SAMSUNG Galaxy Watch

Reimagining Health Engagement for Samsung (Phone & Watch)





A case study on

Conceptualising and Designing a new UX for Samsung Smartwatches

THE PROCESS

The project focused on identifying new UX opportunities within existing technologies and infrastructures, considering business impact and consumer benefits.

Due to the open ended scope, the project involved research, service design, and entrepreneurial insights, which led to a flexible approach rather than strictly following traditional UX methodologies like the double diamond. It went beyond device-level design to include strategic design management of the new service.

The project approach and methodology are outlined in the timeline -

Understanding Samsung's core values, the smartwatch ecosystem, and related elements.

Conducting Contextual Inquiry with competitors. **Performing Qualitative Business Research** focusing on competitors.

Conducting competition research to identify advantages and drawbacks of competitor offerings.

Conducting a user study to uncover pain points, needs, wants, and potential opportunities.

Creating use cases, user scenarios, and accompanying text to align with the service map or design strategy.

Creating task flows and user experience (UX) flows to outline user interactions and journeys.

Developing lowfidelity wireframes and conducting limited testing to validate design concepts.

Exploring existing products and features to identify new design possibilities leveraging current technology.

Conducting desk research to uncover new design opportunities.

Identifying gaps and opportunities to craft innovative design solutions.

Conceptualizing the new service and developing a service site map or design strategy.

Designing the user interface (UI) for both the app and the smartwatch, ensuring a cohesive and intuitive experience across devices.







Selecting a right problem to solve

In this project, the focus was on **"Designing the right thing"** first, followed by **"Designing the thing right."** With endless UX opportunities for the smartwatch and app, the real challenge was determining the right problem to solve.

Identifying and Selecting the Project Focus-

After reviewing the project brief, Samsung's brand values, its current portfolio in the healthcare sector, and various articles and research papers on wearable technology, three major problem areas were identified.

Among these, the integration of health insurance with smartwatches was selected as the focus for the project.

Fitness Memberships

The focus is on integrating gym memberships, in-app coaching, and remote 1-on-1 training to offer users a personalized fitness experience.

Keywords:

gym memberships, in-app coaching, remote training, personalized fitness, progress tracking, virtual trainers, workout challenges.

Medication Management

This area aims to provide a holistic medication management system, allowing users to track prescriptions, set reminders, and manage their health through the app and smartwatch.

Keywords:

medication tracking, prescription management, reminders, health monitoring, dosage control, alerts, healthcare integration.

Health Insurance

Empowering users with the ability to manage insurance policies, track health benefits, and simplify claims through seamless integration with the smartwatch and app.

Keywords:

Health insurance, coverage management, benefit tracking, claim management, policy recommendations, premium monitoring, user empowerment.



BACKGROUND

The inspiration for this project came from the idea that **health insurance** premiums are based on how healthy you are, and smartwatches serve as real-time health trackers for users.

There is an opportunity for insurers to gain valuable insights into policyholders' health and activity levels.

A smartwatch company and an insurance company can partner to create a service that benefits both parties and their users.

WHY THIS PROJECT

I have two reasons for this project-

THE PROJECT BRIEF

This project fulfils all the conditions outlined in the brief, including being outside Samsung's current product portfolio and designing an experience that leverages existing infrastructure and technology.

BRIDGING THE GAP SERVICE

While smartwatches motivate users with digital rewards, these often lack real-world value. Providing tangible rewards isn't feasible for wearable companies, and insurers largely base premiums on static health data rather than realtime metrics. This project bridges these gaps, offering meaningful benefits by integrating wearables with insurance.

CHALLENGES

These are the potential challenges -

DATA PRIVACY:

Ensuring user data is securely handled and complies with regulations.

USER ENGAGEMENT & ACCEPTANCE:

Maintaining long-term user motivation to achieve health goals & insurance.

TECH ADOPTION:

Ensuring ease of use and integration with existing insurance systems.

FAIRNESS: :

Ensuring accurate health data interpretation to avoid bias or incorrect rewards.



PROBLEM

How might we leverage real-time health data from Samsung smartwatches to create an integrated **insurance service** that offers tangible benefits, such as premium discounts, while promoting healthier lifestyles and safeguarding user privacy?

GOALS

healthier lives by smartwatches with

Empower users to lead

- integrating Samsung
- insurance services, offering
- valuable benefits and
- actionable health insights.

SOLUTION

A service that integrates wearables with health insurance, using real-time data to offer personalised rewards and premium adjustments.

A UX solution which motivates healthier habits, enhances user engagement, and aligns the interests of users and insurers.

WHO GETS WHAT IN THIS PROJECT PROPOSAL

Samsung

Positions wearables as a value-added service for health and insurance.

Insurance company

- Gains deeper insights
- for risk assessment
- and personalized
 - pricing.

User (Policy holders)

Access comprehensive health coverage linked to real-time activity, improving both motivation and security.

SECONDARY RESEARCH

- Review of Research Papers
- Study of Health Insurance Structures
- Competitive Analysis
- Reflective Research by Identifying Gaps in Competitor Offerings

699% of health insurance policyholders are willing to share their health data with insurers in exchange for discounts or other benefits.

555% of people are unaware of how to purchase a policy around

60% of health insurance holders renew their policies each year

India's wearable market grew by

29.2% YoY in 2023

In India, about

35% of individuals are aware of the benefits of health insurance, Insurance companies offering discounts based on health data via wearables can provide up to a

25% premium reduction for users who meet health goals

59% steps

42% exercises 37% heart health

U.S. adults who own fitness trackers or smartwatches track the following :



Key competitors

Vertical & horizontal competitors



Indirect competitors



INSIGHTS

Key highlights

Vertical competitors offer a combo of personal coaching, smart devices, and health insurance.

They have a health scoring system, offering premium discounts based on the score.

They track metrics like steps, food intake, water logs, sleep, and exercise.

Some insurance companies offer HealthReturns, which are monetary rewards users can use for health or other needs.

The health score directly influences the monetary value users receive, incentivizing healthy behaviors.

Gaps and opportunities

Most insurance plans using wearable data are offered by insurance companies, not wearable brands. This creates an **opportunity for wearable** companies to offer health insurance as an add-on service, enabling value proposition and upselling.

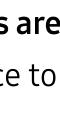
Some insurers offer small to moderate health coverage based on just 6-8 health-related questions. These insurers could be enhanced by integrating health vitals.

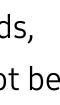
Insurance benefits tied to activity and heartrelated vitals are often dismissed **if wearables are** from lesser-known brands, causing the service to be discontinued.

Competitors mainly focus on monetary rewards, but users who prioritise overall health may not be motivated by money alone. To stand out, offering comprehensive health security could drive stronger user loyalty and engagement.









PRIMARY RESEARCH

- In-person conversations with two health insurance agents.
- Qualitative interviews with two health insurance holders.

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INSIGHTS

Consumer painpoints

Even if a healthy lifestyle, why do I have to pay the same premium as of the unhealthy one

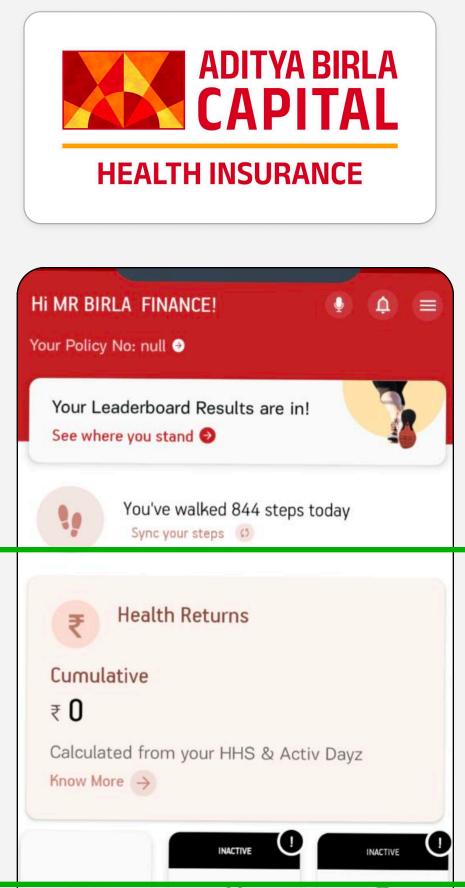
I have improved my fitness levels, still the premium is based on the previous health checkups Confusion in understanding plan terms like activity thresholds and eligible services. Poor synchronisation between smartwatch activity data and the insurance system.

