accredo order scheduling
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When scheduling a prescription becomes a 9-step process, it's time to try Accredo OS.

Ask your designer to see if Accredo OS is right for you!

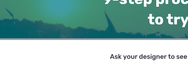
Do you schedule mail-order prescription delivery by phone?

You, the many of your coworkers answer phone calls from patients looking to refill or renew their prescription medications. Many of these patients are elderly, disabled, and chronic health conditions like multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, hemophilia and cancer. Typically, the costs for these treatments average $10,000 per month. There is no room for error when processing medication at this level. That's why you need Accredo Order Scheduling.

What is Accredo OS?

Accredo Order Scheduling is a software application designed to help internal Accredo phone agents efficiently schedule refill and renew high-profile medications.

Simple 3-Step Process:



Who is Accredo?

Accredo is a specialty mail-order pharmacy that serves patients with complex and chronic health conditions.

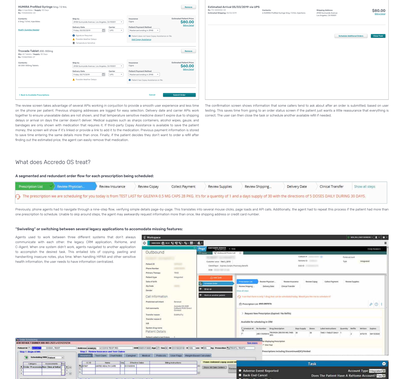
Why do I need Accredo OS?

Try filling simple prescriptions, legacy applications may be at a phone agent needs. When the agent has to fill more than one prescription, they have to navigate between many different Accredo OS. Legacy the source of phone agent frustration and consolidates everything into three simple steps. The patient can get back to living his life sooner. The agent can process more prescriptions. The company saves money. Everyone wins!

Accredo OS might be right for you!

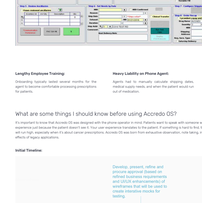
Accredo Order Scheduling is a software application designed to help phone agents efficiently schedule, refill and renew high-profile prescription medication. It's fast, efficient, and as intuitive as shopping online!

Step 1:
View available prescriptions to refill

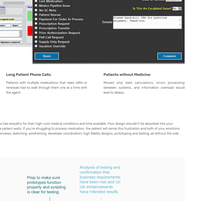


All prescriptions available for refill are available in a shopping cart experience. The agent can see the dosage, directions, or any other identifying details that the patient may refer to over the phone. They can also find expired and voided prescriptions in the same view. Accredo Order Scheduling is designed to be as intuitive as shopping online. Agents have a familiar experience in most calls they are taking on legacy applications. The enables the agent to follow their own flow without depending on a robotic-sounding script to compensate for poorly arranged design elements in the legacy applications.

Step 2:
Review shipping options



Step 3:
Confirmation

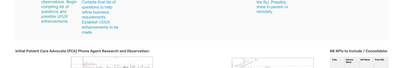


The review screen takes advantage of several APIs working in conjunction to provide a smooth user experience across less time on the phone per patient. Previous shipping addresses are logged for easy selection. Delivery date and carrier APIs work together to provide the most accurate delivery date. Insurance APIs work in conjunction with pharmacy APIs to provide the most relevant co-pay or deductible for the carrier doesn't deliver. Medical supplies such as sharps containers, alcohol wipes, gauze, and bandages are only shown with medication that requires it. If third-party Copay Assistance is available to save the patient money, the screen will show it! It's listed or provide a link to add it to the prescription. Previous payment information is stored to save time entering the same details more than once. Finally, if the patient decides they don't want to order a refill after finding out the estimated price, the agent can easily remove that medication.

The confirmation screen shows information that some callers tend to ask about after an order is submitted, based on user testing. This saves time going from a phone call to order status screen if the patient just wants a little reassurance that everything is correct. The user can then close the task or schedule another available refill if needed.

What does Accredo OS treat?

