintenance help, or companionship. This innovative approach not only enriches the lives of seniors by allowing them to share their knowledge and skills but also **cultivates a sense of purpose** and community within the volunteer base. Through the integration of these various elements, the Decentralized Frailty Care Hubs represent a comprehensive, forward-thinking model of healthcare that prioritizes accessibility, preventive care, and community engagement. By fostering collaboration between healthcare providers, patients, families, and community members, this model aims to significantly improve the quality of life for seniors and their families. Ultimately, the Decentralized Care Hubs are not just about providing medical services; they are about creating a supportive.

- ## The Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic Hub Blueprint



The Physical Clinic Hub is a comprehensive and innovative healthcare facility designed to integrate cutting-edge technology with patient care (Figure 2). At the heart of the hub are the Smart Examination Rooms, which are outfitted with IoT-enabled diagnostic tools. These advanced tools include smart blood pressure monitors, electrocardiograms (ECGs), and SpO2 sensors, all designed to provide accurate and immediate health assessments. These rooms facilitate a seamless diagnostic experience by integrating real-time data collection with advanced analytics. In addition to traditional diagnostic tools, the Hub offers AI-assisted assessments. These utilize medical imaging techniques and predictive analytics to enhance the accuracy of diagnoses and treatment plans. **The AI systems are capable of analyzing complex medical data, providing insights that support medical professionals in making informed decisions**. The Telehealth consultation booths are another significant feature, equipped with high-resolution video feeds that ensure clear and effective communication between patients and healthcare providers. These booths enable remote consultations, expanding access to medical expertise regardless of the patient's location, and are

particularly beneficial for those with mobility issues or those living in remote areas. The Rehabilitation & Therapy Zone is a state-of-the-art section of the clinic that harnesses the power of AR/VR technology to assist with physiotherapy and motor skill rehabilitation. Patients can engage in immersive therapy sessions that enhance their recovery process, while AI-guided exercise monitoring systems track progress and suggest improvements.

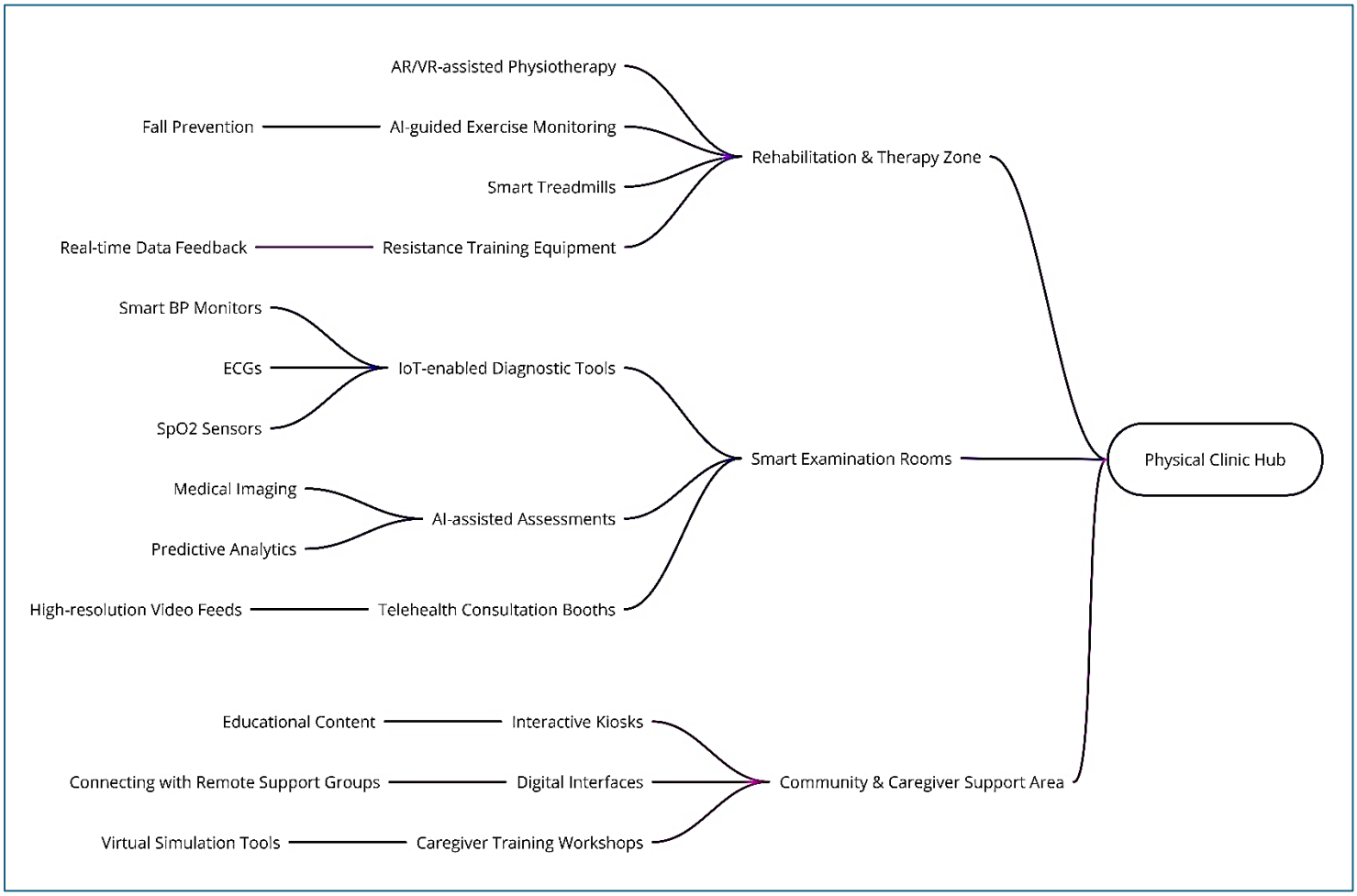

Figure 2 The Physical Clinic Hub is a comprehensive and innovative healthcare facility designed to integrate cutting-edge technology with patient care

This zone also includes smart treadmills and resistance training equipment that provide real-time data feedback, helping to prevent falls and ensure safe exercise practices. Moreover, the Hub features a **Community & Caregiver Support Area**, designed to offer extensive resources to patients and their families. Interactive kiosks provide educational content on various health topics, empowering individuals with the knowledge they need to manage their health conditions. Digital interfaces facilitate connections with remote support groups, fostering a sense of community and

shared experience. Caregiver training workshops, enhanced by virtual simulation tools, offer practical skills and strategies to those caring for loved ones, ensuring they are well-prepared to provide effective support. Overall, **the Physical Clinic Hub represents a holistic approach to healthcare, combining technology, education, and community support to deliver exceptional patient care and enhance overall well-being.**



The Virtual Metaverse Hub is an innovative platform that revolutionizes the way healthcare is delivered by incorporating cutting-edge technology. At the heart of this hub is a 3D Digital Twin of the Physical Clinic, meticulously designed to replicate the actual environment (Figure 3). This allows both patients and healthcare providers **to interact seamlessly within a simulated clinic setting, enhancing the overall experience.** Within this virtual space, patients can engage in gamified rehabilitation and various interactive activities designed to boost engagement and motivation. AI virtual health coaches are on hand to guide patients through personalized health regimens, ensuring that each individual's needs are met with precision and care. The Hub's capabilities extend to telehealth and remote monitoring, integrating advanced wearable sensors that continuously transmit real-time health metrics. **This continuous data flow enables healthcare providers to keep an accurate and up-to-date overview of a patient's health status, regardless of their physical location**. One of the standout features is the ability to conduct virtual consultations with specialists, facilitated through the use of avatars. These consultations are supported by AI-driven technologies that assist in symptom assessment and pre-diagnostic triaging, streamlining the process and ensuring patients receive timely, appropriate care. In terms of data management, the Hub employs **AI and blockchain technology** to ensure that health records are both secure and tamper-proof. This system not only protects patient privacy but also guarantees the integrity and accuracy of health information. Moreover, the platform leverages AI-powered predictive analytics to inform users about potential health risks early on. By analyzing continuous data collection, it can adapt and personalize treatment plans, ensuring that each patient receives care tailored to their unique health profile. This proactive approach to healthcare allows for early intervention and improved health outcomes, making the Virtual Metaverse Hub a leader in modern medical innovation. **Creating an inter-reality experience** requires a seamless integration of both the real and virtual worlds. To accomplish this, a comprehensive **Hybrid Care Pathway** must be established (Figure 4) . This pathway should allow initial assessments to be conducted either in-person or within the metaverse, providing flexibility and convenience for users. **Real-time data synchronization is essential to maintain a seamless experience across both environments.** This ensures that any transition between physical and virtual spaces is smooth and uninterrupted. Advanced AI-powered systems should be employed to



monitor health data continuously. These systems would generate alerts for medical intervention if any anomalies were detected, enhancing patient safety and care. Moreover, it's of utmost importance to integrate these systems with existing healthcare infrastructures. **This involves ensuring compatibility with cloud-based Electronic Health Records (EHR), which facilitates easy access and management of patient information.**