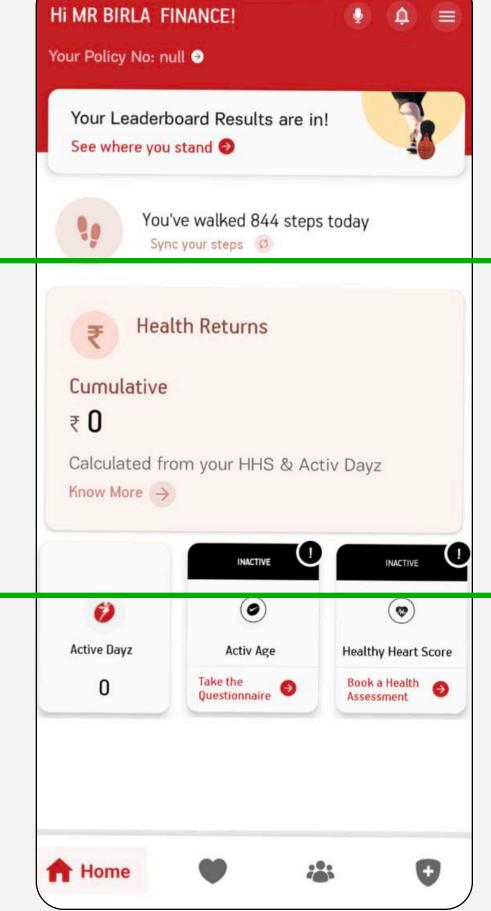
Data privacy concerns when linking health/ activity data with the insurance company. Complicated or slow claims process, causing frustration during critical times.



GAPS & OPPORTUNITIES

• Connecting the dots from the insights gathered through the research so far to identify patterns, opportunities, and key takeaways.





GAP

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OPPORTUNITY

By focusing on providing comprehensive health security—integrating features like health vitals monitoring, personalized care plans, and longterm wellness benefits—this service could better meet the needs of health-conscious users. This approach not only aligns with users' holistic health goals but also offers the potential for stronger user loyalty and engagement, setting the service apart in a competitive market.





GOQII INSURE PLUS

GAP

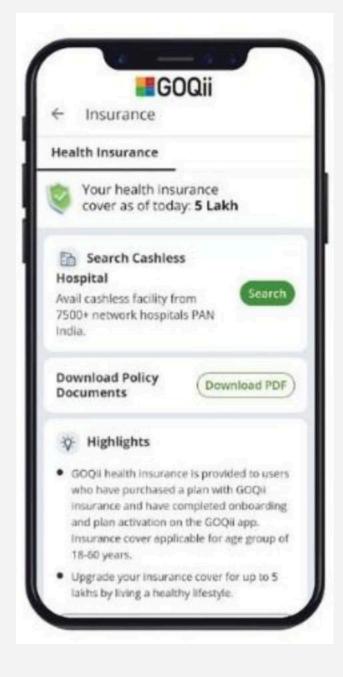
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OPPORTUNITY

Insurance plans based on wearable data are mostly offered by insurance companies, not wearable brands. This creates an opportunity for wearable companies to add health insurance services, enhancing their value proposition and enabling upselling to users.







| GOQII SAFE SCORE | ELIGIBLE INSURANCE COVER |
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| Sedentary | Up to ₹1 lakh Health Insurance Cover |
| Active | Up to ₹2 lakh Health Insurance Cover |
| Fit | Up to ₹3 lakh Health Insurance Cover |
| Elite | Up to ₹5 lakh Health Insurance Cover |
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GAP

Competitors, primarily insurance companies, do not use gamification to motivate users. Additionally, crucial health vitals like heart rate (HR), ECG, and blood pressure (BP) are not considered when calculating benefits.

OPPORTUNITY

Integrating real-time holistic health tracking along with activity tracking can provide a more comprehensive approach to determining insurance benefits.

"Even if a healthy lifestyle, why do I have to pay the same premium as of the unhealthy one"

> "I have improved my fitness levels, still the premium is based on the previous health checkups"

OPPORTUNITY

Based on the real time fitness levels the insurance cover can be defined. The insurance cover can be personalised and customised as per user's fitness and health vitals.

THE SOLUTION



SAMSUNG Assure Plus

WHAT IS IT ?

SAMSUNG Assure Plus

A service that integrates wearable health data with insurance benefits, offering users personalized insurance plans based on real-time activity and health metrics.

It allows users to earn **"Secure Days"** that determine the validity of their insurance benefits.

HOW IT WORKS ?

SAMSUNG Assure Plus

Samsung Assure Plus works through a partnership between a leading insurance company and Samsung, integrating wearable health data to offer personalized insurance benefits.

Users track their activity and health metrics through their Samsung wearable device, earning **"Secure Days"** based on their performance.

These **"Secure Days"** determine the validity of their insurance benefits, allowing users to unlock rewards and discounts while being incentivized to stay active and healthy.

What are the Secure days ? and Why this term is introduced?

Secure Days are the days during which the user's insurance benefits remain valid.

They are introduced to enhance engagement through gamification and provide personalized insurance coverage based on users' activity and health data.

By earning these days through consistent health tracking, users are encouraged to stay active, and the system customizes the benefits they receive, making the insurance experience more dynamic and motivating.

Why the Secure days ? and not the direct discounts on premiums?

"Secure Days" encourage sustained user engagement by linking insurance benefits to ongoing health tracking, promoting long-term behavior change.

Users start with 100 Secure Days, can earn up to 50 additional days, and must subscribe for more, fostering a gamified experience that differentiates the service while driving subscription revenue and user retention.

Use Case 1

New User feature discovery, Registration & Activation

User scenario-

A new Samsung smartwatch user activates Samsung Assure to start using the Secure Days benefits system, which provides initial coverage.

Goal:

To register the smartwatch and activate Secure Days for initial coverage.

Preconditions:

- 1. User has purchased
 - and set up the
 - Samsung smartwatch.
- 2. Connected a Samsung
 - health app, Using the
 - SH app and watch for
 - few days

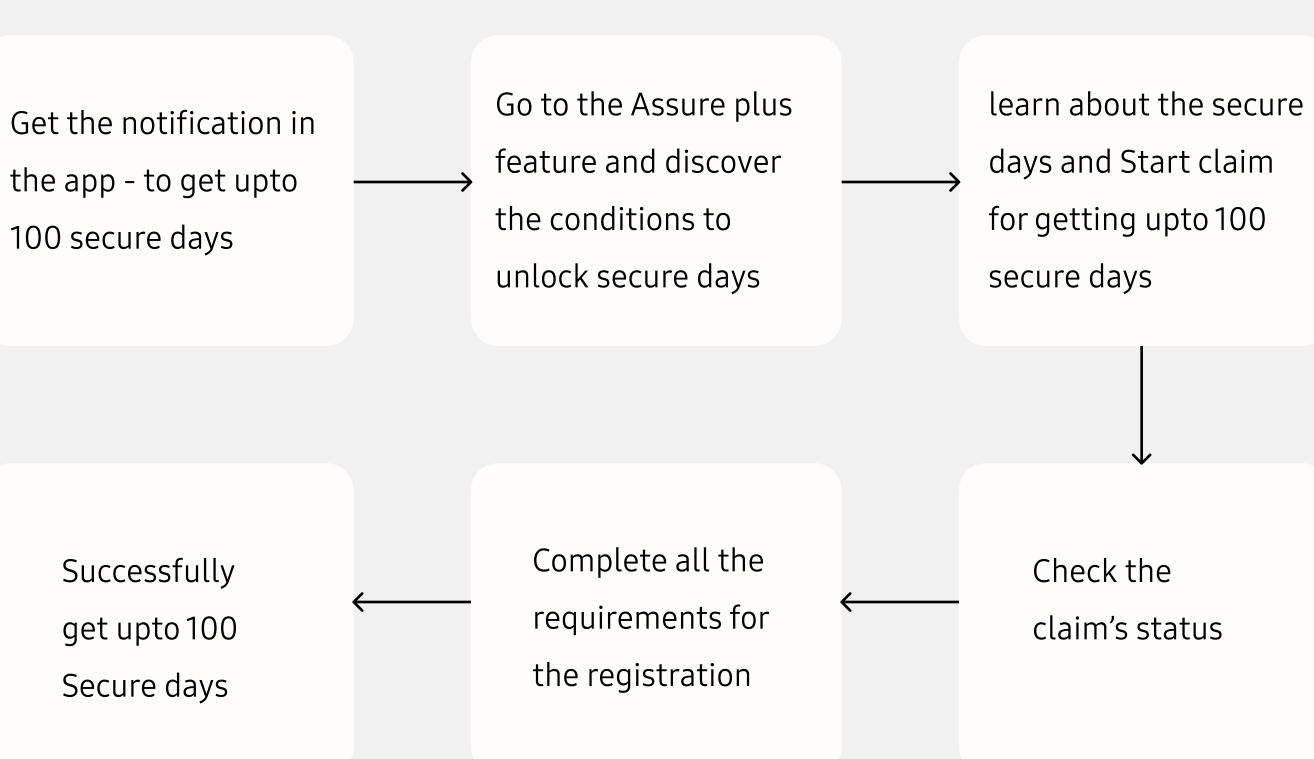
Postconditions: User is registered in the system, and upto 100 Secure Days are activated.

