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A collaborative dashboard-building approach combining BI and socio-technical MCDA: a tool to assist decision-makers in health settings

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Context

Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM): Context and Challenges

RPM:

“a mode of health care delivery that gathers and integrates patient data outside of traditional health care settings, allowing providers to track, assess, and engage patients regardless of location”

Fail to meet the expectations

Remote care proliferated in the pandemic, but preference for hospital-based returned post-restrictions.

Struggle to scale up

Programs struggle to overcome pilot phases. Most initiatives engage few patients and are limited in scope.

Expensive to implement

High setup and operating costs hinder adoption for both public and private providers.

Lack standardisation

No standard approaches for implementation, monitoring, or evaluation; traditional HTA have drawbacks in RPM assessment



Context

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) for RPM

CHALLENGES



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complex and fragmented



Traditional HTA is **static**
and narrowly focused



Uncertainty and change
complicate assessment



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is often lacking

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complete and actionable



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Proposed Approach

A Stepped Approach Towards MMD Implementation

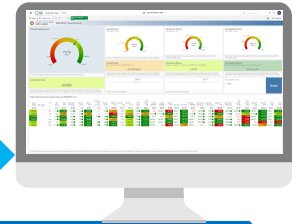
SBI-MD

Structuring, Building and Implementing a Multidimensional Dashboard with Stakeholders, Business Intelligence and Multicriteria Decision-aiding

Phase 1: Structure RPM value dimensions and indicators

Phase 2: Build the multidimensional management dashboard (MMD)

Phase 3: Implement the multidimensional management dashboard



Proposed Approach

Methodological Setting

MCDA

- Value modelling through MACBETH (Bana e Costa, De Corte and Vansnick, 2016)
- Model structuring:
Value interrelations analysis (Rodrigues et al., 2017; Vitacca and Vitacca, 2019)
Composite indices and criteria (Bana e Costa, 2012; Greco et al., 2019)
- Value function reconciliation (Kirkwood and Sarin, 1980; Corner, 1994)
- MCDA classification (Bana e Costa et al., 2012; Figueira et al., 2023)

Business intelligence

- Indicator selection (Miranda et al., 2024)
- DataViz format pre-set selection (Ignatenko et al., 2022)
- Dashboard user-adjusted weighting (Kasparian and Rolland, 2012)
- System usability assessment (Brooke, 1996)

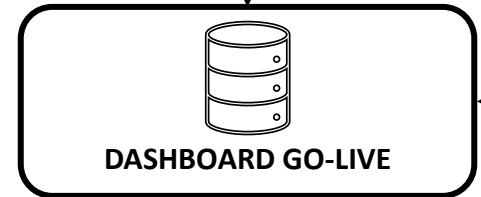
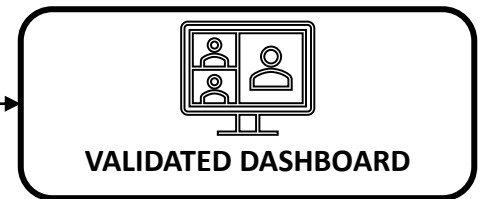
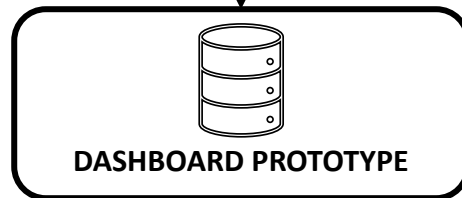
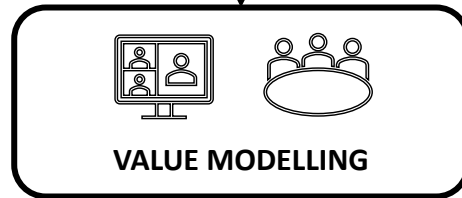
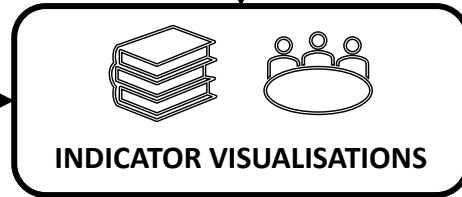
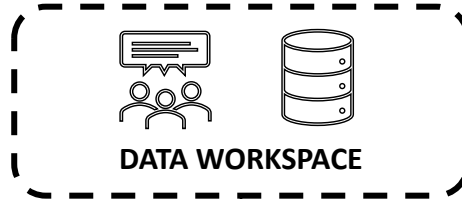
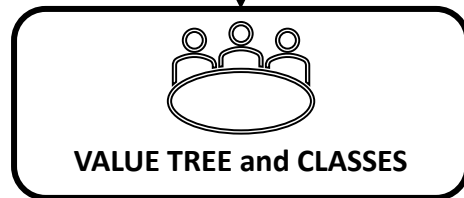
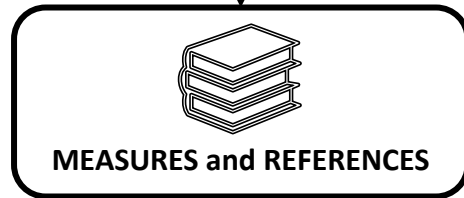
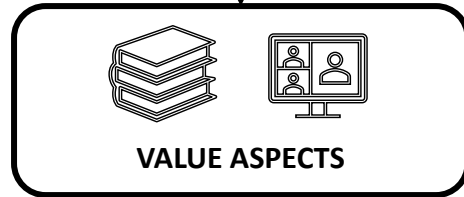
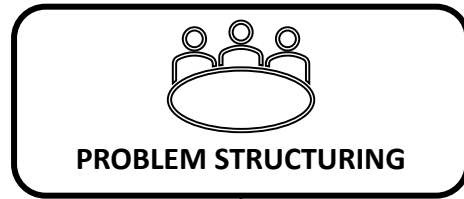
Stakeholder participation

- Collaborative Value Modelling (Vieira et al., 2020)
- MACBETH-voting (Mateus et al., 2017)
- Decision conference, Delphi, interviews, nominal group technique, questionnaires, workshops, ...

