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Truth Hunting: Leave no stone unturned in defining impactful Medical Affairs strategies



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### **Objectives**

- The broadening role of Medical Affairs to a position of pivotal strategic leadership means we are responsible for building the very best strategic platforms we can for our products
- For us to be successful, we must seek out holistic, robust, and differentiating insights
- We must hunt for meaningful truths



### Agenda

- 1 The changing landscape of Medical Affairs
- 2 A new blend of responsibility for Medical Affairs leaders
- 3 Truth Hunting: Identifying the central truth
- How powerful communications can change patients' lives
- A strategically powerful approach to creating an effective and affective medical affairs plan

## The changing landscape of Medical Affairs



## Medical Affairs plays a vital role throughout the product life cycle





#### **Evolution**

Ensure integrity and reliability of medical information



#### Strategic leadership

Provide strategic leadership from early in the product life cycle



#### **Deeper insights**

Deliver deep insight into product value while ensuring compliance and transparency



#### Targeted education

Provide a common evidence story that can be efficiently communicated

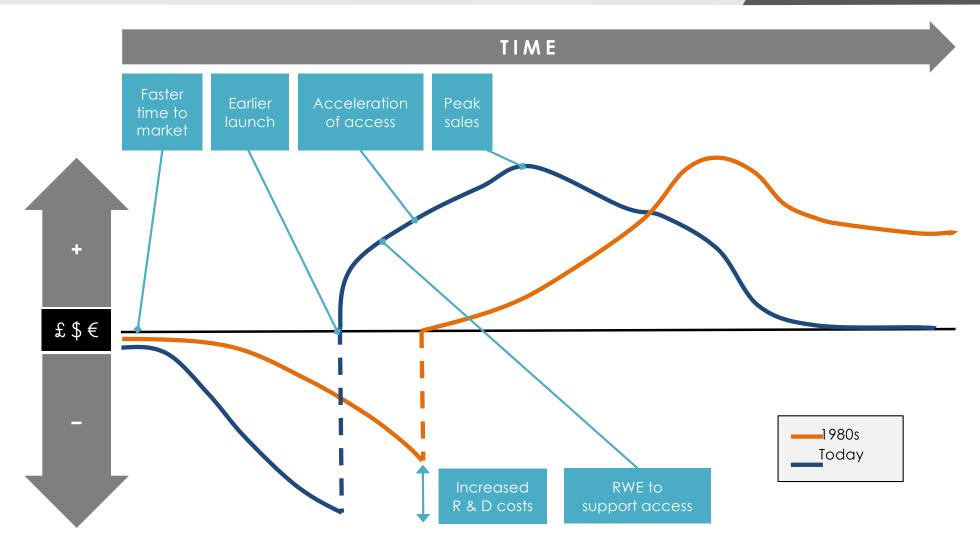


#### Varying patient needs

Ensure the brand strategy maximizes medical benefits for patients and HCPs

## An environment of increased time pressure and risk





## Pillars of Medical Affairs excellence



#### Pillars of Medical Affairs excellence

Patient-centric development strategy Deeper insight and understanding of disease area and product attributes Understanding stakeholder personas with a consistent focus on behavior change to deliver smarter communication

Medically led internal and external stakeholder engagement

Management of transparency and benefit-risk ratio

Robust evidence generation

Powerful and credible scientific exchange

Building effective stakeholder relationships

## A new blend of responsibility for Medical Affairs leaders





### Changing patients lives





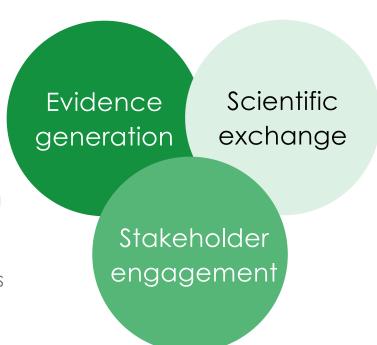




## Core set of capabilities essential across a medical plan



- Foundation of a new Medical Affairs model
- Effective clinical trial designs
- Develop differentiating evidence
- Maximize use of existing data
- Use new data capture and analysis techniques



- Evaluate insights to understand individual stakeholder needs
- Strategic medical planning to enable clear medical goals
- Develop smarter medical communication programs
- Evaluate effectiveness and behavioral change
- Build on a common clinical evidence story for all stakeholder communications
- Clear engagement and communications strategy for each group
- Establish meaningful collaborative relationships
- Ensure the impact and value of medical initiatives

## Developing a product focused on meeting customer needs



#### **PATIENT**

Will this improve my health with minimal side effects?

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Should I approve this?



#### **PHYSICIAN**

Why should I prescribe this?

#### **PAYER**

Why should I pay for this?

