POCKET PATIENT

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People

In developing the Pocket Patient App, we conducted thorough research to gain a clear understanding of the needs and behaviours of the target audience, which includes both patients and doctors.

By empathizing with their challenges and pain points, we designed the app with their needs in mind, ensuring a user-friendly experience and streamlined operations.



To illustrate our understanding and empathy, we conducted interviews and surveys with patients to identify their frustrations and concerns regarding waiting times, data retrieval, and data privacy.

"It's disheartening to see older patients, myself included, spending excessive hours waiting for medical attention."

"Depends on the personality, some people are comfortable sharing."

"I think the basic information are okay to be shared"

"I will be making the judgement on what data to share or whether I should tell the doctor or not"

-- an elderly man



"I would like to be able to see my current prescriptions and past medical history on the app."

"I feel safe to give them all my medical information since doctors should know everything for safety"

-- an imperial student

"I think patient confidentiality is a big deal"

"If I think that a certain detail is not relevant for a doctor to know, sometimes it might be even though it is important to have the choice to hide certain medical history."

-- a highschool student



Additionally, we interviewed doctors in various healthcare settings to gain insight into their workflow, challenges in accessing patient data, and their perspectives on data privacy.

"Most hospitals here are paper-based."

"Data is not shared between hospitals so we need to call up other hospitals for each transferred patient."

"Sometimes it takes a few minutes but sometimes a whole morning, or even overnight!" --- junior doctor in newcastle

"Hospitals in bigger cities like London, Oxford and Cambridge are fully digitalised, but there are so many different systems in place."

"Good systems are expensive to set up and difficult to train the staff."

"It's a huge pain to ring other hospitals if I need to know more about transferred patients."

-- junior doctor at oxford

"Imagine an 80 year-old patient coming in at 1am. He's on 20 medications and we don't know his medical history."

"The time spent to get patient's medical history from other hospitals is ridiculous!"

-- junior doctor in ireland

Through these interviews, we explored existing patient data management systems and identified areas for improvement based on the experiences of healthcare professionals, which will be shown in testing and validation section.

By actively engaging with patients and doctors, we aimed to address their concerns, find solutions to improve data accessibility, and strike a balance between data privacy and effective healthcare delivery.

Why do we need Pocket Patient...

when there is already the NHS App?

NHS APP VS PATIENTS
KNOW BEST VS POCKET
PATIENT

NHS APP

- Allows patients
 to keep track of
 their medical
 information
 from GP
 appointments
 only
- No information on patient's hospital visits

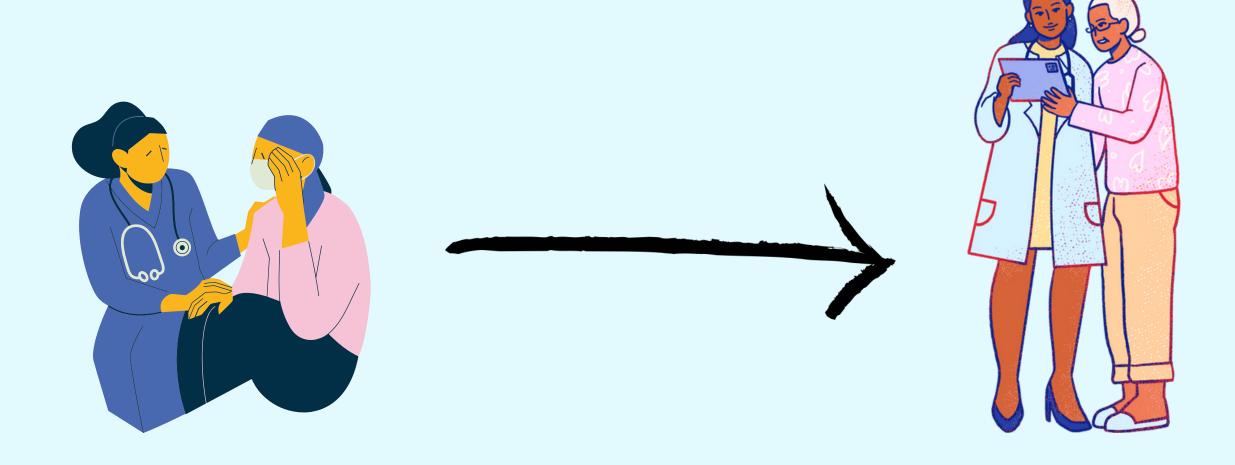
PATIENTS KNOW BEST

- Third party app that is part of the NHS app
- Allows patients to keep track of their medical information from hospital visits only
- No information on patient's GP visits
- Sharing of data
 is manually
 done in the app
 by doctors or
 patients to the
 relevant people

POCKET PATIENT

- Allows patients
 to keep track of
 their medical
 information
 from both GP
 appointments
 and hospital
 visits
- Full medical histories shared easily
- Sharing of data
 is done
 automatically
 as long as the
 patient's NHS ID
 is provided

Opportunity Statement



How might we enable medical practitioners to quickly and reliably obtain patient medical history for safer and more efficient treatments?



Desired Future State

What do the Patients want?

From our interviews from the patients point of view, we also obtained several valuable insights onto what makes an ideal medical visit experience for them.

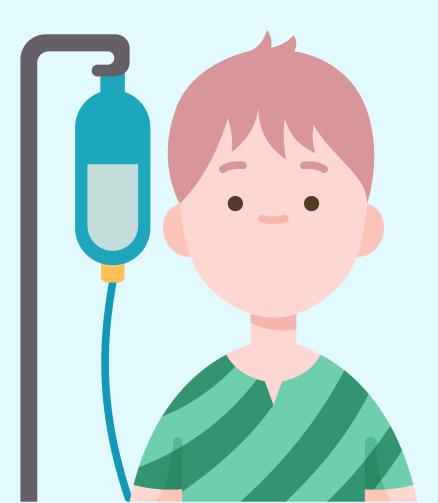
"Having an app rather than a stack of paper to explain my medical history is so much better. It has to happen. It should happen."

-- an elderly man

"It would be great if I can be admitted as soon as possible into the hospital and not wasting long hours waiting just to get admitted."

--- a lady in early twenties

It is clear to us that patients want the process of a medical healthcare visit to be as efficient and quick as possible, and one of areas that showed a massive opportunity to be improved upon was the process of giving medical data to the medical practitioners.



Desired Future State

What do the Doctors want?

Further interviews with doctors practicing in the medical field in the UK, we gained valuable insights regarding their aspirations for tools or solutions that could simplify their work routines and enhance their overall quality of life.

"Having a unified system accessible nationwide would be advantageous, despite individual trusts having their own databases."

"A mobile app that allows patients to store their medical records and provide additional information would be beneficial, particularly in situations where patients are from different locations and have limited access to their hospital records."

Overall, the conclusions drawn from the interviews emphasize the importance of integrated systems and patient-centric solutions in the healthcare sector. They underscore the potential for technology to drive positive changes, leading to more efficient workflows, improved communication, and enhanced patient care outcomes.



Testing & Validation

Doctor's View: The Website

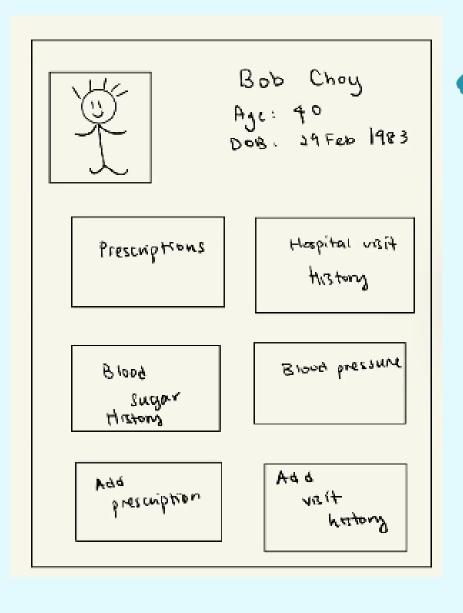
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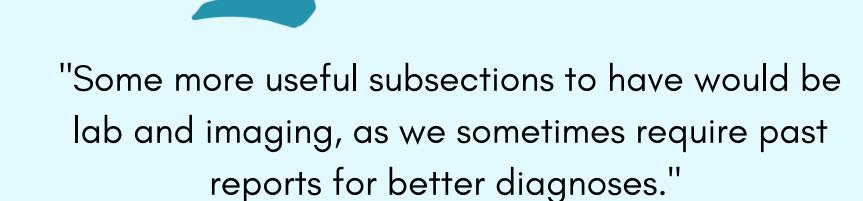
This is our initial paper mock up of the first page for the doctor's view. We were initially planning to show all the possible data as buttons which links to the patient's respective data.

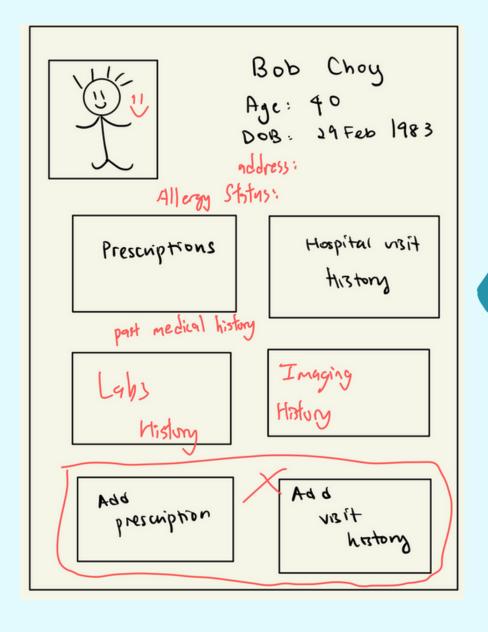


Testing & Validation

1. At first glance?







Through the first few iterations, we started to gain insights on what information the medical practitioners actually need.

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to get the data I need. I don't want to
waste time sifting through all their
data trying to get their important
medical history."
-- junior doctor in ireland



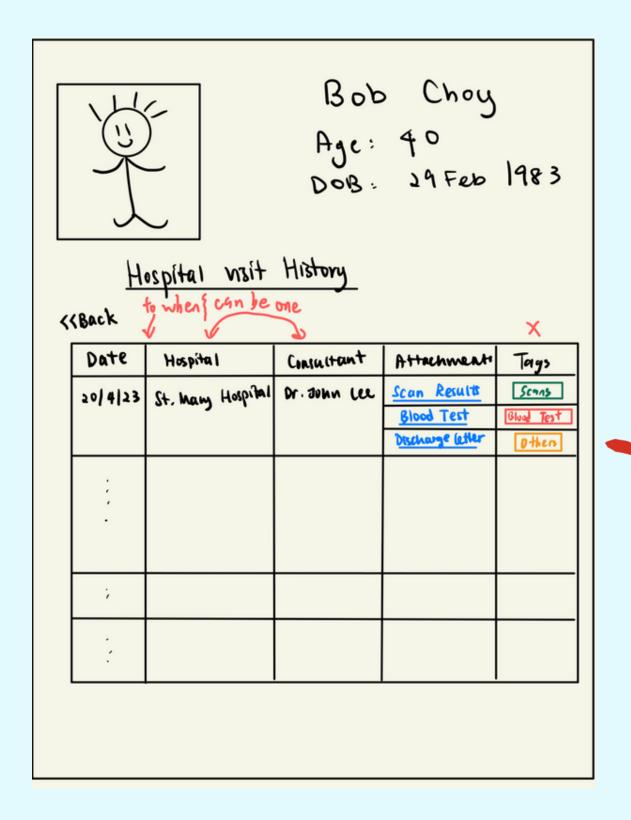
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On the landing page, we now have their basic information, a summary of all significant past medical histories, and the medications that they are currently taking.

2. Hospital visits

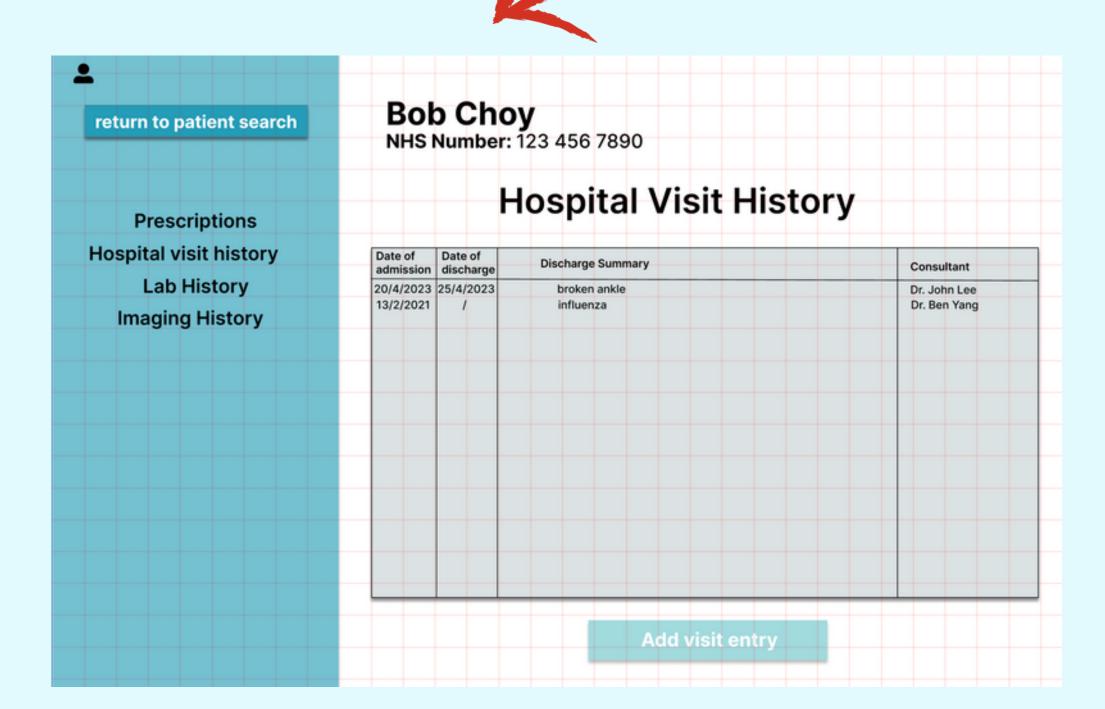
Our initial hypothesis is that a record of hospital visits will be useful for doctors to get easy access to past medical information. The initial paper mockup lists out the informations that we think might be useful for doctors.