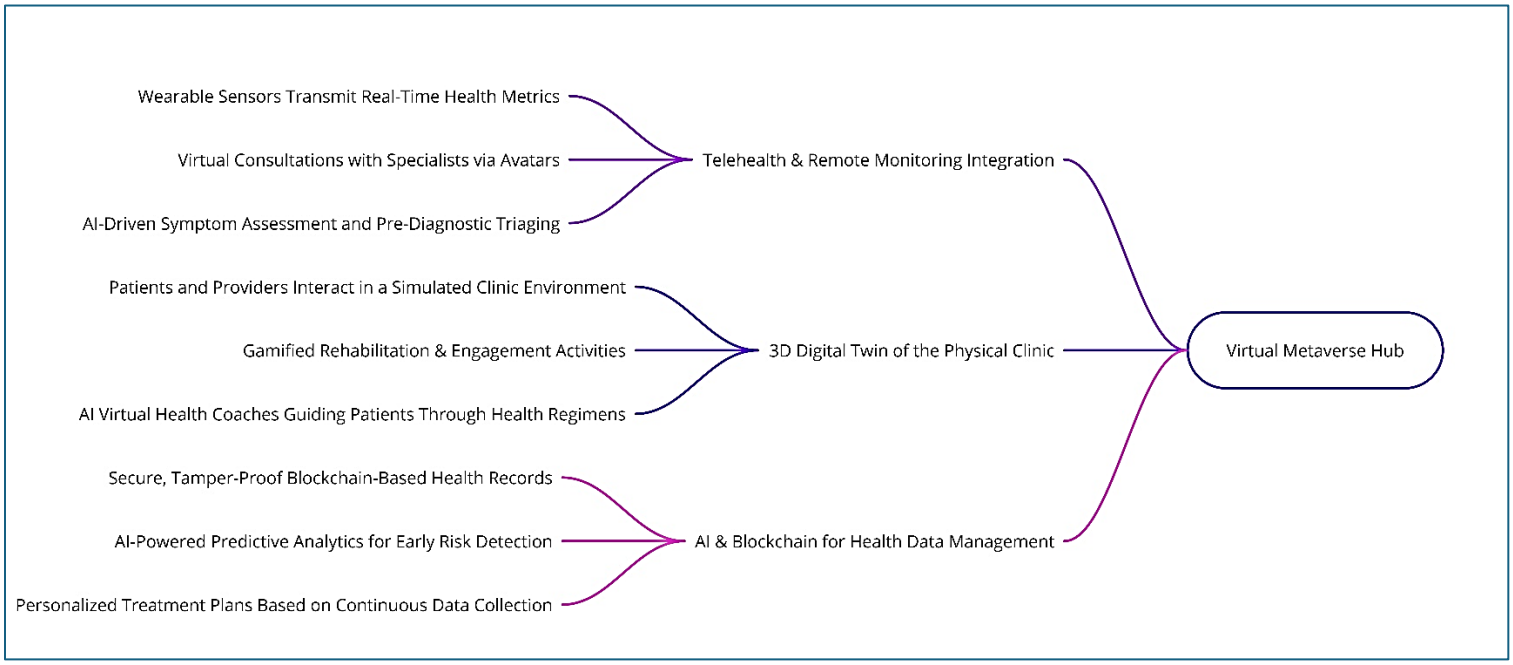

Figure 3 The Virtual Metaverse Hub is an innovative platform that revolutionizes the way healthcare is delivered by incorporating cutting-edge technology. At the heart of this hub is a 3D Digital Twin of the Physical Clinic, meticulously designed to replicate the actual environment

Interoperability with insurance and medical reimbursement platforms is also crucial. This ensures that all services provided within this hybrid model are recognized and financially supported. Additionally, offering API access for third-party telemedicine providers can expand the range of services and improve overall healthcare delivery. User experience and accessibility must be prioritized to cater to diverse user needs. This includes support across various devices such as AR/VR headsets, mobile apps, and web platforms. Multilingual AI support can help break language barriers, while voice-controlled navigation offers hands-free convenience, particularly beneficial for users with mobility challenges. Particular attention should be paid to designing interfaces that are senior-friendly. **This involves creating intuitive, easy-to-use controls that cater to older adults, ensuring they can navigate the system effortlessly**. The design should prioritize usability, incorporating clear visuals and straightforward instructions to enhance the overall user experience. By addressing these elements, the development of an inter-reality healthcare system will not only bridge the gap between the real and virtual worlds but also provide a comprehensive, accessible, and user-friendly healthcare solution.

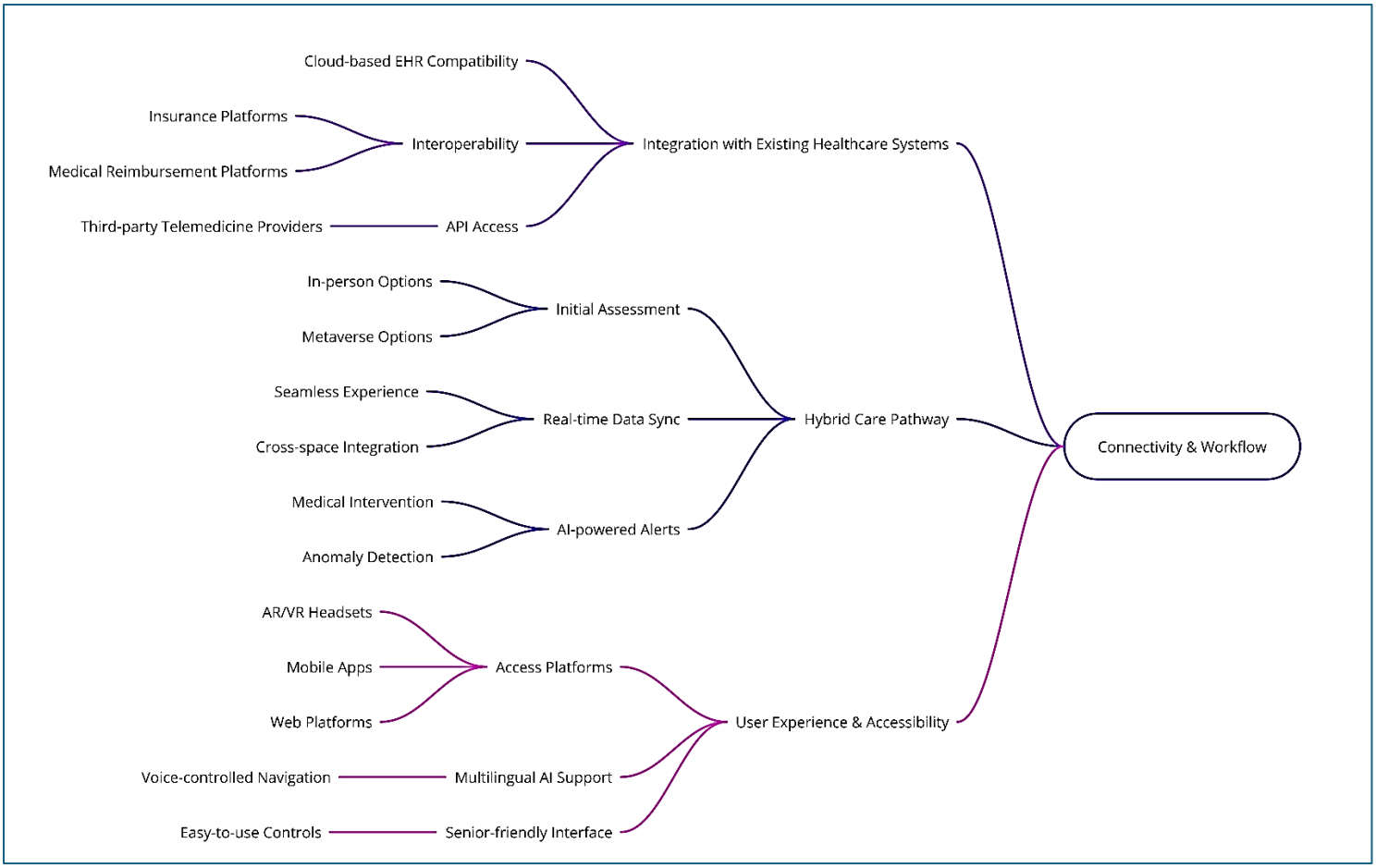

Figure 4 Creating an inter-reality experience requires a seamless integration of both the real and virtual worlds. To accomplish this, a comprehensive Hybrid Care Pathway must be established