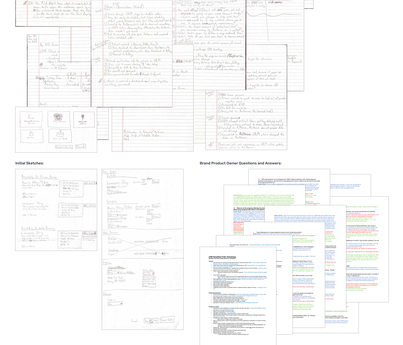
A segmented and redundant order flow for each prescription being scheduled:



Previously, phone agents had to navigate through a nine-step flow, verifying simple details page-by-page. This translates into several mouse clicks, page loads and API calls. Additionally, the agent had to repeat this process if the patient had more than one prescription to schedule. Unable to stay around steps, the agent may access several required mouse-free shortcuts, like shopping additions or credit card number.

"Swiveling" or switching between several legacy applications to accomodate missing features:

Agents used to work between three different systems that don't always communicate with each other. Legacy CRM software, Windows, and Accredo's proprietary software. Agents had to swivel between these systems to accomplish the desired task. This wasted time of copying, pasting and handwriting resource on notes, plus time. When handling HIPAA and other sensitive health information, the user needs to have information centralized.



Lengthy Employee Training:
Onboarding typically lasted several months for the agent to become comfortable processing prescriptions for patients.

Heavy Liability on Phone Agent:
Agents had to manually calculate shipping dates, medical supply needs, and when the patient would run out of medications.

Long Patient Phone Calls:
Patients with multiple medications that need refills or renewals had to walk through them one at a time with the agent.

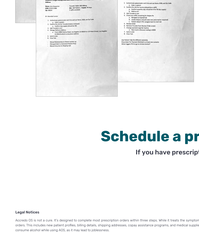
Patients without Medicine:
Missed ship date calculations, errors processing insurance claims, and information overload would lead to delays.

What are some things I should know before using Accredo OS?

It's important to know that Accredo OS was designed with the phone operator in mind. Patients want to speak with someone who has empathy for the high-cost medical conditions and time available. Poor design shouldn't be absorbed into your experience just because Accredo OS doesn't have it. Your main responsibility as a designer translates to the patient. If something is hard to find, the patient waits. If you're struggling to process medication, the patient will sense the frustration and both of your emotions will run high, especially when it's about cancer prescriptions. Accredo OS was born from exhaustive observation, note taking, interviews, sketching, wireframing, developer coordination, high fidelity designs, prototyping and testing, all without the side effects of legacy applications.

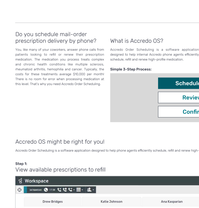
Initial Timeline

Initial Patient Care Advocate (PCA) Phone Agent Research and Observation:

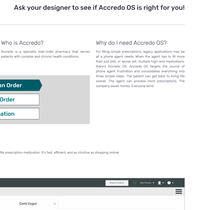


88 APIs to Include / Consolidate:

Initial Sketches:



Brand Product Owner Questions and Answers:



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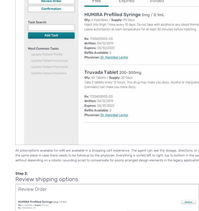

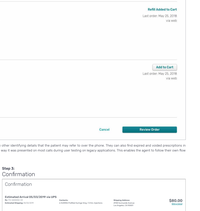

Tests and Trials

Initiaon Prototypes:

Scenario 1 - Dina Bridges: https://appmysonarlts.invisionapp.com/share/MK6SGNM1R#/screens
Scenario 2 - Kelly Johnson: https://appmysonarlts.invisionapp.com/share/ML6SGNMJ2#/screens
Scenario 3 - Ava Kasperian: https://appmysonarlts.invisionapp.com/share/ML6SGNMT3#/screens
Scenario 4 - Cenk Uygur: https://appmysonarlts.invisionapp.com/share/MT6SGNMK1#/screens

Notes from PCA Prototype Interactions:

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If you have prescription scheduling aches and pains, talk to your designer today!

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Legal Notices

Accredo OS is not a cure. It's designed to complete most prescription orders within three steps. While it treats the symptoms listed, there may be circumstances in which the phone agent has to enter information that hasn't been stored from previous orders. This includes new patient profiles, billing details, shipping addresses, copay assistance programs, and medical supplies. A three-step process is not guaranteed. Just one ADD application gives 3x5 day relief. Use while operating machinery. Do not consume alcohol while using AOS, as it may lead to joblessness.