But our initial hypothesis was proven to have lacked some crucial information that makes the page useful for doctors.

"In this table, I'm unable to tell why the patient was admitted. It does not tell me anything."

junior doctor in ireland

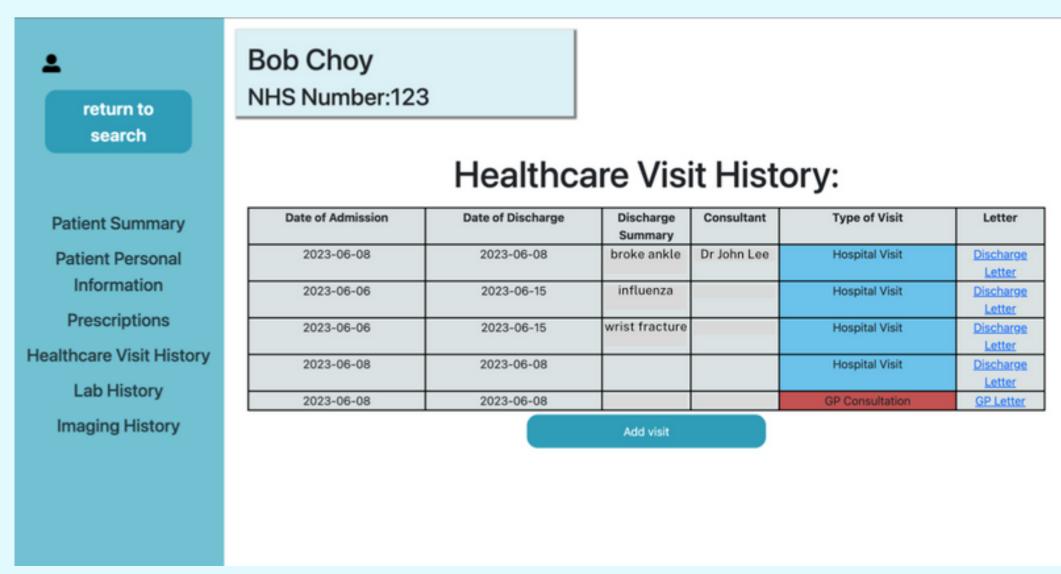


We added a discharge summary to the table to solve this.

"One suggestion I have is hospital visit history, making it more general, so healthcare visit history, so that it can encompass hospital and GP appointments, so that we can differentiate between the nature of visits."

-- junior doctor in London





We labeled each entry a "visit type" to easily differentiate between different types of entries.



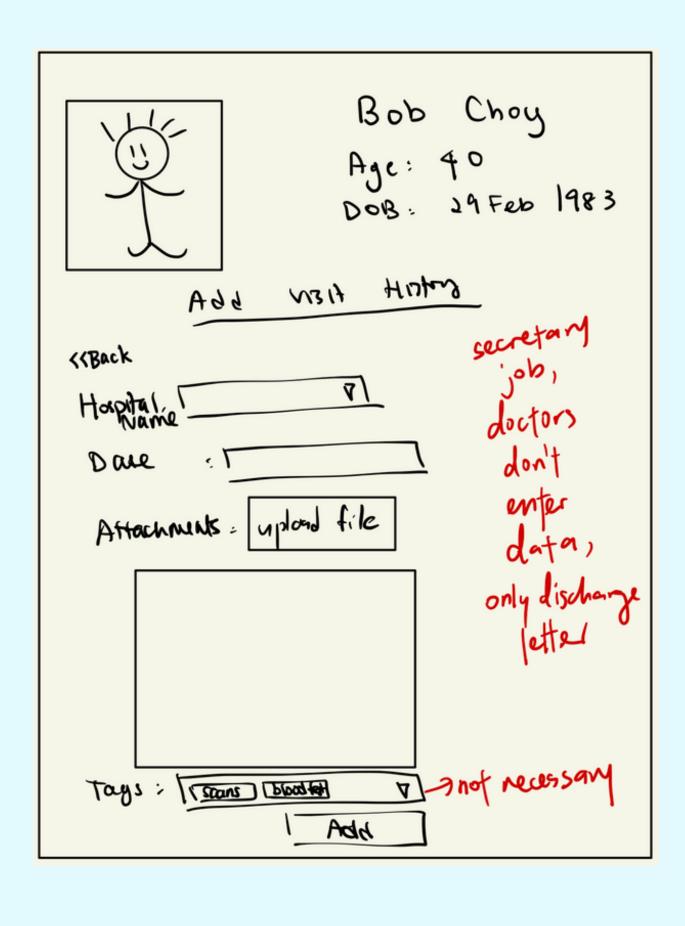
2.1. Adding a Visit

Before our first paper mockup, we got a very important insight from one of our doctor interviewee on our design direction for adding hospital visits.

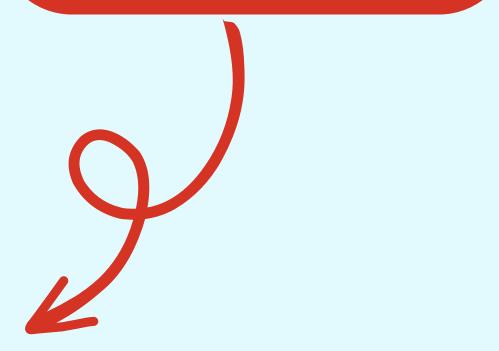
"Documents such as discharge summaries are important, for future references. I want a quick way to find this document when checking the patient's visit history."

-- junior doctor in ireland

So, we came up with the initial paper mockup design below.



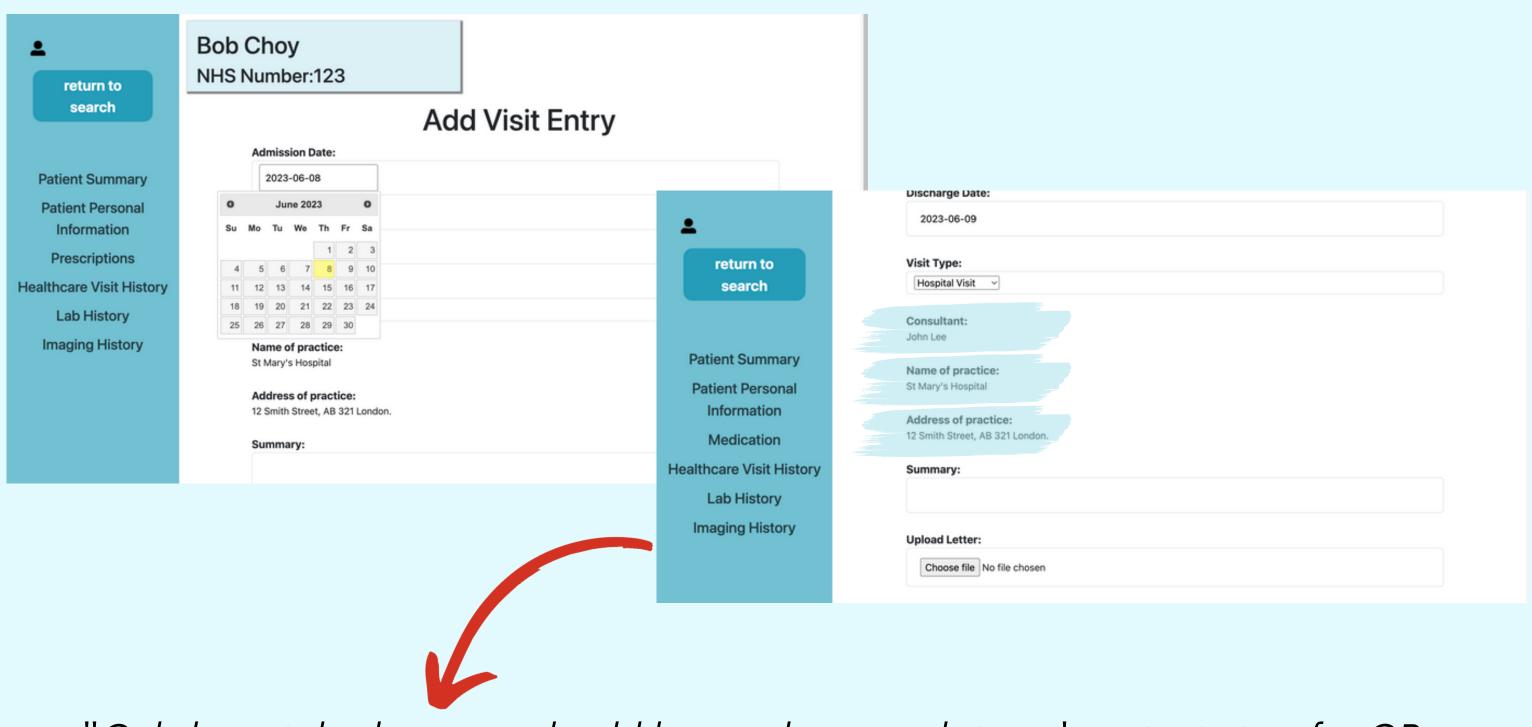
Initially, our input fields were mainly text fields, but this was deemed too much work by the doctors.



"We already have many systems in place, it should be as little work as possible." -- junior doctor in London

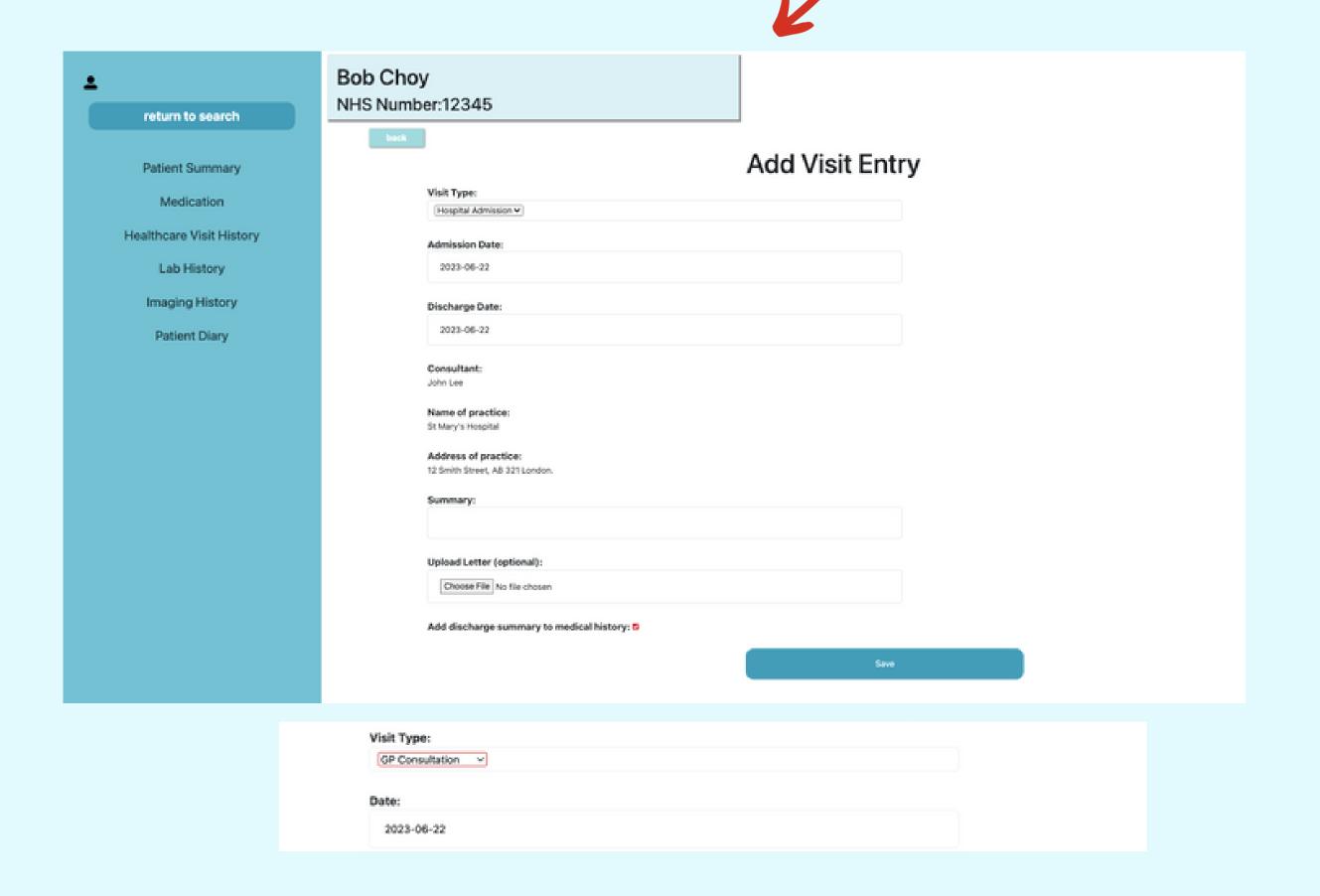


To address the problem, we automated as many fields as possible to tackle the issue effectively. This included automatically filling consultant name, name as well as address of practice.



"Only hospital admissions should have admission dates, it's not intuitive for GP consultations or clinics."

-- junior doctor in London



2.2. Editing a visit

We showed the latest design to one of our doctor interviewee, she liked the improvements, but a problem arised from this design.