Phase 1: Structure RPM value aspects

Phase 2: Build MMD

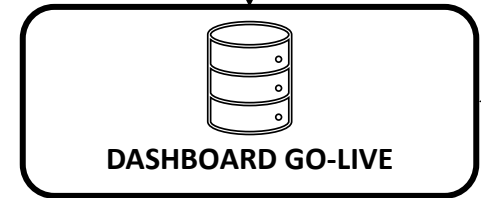
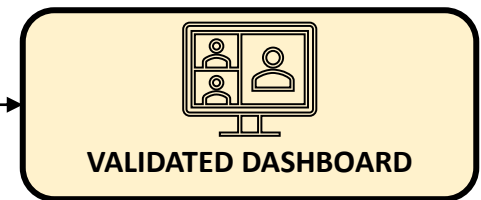
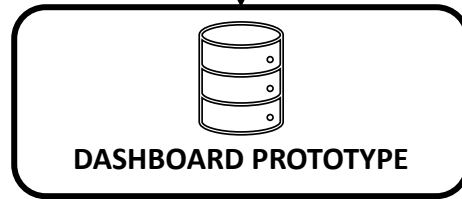
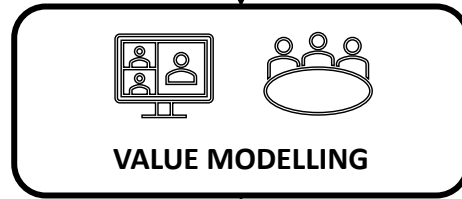
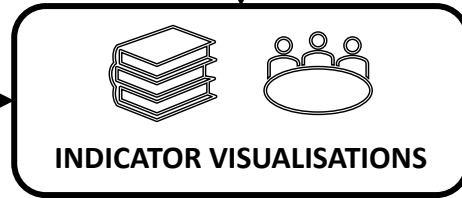
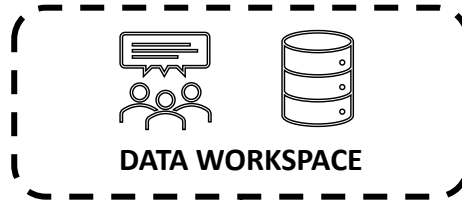
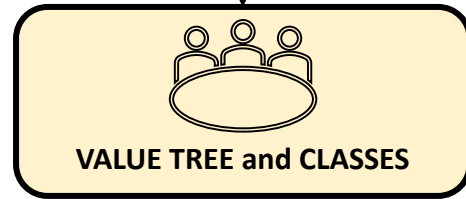
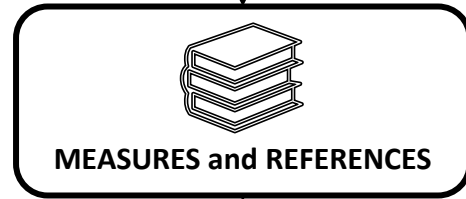
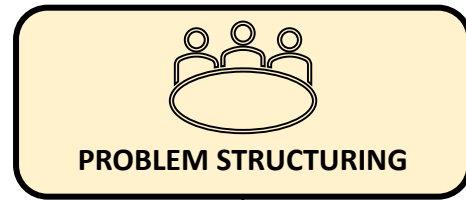
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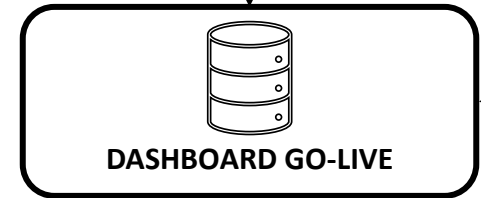
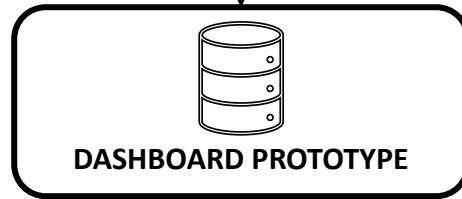
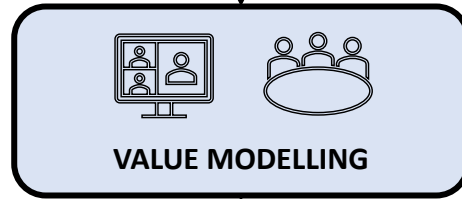
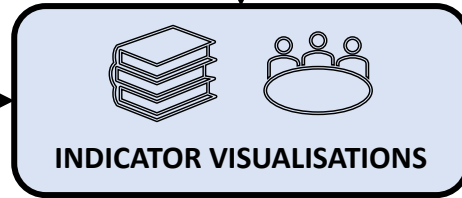
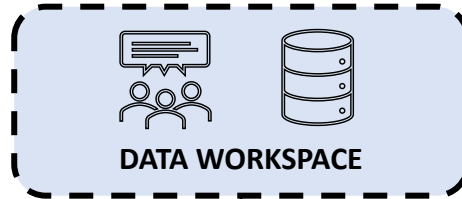
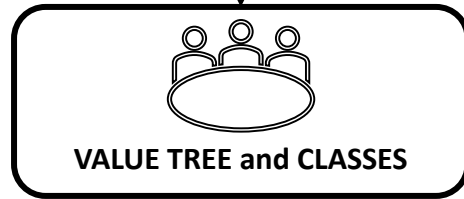
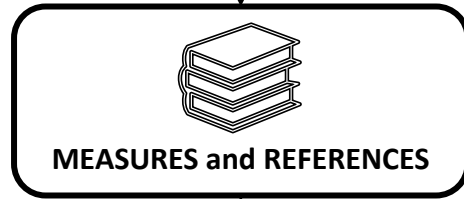
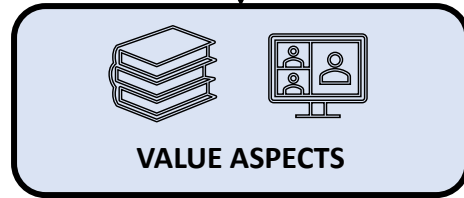
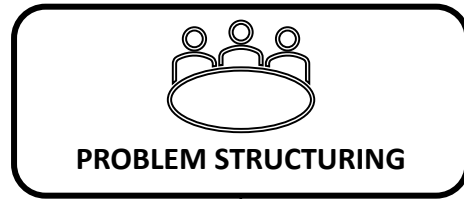
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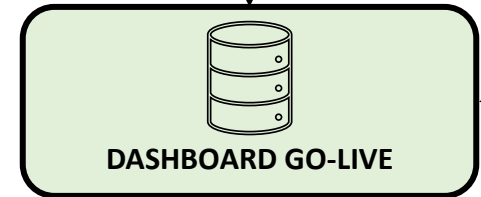
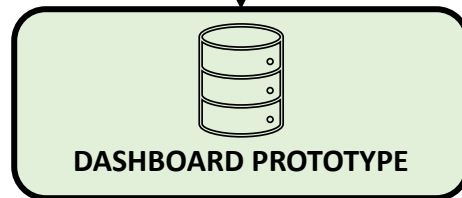
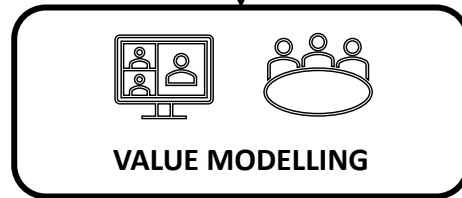
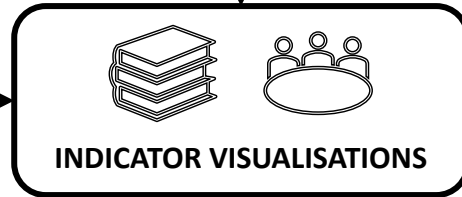
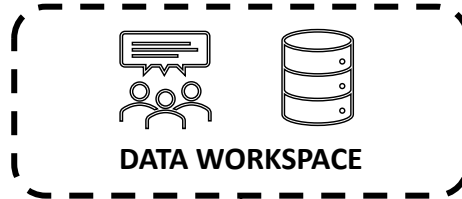
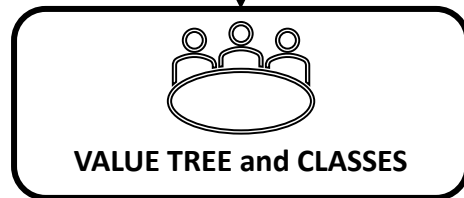
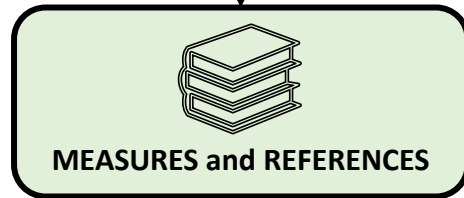
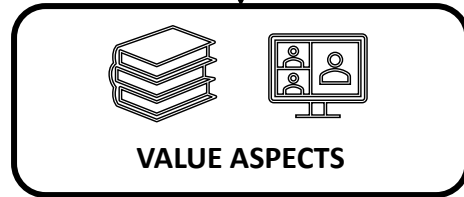
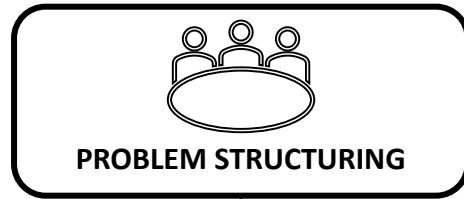
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Application case

Building an MMD for monitoring and evaluating an HF RPM program

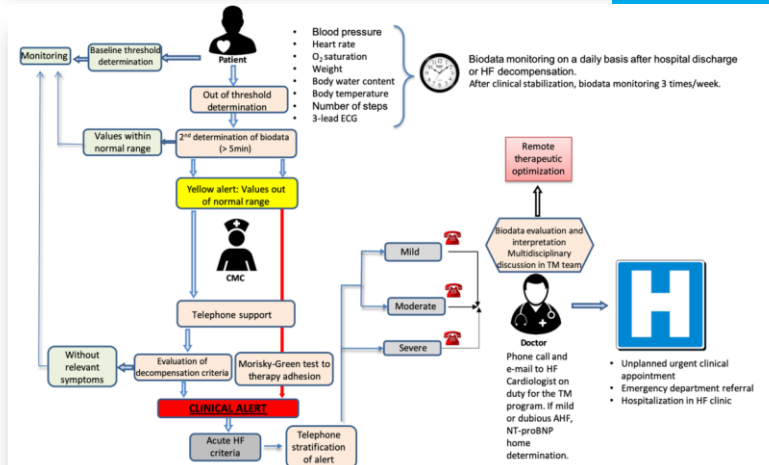
- ❖ Heart failure (HF) telemonitoring at Hospital de Santa Maria (HSM), Lisbon, Portugal
- ❖ Structuring and building an MMD prototype for the tactical and strategic management of the HF telemonitoring program

