Surescripts taps Diameter Health to accelerate interoperability and advance specialty treatments

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The news: E-prescription network **Surescripts** partnered with health data interoperability startup **Diameter Health** to simplify specialty prescribing and fulfillment for its pharmacy and provider customers.

More on this: Surescripts will use Diameter Health's health data optimization capabilities to shorten the time it takes a patient to access their specialty medications after being prescribed them.

Diameter Health's platform can aggregate, normalize, and securely exchange clinical data efficiently. That means it can help Surescripts cut down on delayed approval of specialty therapies and enable more timely treatment.

Why now? This partnership is timely considering the rapid growth in specialty drug spending in the US—which might exceed 50% of total drug spending in 2021, per a 2021 American Society of Health System Pharmacists report.

The partnership could also open up customer channels for both Surescripts and Diameter Health:

- Specialty medications are used largely by older adults and long-term care facilities,
- By 2030, **24 million US adults** will need long term care (around double the current need), per the American Action Forum's research.

The bigger picture: Messy health data exchange is a huge roadblock to streamlined healthcare and better health outcomes.

- **85% of physicians** think better interoperability would enable faster diagnoses and **95% say increased interoperability** will improve patient outcomes, according to The Harrison Poll-Google Cloud's survey.
- Diameter Health's solutions clean different kinds of health data, standardize it, and make it accessible across different electronic health record systems.
- Essentially, they help healthcare stakeholders see more of a patient's healthcare data, faster.

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