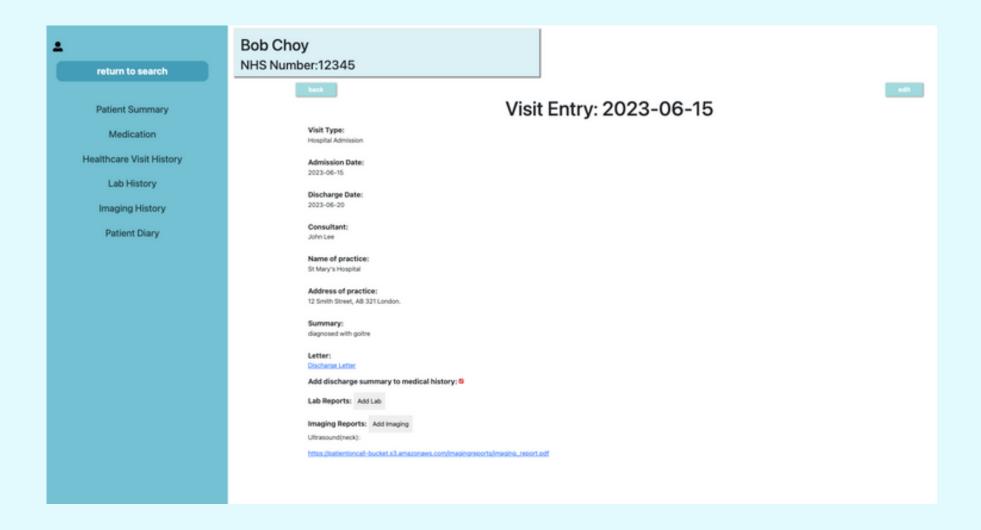
"Must I add a letter? What if I don't have the time to make the letter now?

Sometimes the discharge letters won't be ready the moment when a patient is

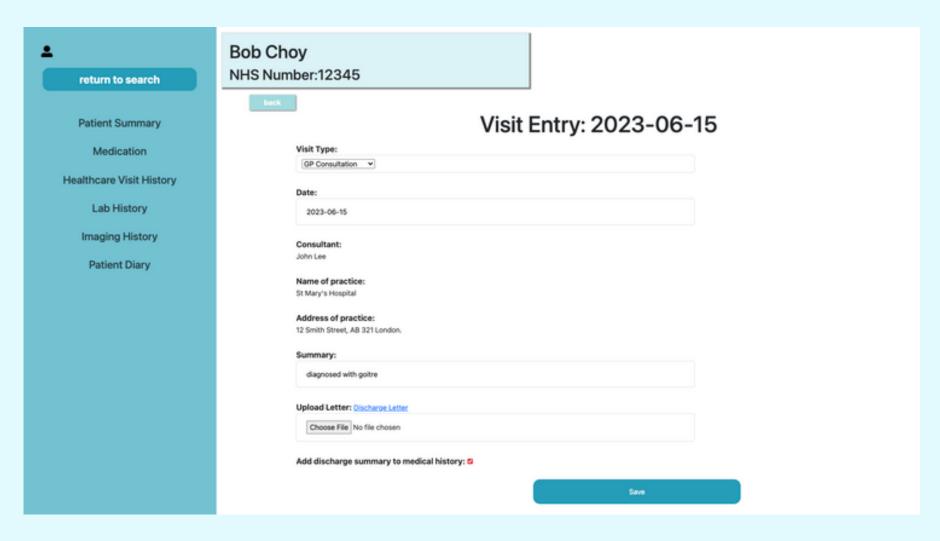
discharged."

— junior doctor in Newcastle

So, with this problem in mind, this leads us to a solution: edit visit entry. We created an "edit visit entry" page, so that doctors can create an entry first, and upload necessary attachments (discharge letters, lab and imaging reports) at a later time.



and in edit mode:



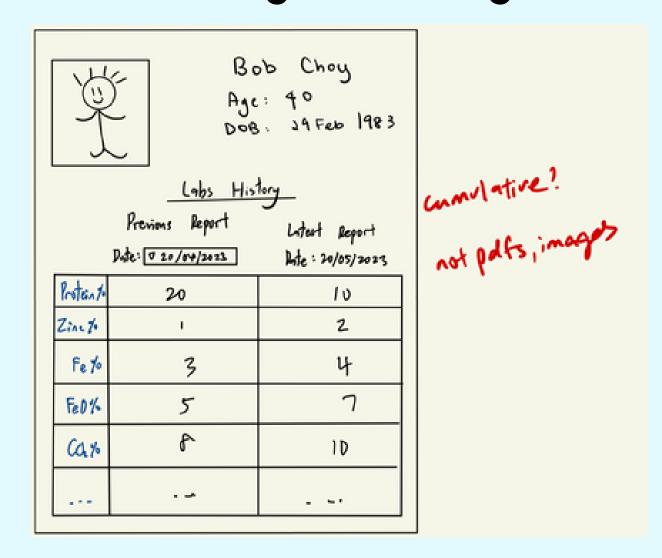
In the case that the doctor would like to make amendments (e.g. they made a spelling mistake), we have made the contingency so that they can edit the entries they added.

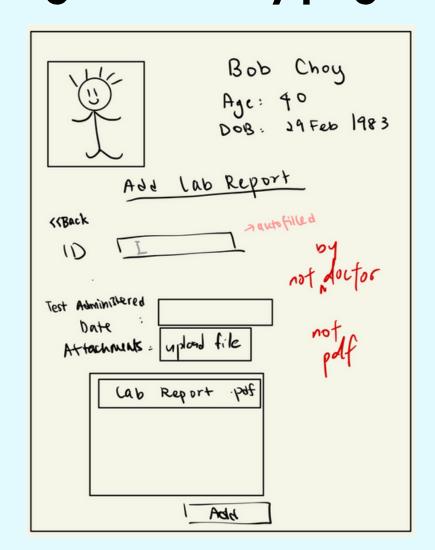


In future works, we would expect all edited entries to be logged for transparency.

3. Lab & Imaging

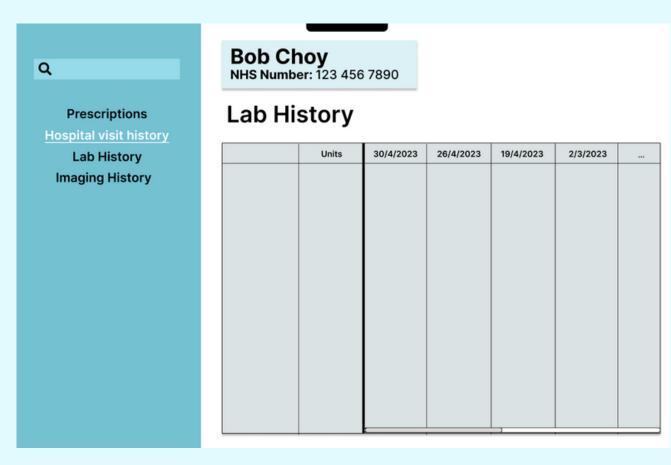
Here is our initial design for listing and adding lab history pages.

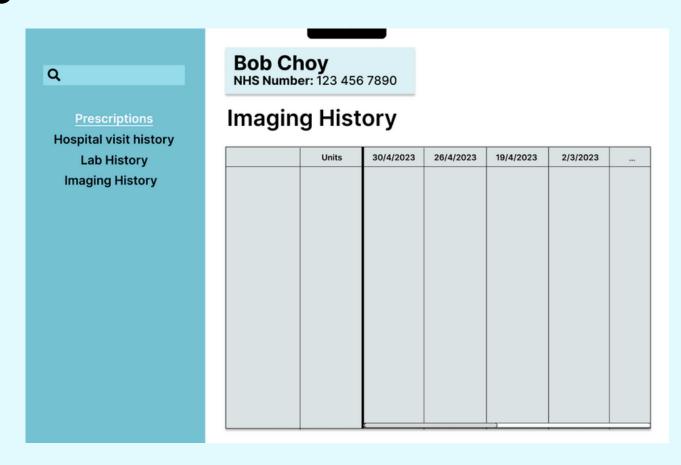




"It is quite important to know when these lab tests were conducted, and with your current design I can't really get this information."

Thus, we made sure that the new design includes a date column.

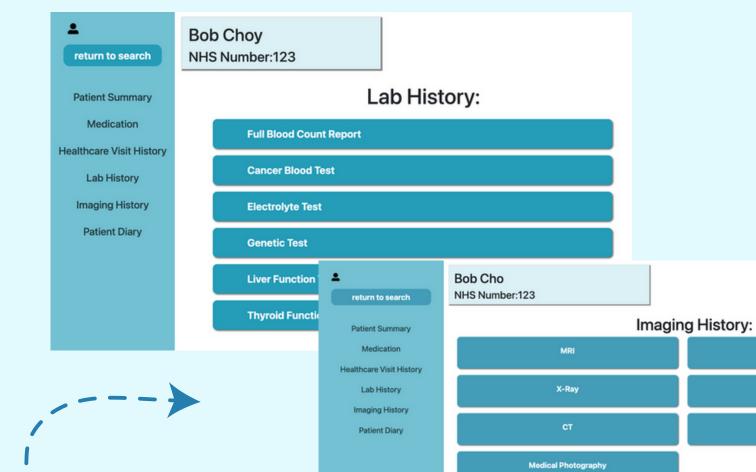




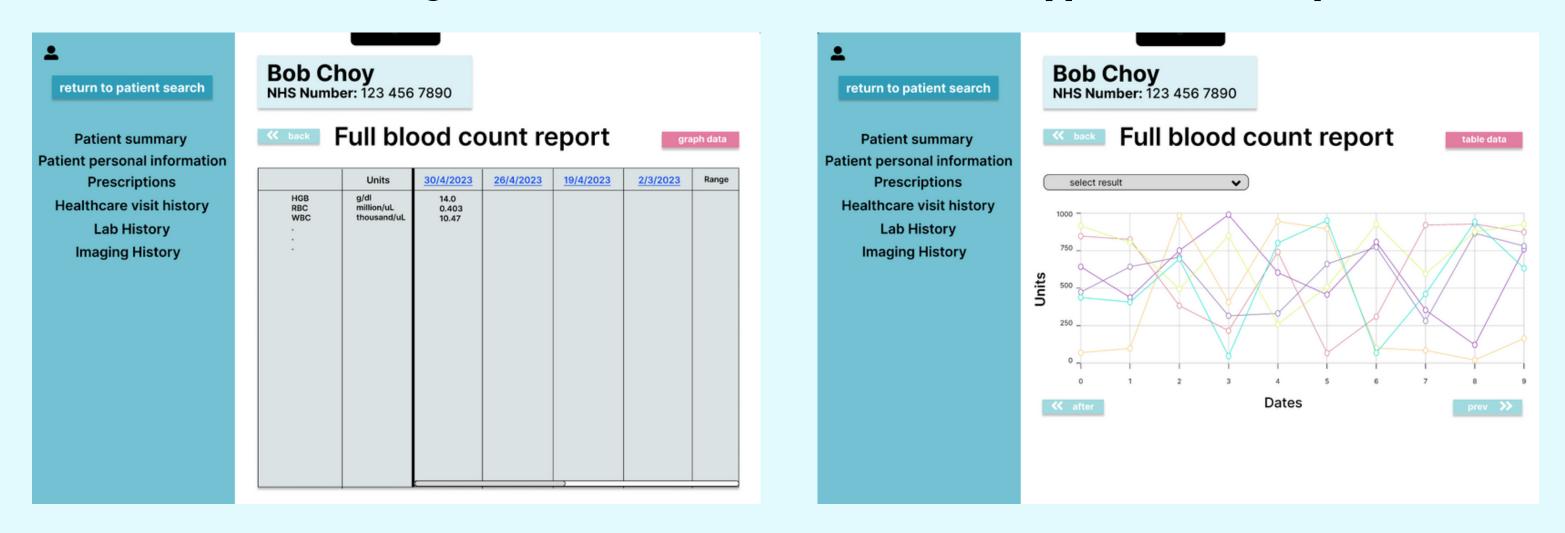
Ultrasound

"It is now just in one big list, which will be very hard to search. It should be better organized."