- Non-invasive **telemonitoring program for HF** patients with reduced left ventricular ejection fraction
- **Mature program**, operating since 2017, with a stable clinical team
- **However**, lack of resources and exclusive dedication limit patient enrolment (around 40 patients)
- **5 decision-makers** – cardiologists from HSM

Non-invasive telemonitoring improves outcomes in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction: a study in high-risk patients

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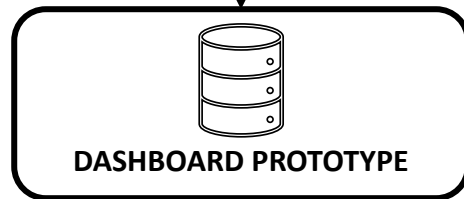
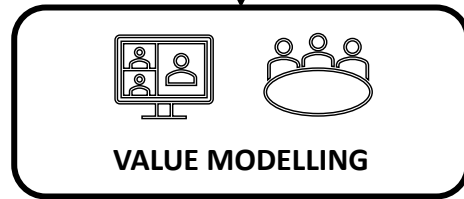
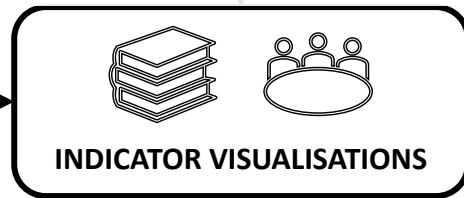
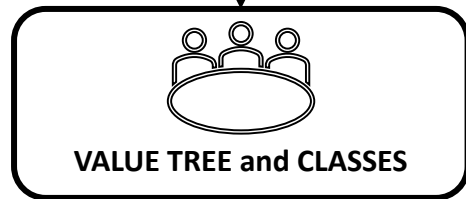
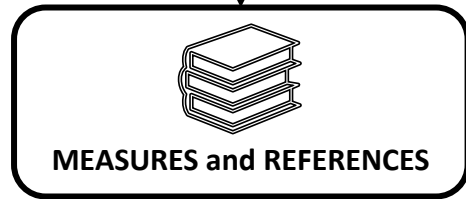
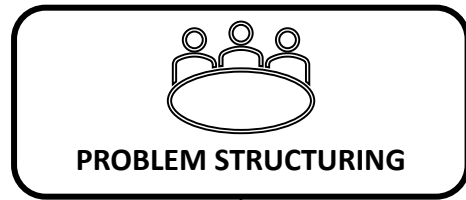
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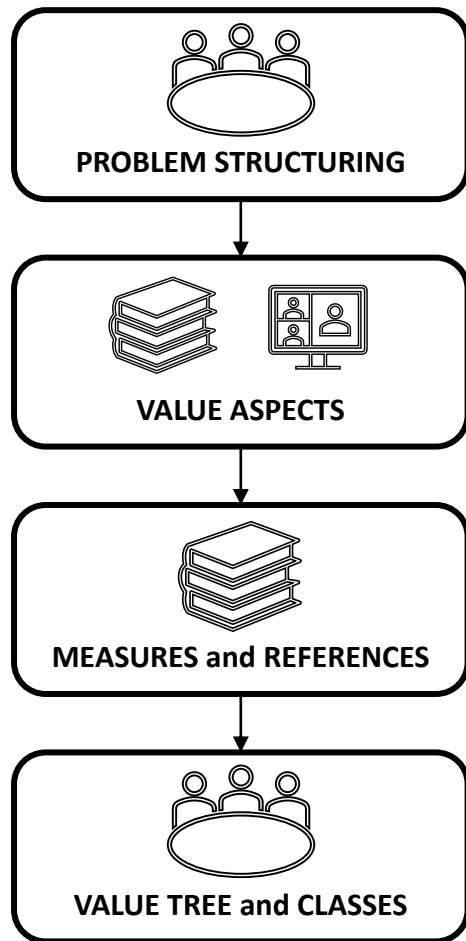


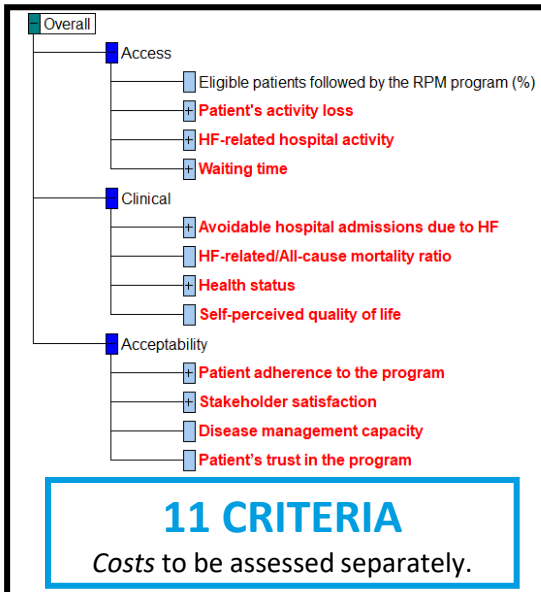
Table 4. Final list of HF RPM value dimensions and indicators.

Access	Clinical aspects	Acceptability
Eligible patients		
Length of stay		
Length of stay		
Number of days of activity lost		
Number of HF-related emergency visits	Number of alerts generated and severity of alerts	Disease management capacity after the program

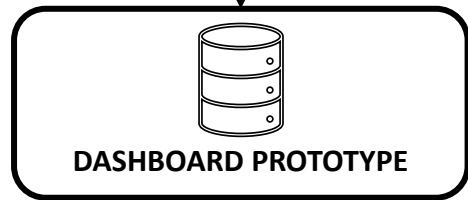
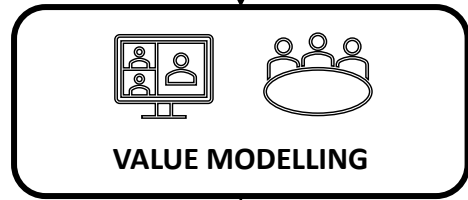
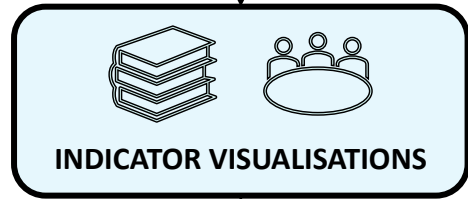
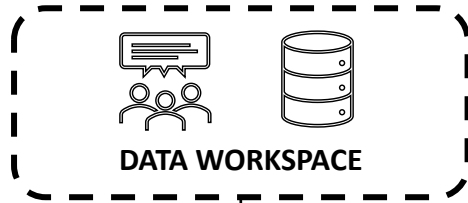
4 DIMENSIONS, 36 KPIs, 8 CASE-MIX PARAMETERS

Departing from Miranda, R. *et al.* Unlocking Continuous Improvement in Heart Failure Remote Monitoring: A Participatory Approach to Unveil Value Dimensions and Performance Indicators. *Telemed. e-Health* (2024) doi:10.1089/tmj.2023.0560.

	Proposed measure	Min. acc.	Target
Clinical aspects			
Avoidable hospital admissions due to HF	% Admissions w/ unresponded clinical alerts within 24h	33%	0%
Biosignals	# Clinical alerts per month	170	113
HF-related/All-cause mortality ratio	Ratio between HF and all-cause mortality	33%	10%
Number of alerts generated and severity of alerts	# Alerts per alert severity (green, yellow, red) per year	-	-
Level of physical activity	6MWT score	316 (50%)	417 (75%)
Patients with Δ NT-ProBNP < +30% (%)	% Patients w/ NT-ProBNP decrease or increase by less than 30%	50%	75%
Mental health self-perception	HADS score	11 to 21 (50%)	0 to 7 (75%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">MIN. ACCEPTABLE: lowest level of performance considered satisfactory.TARGET: an attainable “good performance” within the program.			



