# Medical Affairs' Role in Patient Engagement Activities

Best Practices Strategic Benchmarking Research & Analysis for the Medical Affairs Consortium

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### Research Overview: Objectives & Methodology

#### Research Overview

- With the shift from a support function to an independent role, medical affairs groups are being put in control of Patient Engagement.
- This benchmarking study is designed to produce industry metrics on key aspects of Patient Engagement Programs including collaboration, activities, support, and involvement.

#### Research Methodology

- Best Practices, LLC engaged 39 leaders from 29 biopharmaceutical companies through a benchmarking survey.
- Created two data segments: Regional Segment: US-Only (N=15), Global (N=16) and Company-Size Segments: Large Companies (N=25) and Small Companies (N=14)

#### **Topics Covered**

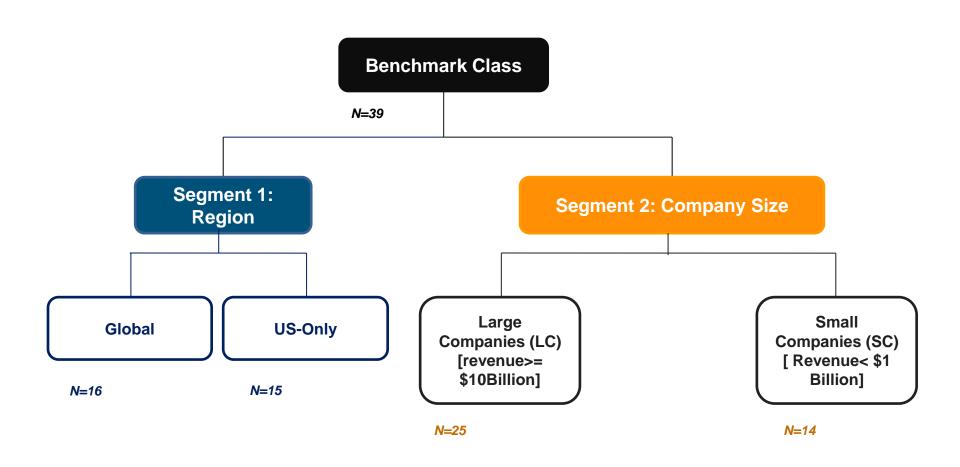
- Roles and Responsibilities:
  - Patient Health Outcomes
  - Patient Advocacy Groups
  - Patient Education Programs
  - Patient Medication Adherence Programs
- Collaboration:
  - Medical Affairs Groups
  - Internal/External Frequency
  - Internal/External Effectiveness
- Patient Engagement Over the Product Lifecycle

## Universe Of Learning: 29 Companies Participated in Study

This study engaged 39 leaders with direct experience working in Medical Affairs. Participants represent 29 leading biopharmaceutical companies. Almost 85% of participants are at the level of senior director or above.

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### **Study Analyzes Two Main Segments**



<sup>\*</sup>Please note: Additional regions were selected; however, there were not enough responses to form segments for those areas.

# Key Recommendations: Medical Affairs Can Build Stronger Relationships with Patients through Four Critical Elements

#### **Critical Elements of Strong Patient Engagement**



### **Key Findings:**

# Health Outcomes

Patient Advocacy

Patient Education

#### Lead/Co-Lead

#### No Involvement

#### Importance

Medical Affairs primarily leads/coleads all Outcomes activities.

Medical affairs has minimal

involvement in all activities.

understand patient needs.

excluding generating data to

Majority of medical affairs groups are involved in all patient health outcomes activities. (less than 10% have no involvement in select areas)

Medical Affairs finds all patient health outcomes activities to be important.

Medical Affairs groups primarily have no involvement in developing co-pay programs.

Generating data is seen as the most important patient advocacy activity. All other activities are seen as somewhat important.

For all activities other than generating data, Medical Affairs does not hold leading role in patient engagement activities.

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Generating data is seen as the most important patient education activity. All other activities are seen as somewhat important.

Other than generating data, majority of Medical Affairs groups only support or have no involvement in these activities.

Medical Affairs groups primarily have no involvement in developing co-pay programs.

Generating data and digital health initiatives are seen as the most important patient medication adherence activities. All other activities are seen as significantly less important.

### **Lessons Learned in Resource Allocation**

The most mentioned lessons learned are: patient touchpoints, continuous engagement and robust process & internal alignment.