-- junior doctor in London

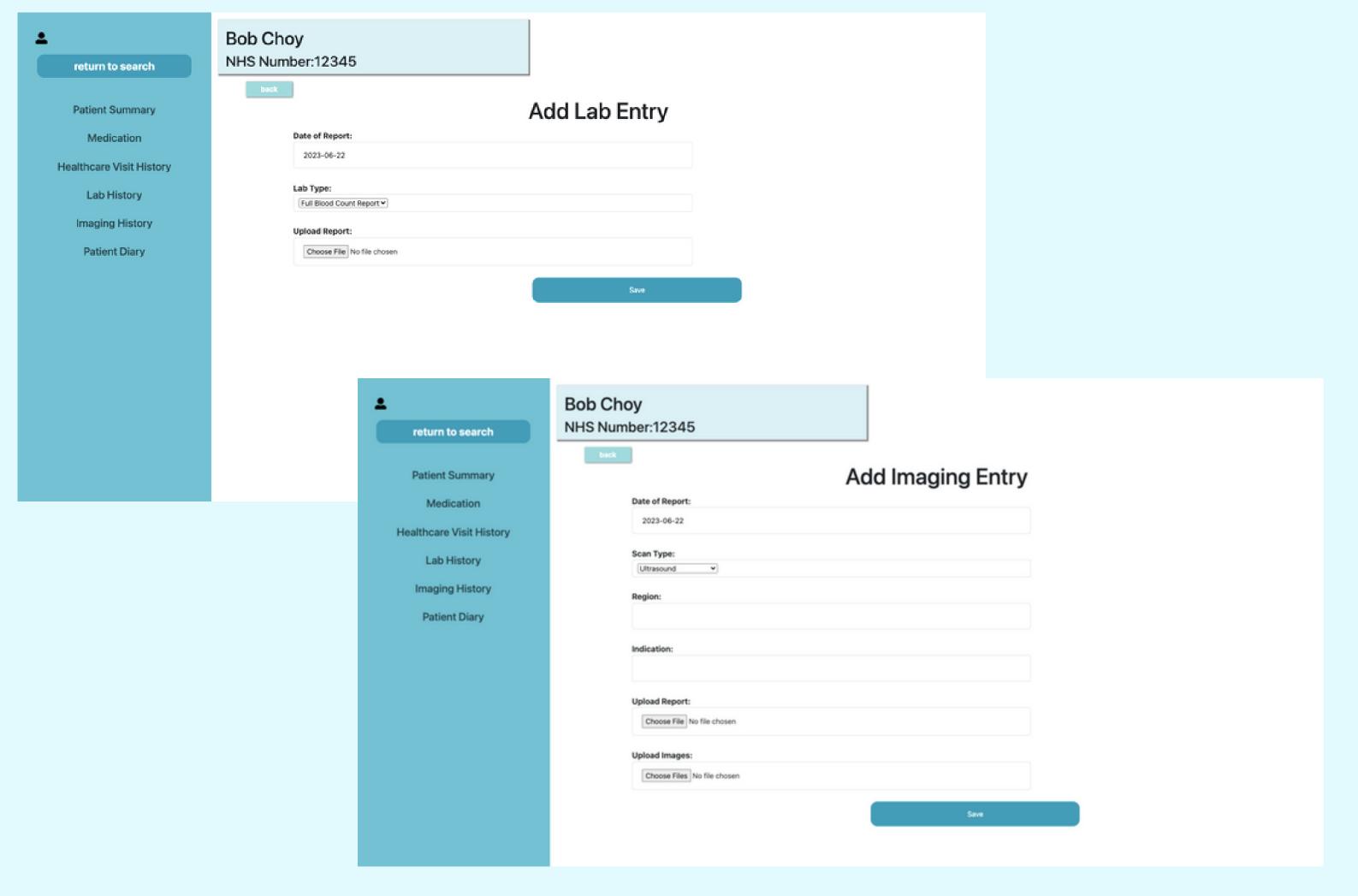


and here is the design for the details of one of the types of lab report.

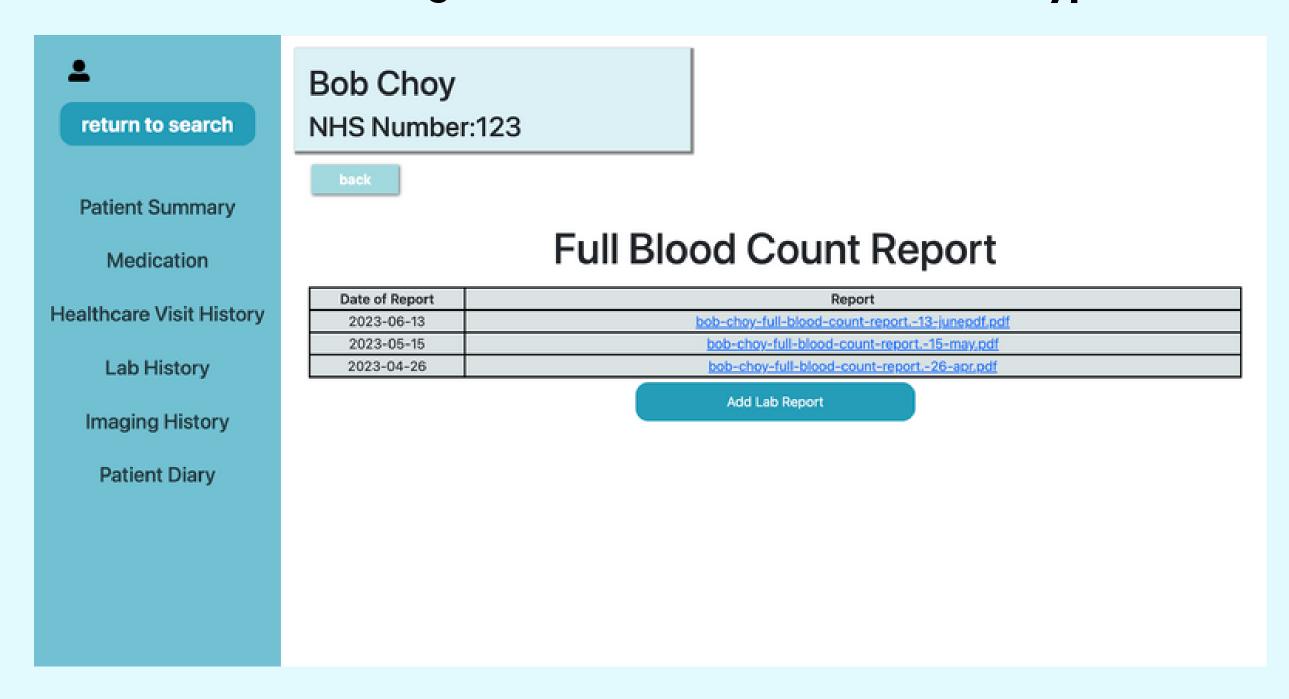


[&]quot;As doctors, we get lab reports, we don't enter numerical data ourselves."

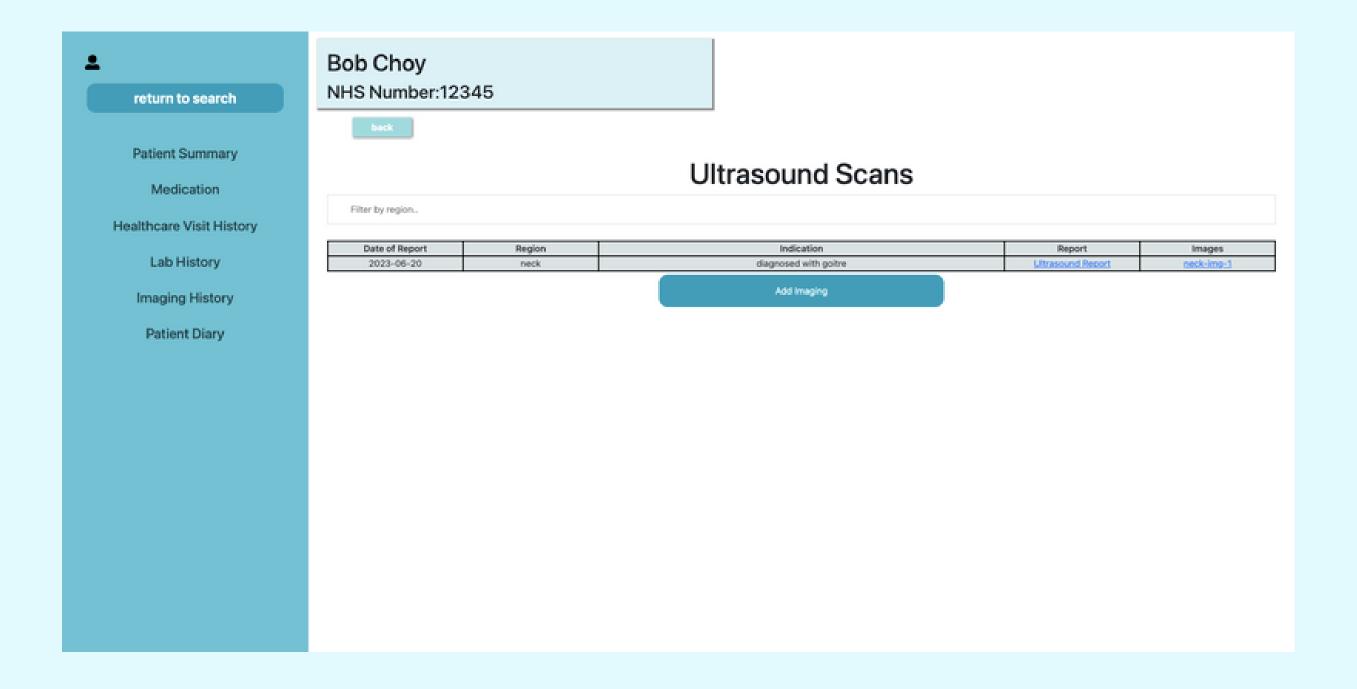
Hence, we removed the idea of tabulated data and instead created a form for doctors to upload the necessary attachments. We focused on making entries as easy to populate as possible.



Below is the reworked design for the details of one of the types of lab report.



Entries are displayed in a list of reports. For imaging, to help reduce the time needed to search for a particular entry, the entries can be filtered by region with the search bar.





For better representation of data in the future, we would have to obtain numerical data by extracting from exisiting lab and imaging systems, in order to display data or better comparisons and analysis.

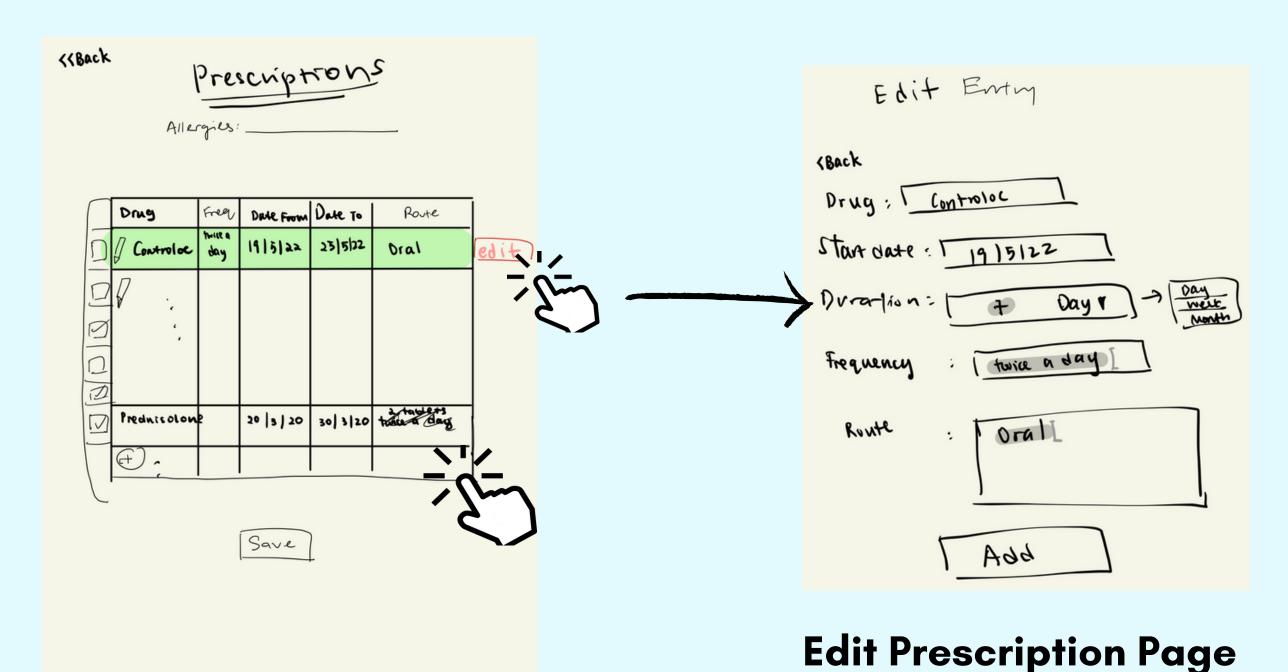
4. Medication

We started off our prototype with how we thought it should be, as shown below, but we soon realised it needed to be way more complex.

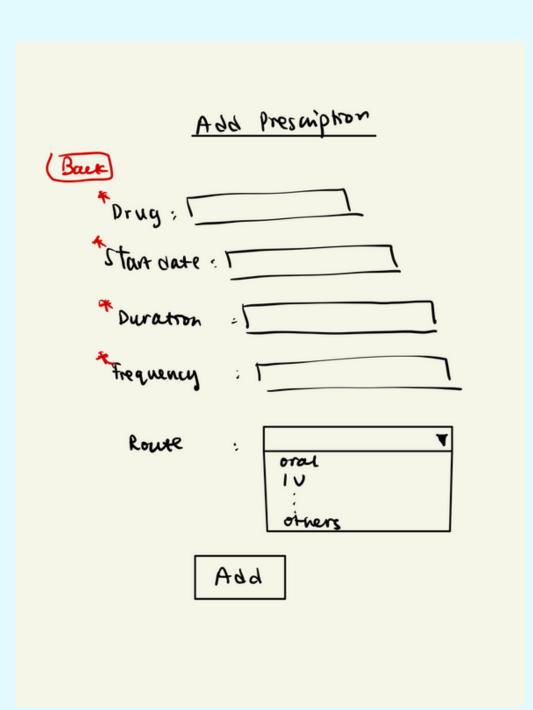
"Sometimes I want to change the medications' details depending on the patient's conditions so I want to be able to edit upon it accordingly. Similarly, I want to be able to end the medication when needed."