Phase 2: Build MMD



Acceptability

Patient adherence to the program

Compliance

Compliance with biosignal transfer

Medication/therapy adherence

Dropout rate

Patient satisfaction

Caregiver overload

Health professional satisfaction

Stakeholder satisfaction

Satisfaction

32 DATAVIZ SETS

24 KPIs + 8 case-mix parameters

Aggregated KPIs

New data structure

DataViz formats

QQC

(Stacked) Area Chart

Line Chart

Streamgraph

QQC

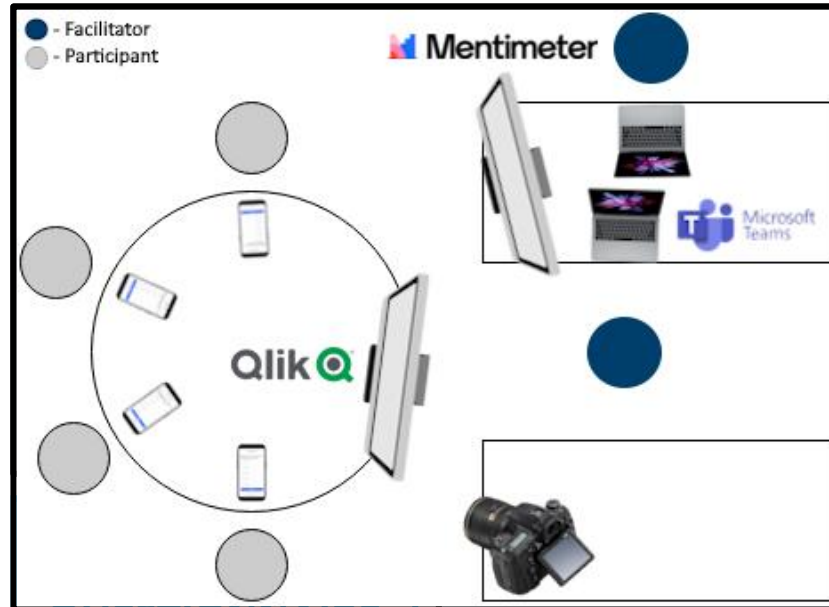
Dot Plot

Grouped Bar Chart

Two-sided Bar Chart

(100%) Stacked Bar Chart

(if Showing changes over time)



CDB WORKSHOP

Resulted in 5 prototype reports:

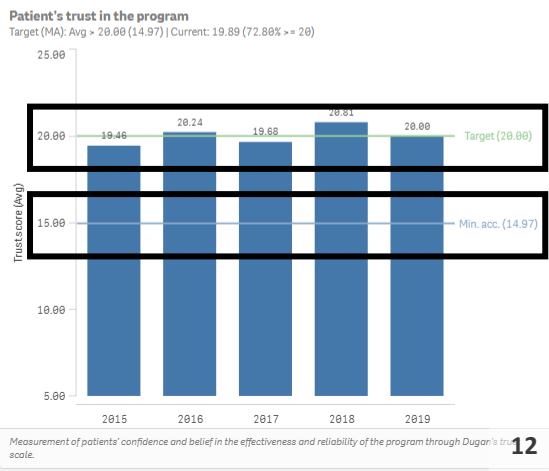
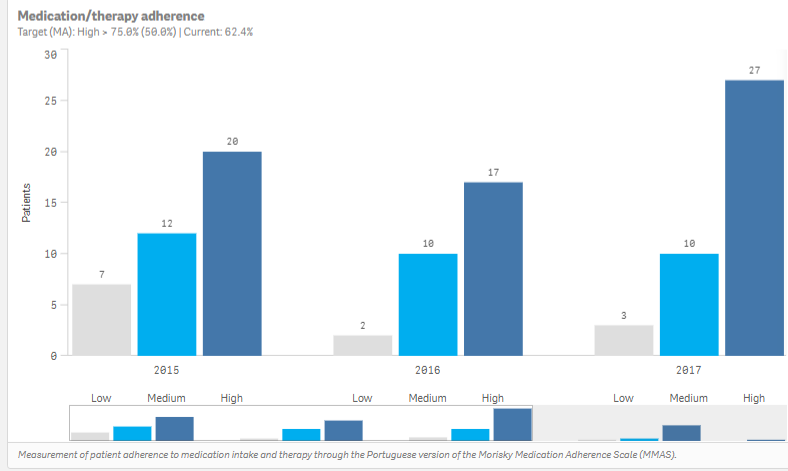
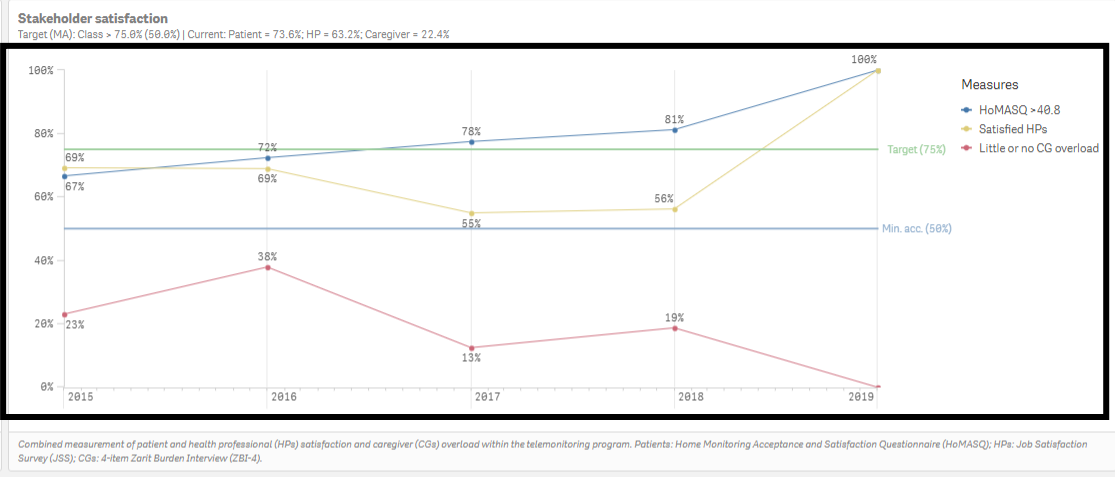
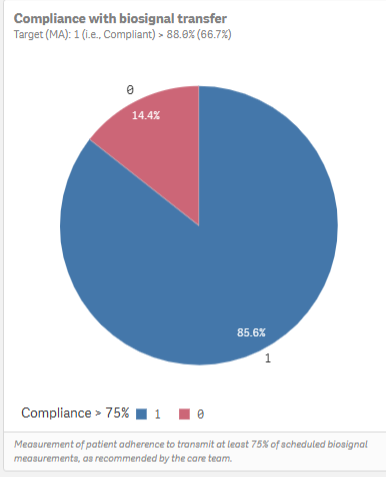
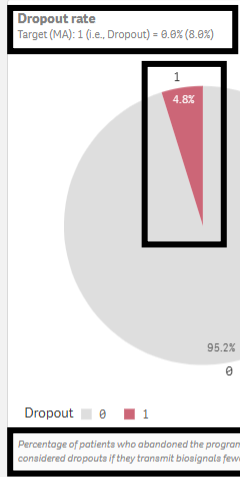
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- *Access*, 7 visuals
- *Clinical asp.*, 9 visuals
- *Acceptability*, 6 visuals
- *Costs*, 6 visuals