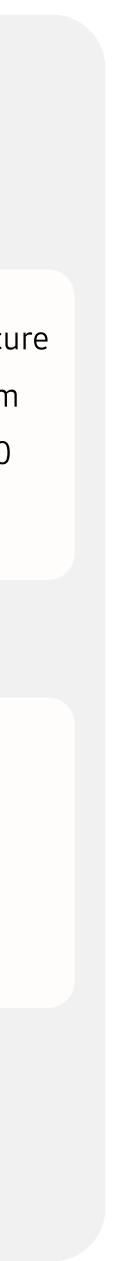
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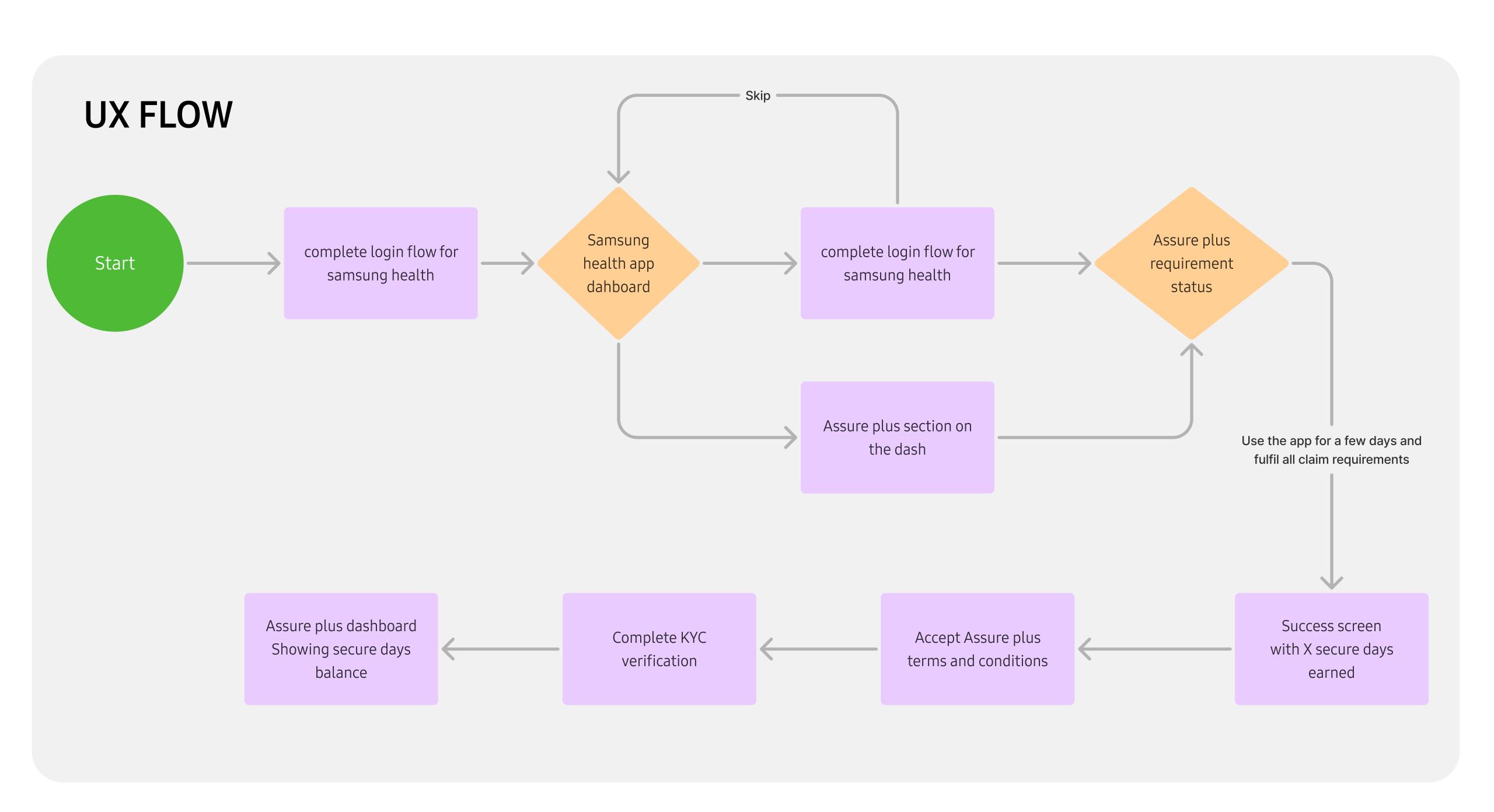
User gets the New Samsung smartwatch