20) Provide three critical lessons learned about allocating your medical affairs investment to the highest impact areas across the patient journey.

Accessing & listening to **Stakeholders** 



**Specificity &** Market Knowledge



#### **Lessons Learned:**

**Robust Process** & Internal **Alignment** 



**Continuous Engagement** 



#### **Patient Touchpoints**



'Medical affairs has the relationship to help facilitate and encourage collaboration"

25%

"Better understanding of the disease impact and patients' needs"

28%

"MA can easily find the "win-win" for all internal and external players"

"Medical affairs has the relationship to help facilitate and encourage collaboration"

47%

"Seek regular input from patient advocacy groups on communication plans"

"Prioritization of investment in patient engagement activities varies among internal groups"

50%

"Understanding the critical touchpoints that a patient experiences during their iourney"

"Developing an organizational patient engagement model and disseminating it is an important first step"

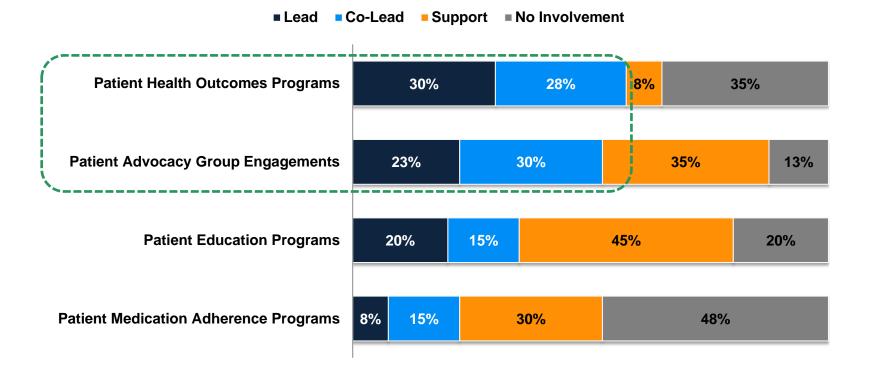
53%

# Medical Affairs Takes the Lead More Often with Patient Health Outcomes and Advocacy Engagements

A majority of the Medical Affairs groups either lead or co-lead patient health outcomes programs and patient advocacy group engagements. However, almost half of the benchmark class has no involvement in patient medication adherence programs.

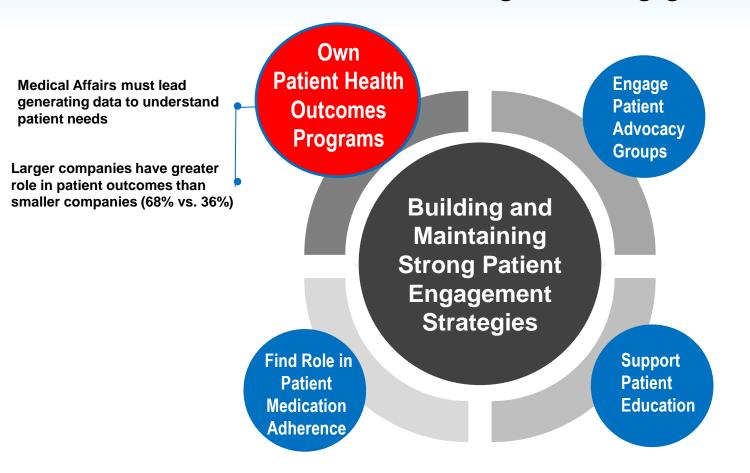
5) What is your Medical Affairs' organization's role with the following patient engagement programs?

