Value Messages: Developing, Incorporating, and Making Use of a Core Strategic Tool

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  – Amy Barrett

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Creating Product Value Messages

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What are Value Messages?

• Statements about the value the product offers to the stakeholders
• Provide concise description of a product based on added value/differentiation from existing products
• Usually include perspectives of various potential audiences (payer/physician/patient/regulatory authority)
Value Messages

• Developed in collaboration with clinical, marketing, commercial (the Product Team)
• May include primary research with payers, physicians, and patients to test the messages
Which comes first – the Value Message or the data?

Value Hypotheses → Clinical Data → Strong and Simple Value Messages
## Sample Value Messages

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<td>Pricing and Reimbursement (P&amp;R) Authorities</td>
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Purpose of a Value Message Evidence Table

- Foundation of outcomes research (OR) plan
- Assists in prospectively planning for the OR strategy
- Provides the team with a visual of how the Value Messages will be attained and the likelihood of success
- Creates alignment among team members as to the product strategy
- Start with Value Message and decide how to reach it
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Building Outcomes Research Strategy Plans Around Value Messages

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Objective

To develop a plan based around the product’s Value Messages to effectively demonstrate and communicate the value of products through innovative research, evidence-based tools, and information to relevant stakeholders to support optimal health care decision-making and help people live healthier lives.
When should an OR plan be developed?

- As early as possible (e.g., phase 2)
  - May depend on resources
- Build around product Value Messages
- Needs to be flexible and adaptable to account for the changing environment
Outcomes Research Strategy Plans
Deliver Across the Lifecycle

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<th>Post-Launch</th>
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| • Conduct literature review  
• Determine requirements for reimbursement and market access  
• Establish Product Value Profile per customer type  
• Conduct a PE needs assessment  
• Perform early modeling to estimate burden of disease  
  – Cost of illness  
  – Epidemiological studies | **Health economics research**  
• Economic analysis/modeling alongside clinical trials (cost-effectiveness, cost utility analyses)  
• Retrospective database analysis  
• GVD/reimbursement dossier preparation  
**Patient-reported outcomes research**  
• Health-related QOL studies  
• Patient preference and symptom evaluation  
• Functional status evaluation  
• Clinical outcomes assessment  
• Adherence assessment  
• Satisfaction studies | • Scientific publications and articles  
• Sales rep and medical science liaison training  
• Posters and conference presentations  
• Patient education  
• MCO submissions  
• FDA submission report/label claims  
• NICE/EU submission report |
Who needs to be involved in the development of an OR Strategy Plan?

• Clinical Team
• Medical Affairs
• Marketing Team
• Health Economics and Outcomes Research
• Others?
What goes into the development of an OR Strategy Plan?

- Understand the current and future market and competitor products
- Understand the value of your product
  - What is the value to the patient, physician, and payer?
  - Does the value differ by different patient subgroups or stakeholders?
- What type of research and tools are needed to effectively demonstrate the value?
  - Are there certain PROs that need to be included early in the clinical trials?
  - What type of economic evidence will be needed to secure access and reimbursement?
- How can the value be optimally communicated to each stakeholder?
  - Can you involve the stakeholders early in the development process to ensure that the product is valuable to them?
Understand the Value Messages the OR Strategy is Built Around

• Where did the Value Messages come from?
  – Are they hypothetical?
  – What evidence is available to support the messages?
  – Were they tested through market research or expert opinions?

• What is the value the stakeholders (i.e., patient, provider, and payer) place on the messages?

• What messages are most important to the stakeholders in each of the key markets/countries?

• What is the likelihood that the compound is capable of delivering on each of these messages?

• What is the impact on potential sales from delivering or failing to deliver on these messages?
Supporting the OR Strategy

Burden of Illness

Patient-Reported Outcomes

Economics

Outcomes Research Communication Strategy
Burden of Illness

• What is the unmet medical need?
• Is the burden of illness well established and understood by key stakeholders (i.e., patient, provider, and payer)?
Patient-Reported Outcomes

• What do we know about PROs in this indication?
• What measures have competitors used in labeling, advertising, publications?
• Is development of a new PRO necessary to support a label claim or commercial message?
• What is the likelihood that the measures proposed will show a significant and clinically meaningful improvement over the comparator?
  – Is there evidence that this difference has relevance to patients, providers, payers?
Economic Evaluation

• What are the key economic drivers in this indication?
• What metrics (e.g., cost-effectiveness/cost utility) have competitors used in formulary or reimbursement submissions, advertising, and publication strategies?
• What are the key economic thresholds this compound will have to achieve?
• What are the appropriate comparators?
• What is the plan for collecting data to document economic value of the compound?
  – What is the likelihood that the compound will be able to demonstrate economic value relative to key comparators?
Outcomes Research
Communication Strategy

• How does the OR strategy fit within the overall commercial strategy for the compound?
• Does the OR strategy support the Global Access and Reimbursement Plan?
  – Does it support the needs of the individual countries/key markets?
• What is the plan for communicating the key Value Messages?
Key Considerations in Developing an OR Strategy Plan

- Build around the Value Messages of the product
- Ensure alignment with commercial strategy
- Flexible and adaptable to support across the lifecycle
- Seek country input early on to understand:
  - What is needed?
  - By when is it needed?
  - Are you able to meet all or select country needs?
  - What is the best method to deliver the information?
- Understand the type of internal resources available
  - Large health outcomes department available to meet all needs, or is it a small company that may seek external consultant involvement early on?
Developing Global Value Dossiers

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What is a GVD?