### The challenges we face can only be addressed with behavioral insight



"A large gulf remains between what we (physicians) know and what we practice"

Current clinical practice

Professor D. Davis, University of Toronto

**Activation of evidence** 

Evidencebased clinical practice

CURRENT BEHAVIOR

#### **Behavioral insight**

- Understanding of the decision-making environment and potential biases
- Motivations and barriers to evidencebased practice

#### **Tailored communications**

- Focusing on what will make a difference
- Providing conditions for positive behavior change

DESIRED BEHAVIOR

## We need to understand natural human tendencies











We look to confirm our existing beliefs











### Making effective affective



"Walk in the shoes" of HCPs and patients to understand their behaviors, motivations, and challenges



Design interventions that provide the optimum conditions for behavior change



Use metrics that measure the change in attitudes, behaviors, and outcomes



## Truth Hunting: Identifying the central truth





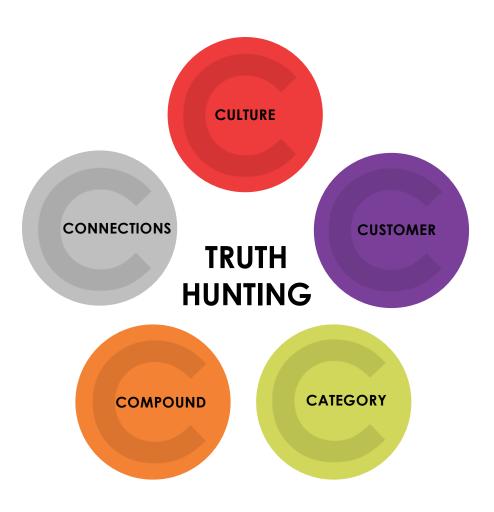
### Effective planning process

**Insight:** informs strategy **Evaluation:** mapping stakeholder experience **Activation:** targeted communication with stakeholders



### **Truth hunting**

We need to uncover key truths that inspire our strategy



# Applying a consistent focus on behavior change to deliver smarter communications



Reach / engagement measures

Attitudinal and behavior measures

Communications dashboard

Customer journey

Behavioral interventions

Interactive multichannel plan





Culture
Connections
Customer
Category
Compound



What? Communication story

Who? Engagement strategy

Where and when? Multichannel strategy

BEHAVIORAL CONTEXT Understanding the behavioral environment; using HCP / patient personas to bring it to life

Objectives and messages focused on behavioral outcomes

Tactics tailored to address barriers and personas; tools to activate the behavior

Quantitative and qualitative metrics; change in attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors

## How powerful communication can change patients' lives





### A challenge in healthcare



### APPROXIMATELY 50%

of rare disease patients are initially misdiagnosed



Many rare disease patients struggle for

#### **OVER 5 YEARS**

before the correct diagnosis is made



Most patients will see at least

#### **4 PHYSICIANS**

before receiving the correct diagnosis

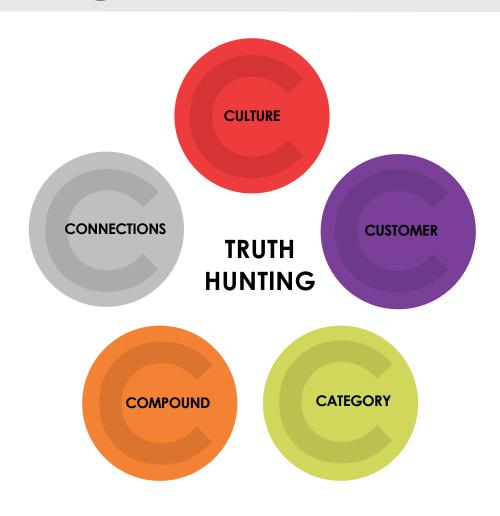


### BETWEEN 50% and 100%

of patients with disease onset before 6 months of age will die

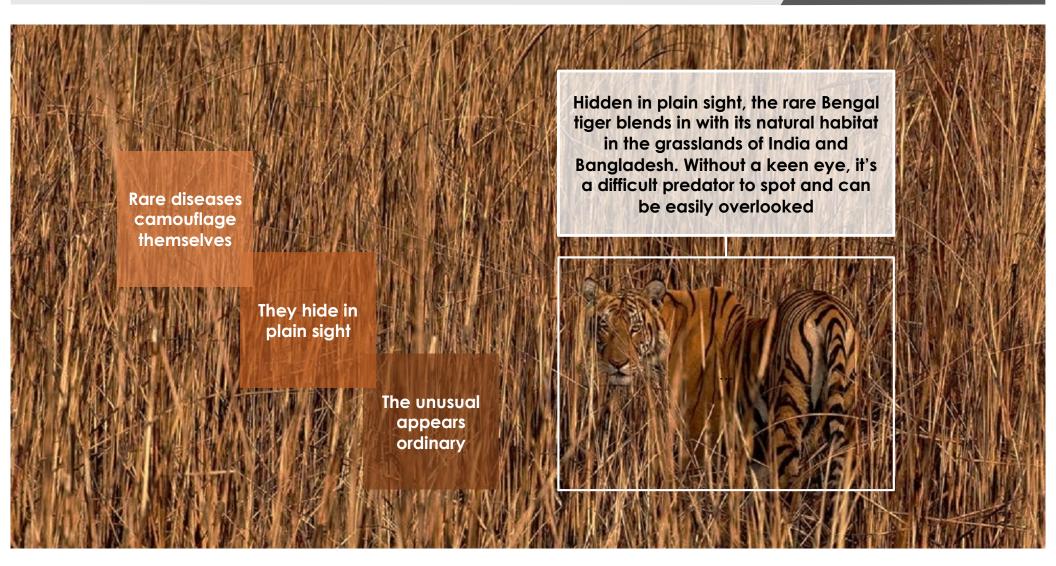
## Looking at the challenge through a truth hunting lens





## We identified a fascinating central truth







### The challenge



Bring rare disease out of camouflage

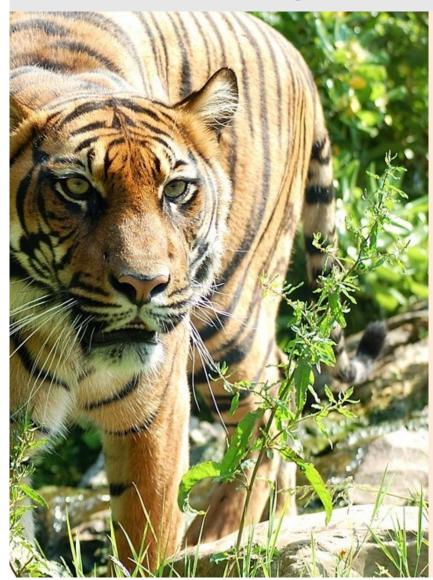
To make it obvious...

To make it visible...

To make the rare recognized



### The strategy

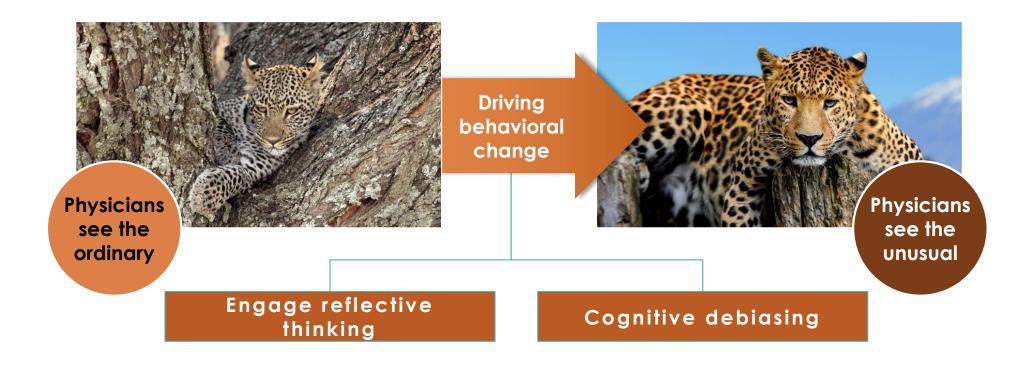


Increase awareness

Increase diagnosis

## Thinking smart: Applying behavioral science to drive change





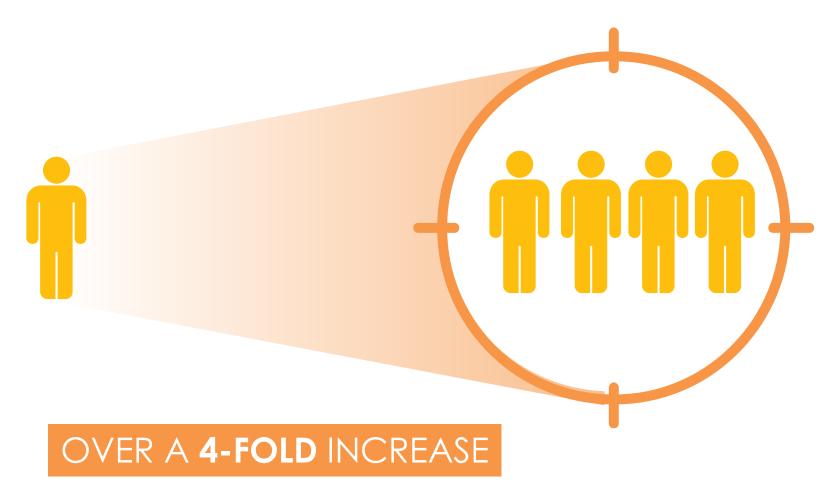
### An integrated multichannel campaign delivering a compelling story