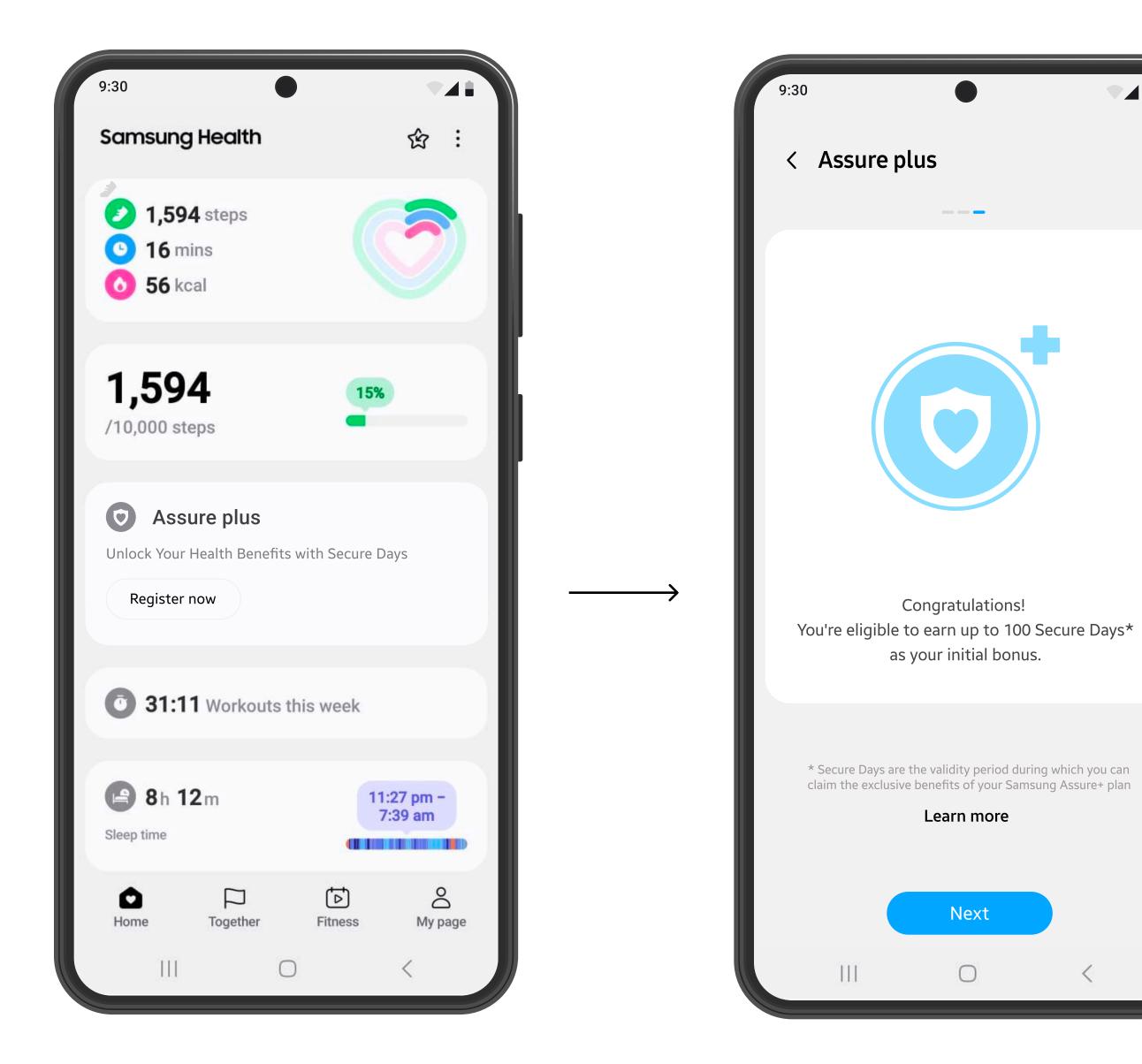
Connect with Samsung health app

Keep tracking the secure days balance and keep earning more secure days

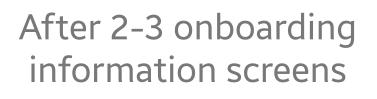


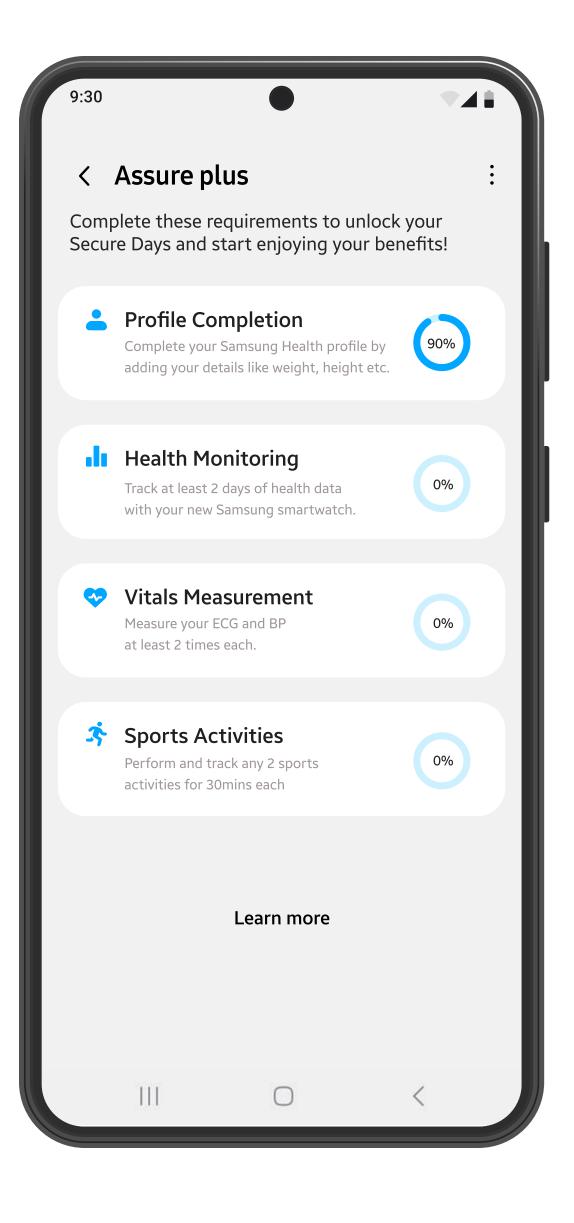




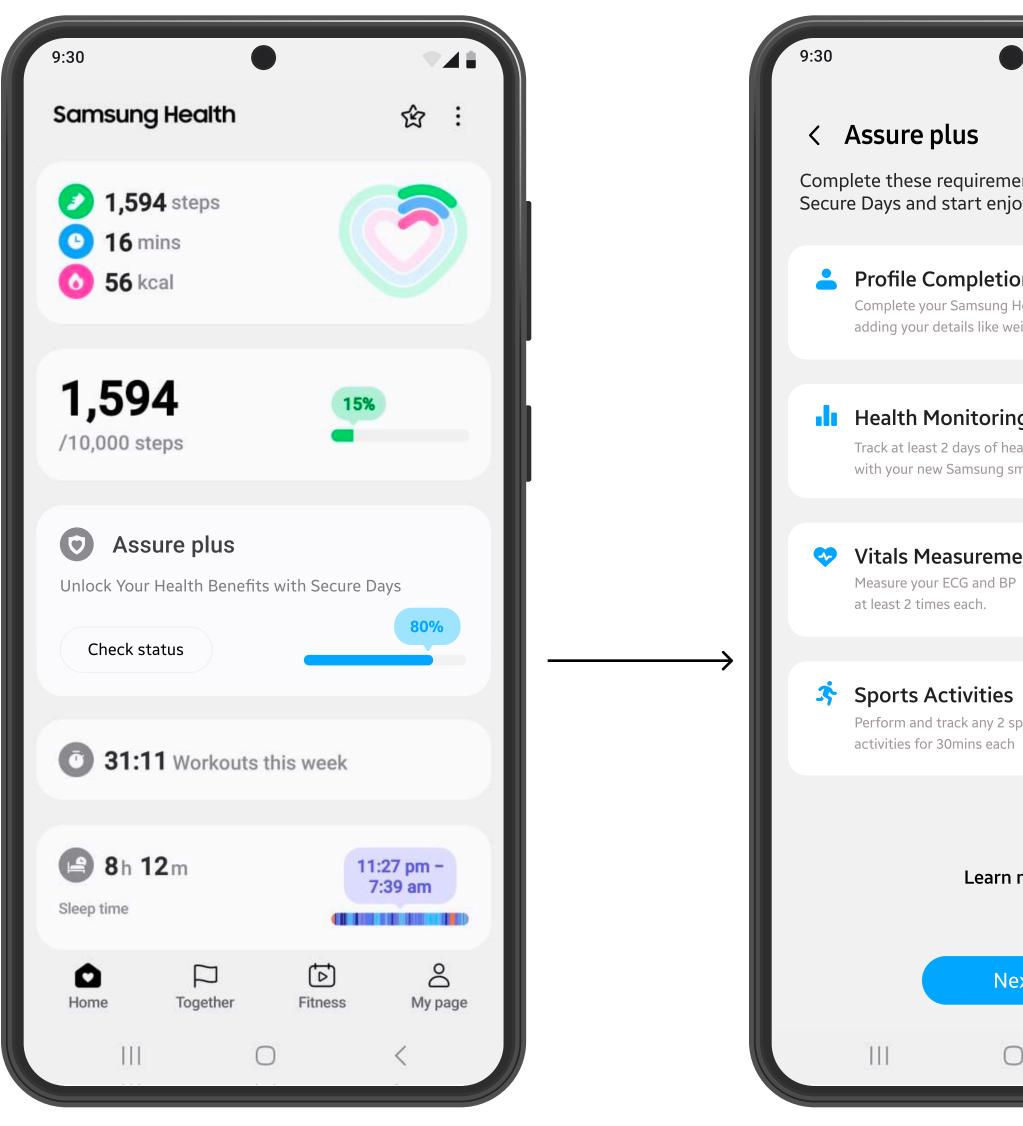


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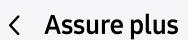


Key screens : First time registrations



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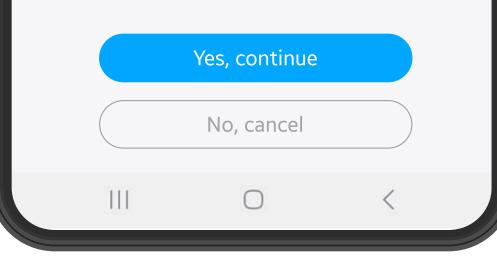
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Help us to prove your identity

Identity verification conscent

By proceeding with the Samsung Assure+ insurance plan, you consent to the collection and verification of your personal information for identity verification purposes. This process ensures the accuracy and security of your coverage, allowing us to provide you with seamless access to all benefits under the plan. Your data will be handled with the utmost care and in compliance with applicable privacy regulations. By continuing, you agree to allow Samsung and its partners to perform the necessary verification to activate your insurance coverage.

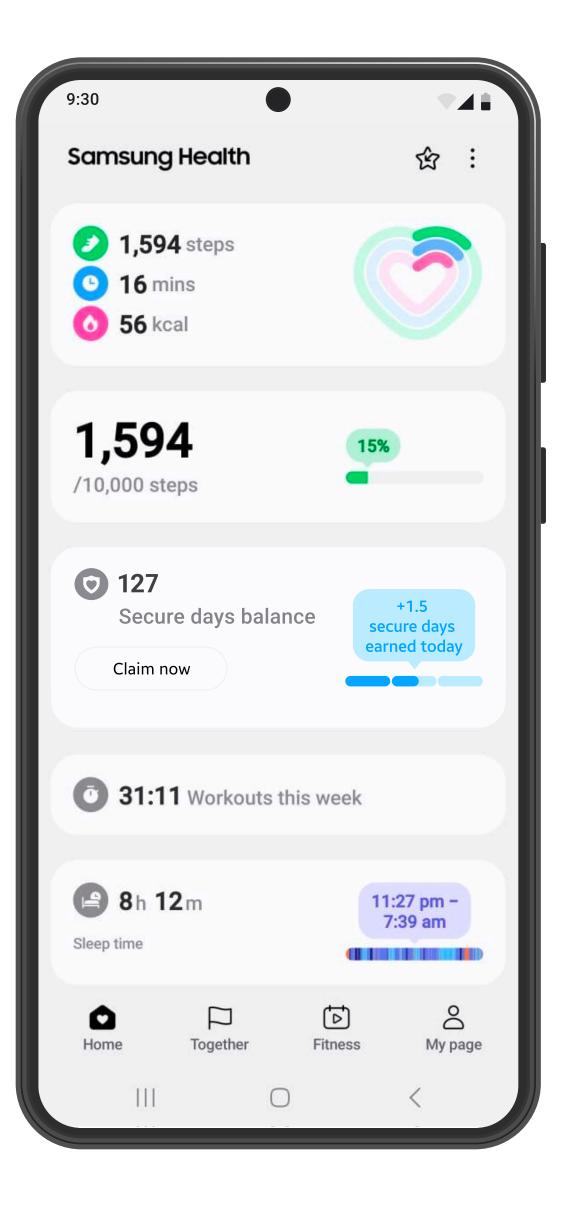
> I agree to the above statement and I have read Samsung Assure plus's insurance plans Privacy policy

