

# Building The Next Big Healthcare Tech Product

Using Primary Market Research to Identify Unmet Market Needs

#### **ABOUT US**

Experts in technology product management and product.

Specialize in training.

Trained hundreds of thousands of people at companies around the world since 1993.

			Business Plan	Positioning	Marketing Plan		
	Market Problems	Market Definition	Pricing	Buyer Experience	Revenue Growth		
	Win/Loss Analysis	Distribution Strategy	Buy, Build or Partner	Buyer Personas	Revenue Retention		
	Distinctive Competencies	Product Portfolio	Product Profitability	User Personas	Launch		
	MARKET	FOCUS	BUSINESS	PLANNING	PROGRAMS	ENABLEMENT	SUPPORT
	Competitive Landscape	Product Roadmap	Innovation	Requirements	Awareness	Sales Alignment	Programs
	Asset Assessment			Use Scenarios	Nurturing	Content	Operations
					Nurturing Advocacy	Content Sales Tools	Operations  Events

# **About Us**





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# The Next BIG Explosive Healthcare Product



- You've built products that have done well
- You've built product that never took off
- You've brainstormed a "new value prop" for products that are not selling well
- How do you build those products that sell themselves?

Changing the outcome...requires a New Approach

## **Overview of Webinar**



### **Goals for Webinar**

How do we build healthcare products **sell themselves** and learn how to identify products that **will never take off**?

#### **HOW TO TALK TO THE MARKET**

You've been to Pragmatic Training, you know the importance of talking to the market, you have a NIHITO sign in your office, how do you implement?

Eliciting Insights will discuss tactical strategies to build out a robust voice-of-the-market program

- Finding the right contacts
- Getting them to take your call/meeting
- Distilling meaningful insight from open ended interviews
- Validating your insights with survey data
- Identifying that next new product to bring to market



# What's Different about Healthcare Products?



Successful Healthcare Products Require Market Knowledge

### Bottomline is a small part of the equation

- Providers do what is in the best interest of the patient
- Third party is paying part of the bill
- Many hospitals are not for profits and faith based

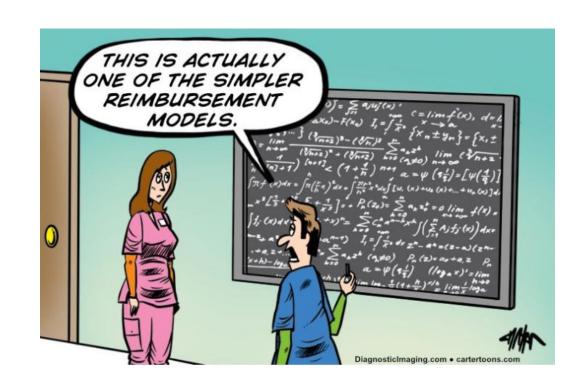
### Complex industry with changing regulations

### **Technology adoption is lagging**

Pagers and Faxing are still prevalent

#### **B2B** is very different than **B2C**

- Talking to payers or providers is not easy
- Decision making is more complex
  - B2B has 5-17 decision makers!





Healthcare Knowledge is crucial to be successful



# What is a BIG Growth Product?

Explosive products start with a market pain point



### Solves a Significant and Prevalent market pain point

- Target market will write a check for a solution that will alleviate this pain point
- In top 3-5 list of priorities to solve for THIS YEAR

### When you talk to the market about building this solution, their eyes light up

They Get Me!

### The value props are defined before you build

How can you build a solution without knowing what benefit it will bring?

### **What is NOT an Explosive Product**

A solution that you have to convince the market they need



How do you identify explosive new product ideas? Start with the market



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# How to Talk to the Market Based: Best Practices



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# **Finding the Right Contacts**

Garbage In=Garbage Out





## Who do you want to talk to?

- Define segment:
  - Hospitals greater than 500 beds
  - Critical Access hospitals
- Users, buyers or influencers?
- Define your target title
  - Health System CEO
  - Payer Network Executive
  - Cash posting Manager



### How to find them?

- Internal Resources
  - Sales and Marketing lists
    - Conference Attendees
    - Prospect lists
  - Clients & former clients
- External
  - LinkedIn
  - Paid Industry Lists: Definitive
  - HIMSS, AHIP, HFMA



# Getting Them to Take Your Call (or Survey)



Everybody is Busy



Warm Intros are gold



Clearly state your purpose and your request



What's in it for them? Incentives!



Be persistent, but not too persistent



# Distilling Meaningful Info from Open Ended Interviews



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# What Themes Emerge?

### **Hospital CFO Interviews**



- What Products do you need?
- Denials Management

"Denials are the difference between being in the black or the red for Hospitals"

### **Healthcare CIOs**



- What keeps you up at night?
- Data Security

"We don't want to be listed on the wall of shame because one associate clicked a link from the wrong e-mail"



If you talk to enough respondents at least 1-2 pain points should be prevalent



# Validating your Insights with Survey Data



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# **Design Smart Surveys**

- Survey Goals
- Target Respondent Size and Title(s)
- Determine Incentive and Length
- Write Key questions
- Determine demographics needed
- Test (break) the survey
- Pilot the survey
- Revise and Launch the Survey



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# **Client Case Study**





# **Using Survey Data to Validate MVP**

- Overview:
  - Simplee has a Patient Financial Engagement Platform
  - Affordable payment solutions
  - Omni-channel solution
- Challenge:
  - Launching a Pre-Services Product
  - What is required for an MVP?

- Approach
  - Interviews with Patient Access Directors
  - Followed by a survey to determine MVP feature/functionality for the product
- Results:
  - Top 3-5 features required for an MVP

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# **Understanding Market Demand and Competitive Landscape**

#### Overview:

 SSI is a Healthcare IT company focused in the RCM space

### Challenge:

- Clients were requesting a reconciliation solution: How prevalent is the market need?
- Does it make sense to build a solution?

### Approach:

- Interviews with decision makers
- Surveys for current solutions

#### Outcome:

- Market demand is emerging
- Many potential partners are available



# Identifying the Next Product to Bring to Market



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- What Pain Point does this solution solve?
  - Will they write a check?
  - Is it in their top priority list for THIS YEAR?
- Point they get excited or passionate?
- What is the value prop?
  - Increased revenue
  - Reduced labor or costs
  - Improve patient experience
  - Regulatory/Compliance

# Products that will NEVER take off

- "That could be helpful"
- "I'm not sure we need that, but others might have a need"
- "I don't know that I could get budget money for that type of product"

Don't be fooled by politeness!

# Identify the Next Big Product: Listen to the Market





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