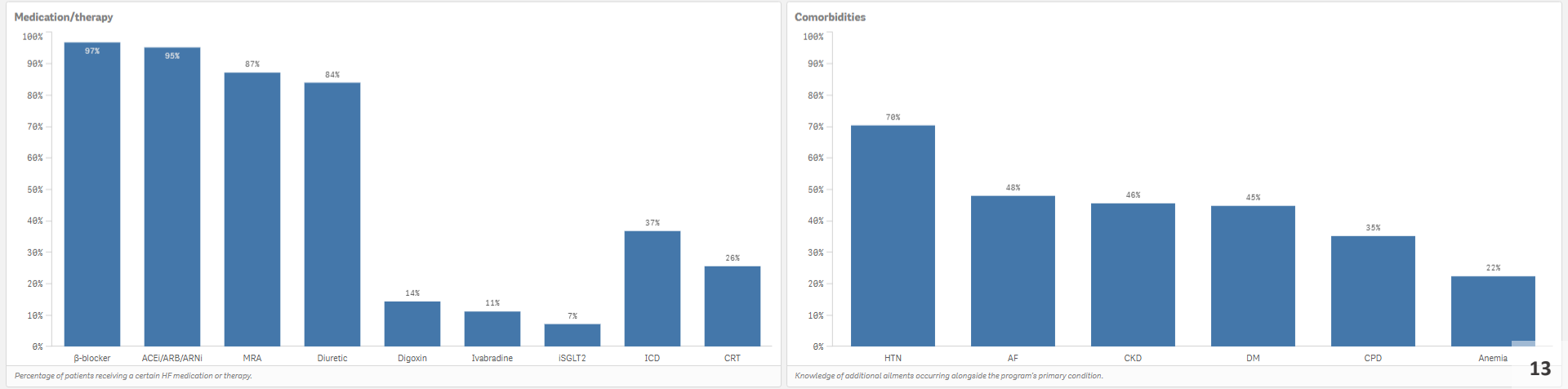
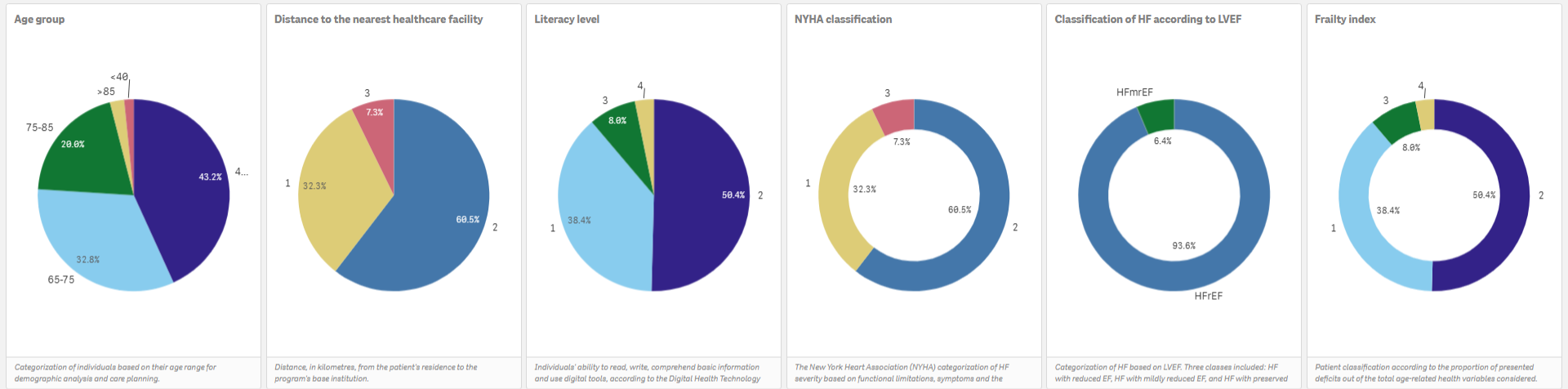
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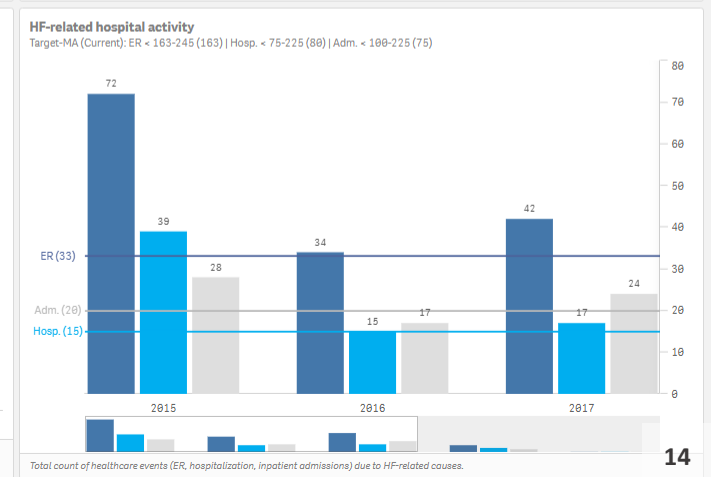
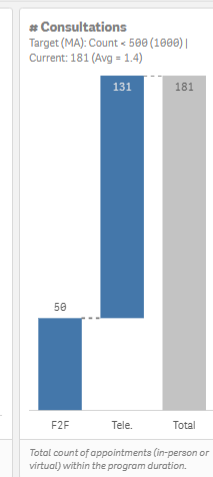
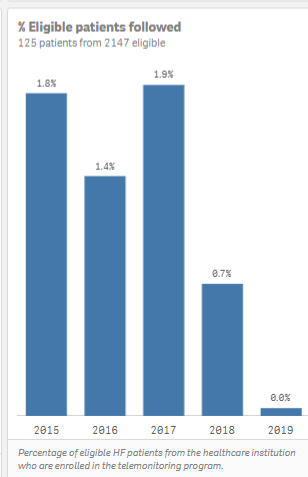
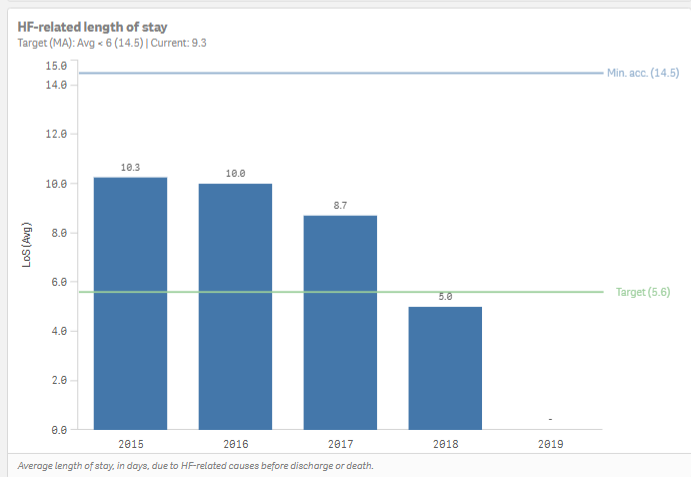
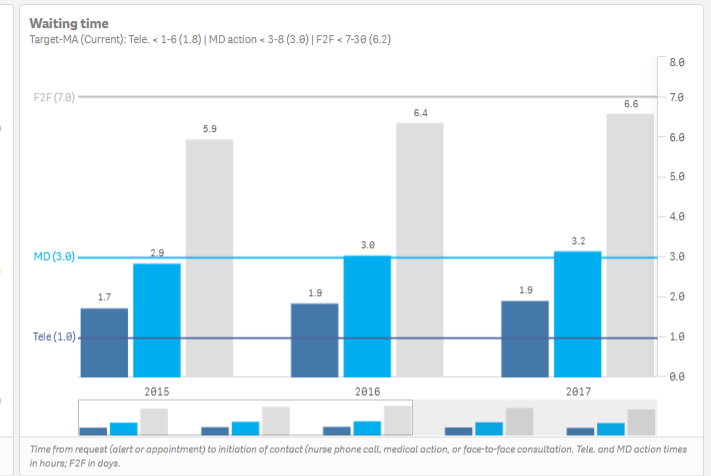
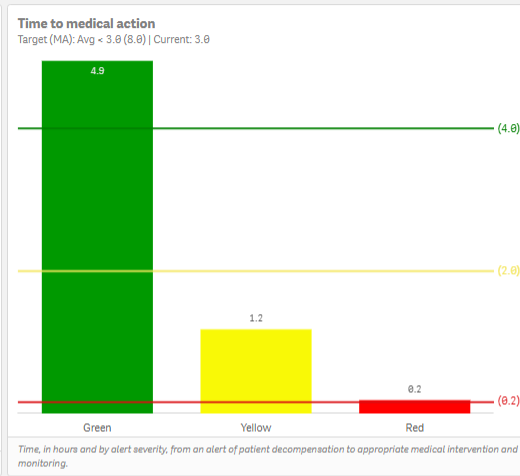
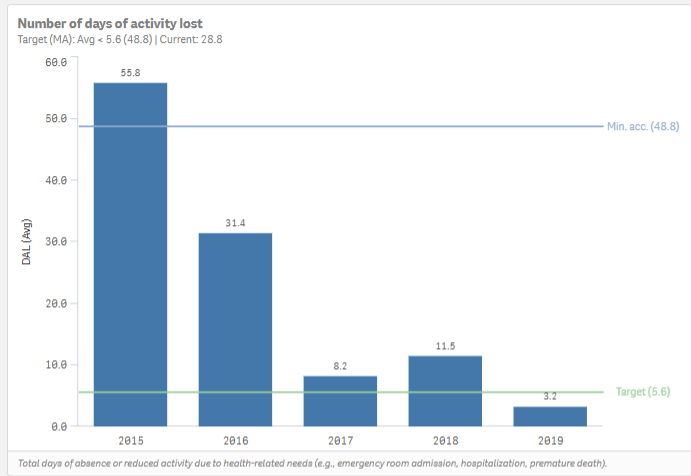
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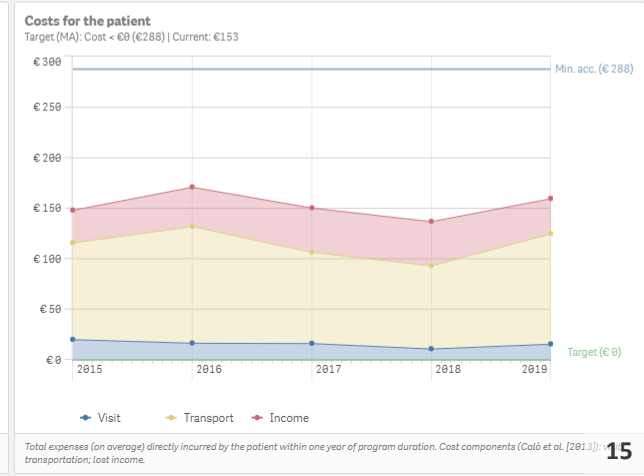
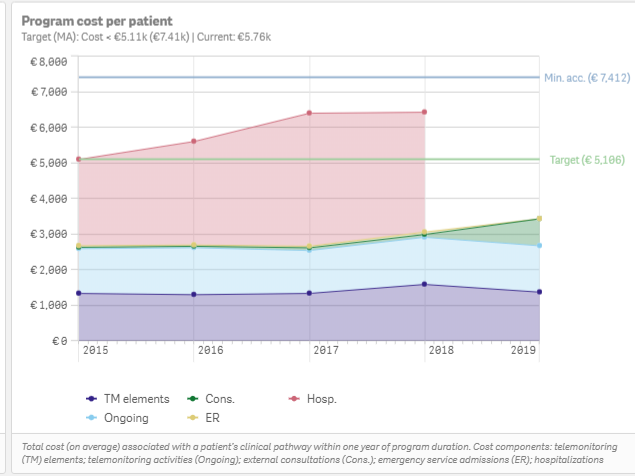
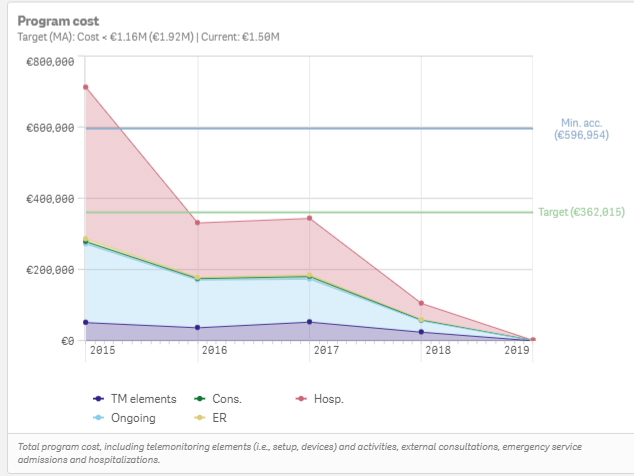
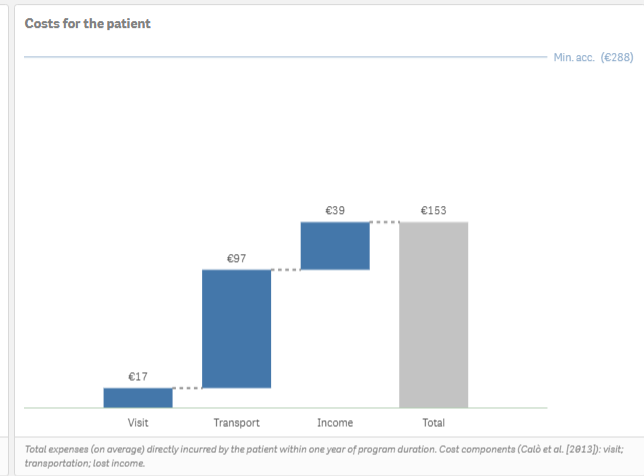
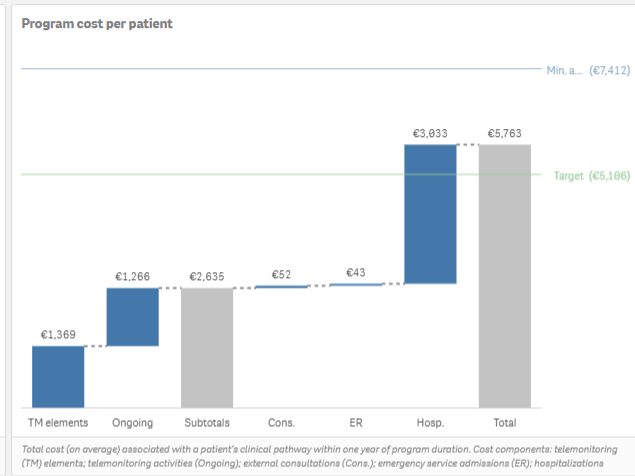
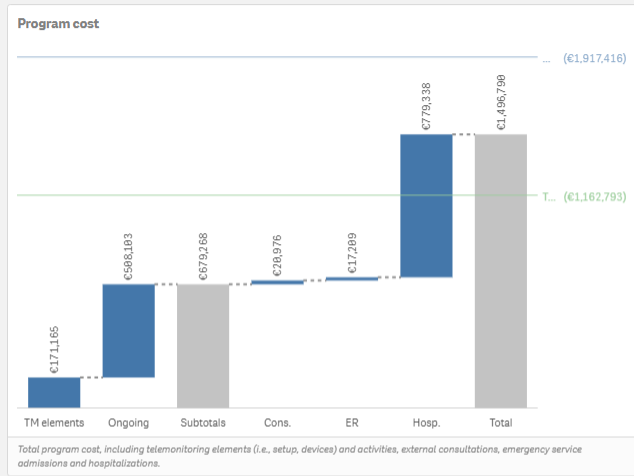
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Os KPI mais importantes são o tempo perdido e o tempo de internamento pelo que me faz mais sentido a opção A em que estes KPIs se encontram mais legíveis.