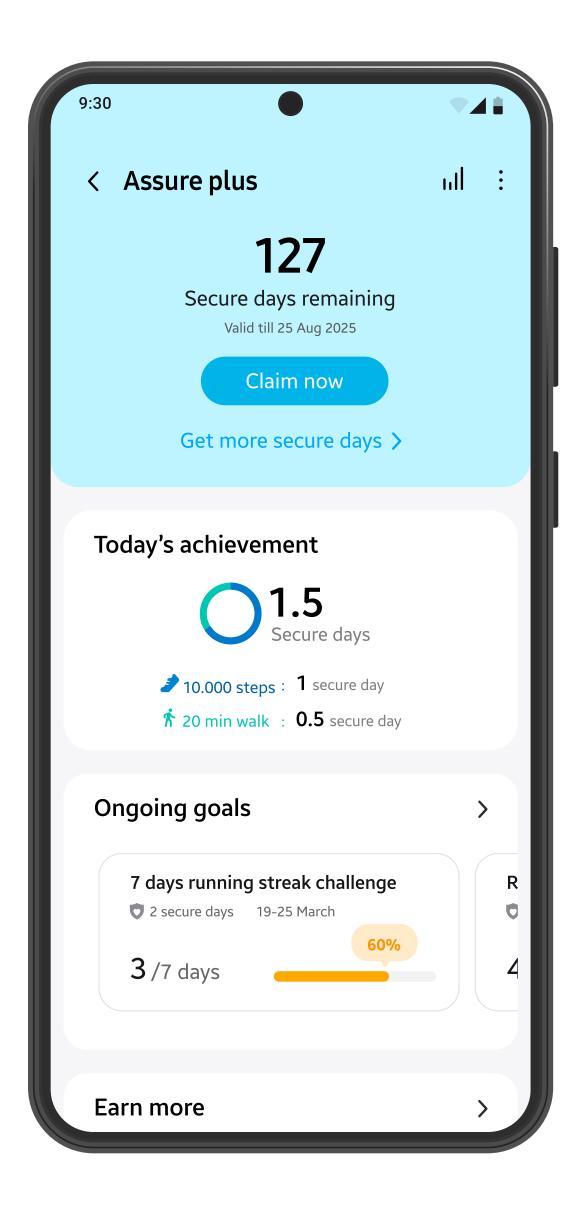


Key screens : Checking the application status



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Key screens : Post registration Main dashboard & Assure plus dashboard

Use Case 2

Claiming Hospitalisation Coverage within the Secure Days

User scenario-

road accident. He is able to use the smartwatch and the app.

Goal:

To get the claim of the Hospitalisation Coverage

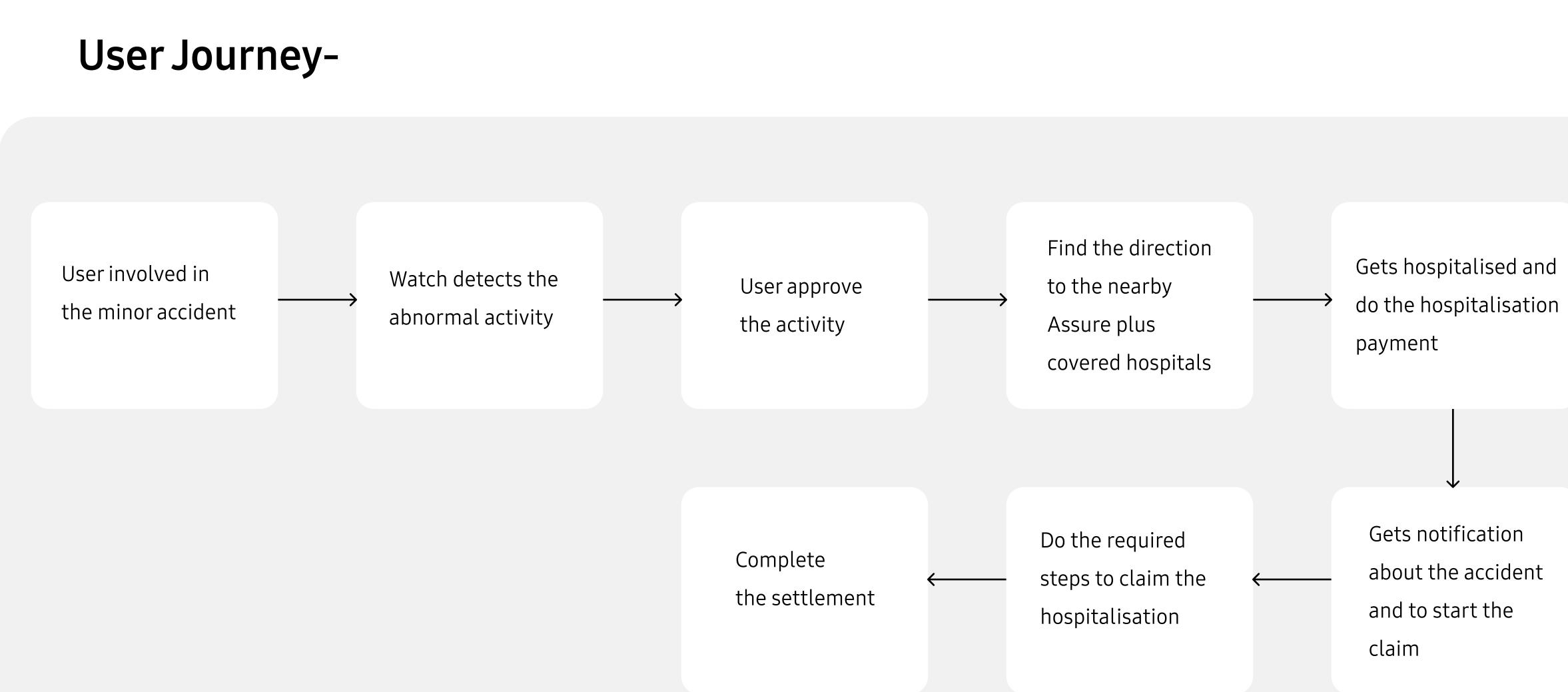
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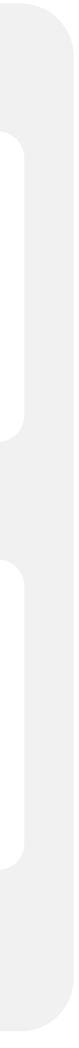
- 1. User has 117 secure days
 - remaining and had a
 - minor road accident.
- 2. His watch can detect the
 - abnormal motion like
 - accident. and send the
 - notification to the app.

A regular user of the Samsung smartwatch, is recently involved in a minor

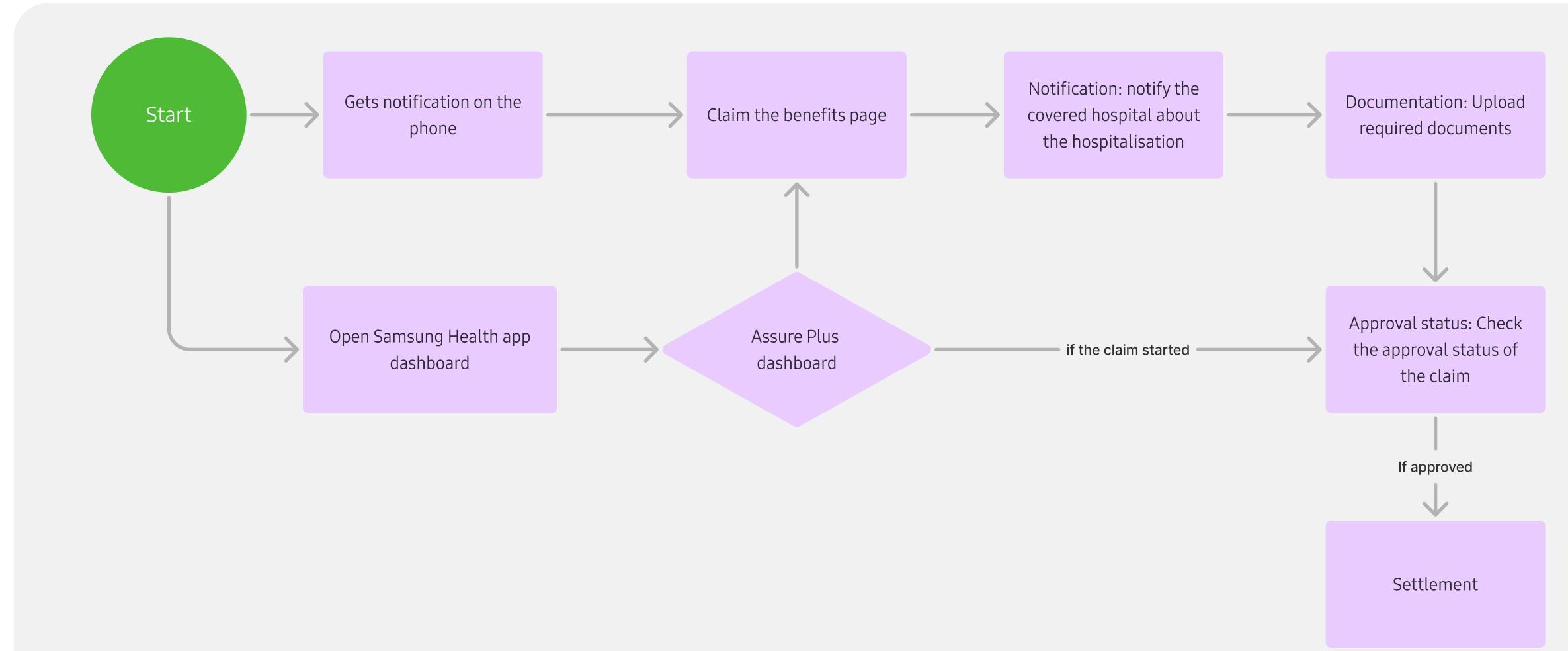
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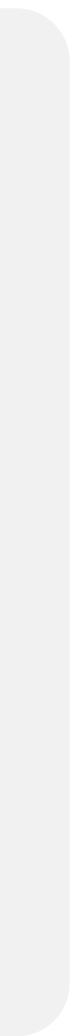
User gets the Hospitalisation Coverage with Samsung assure with confidance and peace of mind.



