



## BATON OVERVIEW

Baton is a collaboration tool that enables care teams to communicate in real time, which improves patient safety, increases care provider productivity, and generates cost savings for hospitals and payer networks by making billing more accurate, reducing the costs associated with unnecessary medical care and increased lengths of stay, and avoiding fees associated with re-admissions and Medicare penalties that often results from breakdowns in the continuity of care.

Baton is hosted in the cloud on HIPAA compliant servers, enabling care providers to securely log in from any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection. The Baton software incorporates seamlessly into the existing workflow and can be integrated into the electronic medical record (“EMR”). In instances where an EMR is not available, Baton can be used as the de facto EMR to store, share, and archive patient information.

With funding from the Johns Hopkins University, the Maryland Innovation Initiative and several private sector sources that focus on improving Health IT, Baton was designed in the field and has been tested extensively by industry experts at each stage of development. As a result, Baton has evolved from a minimally viable product into a valuable tool for the care team. The primary focus while developing Baton has been to mimic the existing workflow, improving care team efficiency and patient safety without creating novel tasks for the care team.

Using Baton, care teams not only have a more efficient summary printout for rounding that enables real-time updates, secure text messaging and integration with the EMR, but they are also able to maintain the continuum of care and collaborate inter-professionally, consolidating input from physicians, nurses, specialists, and patients, each with different levels of permissions. Baton was designed with the help of Apple engineers and user interface experts, and as a result, it is easy to learn and intuitive to use (more than 90% of care providers surveyed during pilots at Johns Hopkins Hospital reported taking less than 15 minutes to attain proficiency).



There are two versions of Baton available for license: the Care Team Edition and the Enterprise Edition. The Care Team Edition of Baton is free to license and provides all of the features that are considered essential for care team usage. The mission of the Care Team edition is to increase patient safety, improve care provider efficiency and generate adoption. The Enterprise Edition of Baton is licensed to hospitals using long-term contracts with a monthly fee. The Enterprise Edition includes features that generate a return on investment and are considered important to hospital administrators, including patient record archiving, integration with the EMR, data and analytics, and compliance and usage tracking.