"It would also be nice to know how the drug is administered and how long it is needed for"

-- junior doctor in Newcastle

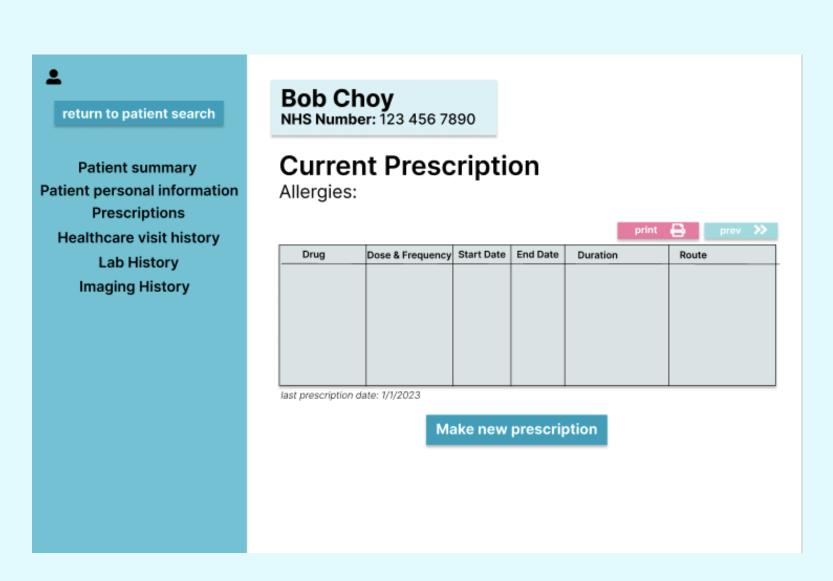


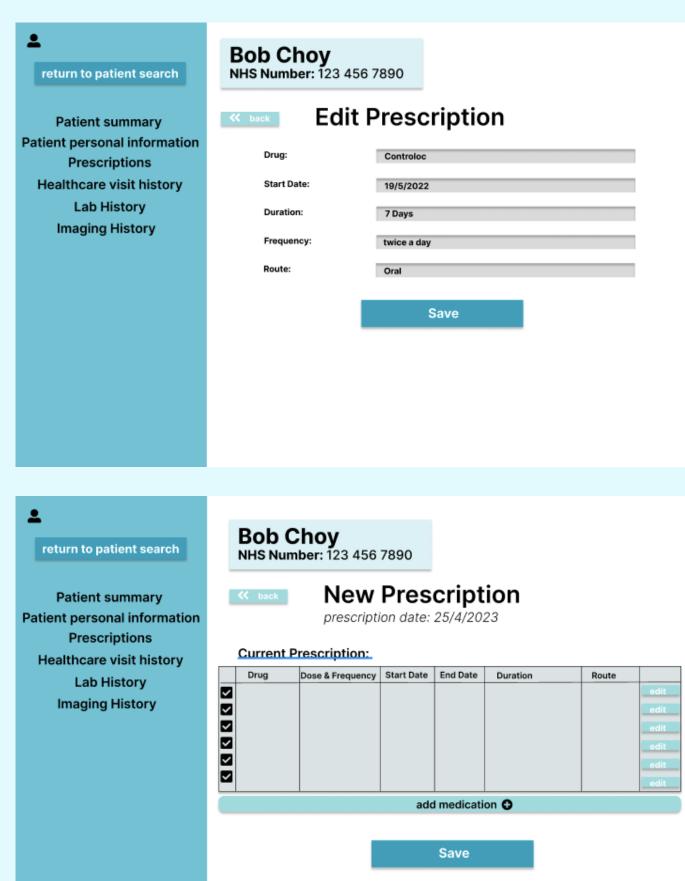
Main Prescription Page



Add Prescription Page

We have created an interactive Figma prototype to enhance the feedback process and gather more relevant input.

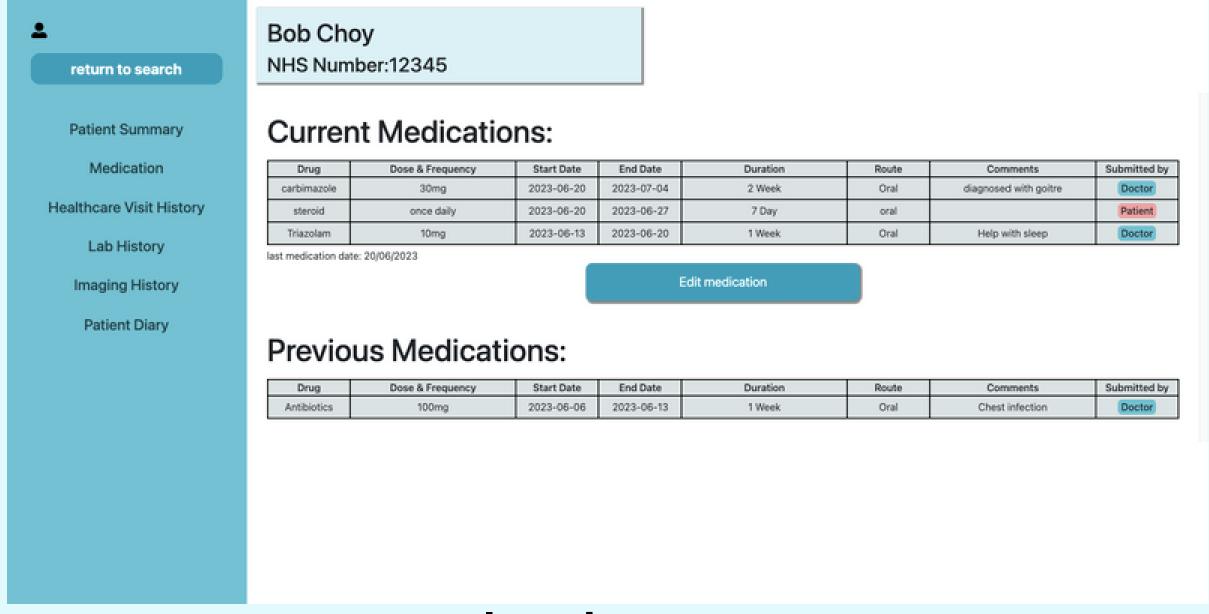




"Instead of prescriptions, it would be better to know their current and previous medication as medicines can interact with one another."

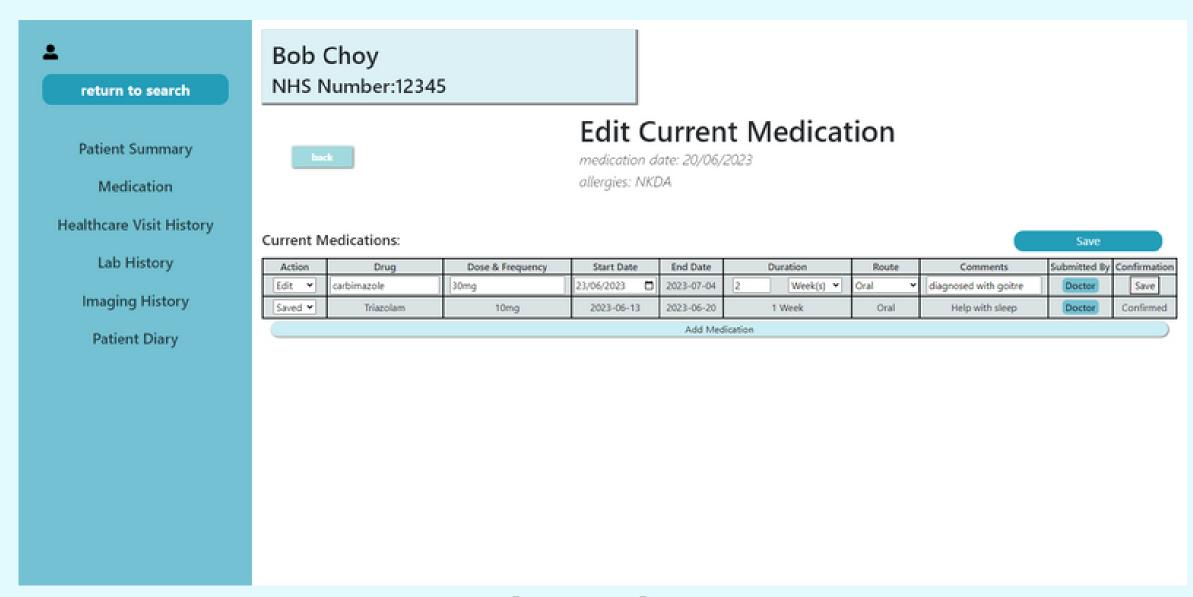


-- junior doctor in London



Final Medication Page

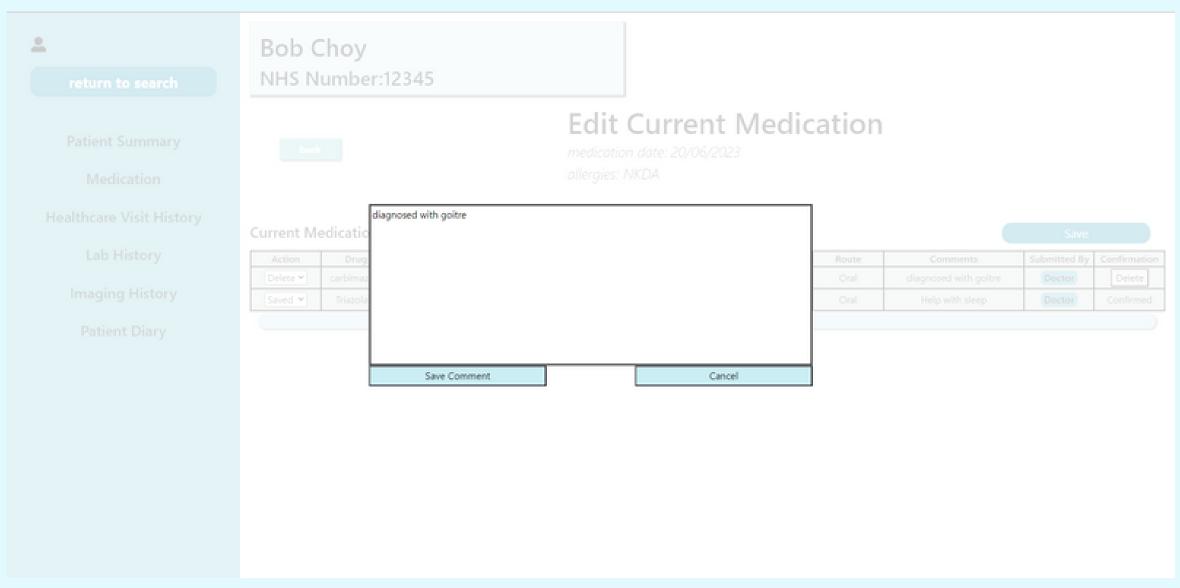
"Seeing all the current medications while editing can help me see the bigger picture and reduce the chances of misprescription."



Final Edit Medication Page

"When I end some medication abruptly, other doctors may want to know why I did that, similarly, I also want to know why some medication was cancelled since it may be due to allergies which may cause severe adverse reactions"

We made it such that in the case where the doctor decides to delete a medication, there will be a pop-up which will allow the doctor to have a chance to add comments on the reason as well as to confirm their actions.



Final Edit Medication Page (comments)

Testing & Validation

Patient's View: The App

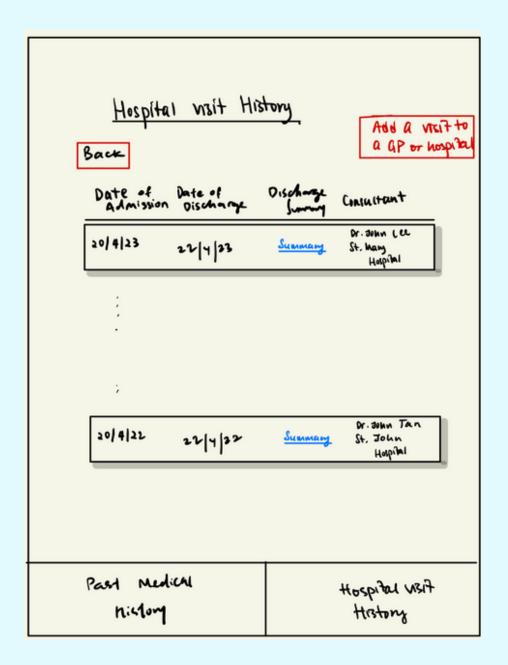
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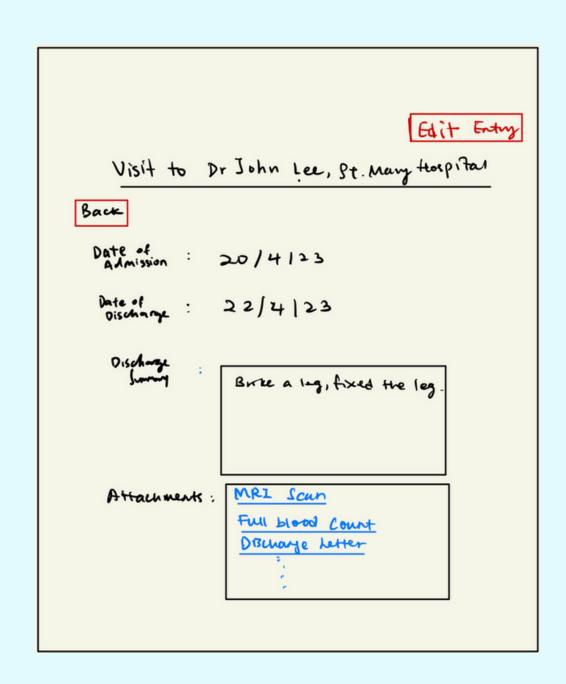
-- Elderly man

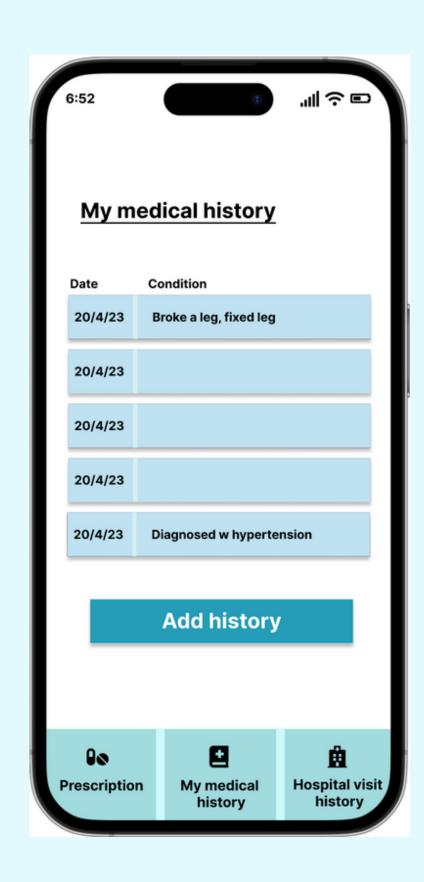
1. My Medical History

"As a patient, I want to be able to update my doctor/GP on my most recent medical history so that they can get accurate updates on my condition even if I go to another hospital."