## Result – award winning outcomes





in patients identified in just 1 year

# Using the right approach to create an effective and affective Medical Affairs plan



## Medical Affairs adds value across the product life cycle





Guide the development of deep insight into the disease area and understanding of the behaviors and unmet needs of key HCP stakeholders and patients

Lead the cross-functional development of the target product profile /
target product claims (TPP / TPC) process
to develop a differentiated therapy to meet HCP and patient needs

Lead the strategic planning process and guide tactical delivery of medical education, communication, and evidence-generation activities

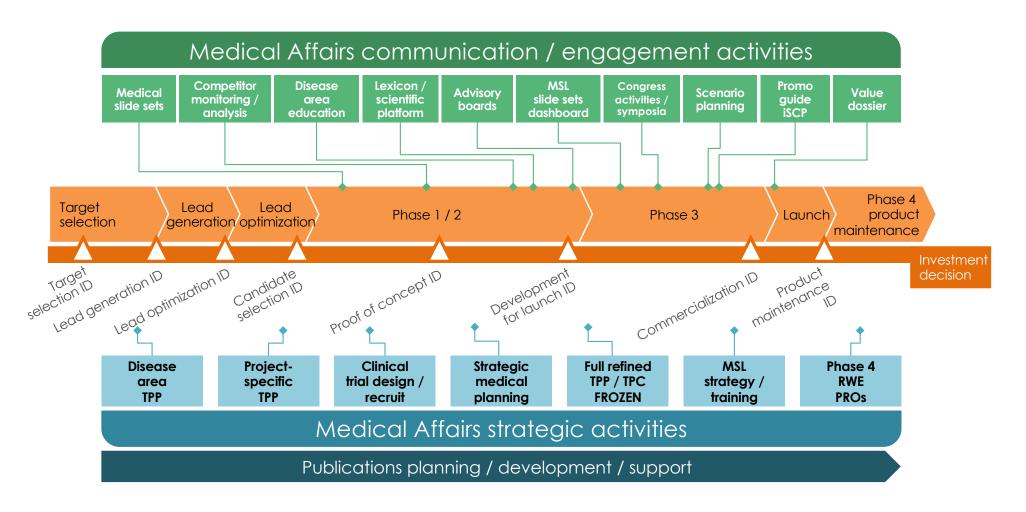
Ensure internal alignment of medical plans with the brand plans and promote effective cross-functional working

Define the desired positive change in health care and implement appropriate KPIs / metrics to evaluate change

Ensure ethical practices and transparent communications are maintained in all activities and by all functions

## Recommendations for Medical Affairs involvement

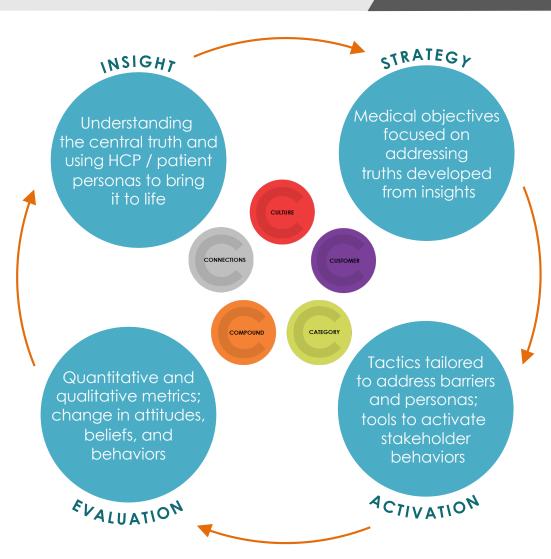




# Recommendations for delivering smarter communication programs to change lives



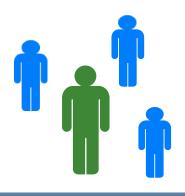
The medical strategic planning process applies a consistent focus on insight based truths to deliver smarter communication programs





### The opportunity awaits









Medical Affairs has always been externally driven because of pressures to separate medical and commercial functions

Now Medical Affairs
has the chance to
play a central,
strategic,
stakeholderengaging role

A transformation in mind-set and approach is required.
By understanding central truths based on insight, Medical Affairs can design targeted and effective medical plans

Medical Affairs can provide the backbone not only for their own activities but also for other functions, and be the driving force behind a company's unified collaborative approach to delivering value to its stakeholders