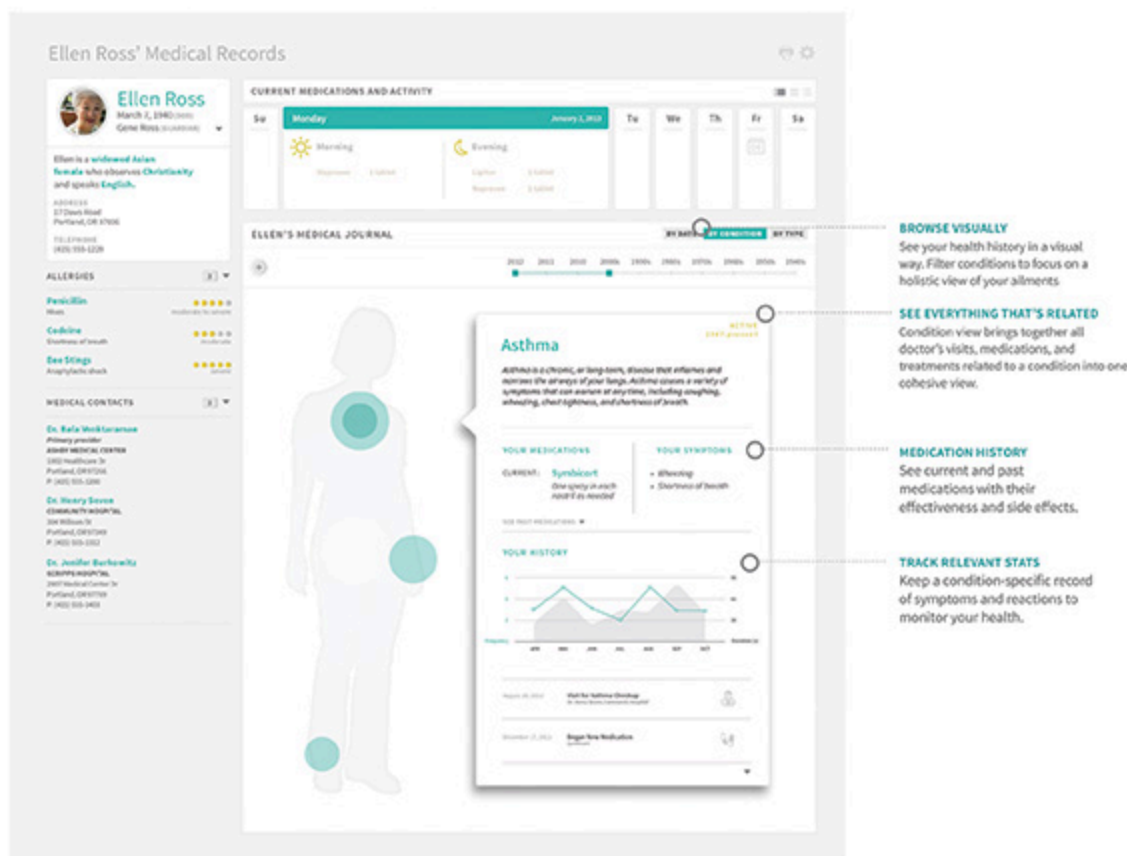


# Medical Record Makeover

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Do your printed health records have that tired, bored look that went out with the leisure suit? If so, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) is offering a medical record makeover that can turn your files from drab to fab.

Hoping to make printed health records easier for patients to read and understand, ONC organized the Health Design Challenge that called on developers to revamp the look of printed health records in a way that makes EHRs and their data more valuable to patients and providers.

After sorting through more than 230 contest submissions, ONC announced the contest winners in January. Chicago-based gravitytank's "Nightingale" design (pictured above) received the "Best Overall Design" award and \$16,000. Winners of the other award categories—"Best Medication Section," "Best Medical/Problem History," and "Best Lab Summaries"—each received \$5,000.

Designers were specifically challenged to improve the visual layout and style of the information from the medical record, create a human-centered design that makes it easier for patients to manage their health, and enable health professionals to more effectively understand and use patients' health information. The Health Design Challenge is part of ONC's Investing in Innovation initiative, which holds competitions to accelerate development and adoption of technology solutions that enhance healthcare quality and outcomes.

Over the next several months, contest organizers will take a combination of the winning designs and develop open-sourced software on the GitHub website. Healthcare providers can then take the finished software and integrate it into their facility's EHR for a better-looking health record.

For more information and to view the winning designs, visit <http://healthdesignchallenge.com>.

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