These are our initial mockups for patients to view their medical history.



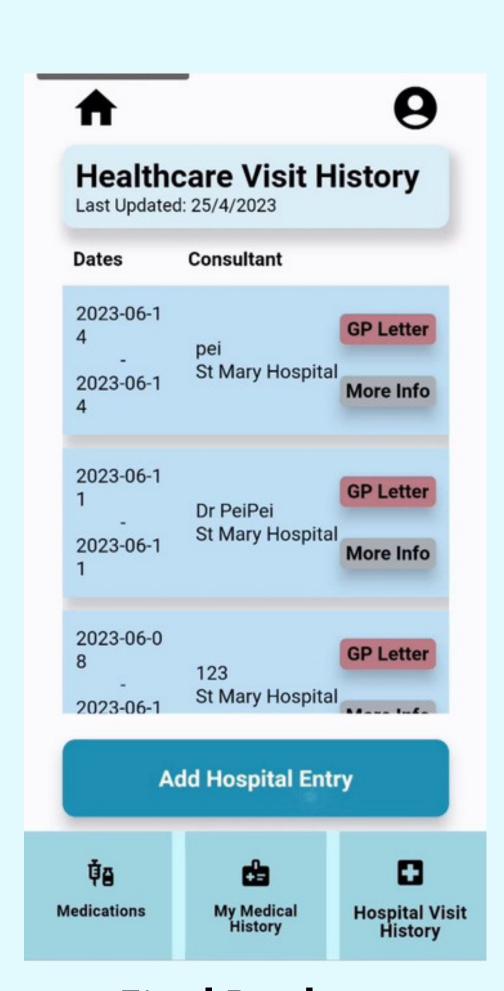




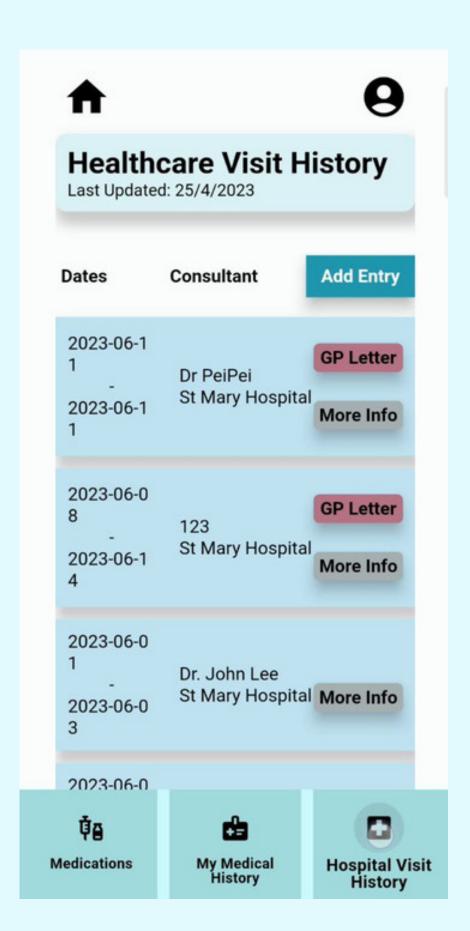
"I would want to see more details about my past visits to the hospital."

-- Imperial Student

We then added the Healthcare Visit History page for patients to see their past visits.



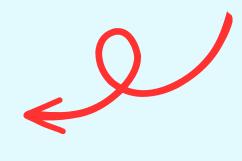
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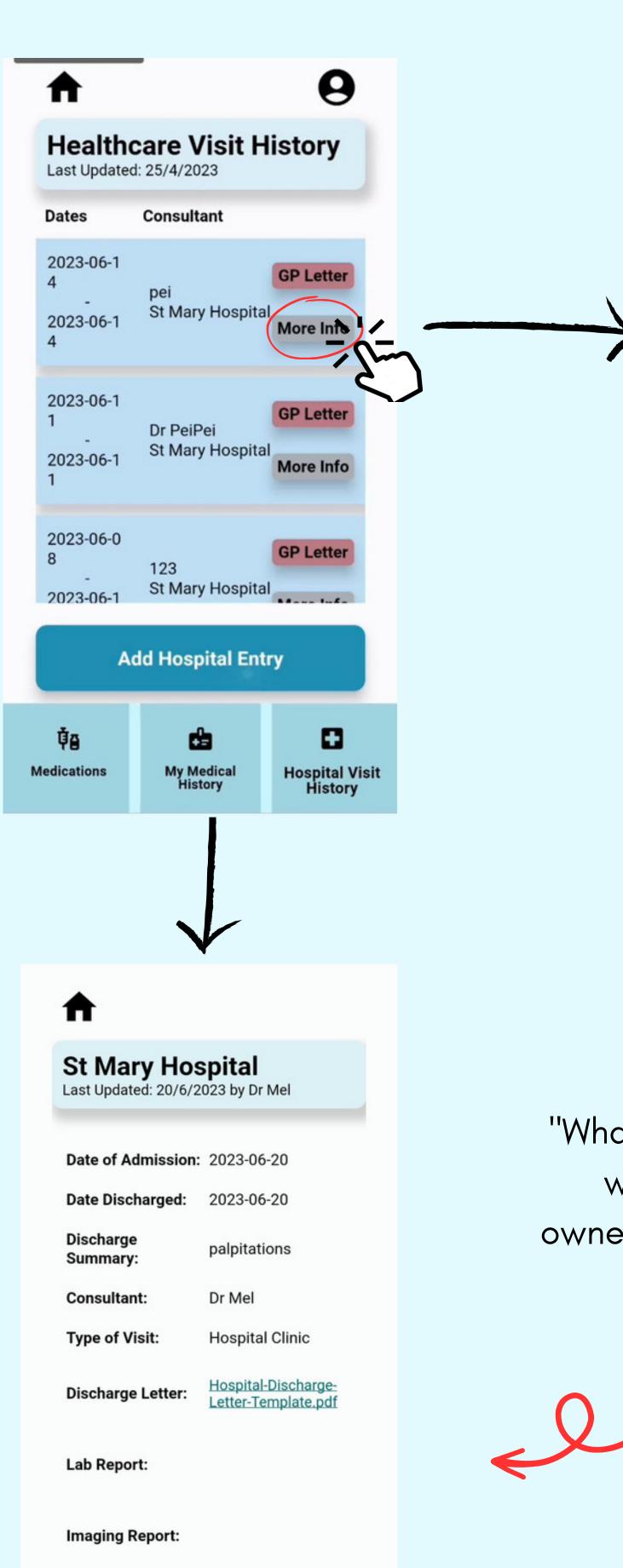




"My first instinct would be to look downwards of the page of the app to add an entry. I think the add button should be bigger so that I can find it easier."

-- Imperial Student



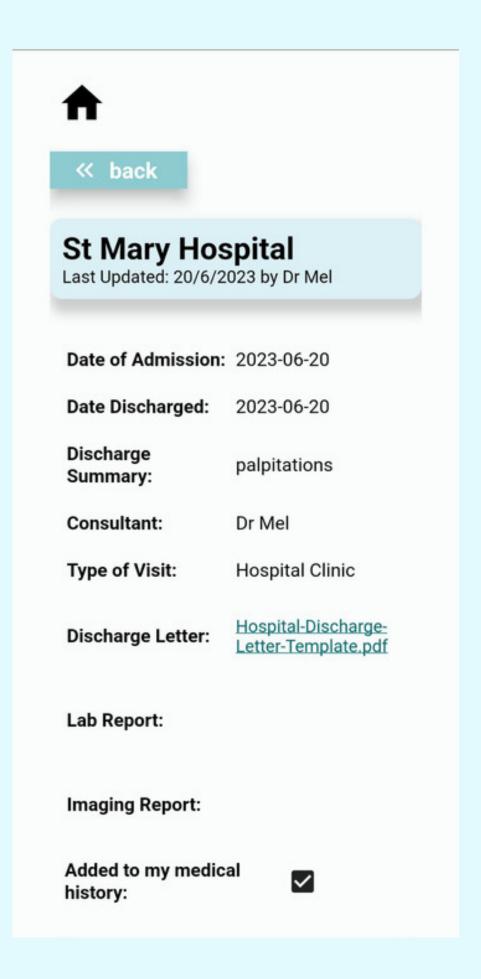


Added to my medical

history:

~

Edit Entry





"What if I make a typo? I would want more ownership over the data I uploaded."

-- Middle-aged man



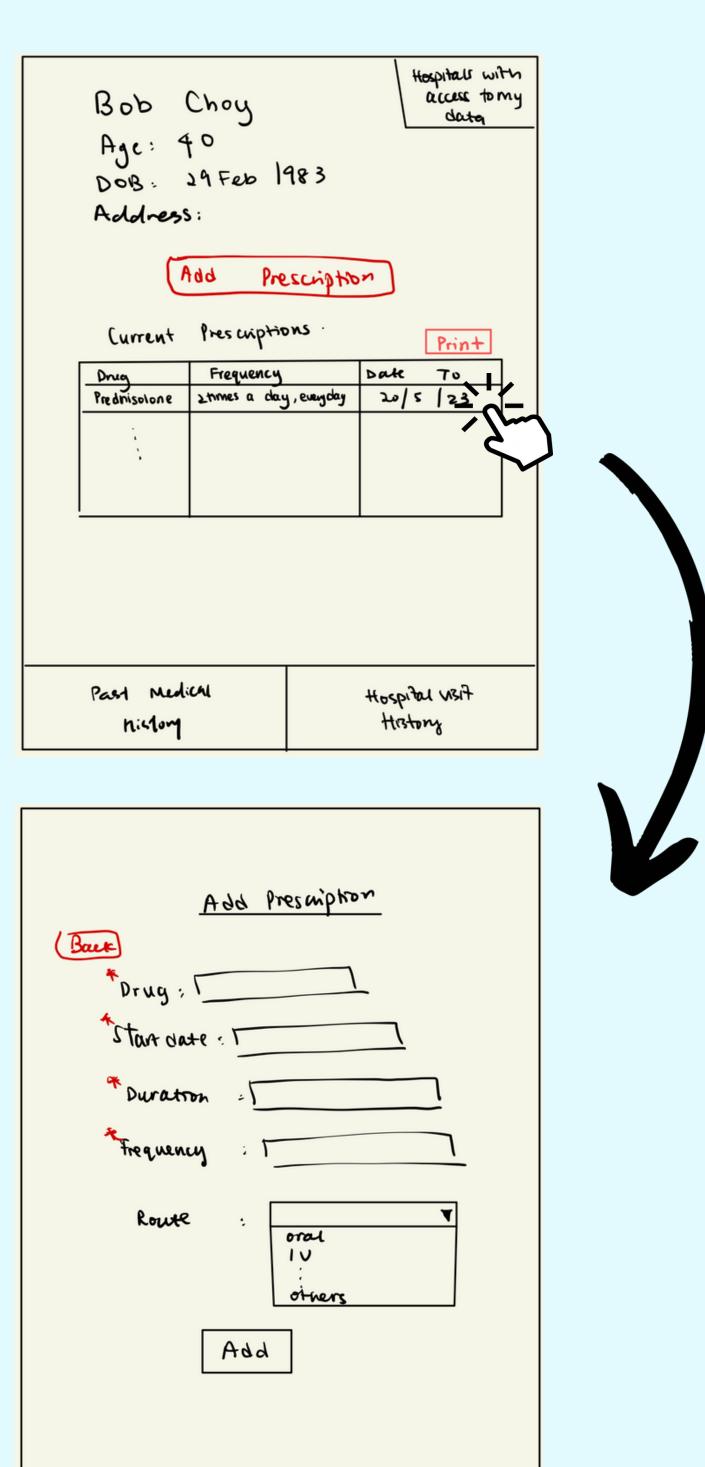
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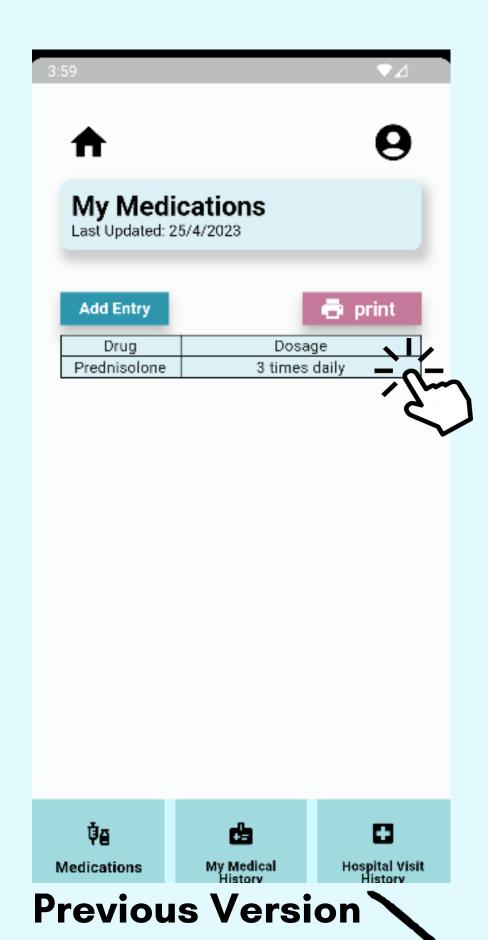
2. My Medications

These are our initial mockups for patients to view their current medications.