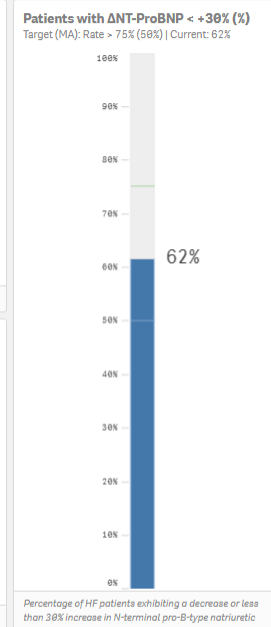
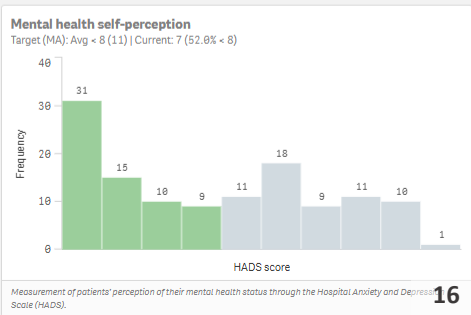
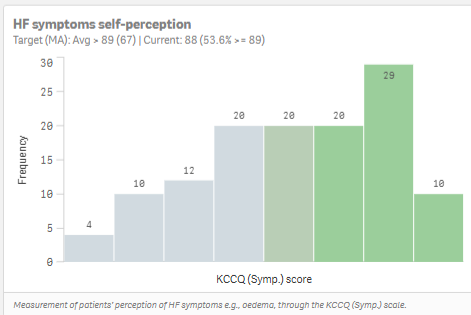
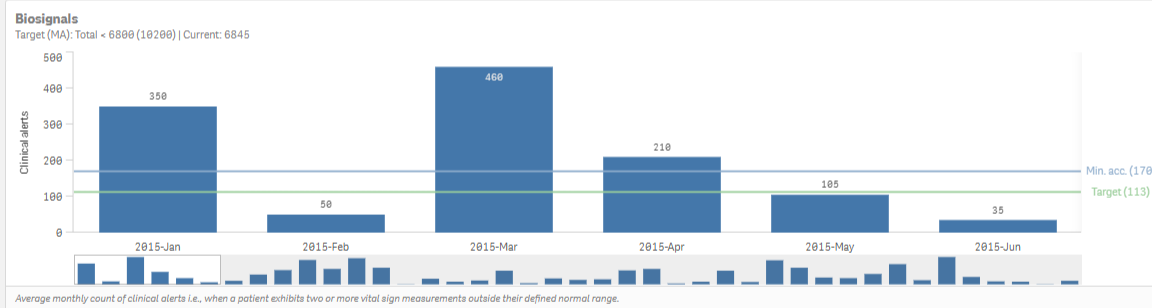
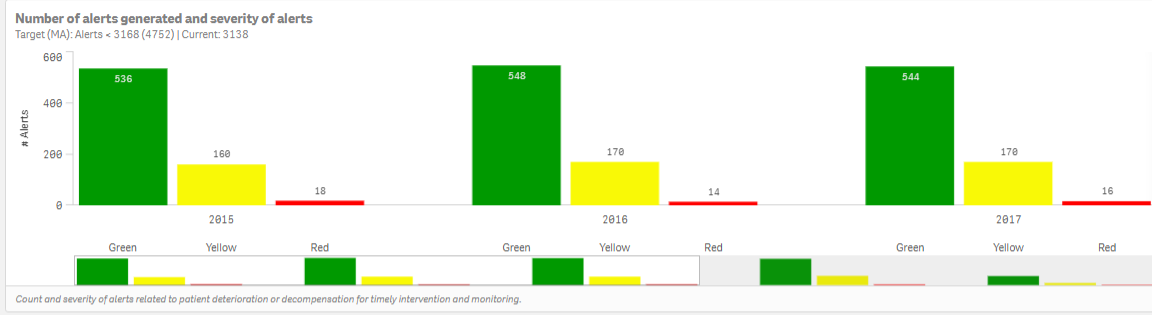
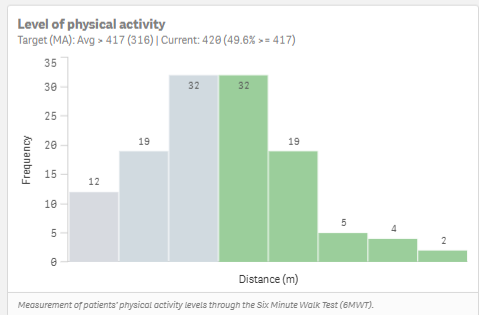
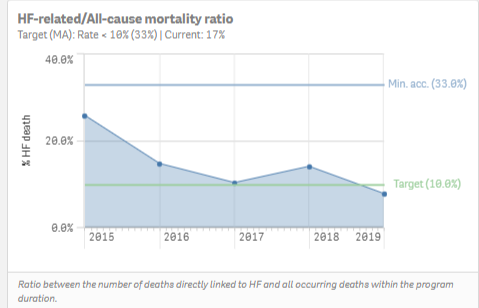
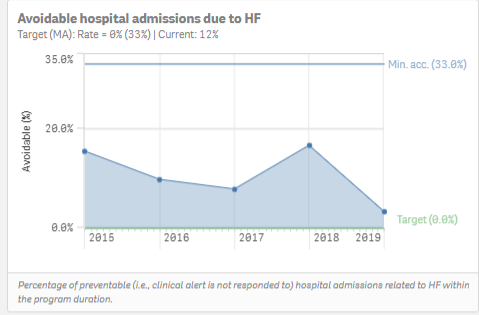






