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Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Challenge of participants (e.g. analytical rigor, relevance of recommendations, quality of the oral presentations, etc.) – <sup>2</sup> ~935 executives trained – <sup>3</sup> More than 1,830 students trained Smart Pharma Consulting applies systematically the 4 Ws approach which enables to make evidence-based decisions and therefore to improve their relevance

The 4 Ws approach -

WHAT?	WHY?	SO WHAT?	WHAT TO DO?
<ul> <li>Identify key market facts and events:</li> <li>Sales data (competitors and own sales)</li> <li>Opinion, decisions and / or behavioral changes of key stakeholders (e.g. health authorities, competitors and customers<sup>1</sup> and the company itself)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the factors that have triggered or that are likely to trigger market facts and events:</li> <li>What are the root causes of sales data and trends?</li> <li>What are the root causes of health authorities, competitors and customers<sup>1</sup> opinion, decisions and / or behavior?</li> <li>Etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analyze the implications for the stakeholders (e.g. health authorities, competitors, customers<sup>1</sup> and the company itself) related to the key market facts and events that have been identified or anticipated</li> <li>Define if these facts and events represent opportunities or threats for the company (and its brands)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Based on the three previous steps (WHAT – WHY – SO WHAT) define the relevant strategic and tactical decisions to be made to optimize the performance of the company and its brands</li> <li>Then, redefine the organization of the company to best support the new strategy and the corresponding tactics</li> </ul>

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Distributors, nurses, patients, payers, patients advocacy groups, pharmacists, physicians, etc.

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Smart Pharma Consulting publishes regularly well-documented reports, including thoughtful analyses to help pharma companies make more robust decisions

**Selected publications related to Pharma Field Force Organization** 



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

The Pharma Field Force Organization relates to the way the in-field collaborators who meet customers should work and be organized to be effective and efficient

### **Introduction: Working definitions**

#### **Pharma Field Force**

Are the people of a pharma company who work in the "field" to contribute – directly or indirectly – to generate sales

#### **Pharma Field Force People**

May Include: medical reps, pharma reps, MSLs<sup>1</sup>, KAMs<sup>2</sup>, KIM<sup>3</sup>, regional market access managers, area managers<sup>4</sup>





#### **Field Force Reorganization**

Consists in readjusting people activities, structure, processes and culture to boost the efficacy and efficiency of the company

## "A successful Field Force Organization is the one which supports effectively and efficiently the strategy"

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted after Strategor 2016

Field Force Teams access to customers has become more difficult due to lack of time and interest, and influencing them more complex due to multiple decision-makers

**Introduction:** Pharma Environment Mega-trends



#### Hospital market segment

- The access to HCPs and other customers by the Field Force Teams is more and more controlled, if not forbidden
- Within hospital centers, physician prescribing decisions are more and more made in concertation, following protocols, and through the influence and pressure of various stakeholders, incl. payers, regional health authorities, etc.
- Hospital centers are also regrouping themselves which increases their business importance and bargaining power



### **Open care market segment**

- Access to HCPs on the open care market segment has become a major issue for Field Force Teams
- More and more office-based physicians work in group practice for better efficiency and practicality
- Their prescribing behavior is more and more under the influence of health authorities, payers or other HCPs
- The increasing concentration of retail pharmacies<sup>1</sup>, has an impact on their interactions with Field Force Teams

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted after Strategor 2016

<sup>1</sup> Regrouped in chains or VTOs (Voluntary Trade Organizations) adopting purchasing behaviors similar to those observed in the FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) sector, with an increasing pressure to get better prices and services

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Pharma companies must rethink their Field Force Team organization to secure their access to customers and manage to get their products preferred

## **Introduction:** Impact of Pharma Environment on Field Force Teams



- The grouping of hospital centers and office-based physicians have led pharma companies to deal with bigger accounts benefiting from a stronger bargaining power...
- ... in a context of economic pressure, making customers more price-sensitive than ever



- Pharma companies have to address two key issues:
  - To protect, as much as possible, the price of their drugs
  - To move from a B-to-C to a B-to-B business model in which the prescribing decision is made by multiple stakeholders having different views and objectives

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted after Strategor 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Medical Science Liaisons – <sup>2</sup> Key Account Managers – <sup>3</sup> Key Institution Managers who are in contact with regional health authorities and payers and who can propose hospital centers to participate, for instance, to a local public health initiative on a given pathology – <sup>4</sup> Clinical Research Assistants