"As a patient, I want to be able to update the medications that I am currently taking so that my GP/doctor can know my medications without asking me and I don't need to remember all the medication names."

-- Middle-aged man

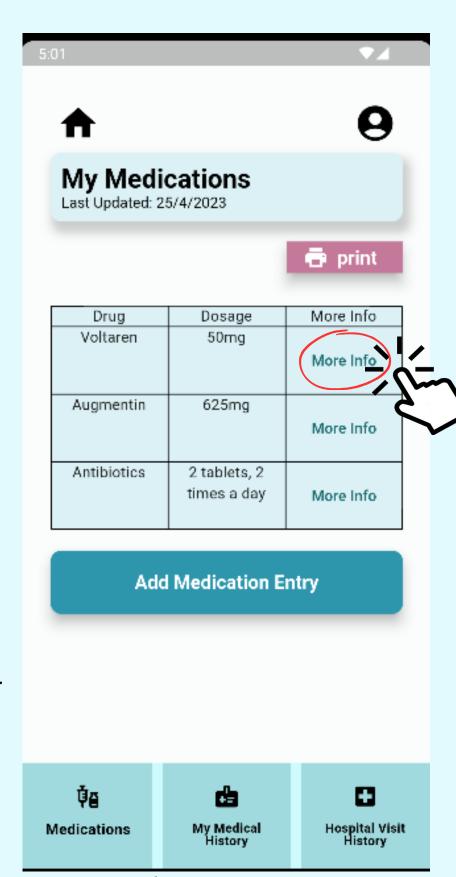




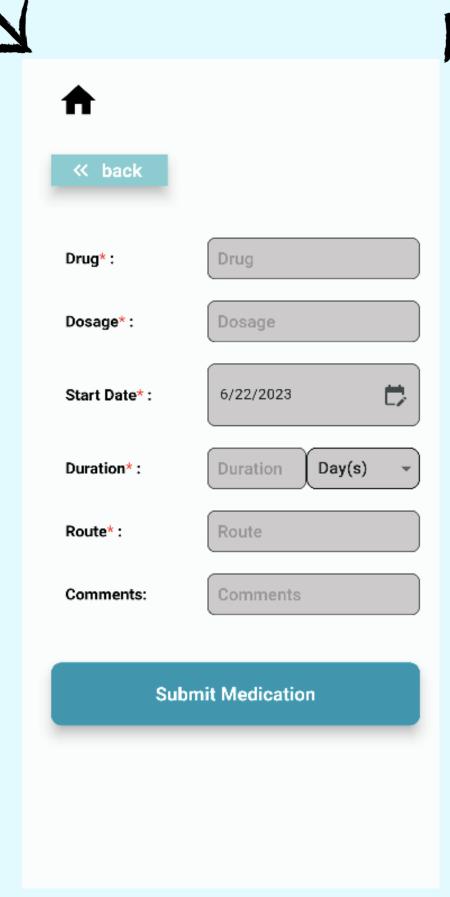


"I would also like to know more details about my current medication but I did not know the rows were clickable until you told me. Maybe make it more obvious so that it is easier to check."

-- Imperial Student



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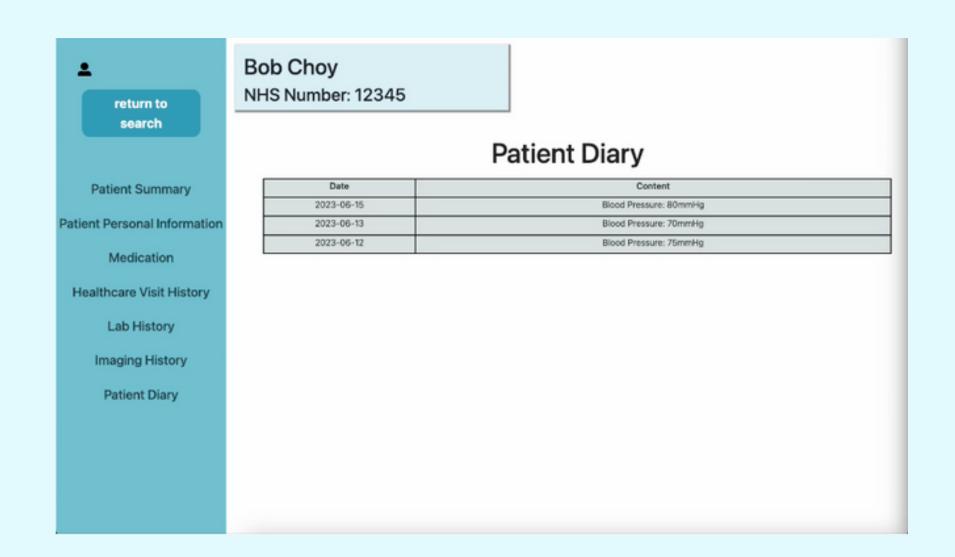


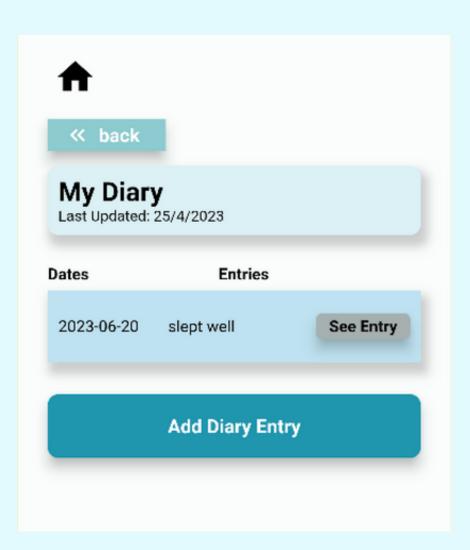
3. Patient Diary

Initially, the patient diary section didn't exist, but with insights from patients, we decided to implement it.

"As a patient with chronic illness and needs to measure my health every day, I want to be able to store those measurements easily and reliably so that my doctor can see it easily."

-- Middle-aged man





"The entire list of diary entries will get really long, and its hard to keep track and read the diary history"

-- Imperial Student

≪ back My Diary Categories Last Updated: 25/4/2023 Categories blood sugar levels See Entries blood pressure See Entries See Entries sleep quality See Entries time **Add Diary Category** ΦĎ å My Medical History Hospital Visit History Medications

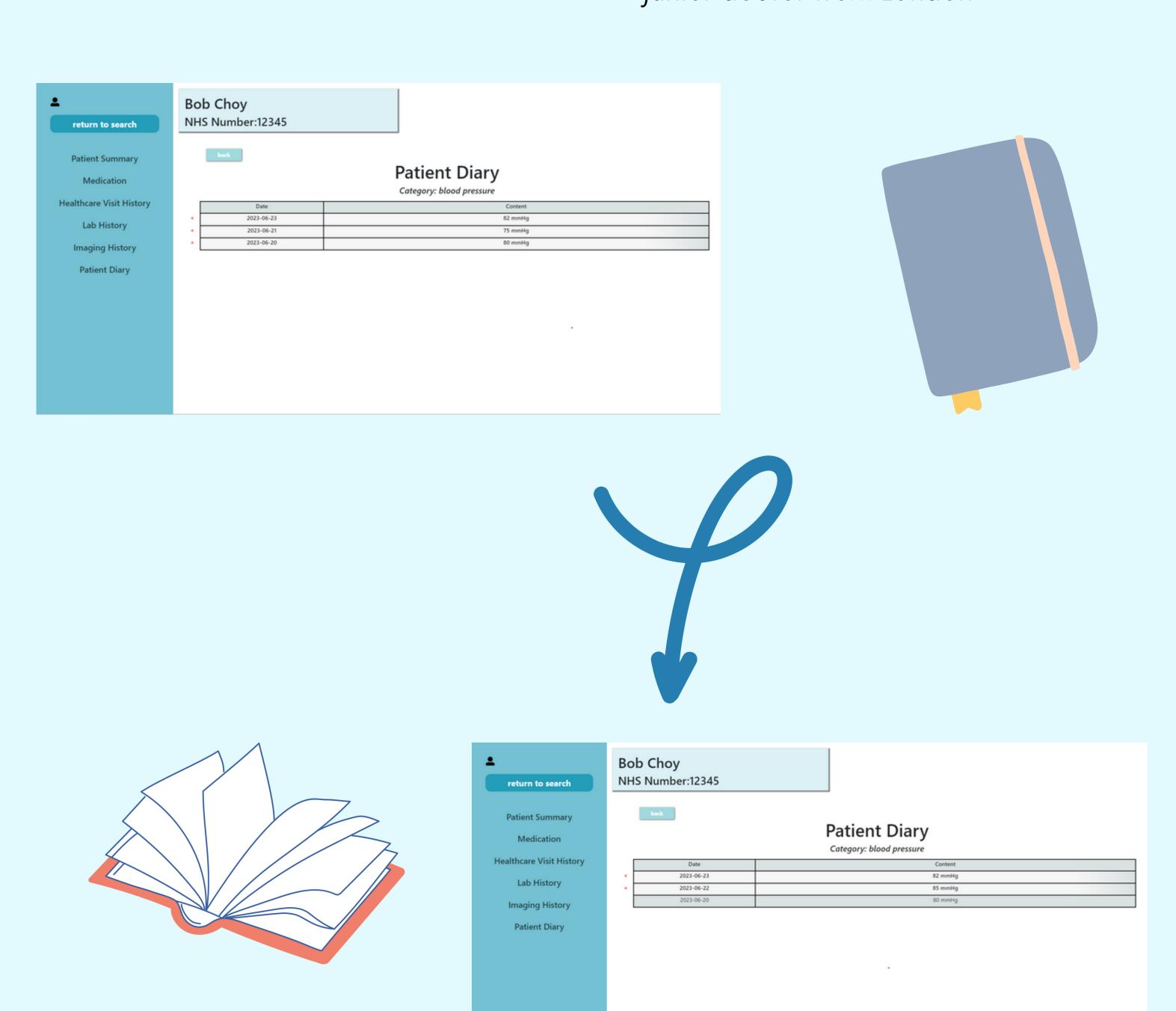
"Some patients have to record many things at different intervals and this can cause it to be hard to find the relevant entries"

-- junior doctor from London

	Bob Choy NHS Number:12345						
Patient Summary		Patient Diary Categories					
Medication Healthcare Visit History							
Lab History	blood sugar levels		blood pressure				
Imaging History							
Patient Diary							
	sleep quality						
		Add Category					

"It would also be helpful to know if I have viewed the entry."

— junior doctor from London



We have implemented a feature where, if a diary entry has not been read, a red asterisk is displayed next to it and it is highlighted in cream color. Once the entry is clicked and read, the red asterisk disappears and the row becomes grayed out.

4. Sharing my medical data?

Since we were dealing with sensitive health data, we wanted to know what the general public thought about having their data on the app. We interviewed different demographics and here are some responses.

"I feel safe to give them all my medical information since doctors should know everything for safety"

-- university student

"As a patient, I would want to control what data I give because there are so many things in people's lives that they don't want to expose."

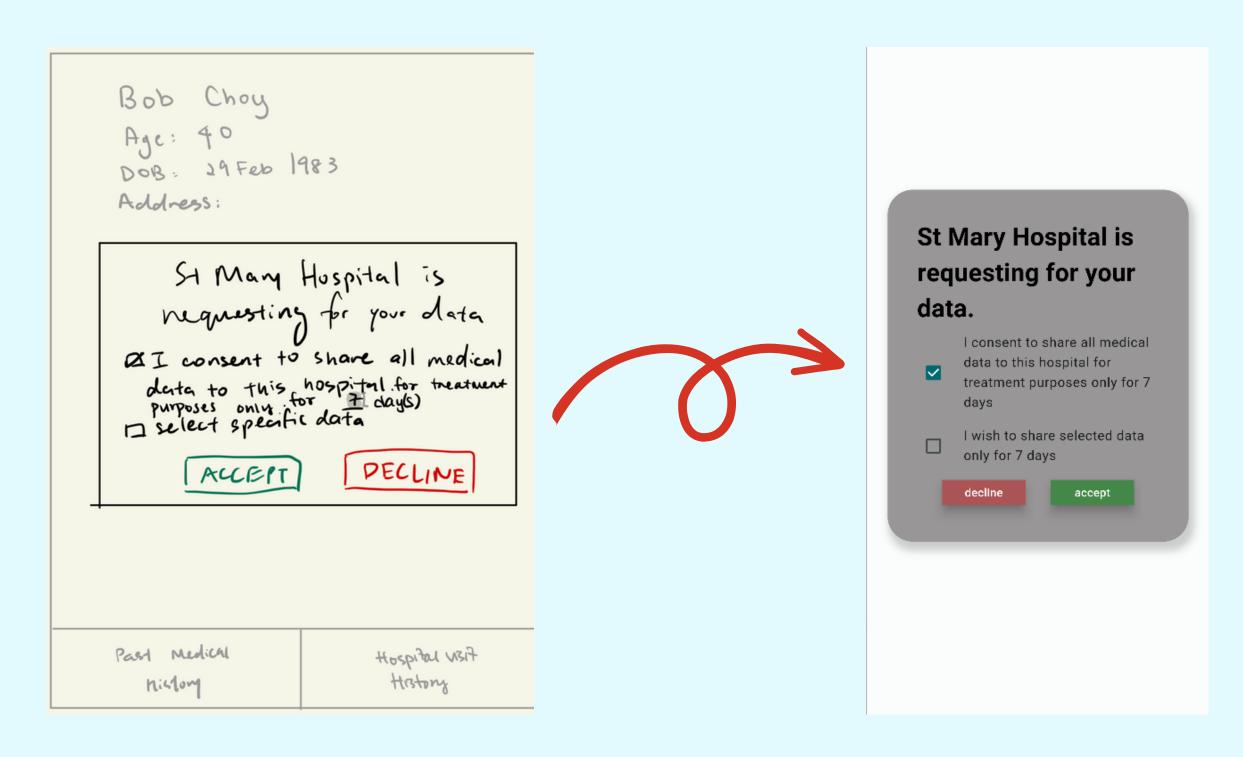
"Depends on the personality, some people are comfortable sharing."