To ensure seamless operation across various platforms and applications, a robust and adequate technology stack is essential (Figure 5**).** This stack must include a diverse range of hardware components, such as Internet of Things (IoT) devices, advanced medical equipment, virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets, as well as smart wearable technology. Each of these elements plays a crucial role in enhancing user experience and facilitating efficient data collection and analysis. In addition to hardware, there is a pressing need for dedicated software solutions that can effectively support these technologies. This includes AI-driven diagnostic tools that leverage machine learning and data analytics to provide accurate and timely medical assessments. Furthermore, implementing blockchain-secured electronic health records (EHR) ensures that sensitive patient information

remains safe, accessible, and tamper-proof. The integration of 3D modeling for the metaverse also presents exciting opportunities for immersive experiences and simulations, enriching both educational and therapeutic applications. Moreover, the importance of a reliable network and security cannot be overstated in this technological landscape. A cloud-based infrastructure is vital for accommodating the vast amounts of data generated by these devices and applications. This infrastructure must incorporate end-to-end encryption to protect data privacy and integrity, ensuring that sensitive information is secure during transmission and storage. Real-time data analytics dashboards are also critical, providing stakeholders with immediate insights into performance metrics, health trends, and system operations, thereby enabling informed decision-making and rapid response to emerging challenges. In summary, the combination of advanced hardware, dedicated software, and robust network security is essential for creating a smooth and effective technological ecosystem that can meet the demands of modern healthcare and beyond.

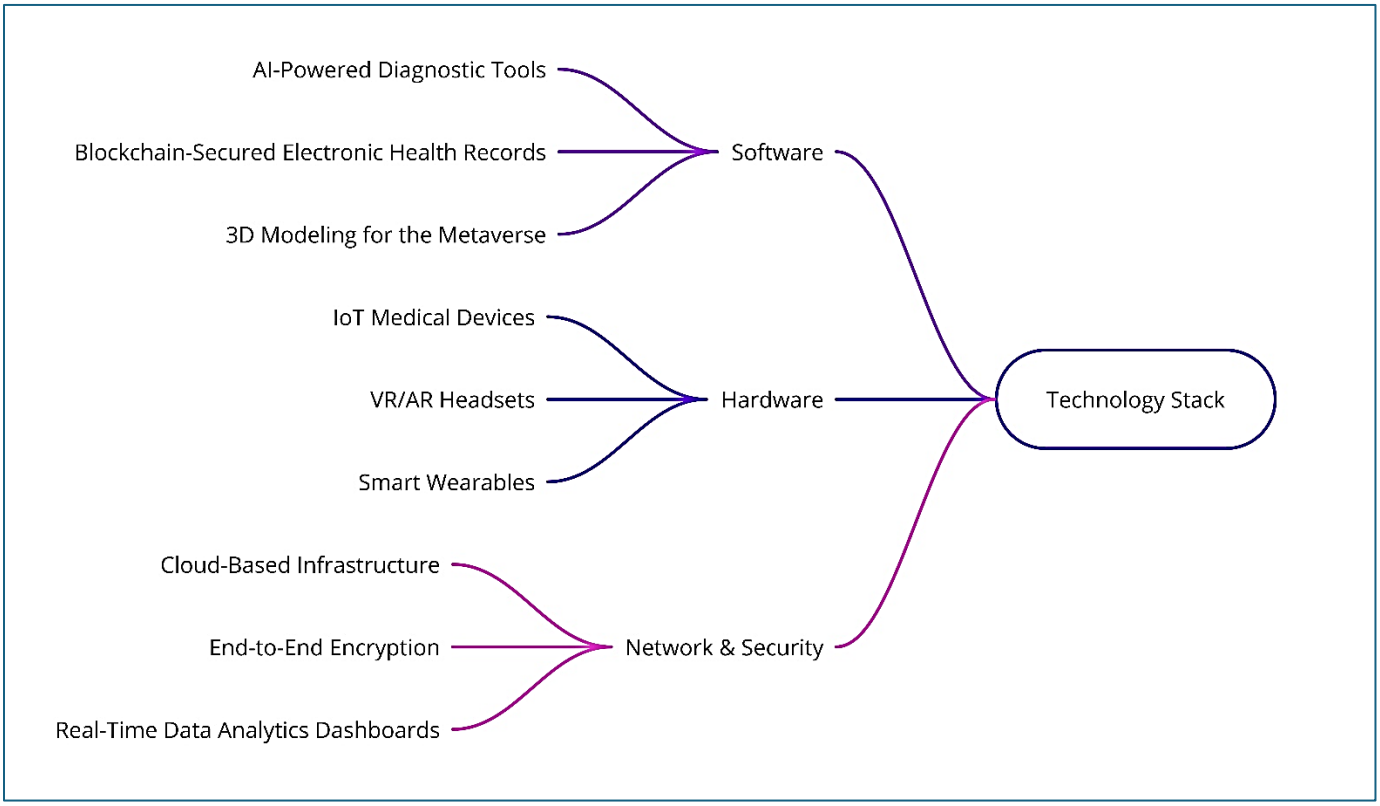

Figure 5 To ensure seamless operation across various platforms and applications, a robust and adequate technology stack is essential

4. Funding Sources & Contributions

• SPINDLE and HMFC CARE HUB WALLIS

This section provides a comprehensive overview of the key activities necessary for the successful deployment of the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic. This clinic represents a groundbreaking approach to elderly care, **combining traditional physical locations with innovative virtual hubs in the metaverse**. The goal is to create a seamless network of care that can be accessed in various settings, including the primary frailty clinic, through remote hubs, or directly at the patient's home. This ensures continuous oversight and care under the guidance of the main frailty clinic. The complete service, known as **HMFC CARE HUB WALLIS**, is designed to revolutionize how care is provided to frail elderly individuals. It includes the "My Frailty Recovery" program, which focuses specifically on supporting patients affected by frailty. This program aims to offer a personalized approach to recovery and care, tailored to meet the unique needs of each patient. By implementing these services, the **HMFC CARE HUB WALLIS** seeks to expand its reach to a broader demographic, targeting an increasing number of citizens who could benefit from this innovative approach. The main idea is to develop activities and services that are specifically tailored to the needs of selected areas in Wallis. This targeted approach is intended to showcase the efficacy and effectiveness of the services provided, ensuring that frail elderly individuals receive the best possible care. Moreover, the deployment of **the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic** involves a strategic plan to integrate these services smoothly into existing care frameworks, ensuring that all patients receive continuous and comprehensive support. The initiative aims to set a new standard in elderly care by demonstrating the benefits of combining physical and virtual care environments, ultimately improving the quality of life for frail elderly people.

The primary objective is to implement a consistent deployment model for a "**HMF CARE HUB** service" across Switzerland, with an initial focus on specific regions in Wallis, all within the framework of SPINDLE **Vision**. This endeavor is centered around the "**HMF CARE HUB**" concept, which aims to establish an extensive network of frailty centers and collaborative partners, collectively known as **HMF CARE HUB SWITZERLAND**. This initiative is designed to embody a visionary 'Care' outlook, coupled with a compelling business perspective that ensures sustainability and growth. The mission of **HMF CARE HUB SWITZERLAND** is to deliver an extensive array of frailty care guidance, support services, and treatment options. These services encompass various crucial areas, including Cognition, Mobility, Depression, Nutrition, Hearing, and Vision. By focusing on these key aspects, the initiative seeks to address the diverse needs of individuals experiencing frailty, ensuring comprehensive care and support. A crucial component of success lies in implementing a strategy that benefits all participants and partners involved. This **"WIN-to-WIN" approach** ensures that each entity gains value from their collaboration, fostering a cooperative environment that enhances the overall quality of care. To achieve this, the specific contributions each participant can bring to improve care quality will be thoroughly described and evaluated. This evaluation process aims to identify **how each partner can enhance the service's offerings**, thereby maximizing user satisfaction. By ensuring that all stakeholders are actively engaged and contributing to the care network, users can have full confidence in the service provided. The goal is to meet the needs of frailty care users effectively and efficiently, offering them reassurance in the service's capability to support their well-being. Through this integrated and holistic approach, the **HMF CARE HUB**

