

The Changing BioPharma Partnering Landscape: Implications for Alliance Management

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Achieve alignment where it matters most: between strategies and marketplace opportunities; across the extended value chain; and between goals, priorities, and incentives across different functional groups Manage the challenges associated with partnerships, particularly when an artful balance of cooperation, collaboration, and competition is required





Agenda

- What is digital within biopharma?
- Creating and implementing a biopharma digital partnering strategy
- Implications for alliance management



As digital health grows, biopharma is well positioned to capitalize on new opportunities



"In every area — from where we innovate and find new medicines to how we operate, how we think about manufacturing and supply chain to how our sales reps do their work every single day — we are working on major projects to scale our digital capabilities." – Vas Narasimhan, CEO of Novartis



Digital health's dynamic ecosystem



Digital health's dynamic ecosystem: Data



Digital health's dynamic ecosystem: Communication



Digital health's dynamic ecosystem: Analysis



"Digital" activities are numerous – and can be grouped within a few broad categories



Contributing to this complexity is also the fact that "digital" has different meanings and applications to multiple stakeholders across an organization.

Execution occurs among different functions with varying needs and approaches





These activities are executed across the commercial lifecycle often with little explicit coordination

		Discovery	Pre-clinical	Clinical	Launch	Deliver/treat
DIGITAL				Communicatio	n	Patient portals
				Digital clinical trials		PRO/RWE
	r-			Data	Beyond-the-pill solutions	
			Clinical trial grade			
		Bio-molecular platforms	material automation	Analysis		Population health
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Digital is a broad ecosystem stretching across the development lifecycle, TAs, and capability boundaries



Questions

Does digital have different meanings within your organization?

- Does your organization have a clear approach for identifying and exploring, negotiating, and managing digital relationships?
- Is it clear to you who owns strategy and execution around these digital relationships?
 - Are there clear criteria for how your organization differentiates digital "partnerships" from digital "vendor" relationships?
 - What does your organization do well when it comes to identifying and pursuing digital partnerships? Where are there challenges?



Creating and Implementing Digital and Digital Partnering Strategies

Even as pharma builds capability, deep digital expertise primarily sits **externally**



How partners support execution of your digital strategy





Challenges of executing your digital strategy with partners: A process view





Questions to ask to align on a digital partnering operating model

Stakeholder Alignment	 Why (for what purpose) is your organization coordinating digital activities and prioritizing a set of digital outcomes (to focus investment? To enhance execution? To access best ideas/concepts?)? How will a set of business outcomes be prioritized? Who is involved in setting priorities? What are the criteria by which these decisions are made? What are implications of prioritizing a business outcome? How will investments be evaluated, and from which budget(s) will they be charged? What existing activities within your organization impact the prioritized digital outcomes, and how? What new or enhanced activities will be required (or are the optimal way) to achieve prioritized outcomes, and where in the organization should those activities take place? What are the decision rights around enhancing or impacting existing processes?
Partner Selection	 Which business outcomes can be impacted by digital partnering activities? Which digital partnering activities can provide the broadest impact on business outcomes? What capabilities exist within your organization? Where are there gaps, and how ought you to fill them (e.g., build, buy, ally)?
Coordination with Partners	 In what ways is the partner's business model and culture different from ours, and how will that impact the ways we will work together? What structures and processes should we put in place to ensure open coordination and address challenges that might arise from differences in business model and culture?
Implementation	 Who should be involved in oversight of execution, and should this vary by activity and business outcome? Who will monitor and report progress against priorities and assess impact on ongoing activities? What metrics should be used to track progress and assess impact? How will the skills, tools, processes and culture that enable execution be built and improved? How do we ensure best AM practices carry over into digital partnering activities?



Possible digital partnering operating model





Challenges of executing your digital strategy with partners: An organizational view





Coordination with Partner

Implications for Alliance Management

Unique aspects of digital partnerships vs. traditional alliances

PHARMA COMPANIES

- Highly regulated
- Very long (5+ years) "product" development cycle
- Management/investors familiar with longer development cycles
- Purposeful and predictable innovation and cocreation cycle
- Strong functional stakeholders (medical, legal, compliance, finance)
- Contractual, asset-based alliances with fixed lengths
- Well-defined commercial negotiation model with "customers" with significant regulation

TECH COMPANIES

- Variable, many markets not regulated
- Short to moderate (1-3 years) "product" development cycle
- Management/investors tend to expect quick ROI and steady growth
- Rapid and agile innovation and co-creation cycles
- Moderate or weak functional stakeholders (legal, compliance, finance)
- Blend of formal/informal alliances often with no fixed length
- Flexible, market-driven customer engagement processes

To achieve maximum value, biopharmas must select the right partners to address specific needs, and manage these relationships in a way that acknowledges these differences

Unique aspects of digital partnerships vs. traditional alliances

- Increased likelihood of partnering with organizations across different industries
- Different business models with partners can have significant implications for the alliance (e.g., smaller, more nimble organizations, faster pace of innovation, different regulatory landscapes)
- Internal customers of digital sit in multiple areas within an organization and have different use cases
- Enhanced risk of many types of organizational and strategic "differences" between partners



Implications for Alliance Management

- How should Alliance Managers and heads of AM position themselves as to digital?
- Given the growth of digital relationships do Alliance Managers need to explicitly build or pull in people with digital knowledge?
- Where should digital partnerships sit? Under AM? Under AM in close coordination with the CDO? Dispersed, with AM offering best practices?
- Is digital as a category of activity substantively different than other purviews of AM (e.g., pharmacovigilance, clinical trial management)?





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