The Smart Field Force Framework will help pharma companies design the best organizational model to support the right strategy and tactics



Methodology: Smart Field Force Framework

- The Smart Field Force Framework, developed by Smart Pharma Consulting, should enable pharma companies to align their "Strategic Square" to their strategic objective and then craft the best strategy and the corresponding tactics to meet this objective
- The organizational model will be designed accordingly to support effectively and efficiently the strategy and the tactics

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

Once the purpose, mission, vision and values have been set and shared, the Field Force should contribute to create the highest value for customers



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

The optimal design of a Field Force organization should start with an in-depth analysis of the evolution of the competitive landscape and of the company assets





- The target Field Force organization will depend on the competitive landscape which can be analyzed with the 7Ps method<sup>1</sup> which, stakeholder by stakeholder, defines:
  - Behavioral trends (What?)
  - Driving forces (Why?)
  - Implications (so What?)
  - Strategic priorities (What to do?)



**Company Assets Assessment** 

- To define a target organization, the company assets should also be assessed:
  - The current and future product portfolios
  - The tangible<sup>2</sup> and intangible<sup>3</sup> resources
  - The components of the value chain, including the support functions
  - The business development initiatives going on

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting Report "The French Pharma Market 2016 – 2022 Prospects" – <sup>2</sup> Physical and financial – <sup>3</sup> Reputation, technology, people, culture – <sup>4</sup> Regulatory, legal, HR, finance, IT

The strategic objective should be set according to the S.M.A.R.T. rule, well-explained and understood by all members of the Field Force<sup>1</sup> to maximize their adherence to it



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Irrespective of their function – <sup>2</sup> Illustrative examples

The strategy should be crafted according to the analyzed situation and trends, and the strategic objective set, prior to the design of the Field Force organization



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Best-in-Class Pharma Strategy" published in March 2018

The utmost strategic priority of the Field Force Team is to strive to strengthen the preference of their customers for the products marketed by their company

**Step 3: Strategic Model** – The Brand Preference Mix (BPM)<sup>1</sup>



"The Brand Preference Mix concept is a powerful means to enhance customer preference to marketed brands"

- Preference is the most relevant concept far better than satisfaction – to boost market share growth, and thus the performance of pharma companies
- To raise customers' preference for their products, pharma companies can act on three components:
  - Corporate reputation
  - The perceived quality of proposed services
  - The perceived benefits of brand attributes
- These three components should be strongly linked between themselves by customers
- Field Force Teams play an important role to leverage these three components

Source: "Building prescriber loyalty", J.-M. Peny et al., SCRIP Magazine, September 1993 – Smart Pharma Consulting <sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Best-in-Class Medical Reps" published in April 2017 and "Best-in-Class Pharma Marketers" published in March 2017

To boost the preference of physicians for their marketed brands, Pharma Marketers can leverage the three components of their Brand Preference Mix (BPM)



- Field Force Team must ensure a high level of knowledge and understanding of:
  - The healthcare environment
  - The customers they interact with
  - The products they market and the corresponding pathologies and ...
- ... create highly valued interactions, meeting basic and extra customers expectations<sup>1</sup>

Make sure services are linked company

Source: "Building prescriber loyalty", J.-M. Peny et al., SCRIP Magazine, September 1993 – Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Best-in-Class Medical Reps" published in April 2017

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Field Force Teams must put into perspective the value drivers related to the three components of the Brand Preference Mix to gain/strengthen customers preference



The Field Force Team purpose is to make customers aware of these benefits so that they properly use their products

Fears: "I am used to another treatment and don't wish to change my habits" [fact-based & emotional]

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted from the book "Pharma Marketing Tool Box" 2015

Features of each component of the Brand Preference Mix should be expressed as benefits to customers in order to strengthen their preference to the brand

Step 4: Key Tactics – Customers Preference Path (1/3) –

Brand Preference Mix (BPM)	Features of the BPM component	Benefits to customers
Corporate reputation	<ul> <li>What to say and what to do to build an appealing image (e.g. values, initiatives, achievements, strategic priorities, etc.) and establish the company as a reliable player?</li> <li>How should these initiatives be carried out?</li> </ul>	The benefits the
Brand attributes	<ul> <li>How to make the brand perceived positively different from competition?</li> <li>How to highlight these attributes in an effective and efficient way?</li> <li>To whom these differentiating points should be communicated?</li> </ul>	customers are likely to draw <sup>1</sup> should be identified for each feature of
Service quality	<ul> <li>What services should be developed to create a strong positive difference vs. competition?</li> <li>How to make sure these services are highly valued by customers? [Are they useful / interesting / convenient / well executed?]</li> <li>How should these services be implemented in an optimal manner? [How to ensure the in-field people collaborate effectively and efficiently to deliver highly valued services?]</li> </ul>	