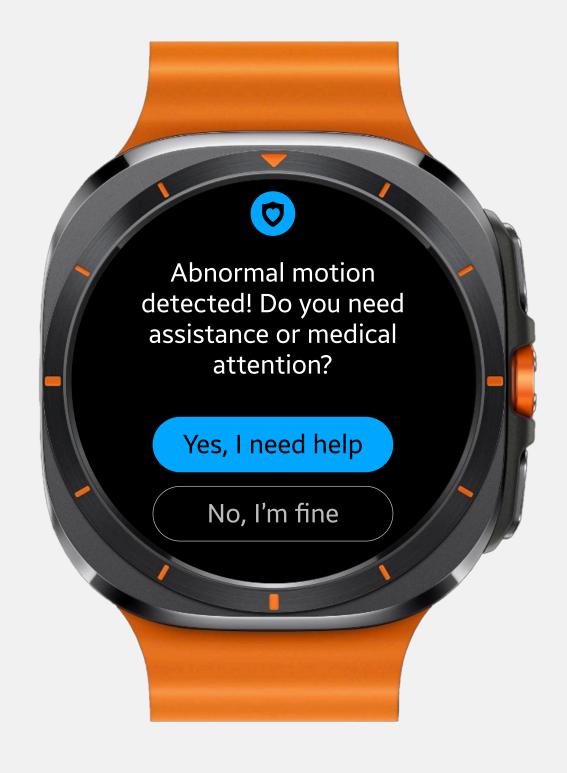


UX FLOW





Certain Samsung smartwatches can detect abnormal motions, such as a fall. If help is needed, the watch can send a push notification to the app for claiming the insurance.

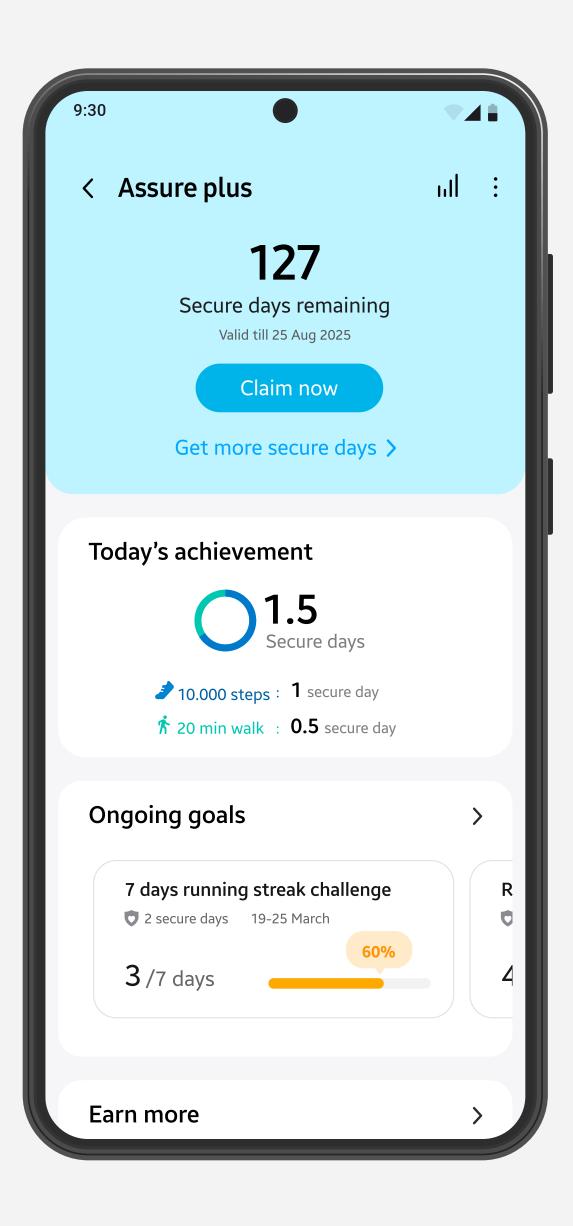


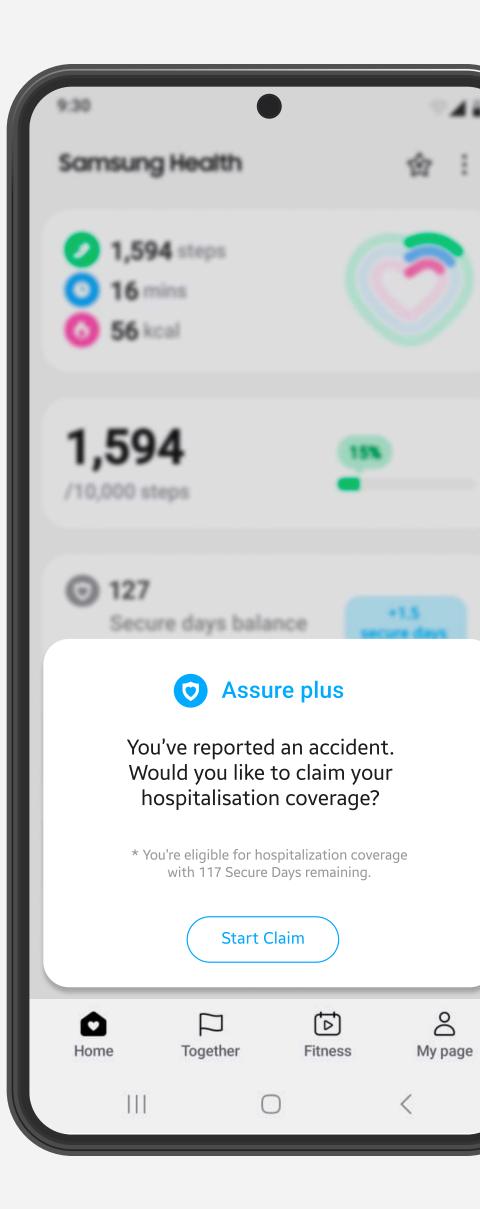
Key screens : Watch screens for initial detection of the accident incident

Assure Plus can offer unlimited health and wellness features, and through its partnership with insurance companies, it can also provide access to additional data such as partner hospitals and diagnostic labs.