"I think the basic information are okay to be shared."

--elderly man with health conditions

It is clear to us that people from different demographics have very different views on this topic.

From that we have added a functionality to hide medical history when giving access to hospitals.



Initial paper mockup

Final product

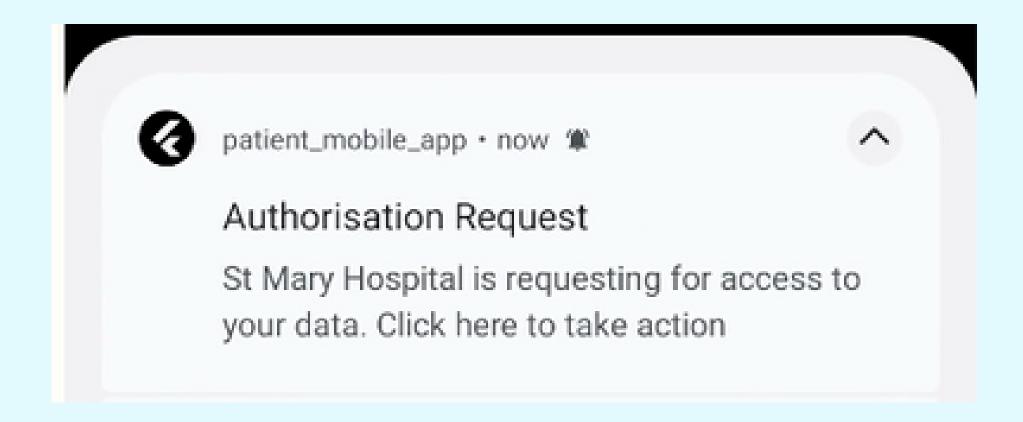
With this functionality, we have interviewed a few other members of the general public and they are generally happy with it, but there were still a few comments on it.

"Would it be possible to have notifications outside of the app when an authorisation request is sent so that I don't need to login to the app to know?"

-- university student



To make the authorization process easier, we implemented push notification.



Push notifications will be sent when authorisation request is sent by the doctor.

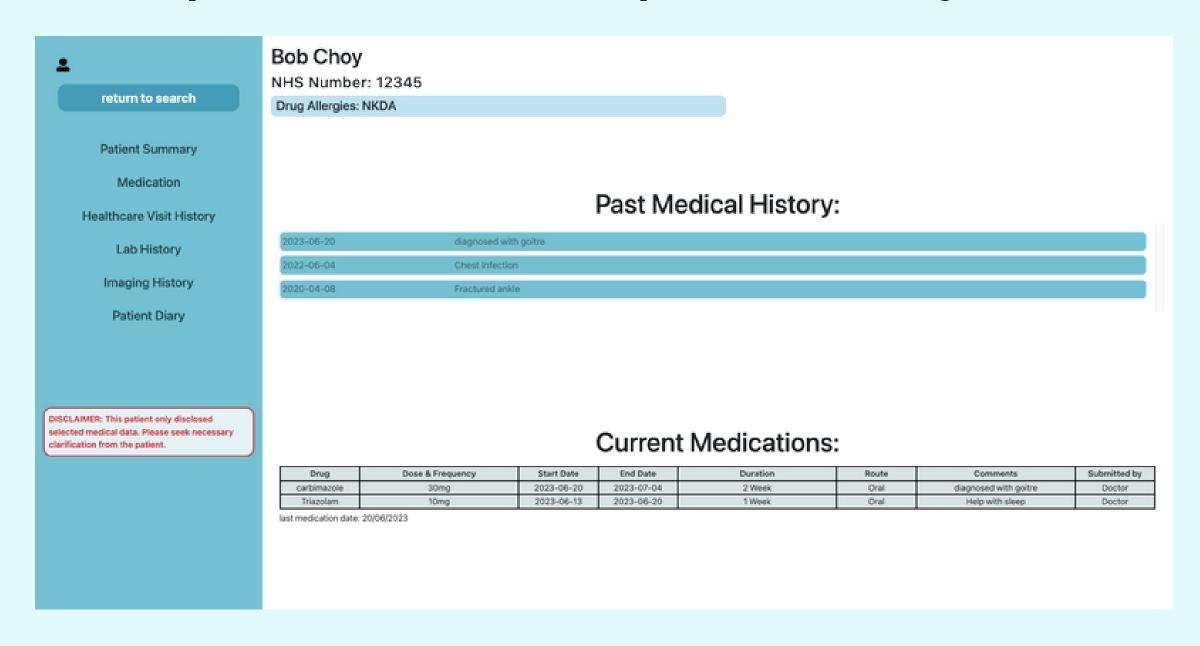


We then asked a doctor on their thoughts about the authentication process. We asked them to imagine that they are the first point of contact in a hospital, asking for medical history from a patient.

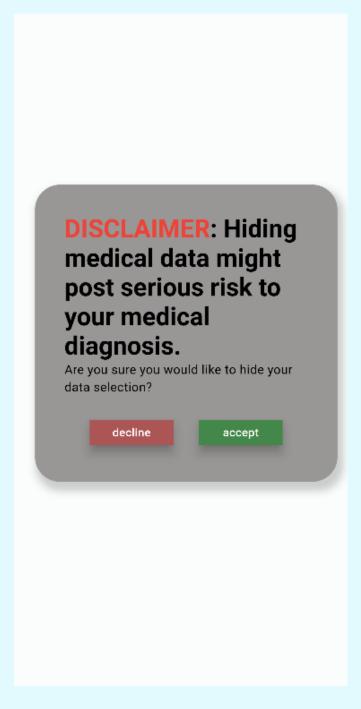
"I feel like it will be quite dangerous if the patients were able to hide information so easily. Patients might hide some information that they think is not important but in reality contributes a lot to the decision making of the doctor."

-- junior doctor in London

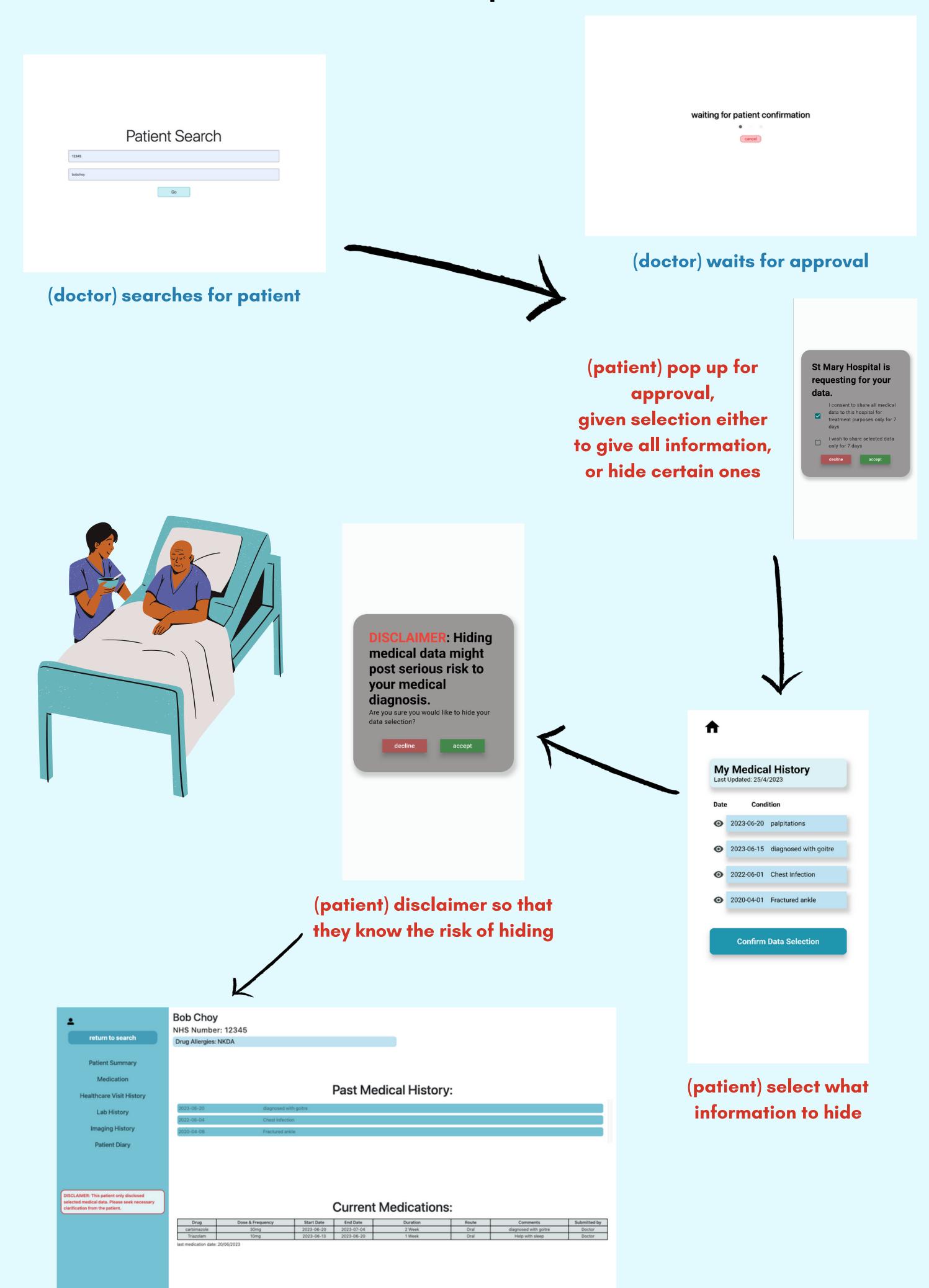
It was clear that doctors that we interviewed were quite concerned about this feature. So, we came up with showing a disclaimer on the doctor's side so that they can be notified if the patient is hiding information.



A warning disclaimer will also be shown on the patient's side before proceeding to make sure the patient knows the risk!



Hence the authentication in the final product!



(doctor) gets a disclaimer that patient has hidden some information

Our Impact

Watch how Pocket Patient impacts lives by clicking this link!

Direct Impact

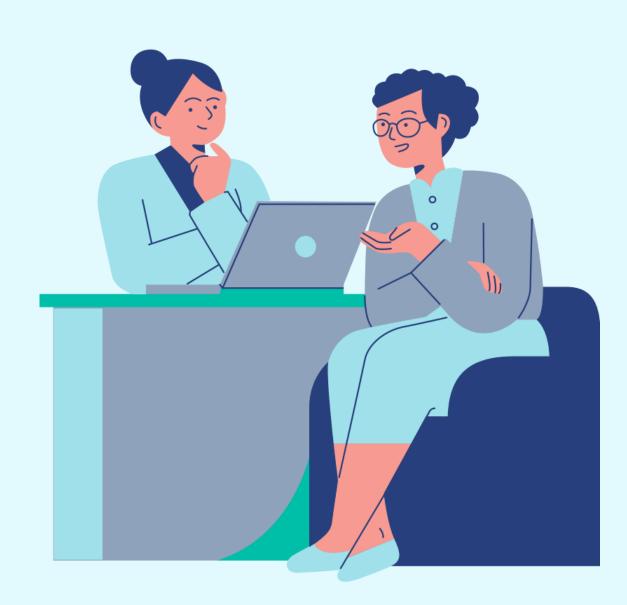
We showed our app to some of our interviewees and heres what they said:

"Its very good because you go to different hospitals then you would just need give access to the doctors from your app!"

-- a high school student

"I can imagine the impact of this app in the case when it is fully integrated into the system, it would enable instant access to critical patient's data."

-- a junior doctor in ireland



The app would directly impact users, both patients and medical practitioners, by providing easy access to comprehensive and up-to-date medical information. It can facilitate efficient data transfer and improve coordination between healthcare institutions, leading to better-informed decision-making and enhanced patient care.

Our Impact

Indirect Impact

"I can do other things instead of spending a lot of time just trying to get the patient's medical data."

-- junior doctor in london

"I can see my medication list which can remind me if I ever forget."

-- middle aged man

"I can now know if the patient has withheld any information from me so that I can take corresponding risk."

-- junior doctor in oxford

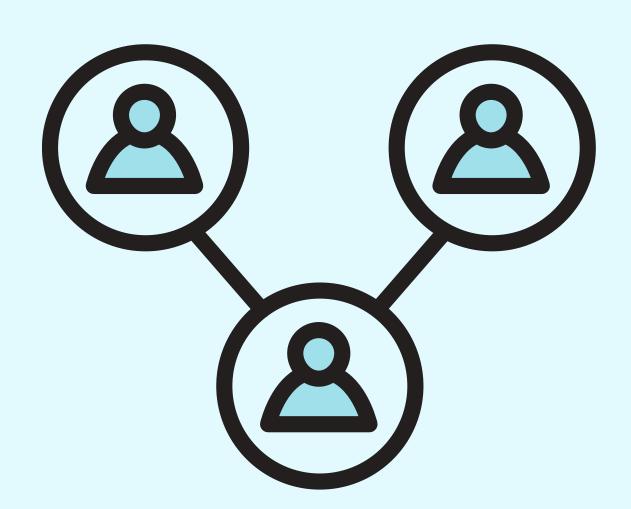


By promoting better data sharing and collaboration, the app indirectly contributes to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the healthcare system. It can reduce redundancy, streamline processes, minimize errors and improve resource allocation.

Our Vision

The app aligns with the bigger vision of transforming healthcare through digital innovation.





By promoting interoperability and data exchange, it can contribute to the development of a more connected and patient-centric healthcare system.

Ultimately, the app's widespread adoption can lead to improved health outcomes and a more efficient healthcare services for the community as a whole.