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted from the book "Pharma Marketing Tool Box" 2015

<sup>1</sup> Benefits could be: functional, financial, emotional and/or self-expressive

Field Force Teams must contribute to enhance customers preference to their brands by positively differentiating the components of the BPM they value the most

**Step 4: Key Tactics –** Customers Preference Path (2/3)

Brand Preference Mix (BPM)	Features of the BPM components	Benefits to customers	Desirability level <sup>1</sup>	Exclusivity level <sup>1</sup>
Corporate reputation (CR)			<ul><li>Low</li><li>Moderate</li><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>Partial</li><li>Total</li></ul>
			<ul><li>Low</li><li>Moderate</li><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>Partial</li><li>Total</li></ul>
Brand attributes (BA)			<ul><li>Low</li><li>Moderate</li><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>Partial</li><li>Total</li></ul>
			<ul><li>Low</li><li>Moderate</li><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>Partial</li><li>Total</li></ul>
Service quality (SQ)			<ul><li>Low</li><li>Moderate</li><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>Partial</li><li>Total</li></ul>
			<ul><li>Low</li><li>Moderate</li><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>Partial</li><li>Total</li></ul>

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted from the book "Pharma Marketing Tool Box" 2015

<sup>1</sup> Should be selected only the benefits that are at least moderately desirable and partially exclusive

The exclusive and desirable benefits associated to the components of the BPM should be expressed by customer type or, even better, by individual customer

**Step 4: Key Tactics –** Customers Preference Path (3/3)

Customer type <sup>1</sup>	BPM <sup>2</sup>	Value proposition (exclusive & desirable benefits)	
	Corporate Reputation		
	Brand Attributes		
	Service Quality		
	Corporate Reputation		
	Brand Attributes		
	Service Quality		
	Corporate Reputation		
	Brand Attributes		
	Service Quality		

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting, adapted from the book "Pharma Marketing Tool Box" 2015 <sup>1</sup> Physicians, Pharmacists, Patients, Payers, Policy makers, Patient advocacy groups, etc. <sup>2</sup> Indicate on which component of the BPM (corporate reputation, brand attributes, service quality) the value proposition is built The Field Force organization model should be designed so as to support the execution of the crafted strategy and tactics in the most effective and efficient way

**Step 5: Organizational Model –** The Organizational Triangle



- The organization model should be designed to best support the implementation of the strategy and the corresponding tactics
- The organizational model developed by Smart Pharma Consulting is built on four dimensions:
  - Activities of collaborators
  - Structure and headcount
  - Key processes
  - Cultural traits
- These four dimensions should be consistent and regularly adjusted, qualitatively and quantitatively, to ensure an optimal support of the strategy

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

The organization must be designed to enable quick and easy adjustments to environment changes, and to get collaborators aligned to boost customer preference

**Step 5: Organizational Model –** Activation of the four levers

**Lever #1:** What should be the Field Force Team key **activities** (and the required competencies)?

Lever #4: What culture do we want **Activities** to create within the Field Force Team (e.g. pragmatism, proactivity, empowerment, tangible results, crossfunctional working method, etc.) Culture **Processes** Structure Lever #2: What structure **Lever #3:** What are the key business (organigram & FTEs)<sup>1</sup> will best processes (interactions, decision making, execution and performance support Field Force Teams to achieve their tasks efficiently? monitoring) and are they efficient?