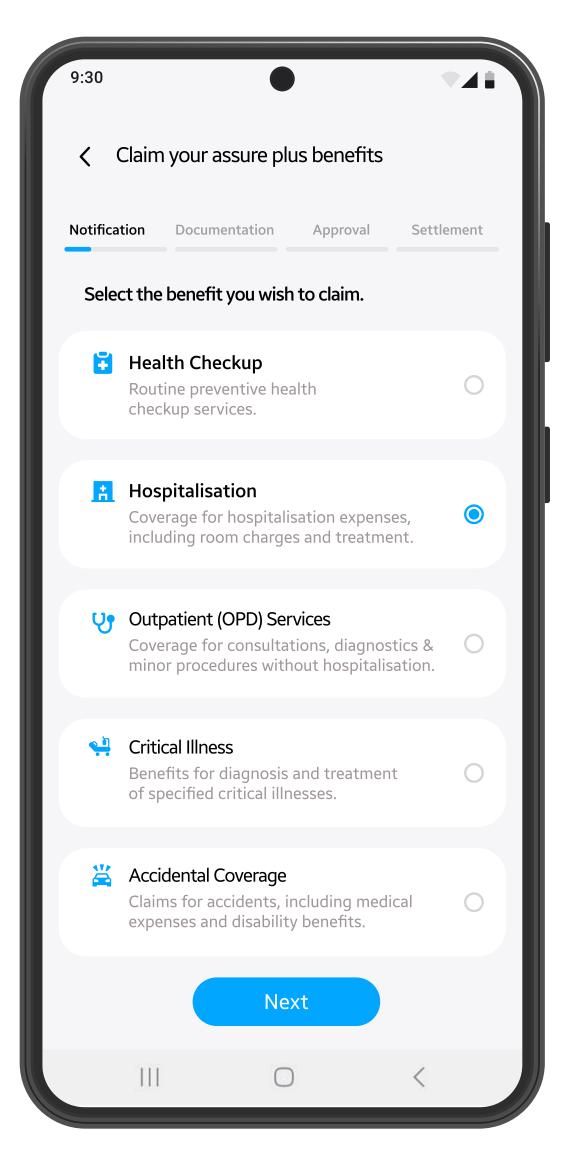


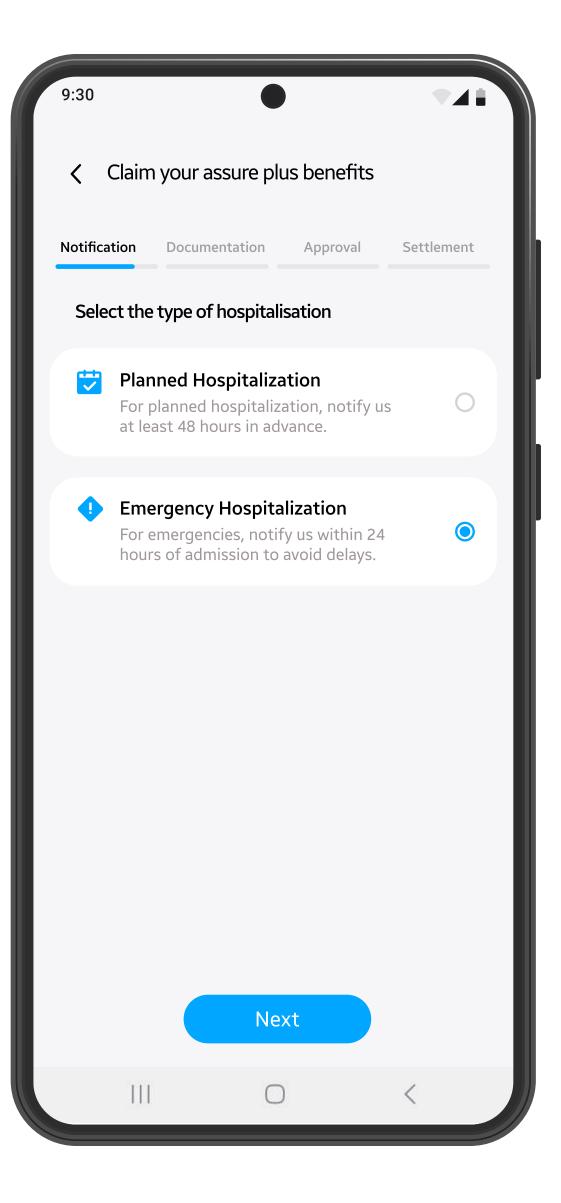






Key screens : Claiming the assure plus benefits





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Key screens : Claiming the assure plus benefits

Use Case 3

Participate in a challenge & earn Secure days

the assure plus benefits

User scenario-

A regular Samsung smartwatch user has been tracking their health for the past six months. They are motivated to stay fit and earn additional Secure Days.

Goal:

To The user aims to complete a health-related challenge, such as achieving a daily step count, to earn additional Secure Days as part of their smartwatch feature benefits.

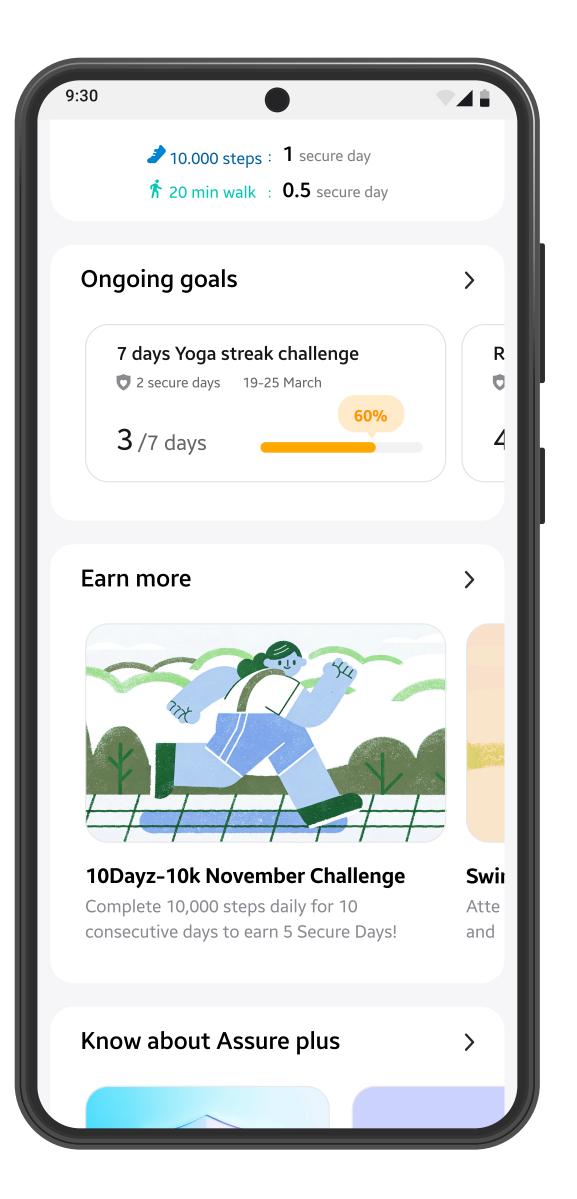
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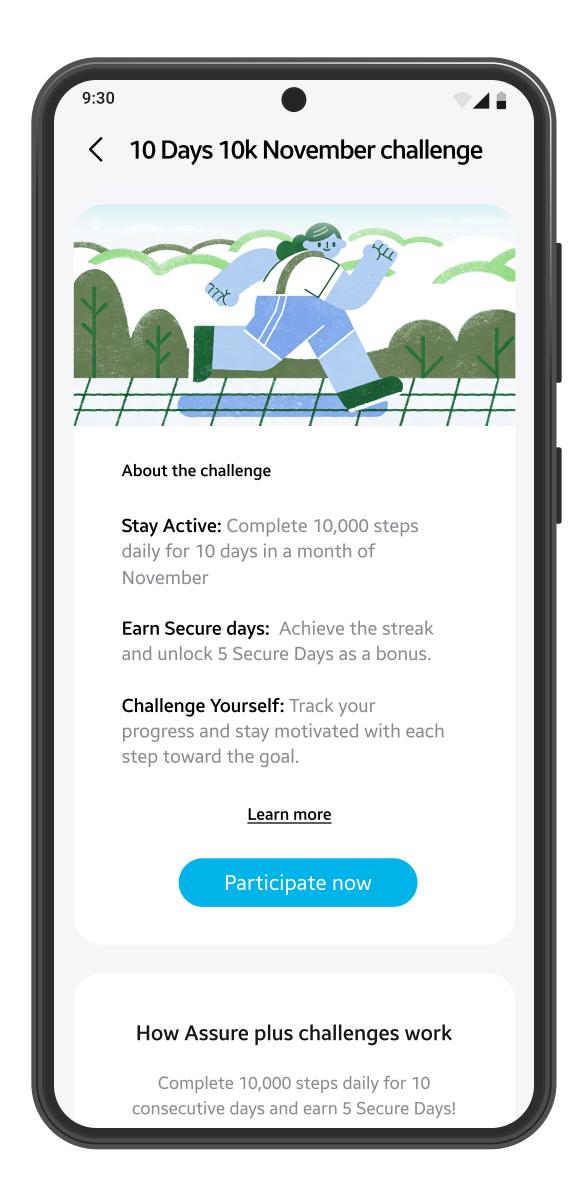
- 1. The user has registered for the
 - Assure plus.Knows benefits.
- 2. Has an access to challenges
 - under the Assure plus
 - program.
- 3. The user's smartwatch is
 - synced with the app to track
 - health data in real time.

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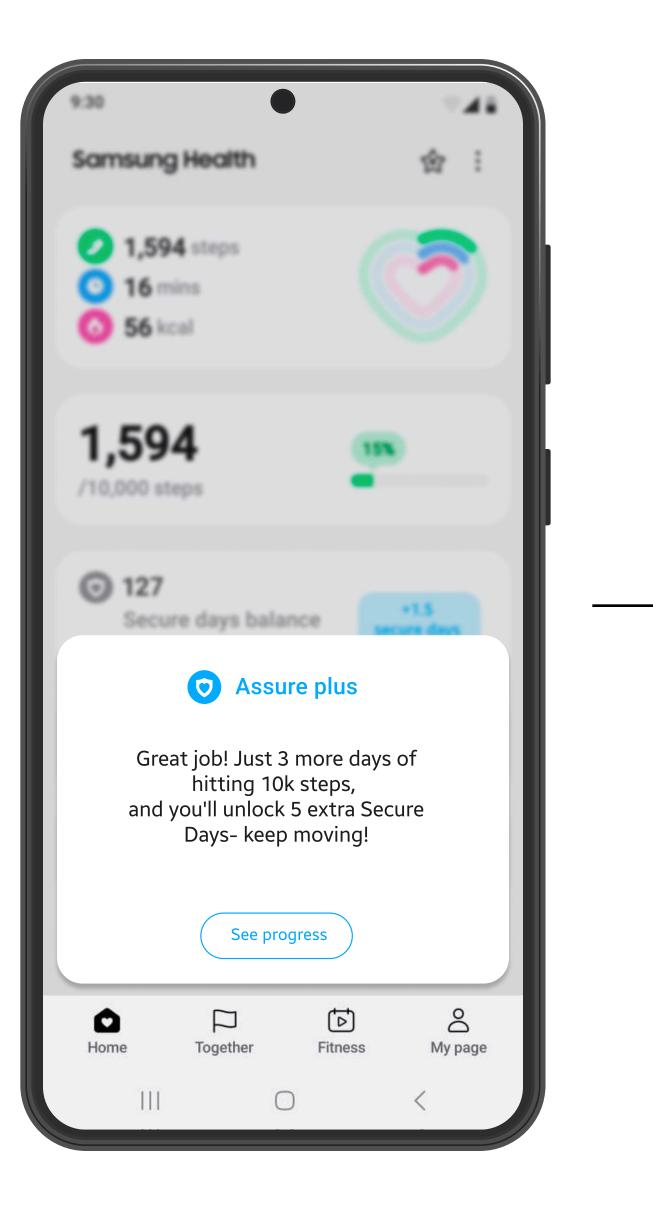
 The user completes the challenge successfully and Secure Days are credited to their account.
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summary of the user's performance and progress.