#### **Medical Affairs' Role:**



# Medical Affairs Should Own Activities Within Patient Health Outcomes Programs

#### **Critical Elements of Strong Patient Engagement**

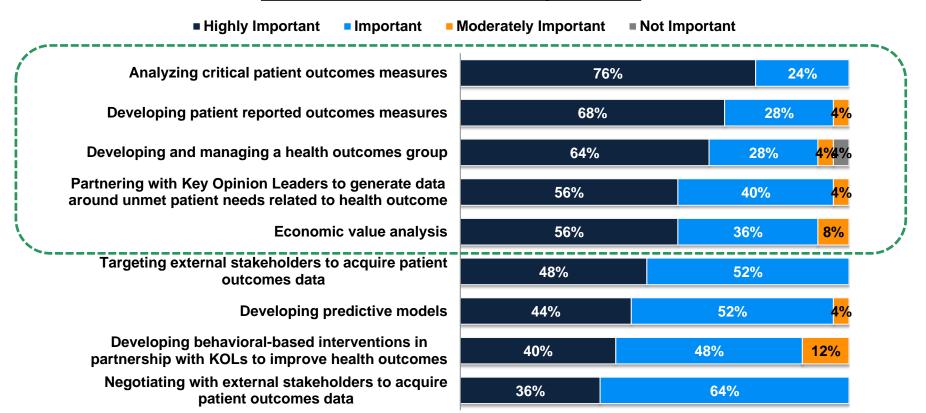


# Health Outcomes Activities Rated as Highly Important at Majority of Companies

Medical Affairs finds all of these activities to be important; however, the most important ones include gathering and analyzing patient outcomes data, developing an outcomes group to carry out these tasks, and evaluating the economic value.

13) How important are each of the following activities in building a successful Patient Health Outcomes program within your Medical Affairs group?

#### **Patient Health Outcomes Importance:**



# Medical Affairs Primarily Supports Patient Medication Adherence Activities

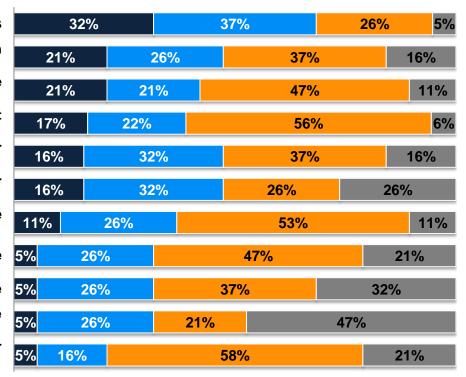
Working with commercial teams and creating unbranded websites have lower involvement and importance.

10) What is your Medical Affairs organization's role with the following Patient Medication Adherence activities?

#### **Patient Medication Adherence Activities:**

■ Lead ■ Co-Lead ■ Support ■ No Involvement

Generating data to help understand patient needs/knowledge gaps Development of print or digital materials for patients with treatment information Development of print or digital materials for patients with disease state information Patient education presentations or handouts in various events that patients join Creation and management of digital health initiatives for better monitoring and adherence Developing mobile applications and other technology solutions for patients Development of print or digital materials for patients with disease management information Maintenance of unbranded website for patient adherence Creation of unbranded website to improve patient adherence Development of co-pay programs for those who can't afford the treatment Working with commercial team for creation of DTC and other education materials

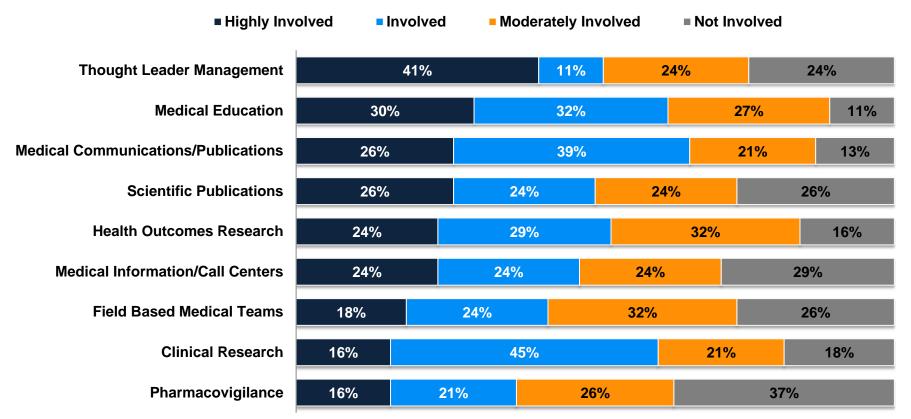


# Thought Leader Management is Highly Involved in Patient Engagement

The top three medical affairs areas that are highly involved in patient engagement activities are: thought leader management (41%), medical education (30%) and medical communications & scientific publications (26%). In addition, medical affairs is more likely to be involved in *clinical research*; however they are not highly involved.

14) How involved is each specific part of your Medical Affairs organization in patient engagement activities?

#### **Medical Affairs Group Collaboration:**



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