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Monitoring (Clinical aspects dimension)



Phase 2: Build MMD



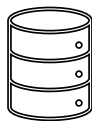
DATA WORKSPACE



INDICATOR VISUALISATIONS



VALUE MODELLING



DASHBOARD PROTOTYPE

Descriptor of performance

Patient's activity
loss [DAL]

Average yearly number of days lost
due to unplanned hospital admissions
or all-cause death.

HF-related
hospital activity
[Activity]

Qualitative performance levels
combining HF-related hospitalization
rate and the number of yearly face-
to-face consultations.

Performance levels

0 days

5.6 days

12.4 days

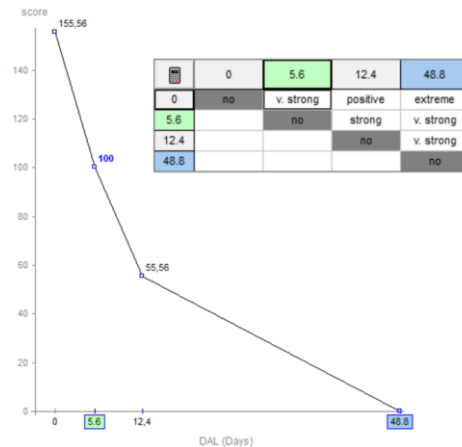
48.8 days

hc: The HF hosp. rate is $\leq 12\%$ and the avg. yearly number of cons. is < 4 .

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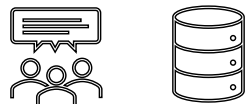
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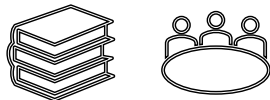
Criterion	Rank				Judgements							Avg.	MD
	P1	P2	P3	P4	No	VW	W	M	S	VS	E		
% HF death	1 st	3 rd	1 st	5 th					1	2	1	16,22	4,55
Activity	3 rd	2 nd	4 th	3 rd					1	2	1	14,33	0,74
DAL	4 th	1 st	3 rd	6 th					1	1	2	14,22	2,22
Avoidable	2 nd	4 th	2 nd	8 th				1		2	1	13,18	4,50
Health	5 th	5 th	6 th	1 st					2	2		11,57	3,53
QoL	6 th	6 th	5 th	7 th					3	1		9,21	0,62
Adherence	7 th	9 th	8 th	4 th					4			6,82	2,97
Self-eff.	11 th	7 th	9 th	2 nd				2	1	1		6,91	5,32
Waiting	8 th	11 th	7 th	9 th			2			1		2,70	0,95
Trust	9 th	8 th	11 th	10 th		1			2	1		2,80	1,73
Stk. satisf.	10 th	10 th	10 th	11 th		1		3				2,06	1,06

4 DINTS, 4 MODELS -> RECONCILE

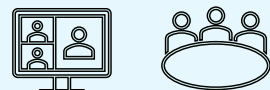
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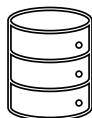
DATA WORKSPACE