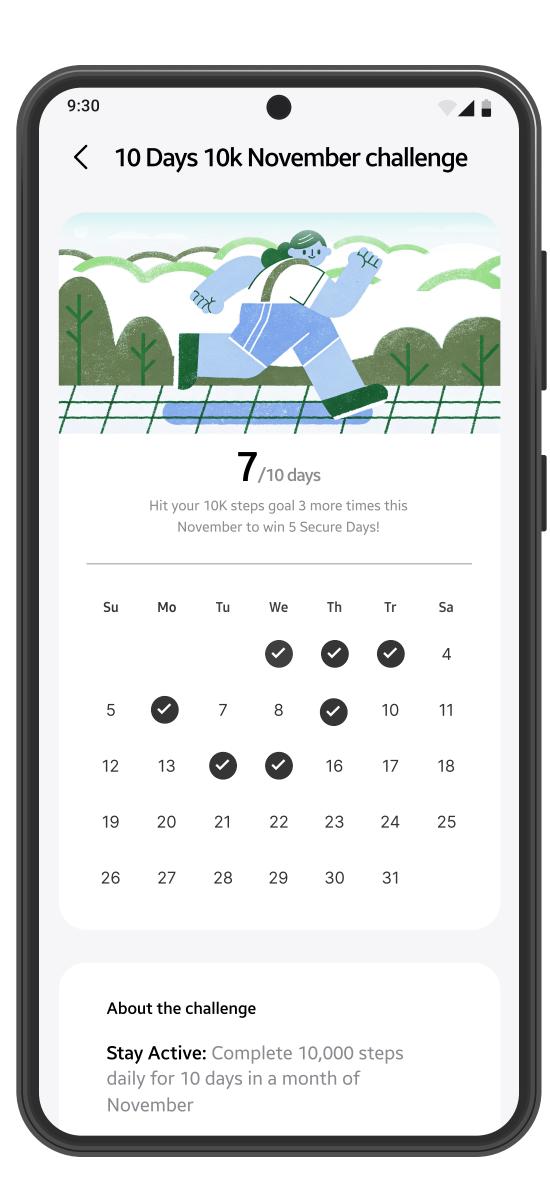




Key screens : Participating in a challenge to earn additional secure days



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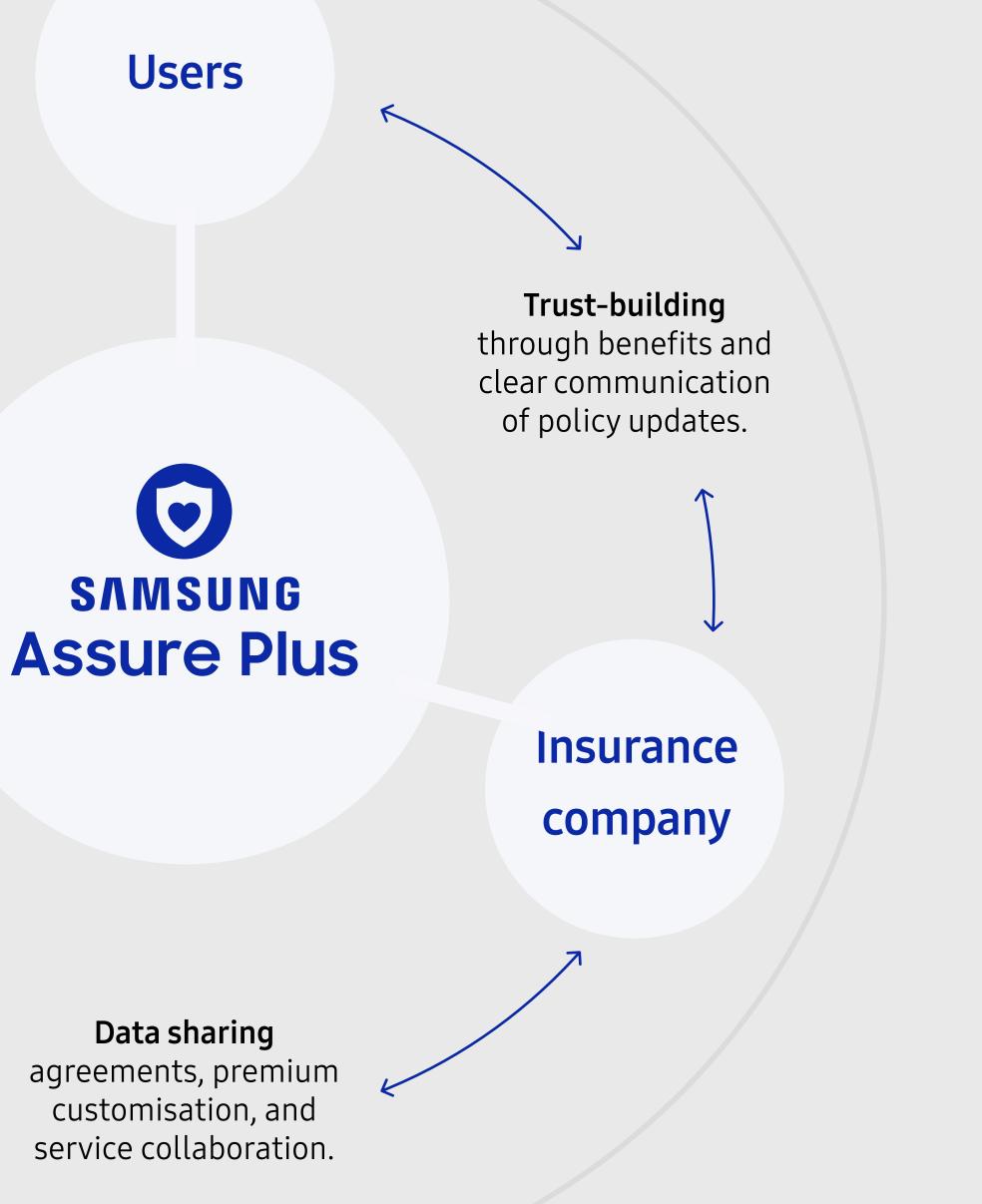
Business Impact & Scalability

Key Interactions and Dependencies

Gamified engagement, health tracking, and user interface design for transparency.

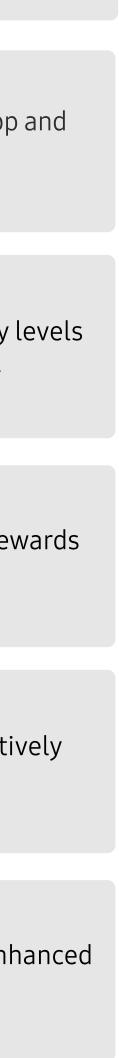
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The proposed service map

| | Samsung | Insurance Company | Users (Policyholders) | |
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| Enrollment | Promotes Samsung Assure as an add-on service during wearable purchases or through app notifications. | Provides customizable insurance packages integrated with Samsung's platform. | Opt into the service through the smartwatch app a provide consent to share health data. | |
| Health Tracking and Data Sharing | Collects real-time health metrics (steps, heart rate, BP, ECG, sleep patterns) via wearables. | Receives anonymized and consented data to assess user activity and health metrics. | Engage with wearables daily to maintain activity le and health metrics, earning Secure Days. | |
| Benefit Allocation | Tracks and displays Secure Days in the app, motivating users with gamification elements. | Updates insurance benefits dynamically based on Secure Days and predefined criteria. | Receive personalized premiums, discounts, or rew for maintaining health activity goals. | |
| Notifications and Engagement | Sends reminders, gamified challenges, and Secure Day updates via the smartwatch app. | Sends insurance updates, premium adjustments, and reward notifications through Samsung's platform. | Stay informed about insurance validity and active participate to maximize Secure Days. | |
| Renewals and Upselling | Samsung: Encourages users to continue their insurance plan by offering additional features or tie-ups. | Utilizes improved user health data to propose upgraded insurance plans. | Benefit from seamless renewals and access to enha insurance services. | |



The Business impact

Customer Retention: Strengthens loyalty by offering health-focused, tangible rewards, aligning with user priorities.

Revenue Growth: Drives wearable sales and insurance plan subscriptions through integrated service upselling.

Data Monetization: Utilizes health metrics to unlock new revenue streams for insurers and Samsung.

Market Differentiation: Establishes Samsung as an innovator in combining health tech and insurance, creating a competitive edge.

The Scalability

Geographic Expansion: Adapts to global markets by partnering with regional insurers and tailoring benefits.

Feature Additions: Integrates more health metrics or gamified elements to maintain user interest and engagement.

Cross-Sector Partnerships: Extends the ecosystem by collaborating with fitness platforms, healthcare providers, or telemedicine services.

Customizable Plans: Offers flexible insurance tiers based on user profiles, allowing scalability for varied demographics.



