

## Home Hospital Early Adopters Accelerator Program

Home hospital programs throughout the United States have helped address challenges in delivering acute hospital care by improving quality, safety, cost, and patient experience. A growing number of hospitals either have launched or plan to launch their own home hospital program. To do so requires combining deep clinical expertise in acute care provision with new technologies, staffing models, and workflows.

We invite you to join Ariadne Labs' Early Adopters Accelerator Program, a fused network of *early home hospital adopters* that *collectively learn* and *move fast* to support health care systems to further develop their own home hospital programs.

### What is the Early Adopters Accelerator Program?

The Early Adopters Accelerator Program is a fused network of hospitals learning together to build knowledge products for acute care at home. The program will provide expertise in designing and managing home hospital programs via a network of hospitals who collectively learn, create, and implement together as a community. Products will be developed over 20 two-week sprints using an adapted Scrum framework for agile product development.

### What is the Scrum framework?

Scrum is a framework for effective team collaboration. First used in software development, it uses an iterative approach that allows teams to develop products quickly and efficiently. A Scrum Master will work with the Early Adopters Accelerator Program to teach members the Scrum framework and to facilitate each two-week product development sprint.

### Who is eligible to join the program?

Hospitals that have started or are dedicated to starting acute care at home programs are eligible to join the program. Hospitals must commit to participating in several two-week product development sprints from September 2021 through June 2022. Hospitals must have leadership support for their participation in the program.

### What is the cost to hospitals to join?

The Early Adopters Accelerator Program has no fee for participating hospitals in North Carolina and South Carolina. There will be a participation fee of \$5000 for hospitals from other states.

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### **Where will the program take place?**

All work within the program will occur remotely. This remote format allows team members the flexibility to participate.

### **What are the benefits of participating in the program?**

Hospitals that join the Early Adopter Accelerator Program will be part of a first of its kind program to create innovative solutions to real-life challenges in implementing acute care at home. They will have first access to all products developed within the program regardless of whether they directly participated in a particular product's sprint. Hospitals will benefit from the expertise of a Scrum Master who will guide the overall product development.

### **What is the program timeline?**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from August 9 through August 27, 2021. All hospitals will be notified of their application status by August 31, 2021. The Launch Workshop will be held later that week. The first sprint will begin the first week of September.

### **Who is managing this program?**

This opportunity is made possible through a collaboration between CaroNova and Ariadne Labs.

CaroNova, a joint partnership between The Duke Endowment, the North Carolina Healthcare Association and the South Carolina Hospital Association, is a hub for innovators and investors focused on advancing health in the Carolinas. Our approach is to work with diverse partners across both states to identify promising practices, and then test, refine, and scale what works so that all Carolinians can experience optimal health.

Ariadne Labs is a joint center for health systems innovation at Brigham & Women's Hospital and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Our vision is that health systems equitably deliver the best possible care for every patient, everywhere, every time. Our mission is to save lives and reduce suffering for people everywhere, by creating scalable systems-level solutions that improve health care for the most critical moments and the stages in between.

### **How can hospitals apply?**

The application can be found [here](#).

### **Where can hospitals submit questions?**

Questions can be submitted [here](#) through August 27, 2021. Answers will be shared on a rolling basis.