- Document that summarizes burden of disease (problem) and Value Story of product (solution)
  - Value Story consists of series of Value Messages, each supported by concise and scientifically accurate evidence

- Communication tool developed internally, primarily for internal use

- Serves as basis of country affiliate reimbursement submission dossiers, but not directly transferable
Benefits of Developing a GVD

• Focuses attention on Value Story and Value Messages
  – Drives refinement of Value Messages
  – Builds consensus internally on global product strategy
• Highlights gaps in evidence to be addressed with further research
• Highlights conflicting evidence or counter-evidence
• Helps identify and prioritize OR plan
Benefits of Having a GVD

• Acts as central repository for most current Value Messages and best available evidence
  – Enables dissemination of strategic guidance and coordinated launch strategy across many countries
  – Informs economic modeling efforts
  – Summarizes results of cost-effectiveness and budget-impact analyses in an accessible way

• Supports work of local affiliates
  – Supplemental tools help present arguments
    • PowerPoint slides
    • FAQ for objection handling

• Provides template for Value Messages for subsequent indications
GVD Key Contributors

• Internal team
  – Clinical development
  – P&R
  – Regulatory
  – Marketing
  – Health economics
  – Local affiliates

• External contributors
  – Key opinion leaders
  – Local P&R consultants
  – Vendors

Interaction of internal, external contributors managed by internal GVD lead
Development Timeline for GVD

- Approximately 6-7 months
- Ideally beginning late phase 2/early phase 3

- Create GVD team
  - Identify external stakeholder needs
  - Identify, gather, and study information
  - Finalize Value Messages
  - 2.5 Months

- Write and revise text (2 drafts)
  - 2 Months

- Edit, format, and create graphics
  - Conduct final review
  - Transform into electronic document
  - 1.5 Months
GVD Development Process

• Disease burden sections, particularly disease background, can be developed quite early
  – Peer-reviewed literature
  – Authoritative national/international sources
    • Professional organizations
    • Federally sponsored research organizations
GVD Development Process

- Product value will be based primarily on outcomes of sponsored studies
  - An early start increases likelihood that supporting data will be published, increasing credibility
  - Literature search allows inclusion of independent studies supporting product or counter-evidence that may be refuted or contextualized
Global Component

- Important to seek input from affiliate representatives about their needs/challenges early in GVD development process
  - Simple questionnaire or interview
    - Market access challenges
    - Key comparators, potential differentiation from comparators
    - Potential objections of payers or providers
    - Evidence needs
  - Seek input on aspects of product value that are poorly recognized by payers or providers
  - Request feedback on draft Value Messages, additional potential Value Messages
Global Component

- Content to be explored by country
  - Epidemiology
  - Economic and quality-of-life (QOL) burden
  - Country-specific clinical considerations, including key comparators
  - Country-specific economic considerations, including reference drugs
  - Country-specific Value Message considerations (e.g., value may vary by country related to differences in comparators, treatment guidelines, physician awareness of adverse events)
GVD Outline: Introduction and Burden of Disease

- Introduction to GVD
  - Purpose/how to use GVD
  - Requirements for review before external use
  - Contact information for internal contact/point person (usually internal GVD lead)
- Disease background
- Epidemiology
  - Prevalence/incidence
  - Mortality
- Economic burden
  - Cost of illness
- QOL burden
- Unmet treatment need (competitive differentiation)
  - Current therapies
GVD Outline: Value of Product

• Clinical value
  – Efficacy/effectiveness
  – Safety/tolerability

• Economic value
  – Cost-effectiveness
  – Budget impact
  – Associated decrease in health care resource utilization

• Patient-reported outcomes/QOL value
  – Health-related QOL
  – Functional status
  – Compliance
  – Patient satisfaction
  – Patient preference
  – Caregiver burden
Updating GVD

• Establish process and triggers for updates
  – Publication of additional data
  – Development of economic model
  – Routine annual review

• Examine newly published data carefully to determine if new Value Message is warranted or if data support existing message

• Delete less authoritative versions of the same data (e.g., replace poster presentation citation when study is published in a journal)

• Ideally, the team that develops GVD will be responsible for updates
Key Factors for Successful GVD

• Start early
  – Value hypotheses guide OR plan, resulting in published support for Value Messages
  – Plan to develop at least two draft GVDs before finalization
  – Begin late phase 2, finalize after phase 3 data available
• Solicit feedback from local affiliates and other internal stakeholders
• Provide training when rolling out GVD
• Maintain relevance of GVD through frequent updates
Summary: Value Messages, OR Strategy Plans, and GVDs

• Value Hypotheses guide the clinical development plan and selection of trial endpoints
• Value Messages describe product’s value and differentiation from existing products
• OR Strategy Plan establishes research and tools needed to effectively demonstrate the product’s value
• GVD communicates Value Story with messages supported by strong, credible evidence
Creating Product Value Messages: Hypothetical Example

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Product Description

- **Name:** Frightolol
- **Indication:** "stage fright" or anxiety while public speaking
- **Efficacy:** reduces anxiety and "fight or flight syndrome"
- **Safety issues:** lack of alertness, slows reflexes, rarely agitation
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Frightolol Competition

- Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Klonopin, Valium, Ativan)
- Efficacy: relieve anxiety by slowing down the central nervous system for a relaxing and calming effect
- Safety: sleepiness, foggy, uncoordinated, slow reflexes, slurred speech, dizziness, nausea
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Frightolol Benefits

- Reduces heart pounding
- Reduces stomach butterflies
- Calming
- Reduces anxiety
- Increases productivity
- No slurred speech, sleepiness, dizziness, nausea
Frightolol Detriments

• Some loss of alertness lasting 30 minutes
• Slows reflexes, should not be taken right before driving
• Agitation only occurs in patients being treated for depression
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