SWITZERLAND aims to set a new standard in frailty care, delivering exceptional value and outcomes for all involved. SPINDLE, through **HMF CARE HUB SWITZERLAND**, is set to deploy its service with a distinctly Swiss dimension, focusing on delivering a tailored healthcare experience. This initiative will draw guidance from the results first obtained by **HMFC-Care HUB WALLIS,** located in canton Wallis, using these insights as a foundation for broader expansion. The clinic's strategic plan involves gradually extending its services across the entire Swiss region, with the potential to reach even broader markets in the future. The ultimate objective of **HMFC-Care HUB WALLIS** is to effectively expand its service footprint throughout Switzerland, **beginning with the cantons already integrated into SPINDLE**. This approach ensures a seamless transition and consistent quality of care as the network grows. By leveraging the existing infrastructure and relationships within these cantons, the Hub aims to establish a robust healthcare framework that meets the diverse needs of its population. Moreover, this expansion strategy emphasizes adaptability and responsiveness to local healthcare demands, ensuring that each new deployment is informed by the specific requirements and characteristics of the region. The initiative seeks to create a comprehensive and cohesive care framework that not only enhances the quality of healthcare delivery but also fosters innovation and collaboration across the network. Through this carefully phased expansion, **HMFC-Care HUB WALLIS** aspires to set a benchmark for healthcare services in Switzerland, offering a model that could potentially be adapted to other regions, thus contributing to the overall advancement of healthcare standards. The driving forces are illustrated in Figure 6. The founding members and idea initiators of **HMF HOLDING** comprise a diverse and dedicated core group, including academics, industry professionals, and various user groups such as patients, family members, and clinic personnel. This collaborative team is deeply committed to advancing science and technology within the Frailty Care business. By leveraging their combined expertise and experience, they work tirelessly to develop innovative solutions and improve the quality of care for individuals dealing with frailty. Their continuous efforts ensure that **HMF HOLDING** remains at the forefront of progress in this vital field, fostering **an environment where groundbreaking research and practical applications go hand in hand.** There will be a potential opportunity for integrating new partners into the company. The aim is to provide these partners with equal opportunities to participate by acquiring a specific percentage of the company's shares. This process would be facilitated through a collaborative effort between public and private entities, ensuring a balanced and inclusive approach. By doing so, the company seeks to expand its network and leverage diverse expertise and resources. This strategy not only enhances the company's growth potential but also fosters a sense of shared ownership and responsibility among a broader range of stakeholders. The involvement of both public and private bodies indicates a comprehensive approach, aiming to combine strengths from different sectors to drive innovation and success. It is anticipated that **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS** will have two distinct categories of members: **A" Type Shareholders**: This group consists of the founder members who are granted full voting rights. These rights enable them to actively participate in and influence key decision-making processes within the organization. Their involvement is crucial for steering the direction and strategic initiatives of **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS**, allowing them to shape the future and ensure alignment with the company's core values and objectives. **"B" Type Shareholders**: This category includes investment companies that, while lacking voting rights, are integral to the financial framework of **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS**.

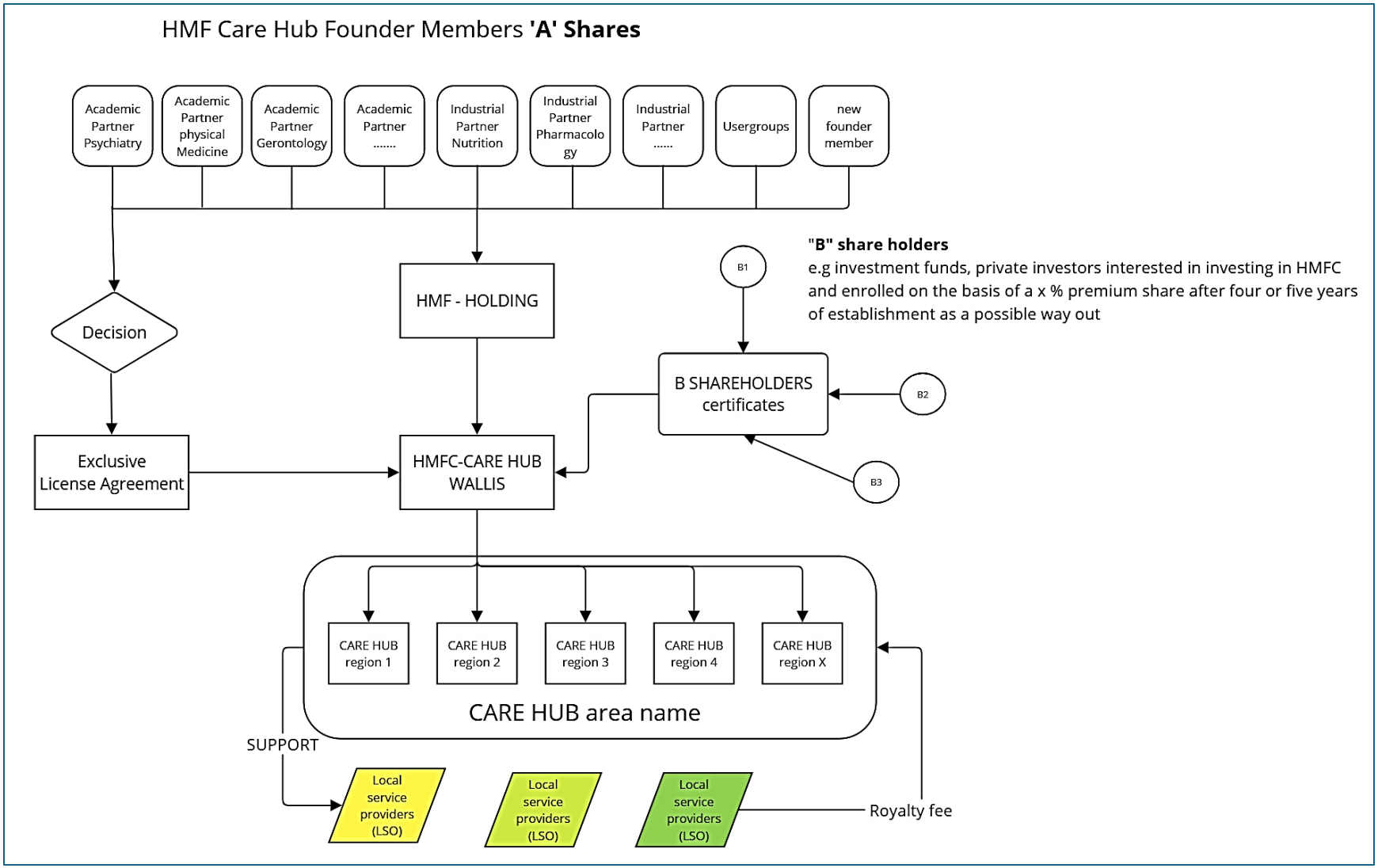

Figure 6 A comprehensive overview of the key activities necessary for the successful deployment of the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic.

These shareholders are offered a unique business opportunity. In exchange for their investment, they are promised a payback premium, which guarantees a return of 100% of their initial capital after a period of five years. This arrangement provides them with a significant financial incentive, making it an attractive investment while contributing to the company's capital growth. This structure balances the need for capital infusion with the founders' desire to maintain control over company decisions. **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS** aims to establish specialized sales branches in each region, which will be named CARE HUB [Region]. These branches intend to expand the company's reach and enhance service delivery across various locations in Wallis. **To ensure the protection of existing patents and the valuable background knowledge owned by the founding members, comprehensive Exclusive License Agreements will be established.** These agreements are meticulously designed to safeguard these intellectual properties, providing a robust layer of security even in the event that **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS** faces bankruptcy. By implementing this strategy, the founders' innovations are preserved, securing their rights and maintaining the potential for future development and commercialization. This approach not only protects the founders' contributions but also fosters **an environment where their ideas can continue to evolve and generate value over time.** Additionally, these agreements reinforce the company's commitment to upholding the integrity and continuity of its intellectual assets, ensuring that they remain viable and protected against any unforeseen financial challenges. The HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS headquarters will initially be established in [TO DEFINE]. This strategic location will serve as the focal point for future developments and operations. During the first two years, the organization will not directly employ personnel. Instead, the focus will be on harnessing technology and innovation to lay a strong foundation. **Management efforts will center around designing and simulating a dedicated interoperable web platform, which is crucial for streamlined operations and long-term success**. Initial activities will involve setting up the business infrastructure and will include adapting the early drafts of UML sequence diagrams (Figure 7) and process flows (Figure 8) here presented. These diagrams play a crucial role by illustrating the interactions within the frailty guidance system over time. They meticulously capture the sequence of messages exchanged between various objects and the order in which these interactions occur, represented through vertical lifelines and horizontal arrows. To support associates and ensure smooth operations, detailed service documentation will be prepared. This will include creating comprehensive user manuals that guide users through every aspect of the system, license agreements that clearly outline terms and conditions, and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) that define the expected quality and availability of services. Furthermore, organizing courses will be a priority to educate associates on what they can expect from the system. These courses will cover essential topics such as concept upgrades and new developments, empowering associates to enhance the service to the required competitive level. **The goal is to ensure that all team members are well-prepared and knowledgeable about the system's capabilities and future enhancements. Once a decision is made to proceed with this proposal, it is vital that preparatory activities begin without delay**. Among these activities, corporate networking is of paramount importance. Building and nurturing professional relationships within the business community is essential for exchanging innovative ideas and identifying new opportunities. This "networking" will involve connecting with all potential HMFC-CARE HUB founders, fostering collaboration and partnership. Networking efforts will take place in both formal and informal settings.