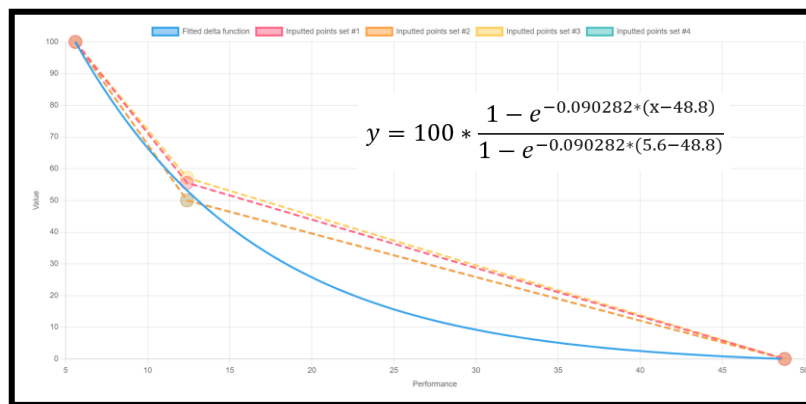
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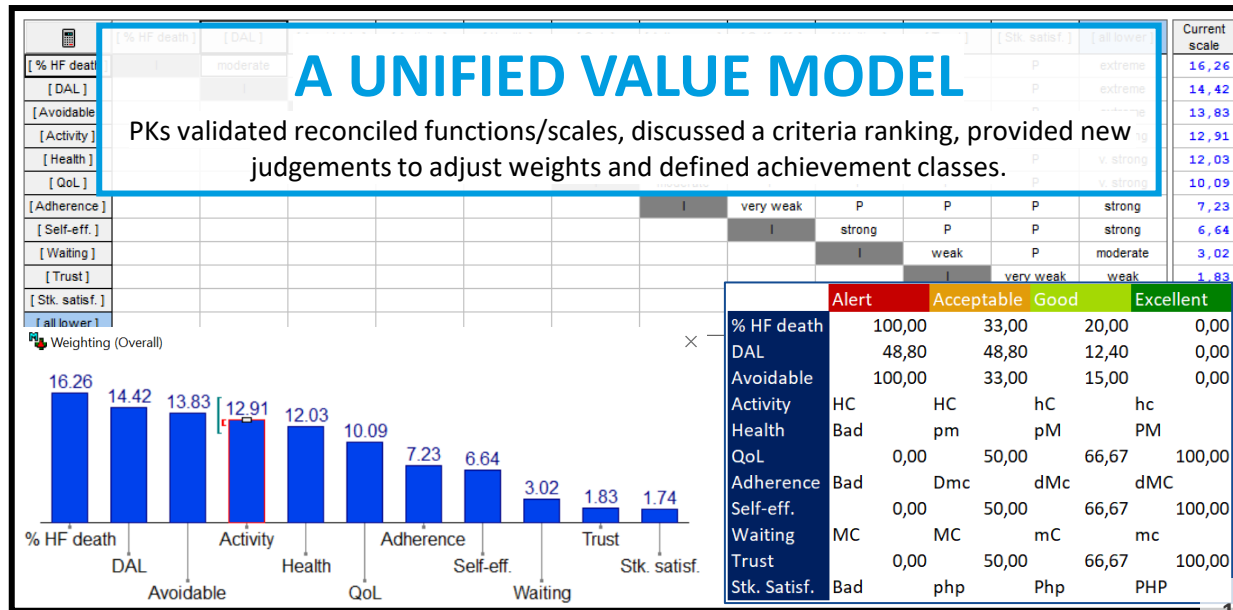


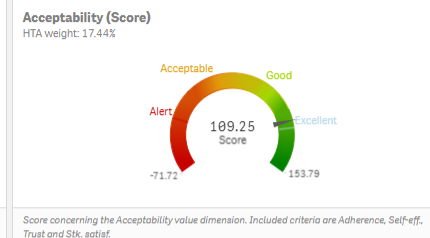
DASHBOARD PROTOTYPE



RECONCILIATION

- **Value functions:** “delta” function fit
- **Value scales:** ranking, avg, max, min, MD
- **Weights:** reconciled ranking, mode judgement, avg weight





An achievement class considers both the model score and assignment rules for classification.
ALERT: Score < 0 or MMAS and Compliance below MA: ACCEPTABLE.

Reset

(Slide to update Clinical asp. weight)

The table details value model inputs and partial values (as scaled by value functions [VF]). Text colors indicate if the KPI meets Target (green) or is worse than Minimally acceptable (red). Background colors indicate the defined achievement classes for each VF (Excellent, Good, Acceptable, Alert).

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<div>DAL (Avg) Target (MA): Avg < 5.6 (48.8)</div> <div>11.5</div> <div>(Average) number of days of activity lost. Average days of absence or reduced activity due to health-related needs (e.g., emergency room admission, hospitalization, premature death).</div>			<div>% HF death Target (MA): Rate < 10% (33%)</div> <div>14.1%</div> <div>HF-related/All-cause mortality ratio: Percentage of patients who died due to HF-related causes out of all deceased patients.</div>			<div>Adherence (Compliance) Target (MA): Rate > 88% (67%)</div> <div>93.8%</div> <div>Compliance with biosignal transfer: Measurement of patient adherence to</div>		<div>Adherence (MMAS) Target (MA): High > 75% (50%)</div> <div>81.3%</div> <div>(High) medication/therapy adherence: Percentage of patients whose adherence to medication intake and therapy is considered</div>	
<div>Activity (% HF Hosp.) Target (MA): Rate < 12% (36%)</div> <div>16.8%</div> <div>HF-related hospitalization rate: Percentage of patients who were hospitalized at least once in a year due to HF-related causes.</div>		<div>Activity (F2F) Target (MA): Avg < 4 (38)</div> <div>1.3</div> <div>Yearly face-to-face consultations (per patient): Average count of in-person appointments per patient in a year.</div>		Avoidable (%) Target (MA): Rate < 0% (33%)		<div>Adherence (Dropout) Target (MA): Rate < 0% (8%)</div> <div>0.0%</div> <div>Dropout rate: Percentage of patients who abandoned the program before</div>		<div>Self-eff. (%) Target (MA): 75% (50%) >= 90</div> <div>81.3%</div> <div>(Good) disease management capacity: Percentage of patients whose score in the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire</div>	
<div>Waiting (MD action) Target (MA): Avg < 3 (8)</div> <div>2.9</div> <div>Average time to medical action: Average time, in hours, from an alert of patient decompensation to appropriate medical intervention and</div>		<div>Waiting (F2F) Target (MA): Avg < 7 (38)</div> <div>6.1</div> <div>Average time to consultation: Average time, in days, from an appointment request to face-to-face</div>		<div>Health (6MWT) Target (MA): 75% (50%) >= 417</div> <div>81.3%</div> <div>(Good) level of physical activity: Percentage of patients who walked at least 417m during the Six Minute Walk</div>		<div>Health (HADS) Target (MA): 75% (50%) < 8</div> <div>68.8%</div> <div>(Good) mental health self-perception: Percentage of patients whose score in the</div>		<div>QoL (%) Target (MA): 75% (50%) >= 77</div> <div>81.3%</div> <div>(Good) quality of life self-perception: Percentage of patients whose score in the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ) is</div>	
						<div>Trust (%) Target (MA): 75% (50%) >= 20</div> <div>81.3%</div> <div>(High) patient's trust in the program: Percentage of patients whose score in the</div>		<div>Stk. satisf. (Patients) Target (MA): 75% (50%) > 40.8</div> <div>81.3%</div> <div>Satisfied patients: Percentage of patients whose score in the</div>	
								<div>Stk. satisf. (HP) Target (MA): Satisfied > 75% (50%)</div> <div>56.3%</div> <div>Satisfied health profess: Percentage of HF</div>	
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Conclusions

Key Messages

- Processes must be clear and practical – crowded agendas and limited dedicated attention span
- During MMD development, stakeholders reflect about the program and may identify areas for improvement
- While developing KPIs, stakeholders refine measures and references, facilitating value modelling
- *Ex-ante* decision interviews are demanding for DAs, but streamline the decision conference
- User-adjusted weights provide a strong tool for fostering stakeholder discussion



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