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Including chain of command and span of control dimensions

Field Force Teams activities should be regularly adjusted to secure a regular access to customers and to boost their preference to the brands marketed by the company



## **Principles**

- Activities of Field Force Teams should be systematically streamlined:
  - Activities having no significant impact to raise the value of the marketed brands should be stopped
  - Customers shared by different Field Force functions (e.g. MSLs and medical reps) would require a clear copositioning to avoid duplication and a thoughtful coordination of activities to leverage potential synergies which will be driven by sharing competencies, and/or costs
- To secure access to customers and influence them, Field Force Teams should, better than competitors:
  - Acquire a high level of market insights<sup>4</sup>
  - Highlight the image<sup>5</sup> of the company they work for
  - Propose and deliver highly valued services
  - Exhibit the benefits offered by the marketed brands
  - Use customers preferred communication channels
- Ambitious capability building programs would be required

<sup>1</sup> Medical Science Liaison – <sup>2</sup> Key Account Managers – <sup>3</sup> Key Institution Managers – <sup>4</sup> Meaning: have an excellent knowledge and a good understanding of the healthcare system, the key market stakeholders (health authorities, competitors, customers) -<sup>5</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "How to create a superior Pharma Corporate reputation" published in August 2016

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

The development of Field Force Teams competencies can be structured and prioritized with the help of the Smart Index tool

**Step 5: Organizational Model – Key activities (2/2)** 

**The Smart Index** 

The Smart Index is a tool which structures the development of competencies around 3 components:

Smart index = Knowing x Understanding x Behaving



### "Any fool can know. The point is to understand" – Albert Einstein

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Be a Smart Manager, Not just a Good one" published in June 2017

There is no magic numbers, the Field Force size depends on external and internal factors, the impacts of which are specific to each company and each product



The Smart Simulator helps to estimate the optimal Field Force resources and the best structure by adjusting coverage and frequency by customer and by product



## Field Force sizing: The Smart Simulator



- The Smart Simulator is an enabling tool to help pharma companies evaluate the impact of external and internal factors, either qualitative or quantitative, which will influence the size of their Field Force
- Thus, the sizing, expressed as FTEs, will depend on:
  - The number of customers for whom interactions with the Field Force is likely to have a significant positive impact on the performance of marketed products
  - The types of interactions customers are open to
  - The optimal number of interactions to be carried out for each customer
  - The time related to the implementation of these interactions
  - The combined activities, and possible synergies amongst different in-field collaborators<sup>1</sup>
- The Smart Simulator, as any simulator, gives a preliminary estimate which must be completed by a qualitative analysis, customer by customer

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Medical reps, MSLs, KAMs, KIMs, Pharma reps, etc.

The preferred structure should be built around customers, remain lean and agile, favoring collaborations across departments and with the support functions



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting benchmark study

High market sensitivity, simple and short processes, cross-departments coordination and cooperation will contribute to better serve customers



- Shared customer database
- Introduction of metrics to foster cultural change

and highly valued offerings to customers

Sources: Adapted from R. Gulati (HBR 2007) - Smart Pharma Consulting analyses

To create value for field forces, and therefore for the company, head office functions should maintain a business-driven balance between support and control



Sources: Smart Pharma Consulting analyses

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The activities of in-field collaborators interacting with the same customers should be integrated in a single strategic plan, including separated sections



Sources: Smart Pharma Consulting analyses

<sup>1</sup> In compliance with the national regulations and the companies' internal policies – <sup>2</sup> Patient Advocacy Groups

Stimulating Field Force members passion for their job is a key performance driver, especially in a context where customers are increasingly reluctant to meet them



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Be a Smart Manager, Not just a Good one" published in June 2017

Managing by mutual benefits will give Field Force Teams a sense of purpose which will increase the probability to get their full and sustainable engagement

Step 5: Organizational Model – Culture (2/2)

Management by Mutual Benefits<sup>1</sup>



- Definition of objectives agreed by both management and employees
- Well-adapted to vertical management models
- However, by focusing on results, the way to achieve them (the planning) can be overlooked and lead to suboptimal efficiency
- Does not favor innovation nor flexibility

### MBMB (Management By Mutual Benefits)

- Creates mutual benefits and value by fulfilling the respective expectations of employees and employers
- Maximize the probability to obtain the full engagement of employees
- Requires from managers to (better) satisfy collaborators ...
- ... to create favorable conditions to secure a higher quality of execution that will lead to better results

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Be a Smart Manager, Not just a Good one" published in June 2017 – <sup>2</sup> The term was coined by Peter Drucker in 1954 in the book "The practice of Management"

The Field Force strategy and organization must have a favorable impact on one or several of the key performance drivers of products prescribed at hospital level

**Step 6: Expected Outcomes – Hospital Market Segment** 



The expected results from the Field Force strategy, its related tactics and supporting organization will come from their – direct or indirect – positive impact on the following performance drivers:

- 1. Listing on formularies<sup>3</sup>
- 2. Prescription for inpatients<sup>4</sup>
- 3. Prescription for discharged patients<sup>4</sup>
- 4. Prescription for outpatients<sup>4</sup>
- Maintaining access to HCPs is a key challenge that must be addressed by ensuring high quality interaction, from customers perspective
- The actions to activate these drivers will depend on:
  - Each hospital specificities (e.g. strategic priorities, procurement process and policy, degree of complexity, power games)
  - Product portfolio competitive position
  - Value of services offered to date
  - Corporate reputation

Key performance drivers for pharma companies

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

 $^1$  Through the therapeutic guidelines they may publish –  $^2$  Patient Advocacy Groups –  $^3$  Under the direct responsibility of KAMs –  $^4$  Under the direct responsibility of medical reps

Field Force Teams operating on the open care market must secure access to customers and raise their brand preference by ensuring highly valued interactions





- On the open care market, the expected outcome from the implementation of the customer strategy and of the supporting Field Force organization is to:
  - Secure a regular access to health care professionals (HCPs) which has become more and more difficult, especially in health centers
  - Raise the preference of HCPs in favor of the marketed products by leveraging the three components of the Brand Preference Mix<sup>3</sup>
  - Maintain a favorable opinion and behavior of stakeholders who are likely to influence HCPs and patients
- To address these challenges, the Field Force Team members will have to:
  - Ensure high value interactions
  - Coordinate their activities to leverage potential synergies
  - Be flexible enough to adjust themselves to the external and internal changes

<sup>1</sup> Through the therapeutic guidelines they may publish – <sup>2</sup> Patient Advocacy Groups – <sup>3</sup> See Smart Pharma Consulting position paper "Best-in-Class Pharma Marketers" published in March 2017

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

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To measure the efficacy and efficiency of a Field Force Team, it is recommended to monitor the activities they carry out with KEIs<sup>1</sup> and their related impact with KPIs<sup>2</sup>

**Step 6: Expected Outcomes –** Measurement Tools

			liustrative		
What is the objective?	2 What is the target?	3 KEls <sup>1</sup>	4 KPls <sup>2</sup>		
<ul> <li>Create / reinforce awareness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Physicians (e.g. KOLs, specialists, GPs)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>% of the target covered by the Field Force Team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Brand Preference Mix index (i.e. corporate reputation, product</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Generate interest</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pharmacists (e.g. retail or hospital)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>% of the target influenced by the Field Force Team</li> </ul>	attributes, service quality)		
<ul> <li>Develop brand preference</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Patients</li></ul>	<ul> <li>% of the target having a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>% of hospitals having listed the brand</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Increase share of prescription</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Nurses</li></ul>	positive opinion of the services offered <sup>3</sup>	<ul> <li>Price negotiation</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Increase compliance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Influencers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Number of interactions</li> <li>(e.g. by customer, by in-field</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sales level and evolution</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Limit substitution rate</li> </ul>	(e.g. health authorities, "politics", patient advocacy	collaborator)	<ul> <li>Share of prescription</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Get the brand listed</li> </ul>	groups, public health insurance, private health	<ul> <li>Implementation time required vs. planned</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Change in the number of treatment initiations</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Fine tune the profile of the customer</li> </ul>	insurance, professional associations)	<ul> <li>Actual vs. budgeted cost</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Return on investment</li> </ul>		
"If it cannot be measured, it cannot be managed" – Peter Drucker					

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting based on "Pharma Marketing Tool Box" published in 2016

<sup>1</sup> Key Execution Indicators – <sup>2</sup> Key Performance Indicators – <sup>3</sup> Based on: usefulness, interest, convenience, quality of execution)

Pharma companies having no choice but to transform themselves to boost their performance, they can follow the 8-step process for leading change



Source: Adapted by Smart Pharma Consulting from John P. Kotter 1996 and 2016, Richard L. Daft 2016

The careful implementation of these eight steps is important because it provides pharma companies with a robust framework to facilitate the change process

