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### Building Agility into Medical Affairs Strategy: Global-Regional-Local Dynamics

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### Objectives for today

- 1. Recognize why communication is key to the success of global alignment
- 2. Discuss the steps involved in the strategic planning process and associated tools and templates
- 3. Describe Global-Regional-Affiliate alignment and implementation
- 4. Decide which functions you include when building your global affairs strategy

## How much of your time is spent communicating across global, regional and affiliate medical teams?



- None
- Less than 25%
- Between 25% and 50%
- Between 50% and 75%
- More than 75%

# How much of your time is spent communicating with cross-functional partners?



- None
- Less than 25%
- Between 25% and 50%
- Between 50% and 75%
- More than 75%

## As an 'individual contributor', how well could you perform your role without any horizontal or vertical interactions?



- Not at all
- Poorly
- OK
- Pretty well
- Who needs them?



### COMMUNICATION IS PART OF WHAT MAKES YOU WHO YOU ARE

### Your brain has evolved to make you a social creature



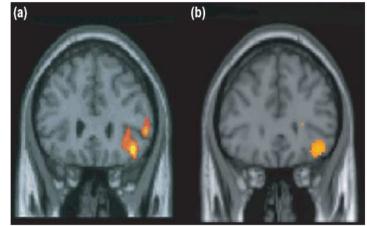








- Eisenberger and Lieberman (2004) Why rejection hurts: a common neural alarm system for physical and social pain. *TICS*, 8, 294–300
  - Found an overlap between the neural regions activated during physical experiences of pain, as well as those involved in 'social pain' or rejection



Social pain regulation RVPFC (v = 27)

Physical pain regulation RVPFC (y = 30)

TRENDS in Cognitive Sciences



### Three take home messages

Communicate

 Communicate consistently – both in time and content

Communicate till it hurts!

It will make you feel much better!!!



# 1. COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF GLOBAL ALIGNMENT

### The role communication plays on the road to global alignment



The effectiveness of your communication directly affects your:

- Ability to meet your goals
- Productivity
- Ability to solve problems
- Relationships with others
- Level of satisfaction with your work life





- The people communicating speak different languages.
- The language being used is not the first language for one or more people.
- The people communicating speak the same language, but have different dialects and or unique subtleties.
- The words you use are much more open to interpretation.



# 2. THE STEPS INVOLVED IN STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND ASSOCIATED TOOLS AND TEMPLATES



### The strategic planning process

- Situational analysis
- Unmet medical needs
- Gap assessment
- Scientific Communication Platform
- Develop strategic imperatives
- Decide on initiatives to meet the strategic imperatives
- Determine the tactics required to complete the initiatives
- Evidence generation plan
- Education plan
- Publication plan

#### Sounds simple, doesn't it?



### The strategic planning process

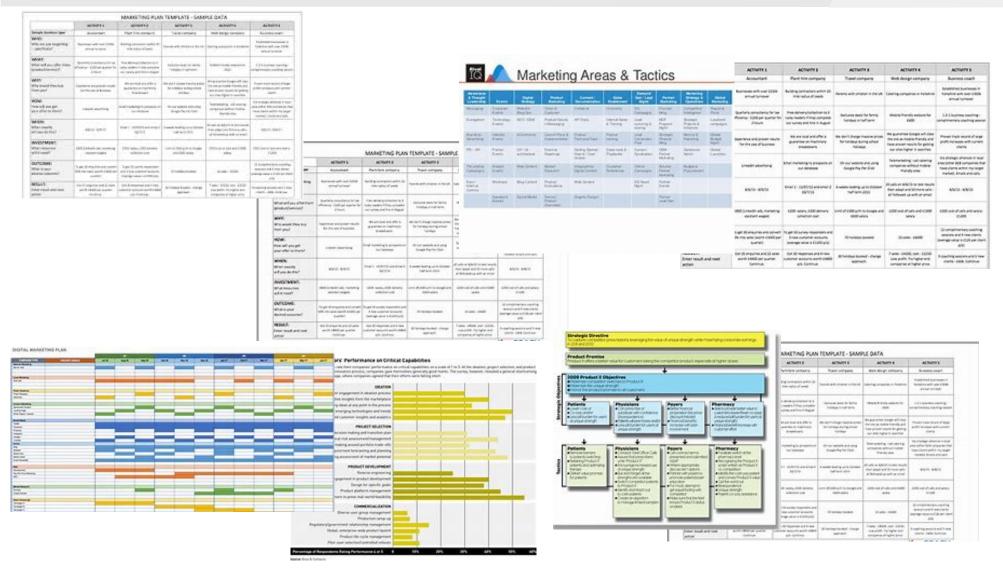
What is the current situation?

What is the desired situation?