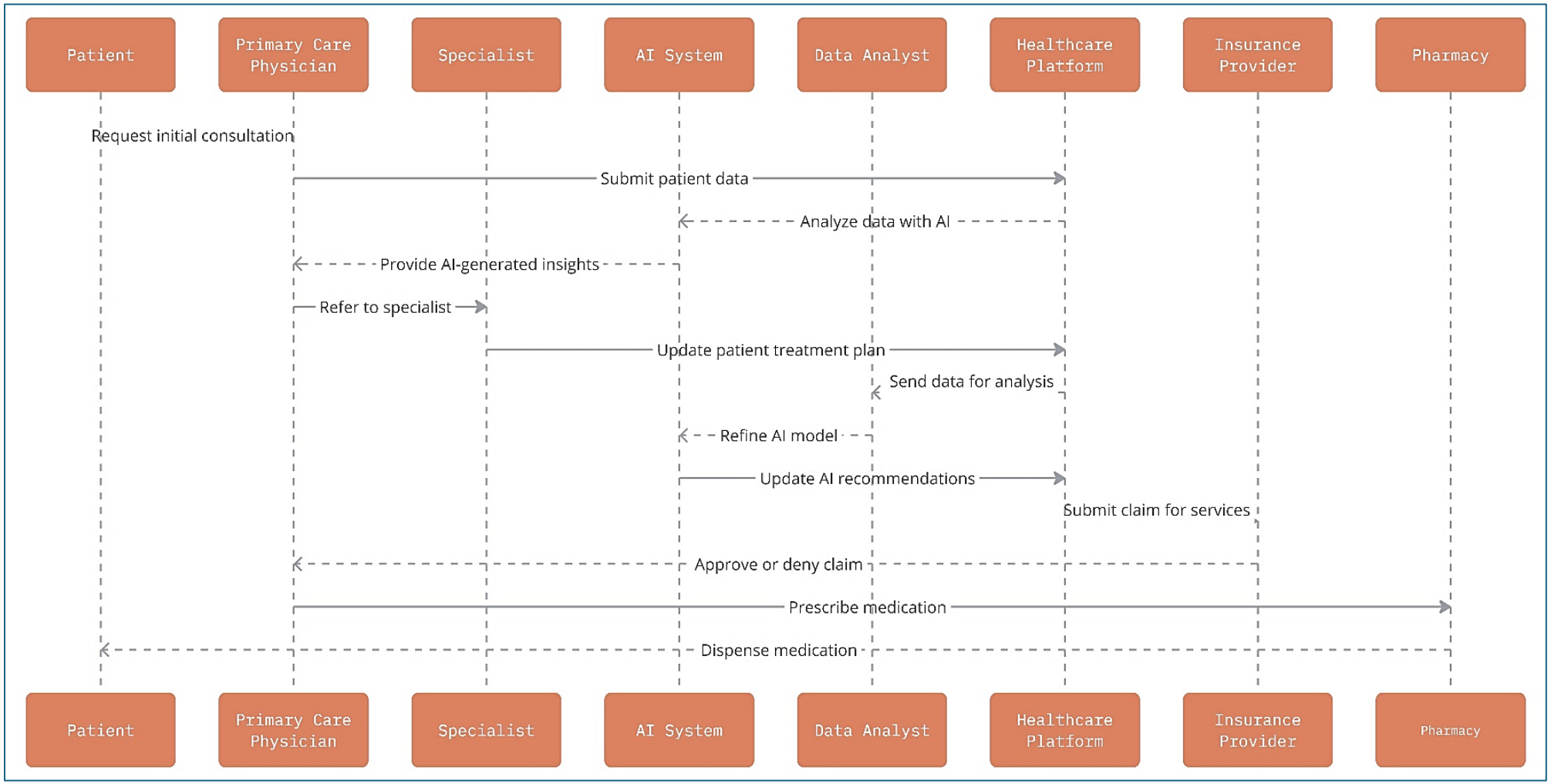

Figure 7 The design of a WEB interoperable platform for an AI facilitated frailty Clinic

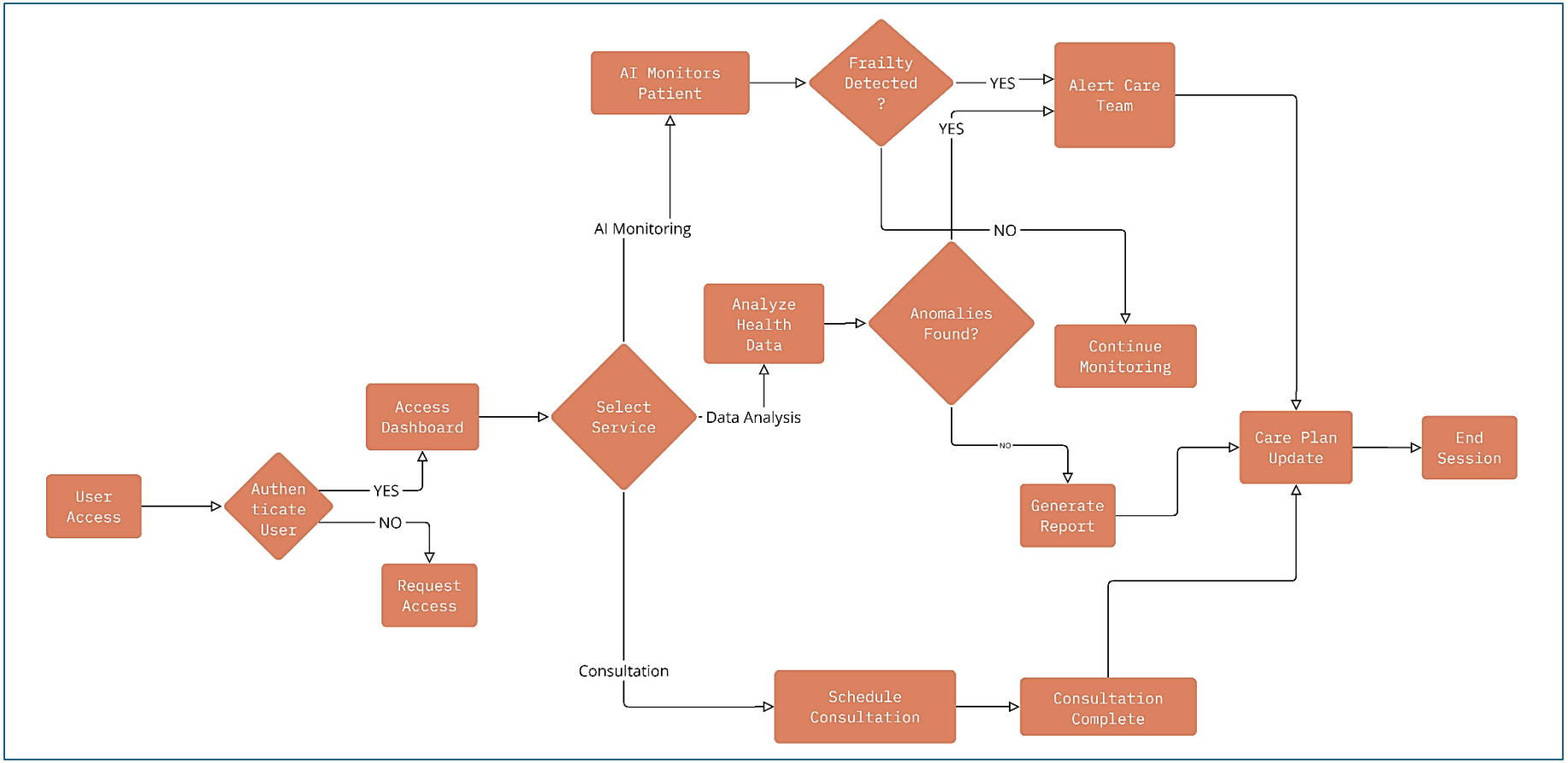

Figure 8 The operational metaverse where digital and physical worlds converge, enhancing frailty care efficiency, engagement and innovation.