**The 8-Step Process for Leading Change** – Implementation

3. Create a vision and craft a 1. Create a sense of urgency 2. Build a guiding coalition strategy A "transformation team" with a strong A clear vision people adhere to and... From competitive environment and company performance, people must see leader must be set up ... a good understanding of the strategy (facts) and feel (emotions) the necessity This "guiding coalition" must be strongly to make it a reality will help envision the to transform the company convinced of the need to change... benefits of the change for individuals Most managers must be able to and the company ... and form a powerful close-knit group describe opportunities for collaborators in terms of reputation, influence, etc. Leaders play a key role at this stage 5. Enable actions by removing 4. Enlist volunteer team 6. Generate quick-wins barriers Quick wins are essential to boost the To make change happen, a large team Structures and processes that obstruct of advocate and role models who "walk the change effort should be removed credibility of the change process and the talk" and drive in the same direction keep the momentum going Risk taking and innovative ideas should 

be encouraged

- 7. Sustain acceleration
- Activities, structures, processes and cultural traits which do not fit with the new vision must be changed
- Change leaders should be hired, promoted, developed

8. Institute change

 How new activities, structures, processes and cultural traits have helped improve performance should be shown and institutionalized to make the change stick

Source: Adapted by Smart Pharma Consulting from John P. Kotter 1996 and 2016, Richard L. Daft 2016

to achieve the vision, must be built

Change management requires to pay a special attention to resisters and apply the appropriate techniques to address the root causes of their resistance

### Management of Resistance to Change

#### **Resistance to Change Matrix Techniques for Reducing Resistance to Change** Education & communication High - In case of misinformation, but may not work if lack of trust and credibility Lack of confidence Acceptance Participation (Reinsure – Explain – Involve) (Involve – Empower) When resisters are able to contribute Ability to change Facilitation & support When resisters are fearful and anxious Negotiation - When resistance comes from a powerful group, but can Lack of experience open doors for others to apply pressure too & confidence Lack of experience Manipulation & co-optation (Reinsure – Explain – Train) (Explain – Train – Coach) - When a powerful group endorsement is needed, but can backfire and cause to lose credibility L0 € Coercion - When a powerful group endorsement is needed, but Willingness to change High Low may be illegal, backfire and cause to lose credibility

Source: Source: Smart Pharma Consulting - Stephen P. Robbins et al 2017

The Smart Field Force Framework helps pharma companies better align their strategy and their organization to optimize their performance





- Policy makers want to develop a more effective and efficient healthcare system
- Payers priority is to better control healthcare expenditure by cutting prices and limiting access to patients
- PAGs fight to get an earlier and broader access to innovative treatments and get better therapeutic outcomes
- HCPs need more time to treat patients and to remain well informed of innovations and new medical practices



#### **Company Assets Assessment**



- Strategy should be focused at enhancing customers preference to their brands with the help of the Brand Preference Mix
- Organization should be designed so that:
  - Activities are carried out by highly competent people working in multidisciplinary teams
  - Field Force Teams are structured around customers / customer groups
  - Processes are kept simple to guarantee agility, flexibility and leanness
  - Passion for their job is developed and cultivated amongst Field Force Teams

Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

# **Smart Pharma Consulting**

The following method to reorganize Field Force Teams is one example of the services proposed by Smart Pharma Consulting to help pharma companies

## **Example of Method to Reorganize of Field Force Teams**



Source: Smart Pharma Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Including: hospital and retail pharmacists, hospital and office-based physicians (specialists or GPs), PAGs, regional health authorities / payers – <sup>2</sup> Taking into account the four following dimensions: Activities – Processes – Structure – Culture



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## **The Best-in-Class Series**

- This series intends to share concepts, methods and tools to boost the efficiency and efficacy of executives having operational responsibilities in the pharma business
- We have yet published seven Best-in-Class issues:
  - 1. MSLs

- 5. Pharma BD&L
- 2. Pharma Marketers
- 6. Pharma Market Research
- 3. Medical Reps
- 7. Pharma Strategy Crafting
- 4. Hospital KAMs

## Issue #8: Best-in-class Pharma Field Force Organization

- In this new booklet we propose a 6-step process to design a Field Force Team to support effectively and efficiently the customer strategy:
  - Step 1: Field Force Strategic Square
  - Step 2: Strategic Objective
  - Step 3: Strategic Model
  - Step 4: Key Tactics
  - Step 5: Organizational Model
  - Step 6: Expected Outcomes

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  - 2 business reports (The French Pharma Market 2016 2022 The French Generics Market, incl. Biosimilars)
  - 9 position papers in the "Smart Manager Series" and in the "Best-in-Class Series"
- Our research activities in pharma business management and our consulting activities have shown to be highly synergistic
- We expect that this new publication will interest you and we remain at your disposal to carry out consulting projects or training seminars to help you improve your operations
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Best regards

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