- How do we get from one to the other?
- Make choices on what will be done and....what won't be done









### The more elaborate our means of communication, the less we communicate.

Joseph Priestley



### Templates are a necessary evil that provide structure and consistency

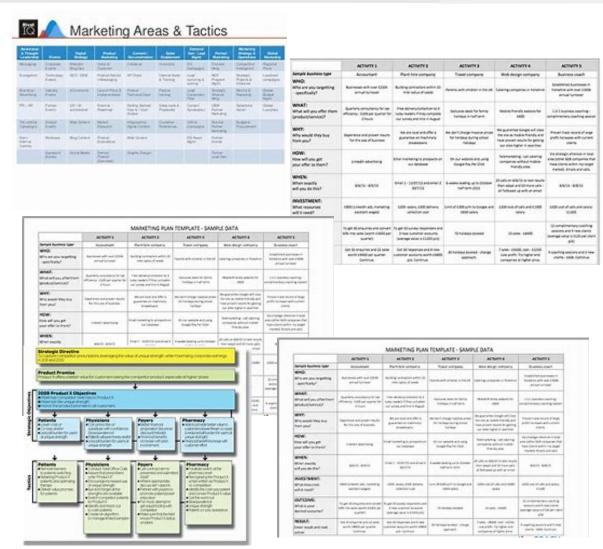
- They lead you through the strategic thinking process
- The power of the template lies in its ability to structure the thought process and discussion required to complete them
- They provide structure to your communication
- They provide consistency to those reviewing them

### Strategic planning process - templates







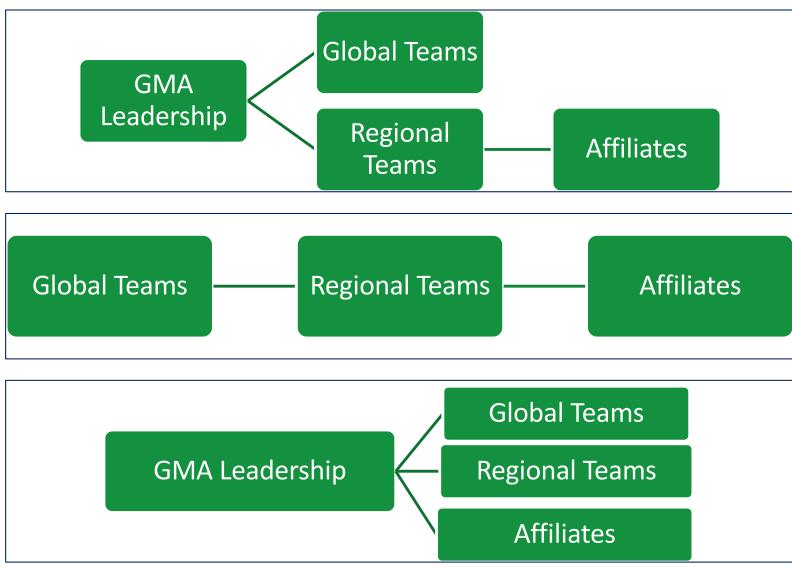




# 3. DESCRIBE GLOBAL-REGIONAL-AFFILIATE ALIGNMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

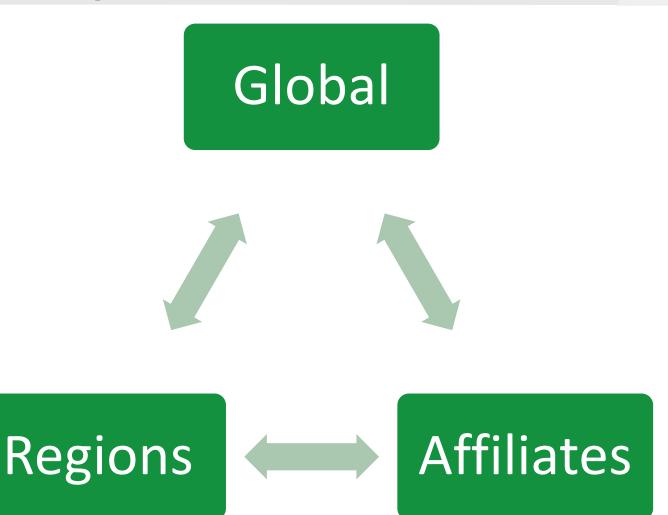
### Structures – here are just some of a number of possibilities $\mathbf{M}^{\text{Medical Affa}}$





# Strategic planning requires a constant cycle of communication and iteration – but where do you start?







# 4. OTHER FUNCTIONS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN BUILDING YOUR GLOBAL AFFAIRS STRATEGY



### Communication is the real work of leadership

Nitin Nohria



### There are some functions that need to be strategic partners

- Many functions are required to create a strategy
- Successfully getting a drug to patients who will benefit from it requires a lot of input:
  - Clinical development
  - Regulatory
  - HEOR
  - Market access
  - Commercial
  - Operations
  - Legal and compliance



#### Where vertical meets horizontal



Medical Affairs



**HEOR** 



Market Access



Regulatory



Commercial

GLOBAL - REGIONAL - AFFILIATE

### SUMMARY – three take home messages



Communicate

- Communicate consistently
- Communicate till it hurts!

# Who will you emulate when you go back to work? Neanderthal or human?









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