Formal settings include conferences and seminars where structured discussions and presentations occur. Informal gatherings, as well as online platforms, provide additional opportunities for more casual interactions and exchanges, broadening the scope of networking possibilities. Through these efforts, the **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS** seeks to create a robust support network that will contribute to its growth and success in the health industry.

- ## Description of founding partnerships



The concept of a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic embodies a pioneering shift in how we approach healthcare for vulnerable populations, particularly the elderly. As our society grapples with an aging demographic, frailty has emerged as a significant public health concern, characterized by a decline in physiological reserves and increased vulnerability to stressors. **Addressing this multifaceted issue necessitates a comprehensive, integrative strategy that leverages academic, industrial, and public-private partnerships, alongside strong community engagement.** These elements serve as the founding sources for a clinic that prioritizes critical domains such as **cognition, mobility, depression, nutrition, hearing, and vision**, ensuring they receive the high-level scientific and technical attention necessary for effective intervention. **Academic institutions** are at the forefront of research and innovation, providing a wealth of knowledge and expertise that can greatly enhance the capabilities of the hybrid clinic. Researchers can study intricate relationships among various frailty factors, employing advanced methodologies to gather and analyze data that inform best practices. For instance, understanding the impact of nutrition on cognitive health or the interplay between mobility and emotional well-being can lead to holistic intervention strategies. Moreover, **employing advanced technologies** such as pupillometric assessment, which measures changes in pupil size in response to cognitive load, can provide insights into cognitive function. Additionally, facial temperature monitoring can serve as a non-invasive tool to assess emotional states, helping caregivers detect signs of distress and dementia early on. **The integration of cutting-edge technologies** is another crucial component of the hybrid frailty clinic. **Industrial partners** can bring innovative solutions to the table, ensuring that the clinic operates at the forefront of technological advancements. For instance, IoT-based stress detection systems can continuously monitor physiological markers such as heart rate variability and skin temperature, providing real-time feedback on an individual's stress levels. This data can be used to create personalized care plans that address both physical and emotional needs. Furthermore, the utilization of emerging materials like MXenes, which exhibit remarkable electrical and sensing properties, opens new possibilities for developing non-invasive diagnostic tools. These materials can be engineered into wearable sensors that track various health indicators, empowering patients to take an active role in managing their frailty. The development of e-furniture—smart furniture equipped with sensors—represents another innovative approach within the hybrid clinic framework. These intelligent systems can monitor the movements and activities of

individuals, ensuring that their living environments promote safety and mobility. For example, a smart chair that detects when a person is attempting to stand can provide supportive feedback or alert caregivers if assistance is needed. This integration of technology not only enhances the quality of life for patients but also alleviates the burden on caregivers, **creating a more sustainable care model. Public-private partnerships** are essential in bridging the gap between research and practical application. By aligning the interests of academia, industry, and government entities, these partnerships can facilitate the necessary funding, resources, and knowledge exchange critical for the successful development of the hybrid frailty clinic. Regulatory challenges often arise in the integration of new technologies into healthcare settings; however, a collaborative approach can streamline these processes, ensuring that innovative interventions are compliant with health regulations while maintaining a strong focus on patient safety and well-being. **Community engagement** is the heart of the hybrid metaverse frailty clinic, ensuring that the services offered are relevant, culturally sensitive, and accessible. Involving community members in the planning and implementation stages fosters a sense of ownership and trust, encouraging greater participation in health initiatives. Community input can provide invaluable insights that shape technology interfaces, such as speech analysis tools designed for effective communication with individuals experiencing cognitive decline. By actively soliciting feedback from users, the clinic can continually refine its offerings, ensuring that they meet the evolving needs of the population it serves. Moreover, community engagement can extend beyond the clinic's walls, fostering a supportive environment that encourages healthy behaviors and social interactions**. A mutual assistance community (MAC)** can be envisioned as a comprehensive digital ecosystem that caters specifically to frail elderly individuals living at home. This innovative model stands out due to its unique approach that removes the rigid and often artificial distinctions typically found in traditional caregiving frameworks. Unlike conventional methods that categorize individuals strictly as caregivers or care recipients, a MAC fosters a more fluid and dynamic interaction among participants. At the core of the MAC is a **service-oriented infrastructure** designed to intelligently match the supply and demand for various services. This sophisticated system allows for a **seamless connection between those who need assistance and those who can provide it**, facilitating an exchange that is both efficient and responsive to individual needs. This not only enhances the quality of care but also empowers all participants by acknowledging their diverse skills and contributions. One of the most significant advantages of the MAC model is its **role-based system**. In this system, every participant can assume different roles based on their current activities and capabilities. For example, an elderly individual who may need assistance with daily tasks one day might be able to contribute their knowledge or skills to another area the next day. This flexibility is crucial as it prevents elderly individuals from being confined to a passive role, allowing them to engage actively and meaningfully within the community. **Moreover, this approach actively avoids any form of discrimination.** By encouraging all participants to take on roles that align with their abilities, **the MAC fosters a sense of dignity and respect**. It recognizes that every individual, regardless of their age or physical condition, has valuable contributions to make. This inclusivity not only benefits the elderly but also enriches the community as a whole by harnessing new social resources and creating a supportive network where everyone plays a vital part.



Programs that promote physical activity, nutrition education, and mental wellness can be developed in collaboration with local organizations, creating a comprehensive support network for individuals experiencing frailty. By cultivating strong ties with the community, the **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS** can become a central hub for health promotion, prevention, and care, enhancing the overall quality of life for its patients. In conclusion, the establishment of a Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic is a transformative endeavor that necessitates the convergence of academic, industrial, and public-private partnerships, alongside robust community engagement. This collaborative framework not only addresses the multifaceted aspects of frailty—cognition, mobility, depression, nutrition, hearing, and vision—but also ensures that novel technological approaches are effectively utilized. By harnessing the power of innovative sensor technologies and fostering a supportive community environment, we **can pave the way for a holistic healthcare model that significantly improves the quality of life for individuals facing the challenges of frailty. Ultimately, the hybrid clinic represents a vision for the future of healthcare—one that is inclusive, responsive, and deeply attuned to the needs of its patients.**

5. Concise draft implementation plan

• Introduction

As the global population ages, the healthcare landscape faces unprecedented challenges, particularly in providing adequate care for frail older adults. The complexities of aging, alongside the chronic conditions that often accompany it, necessitate specialized healthcare services that cater to the unique needs of this demographic. The **Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic** represents a pivotal initiative aimed at providing targeted interventions and support for frail older adults, ultimately enhancing their quality of life and health outcomes. This document outlines a comprehensive and multi-phased approach to establishing such a clinic, detailing critical implementation steps, expected outcomes, and a call to action for diverse stakeholders. (Figure 9)

• Phase 1: Feasibility Study & Stakeholder Engagement (0-6 months)

The journey toward establishing a Frailty Clinic begins with a **thorough feasibility study** and needs assessment, which are essential for identifying the specific health challenges and gaps in existing services for frail older adults. This process will include quantitative and qualitative research methods, such as surveys and focus groups with healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers. By capturing a broad range of insights, we will develop a **nuanced understanding of the barriers frail older adults face in accessing healthcare and the resources they most urgently need.** Stakeholder engagement is a fundamental aspect of this phase. Establishing partnerships with universities, industry leaders, and community organizations will foster an environment of collaboration and innovation. Academic institutions can contribute research expertise and support for clinical studies, while industry partners may offer technological solutions and resources. Community groups can provide valuable insights into local needs and preferences, ensuring that the clinic's services are tailored to the population it serves. **We envision regular stakeholder meetings, workshops, and forums that will not only facilitate knowledge sharing but also strengthen relationships among partners.** Securing initial seed funding is crucial for the clinic's successful

launch. During this phase, we will actively pursue grants from government agencies, philanthropic foundations, and corporate sponsorships. A well-defined budget will be developed, outlining the projected costs for the feasibility study, stakeholder engagement activities, and preliminary operational expenses. By presenting a compelling case for funding—highlighting the potential impact on health outcomes and community well-being, we aim to attract the necessary financial support to move forward.

