Patient 360:
Collaborating on Cancer Care
"We expect the blood draw to take about 5 minutes. But the waiting time, THAT we don't know."

-Patient 3, walking to the lab draw reception desk
"What you don’t want is dealing with insurance when you feel like crap [...] I wanted about the cheapest I could go, cause I had excellent health back then."

- Patient 2,
Talking about why they chose their insurance company
"We call it the New Normal. It means that you’re never going to be the same, even if you’re cured you’re never the same person; neither are your family and friends."

- Patient 4, sitting at SCCA waiting room for their appointment
Patients’ path through cancer resembles the chaos of “Design Squiggle”.

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“I called my insurance, waited on-hold for 55 minutes and didn’t get a straight answer what is covered and what not.”

“My back hurt for no reason.”

“My daughter became suicidal.”

“Everyone is just busy with their kids and lives ... nobody cares.”
- A not-for-profit health insurance company
- In business for 85 years
- Serves 2.2 million members in Washington State, Alaska, and employees of many national companies
A not-for-profit outpatient cancer treatment center

SCCA brings together the leading research teams and cancer specialists of Fred Hutch, Seattle Children’s, and UW Medicine

Ranked as one of the top five cancer hospitals in the nation
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Team360 cooking

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Observation: Clinic

- Interviews: staff
- Shadowing: patients
- Shadowing: staff

- 80 hours
- 8 hours
- 14 hours
- 43 hours
Themes and Impact

#1
Life’s responsibilities follow patients into cancer care

“Did you find any underwear? ... Not sure if she’s hungry ... did you find the bag of food? Wish I could just tell you where to find stuff.”

“Mumy do you have a pen? I need a baby-pen?”

#2
It takes effort to get care

“I guess I could get a loan ... (patient breaks down)”

#3
It takes effort to give care

Registration staff tell patient that “it takes about 15 days for the bill to go out, so they still have time to be financially cleared.”

#4
Patients can see if we are working together

#5
Staff struggle to maintain the patient experience

“I am doing research!” (audible giggle)

A group of clinic staff chatting and checking their phones with their feet visible and conversation audible outside.

#6
Every area leaves a different impression

SCCA staff are seen only by the tops of their heads behind high desks and countertops.
Take-aways

1. Build common ground
2. Be receptive
3. Focus on shared audience
Join the team at our workshop.

**How to 360.**

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