- ## Phase 2: Pilot Program (6-18 months)

Once we have completed the feasibility study and **secured initial funding**, we will transition into the pilot program phase. This phase is characterized by the establishment of a small-scale **Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic** in collaboration with SPINDLE **hospitals and VIVA HEALTH.** The pilot Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic will serve as a testing ground for innovative care models that integrate comprehensive assessments, personalized care plans, and interdisciplinary team approaches. By focusing on evidence-based practices, we will ensure that our interventions are grounded in the latest research findings. In addition to clinical services, we will initiate research studies aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of the clinic's interventions. These studies will explore various aspects of frailty care, including the impact of technology-driven solutions such as telehealth, remote monitoring, and mobile health applications. The engaging of early users will be essential in this phase, as their experiences will provide critical data for refining our services and demonstrating the clinic's value. We will implement feedback mechanisms, such as surveys and interviews, to capture patient and caregiver perspectives, which will inform ongoing program improvements. The pilot program will also prioritize the integration of community resources and support services. By collaborating with local organizations that provide social services, transportation, and caregiver support, we can create a holistic care model that addresses the multifaceted needs of frail older adults. This approach not only enhances patient outcomes but also fosters a sense of community and belonging among participants, further contributing to their overall well-being.

- ## Phase 3: Full-Scale Implementation (18+ months)

As we transition into the full-scale implementation phase, our focus will shift to expanding the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic’s services based on insights gained from the pilot program. Utilizing data collected from the pilot, we will refine our service offerings, ensuring they meet the evolving needs of our patient population. This expansion will involve hiring additional staff, enhancing training programs for healthcare providers, and incorporating advanced technologies that improve patient care and engagement. Integrating the clinic into national healthcare networks will be a key priority during this phase. **By aligning our services with existing healthcare frameworks, we can enhance access to care and streamline referral processes for frail older adults**. Establishing partnerships with national organizations, advocacy groups, and healthcare systems will facilitate this integration and promote the clinic's visibility within the broader healthcare landscape. A sustainable financial model established, which will be essential for the long-term success of the Frailty Clinic (**HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS)**. We will explore diverse revenue streams as formerly described in this proposal. Additionally, we will at every moment reconsider innovative funding mechanisms, such as social impact bonds, which can attract private investment in healthcare solutions. By developing a comprehensive financial strategy, we aim to establish the **HMFC-CARE HUB WALLIS,** a clinic that not only serves its community effectively but also stands as a replicable model for other regions.

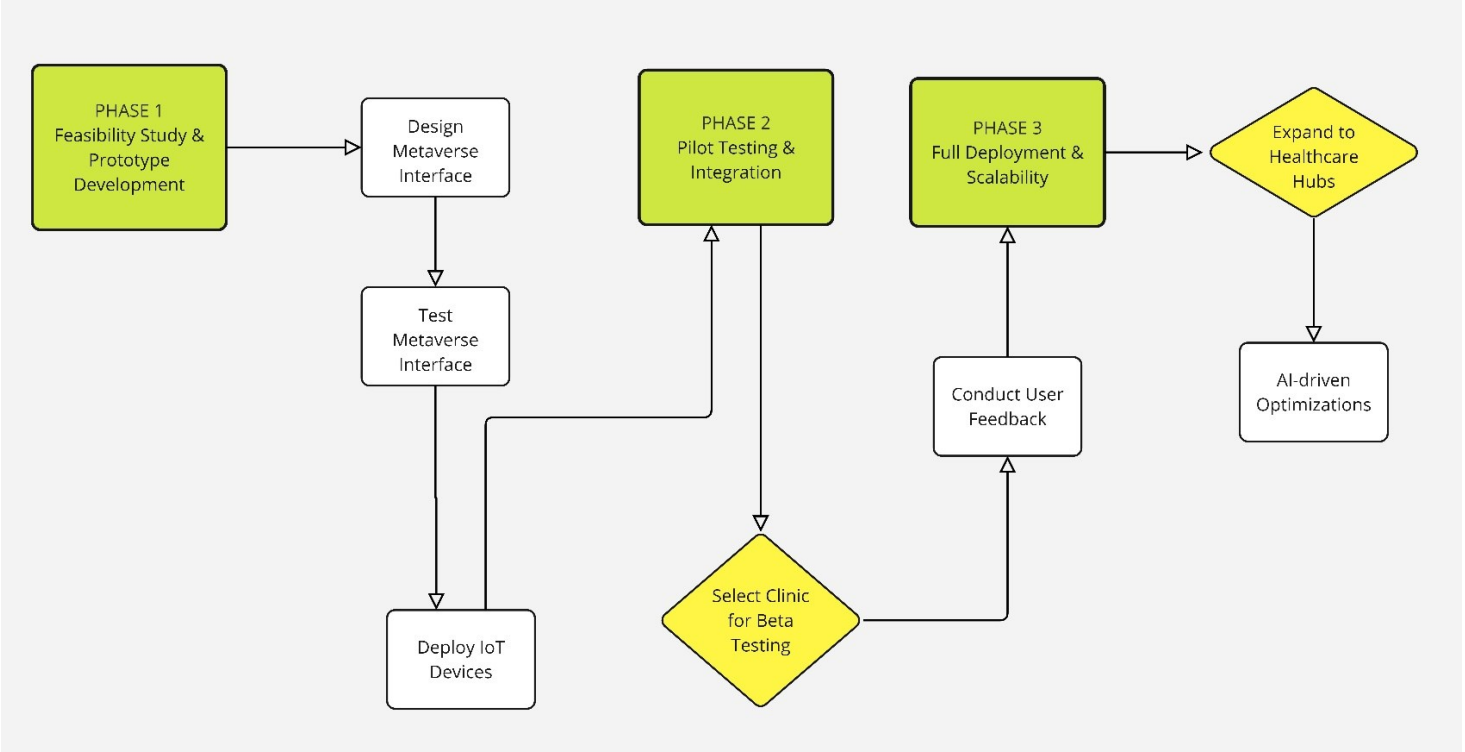

Figure 9 Concise draft of the implementation plan

- ## Expected Outcomes

The establishment of the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic is expected to yield significant, positive outcomes for frail older adults and the healthcare system as a whole. Firstly, we anticipate improved health outcomes for this vulnerable population. Through specialized assessments and personalized care plans, we aim to reduce hospitalizations, enhance mobility, and improve overall well-being among frail older adults. Secondly, the **HMFC** will provide increased research opportunities in geriatrics and frailty care. **By generating valuable data and insights, we can contribute to the growing body of knowledge in this field and inform best practices for managing frailty.** Finally, our goal is **to create a scalable model that can be replicated in other regions and communities**, addressing the widespread need for specialized elder care. By sharing our findings and experiences through publications, conferences, and partnerships with other healthcare organizations, we can inspire similar initiatives across the country.

- ## Conclusion

In conclusion, creating the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic is a crucial step toward improving elder care and addressing the complex needs of frail older adults. By engaging multiple stakeholders and employing a phased, collaborative approach, we can ensure financial sustainability and long-term effectiveness of this initiative. The importance of addressing the unique health challenges faced by frail older adults cannot be overstated; their well-being reflects our society's commitment to caring for its most vulnerable members. We invite interested stakeholders—academics, industry partners,

healthcare providers, and community organizations—to join us in this endeavor. Together, we can work to innovate and enhance the accessibility of elder care services, transforming this vision into a reality and creating a brighter future for our aging population.

6. Risk management

• Introduction

As the healthcare sector continuously transforms, the emergence of hybrid metaverse frailty clinics offers a revolutionary approach to delivering care to vulnerable populations, particularly the elderly. These clinics combine virtual and physical healthcare environments, enabling patients to access services remotely while still providing the option for in-person consultations when necessary. This innovative model caters to the evolving needs of patients who may have mobility challenges or prefer the convenience of remote care. However, establishing a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic also presents unique risks and challenges that must be effectively managed. This section will thoroughly analyze the risks associated with a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic using the framework of Porter's Five Forces. Each section will explore how these competitive forces influence the clinic's value proposition and outline comprehensive risk management strategies to ensure sustainable growth and improved patient outcomes.

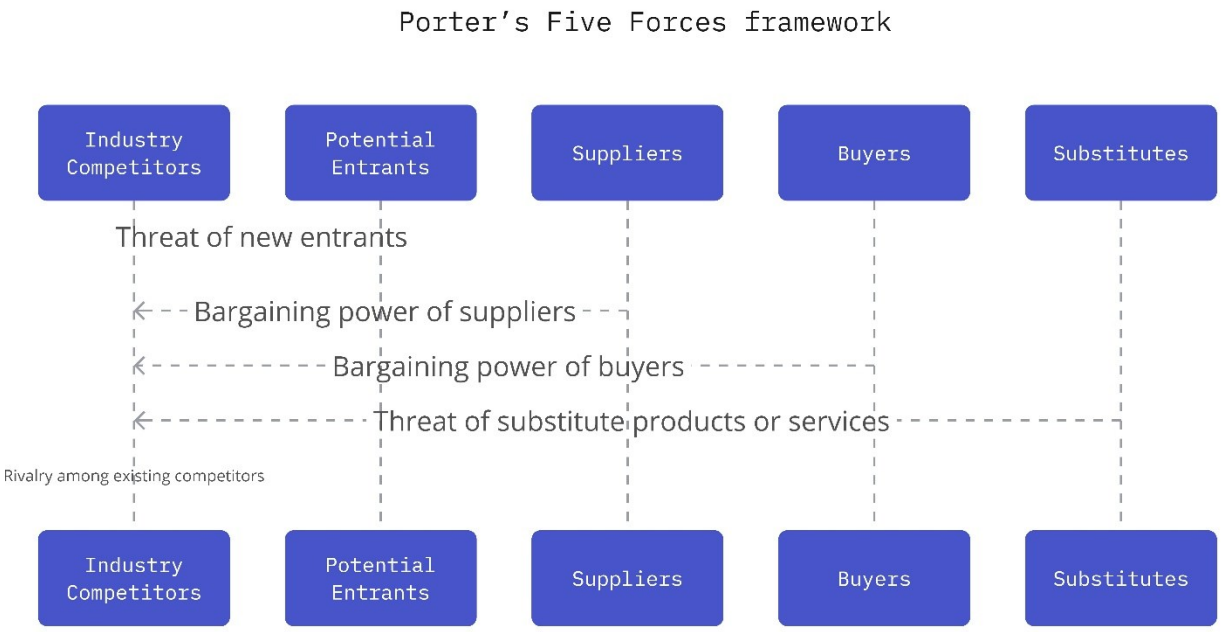

Figure 10 The hybrid metaverse frailty clinic also presents unique risks and challenges that must be effectively managed

1. Threat of New Entrants

The healthcare industry is characterized by significant barriers to entry, which can deter new competitors from entering the market. For a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic, these barriers may include **stringent regulatory requirements, the necessity for substantial capital investment in advanced technology, and the establishment of trusted relationships with healthcare professionals and patients**. Regulatory frameworks governing telehealth practices are complex and can vary widely by region, requiring clinics to navigate a labyrinth of licensing, accreditation, and compliance mandates. If existing providers can successfully maintain these barriers, they can secure a stable market position, allowing for consistent patient care and revenue streams. However, **the rise of telehealth startups and tech-savvy entrepreneurs presents a potential threat**. These new entrants may find innovative ways to navigate regulatory hurdles, offering services that appeal to patients seeking convenience and lower costs. In response, the **Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic** must proactively enhance its service offerings. This could involve continuous investment in technology to keep pace with evolving industry standards, fostering partnerships with established tech companies to leverage their expertise, and engaging in advocacy to shape favorable regulations that support hybrid care models. Moreover, the clinic should focus on building a strong brand presence that highlights its unique value propositions, such as personalized care, comprehensive health assessments, and commitment to patient engagement. By establishing a reputation as a trusted provider in the hybrid metaverse space, the clinic can mitigate the threat posed by new market entrants.

2. Bargaining Power of Suppliers

In a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic, suppliers encompass a diverse range of entities, including technology providers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, medical device suppliers, and healthcare professionals. **The bargaining power of these suppliers can significantly influence the clinic's operational costs and service delivery**. For instance, if a limited number of suppliers dominate the market for critical medical devices or software solutions, they may demand higher prices or impose unfavorable terms on healthcare providers. High supplier bargaining power can translate into increased costs for the clinic, which may ultimately be passed on to patients, potentially affecting patient satisfaction and retention. To mitigate this risk, **the clinic will explore strategic partnerships and bulk purchasing agreements with suppliers to secure better pricing and terms**. By negotiating long-term contracts with key suppliers, the clinic will stabilize costs and improve budget predictability. Additionally, building strong relationships with suppliers can foster collaboration and innovation. For example, by partnering with technology providers, the clinic may gain access to cutting-edge solutions that enhance patient care and streamline operations. Furthermore, the clinic could consider vertical integration by acquiring critical suppliers, thereby reducing dependency on external sources and gaining greater control over the supply chain.

3. Bargaining Power of Buyers

The shift towards a patient-centric model in healthcare has empowered patients with more choices and information than ever before. They can easily compare services, read reviews, and switch providers with relative ease. This newfound power gives patients significant bargaining leverage, making it essential for the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic to prioritize the patient experience to remain competitive. To address this challenge, **the clinic will implement comprehensive patient feedback mechanisms to gather insights into patient preferences and satisfaction levels**. By

actively soliciting feedback and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement, the clinic will cultivate loyalty and trust among its patients. Moreover, enhancing communication strategies—such as utilizing telehealth platforms that allow for real-time consultations and follow-ups—will significantly improve patient engagement. In addition to improving the overall patient experience, the clinic will consider **incorporating value-added services that cater to the evolving preferences of patients**. These services will include wellness programs, preventive care initiatives, and educational resources that empower patients to take control of their health. By positioning itself as a comprehensive health partner rather than a mere service provider, the clinic will enhance perceived value and build long-term relationships with patients.

4. Threat of Substitute Products or Services

The healthcare landscape is increasingly crowded with alternative options, including wellness apps, home remedies, and telehealth solutions that compete for patients' attention. As patients become more health-conscious and seek convenient, cost-effective alternatives, the threat of substitutes poses a significant risk to the Hybrid Metaverse Frailty Clinic. Patients, especially those with frailty, may gravitate towards solutions that they perceive as more accessible and affordable. To counteract this threat, **the clinic will evaluate its service offerings and consider integrating alternative solutions that resonate with patient preferences**. For example, offering telehealth consultations can greatly enhance accessibility, particularly for patients in remote or underserved areas. By providing flexible options for care delivery, the clinic will cater to patients' diverse needs and preferences. Furthermore, adopting a holistic treatment approach that emphasizes preventive care, and wellness will position the clinic as a comprehensive health partner. This may include initiatives such as lifestyle coaching, nutritional counseling, and mental health support. By addressing the multifaceted needs of patients and promoting overall well-being, the clinic can differentiate itself from competitors and enhance patient satisfaction.

5. Industry Rivalry

The healthcare sector is marked by intense competition, particularly in urban areas where multiple providers vie for the same patient population. This rivalry can lead to aggressive marketing tactics, price wars, and innovation efforts, all of which can impact the viability of a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic. In such a competitive landscape, differentiation is key to attracting and retaining patients. To navigate industry rivalry effectively, **the clinic will invest in advanced medical technologies and innovative care delivery models that enhance patient experiences. This will include incorporating artificial intelligence for personalized care plans, virtual reality for rehabilitation, or remote monitoring systems that allow for real-time health assessments.** By embracing innovation, the clinic will position itself as a leader in the hybrid healthcare space. Additionally, fostering a positive workplace culture that emphasizes employee satisfaction will indirectly impact patient care. When healthcare professionals feel valued and supported, they are more likely to provide exceptional care, leading to improved patient outcomes and satisfaction. Engaging with the community through outreach programs, health education workshops, and partnerships with local organizations will also help build a strong brand reputation and enhance the clinic's competitive edge.

• Conclusion

Navigating the complexities of risk management in a hybrid metaverse frailty clinic requires a thorough understanding of the competitive forces at play. By applying Porter's Five Forces framework, the clinic can identify potential risks and develop proactive strategies to enhance its value proposition. **Emphasizing patient experience, fostering supplier relationships, and differentiating from competitors will be crucial in ensuring that the clinic not only meets but exceeds patient expectations**. In a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, a robust risk management approach will facilitate sustainable growth, improved patient outcomes, and resilience against industry challenges. By continuously adapting to changing market conditions and prioritizing patient-centric care, the hybrid metaverse frailty clinic can carve out a unique space in the healthcare ecosystem, ultimately contributing to the well-being of its patients and the community at large.

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