Insights from the C-Suite:

# Pharmaceutical Companies 


#### Abstract

The pharmaceutical industry is facing a number of well-publicized challenges: increasing generic competition, pricing pressures, innovation hurdles, Wall Street scrutiny, etc. C-suite pharmaceutical executives who were also featured in the PharmaVOICE 100 provide their insights on what they believe are the biggest challenges they as well as the industry face.


According to IMS Health, overall per capita use of medicines declined in 2011 as patient office visits and non-emergency room hospital admissions dropped, and older Americans reduced their retail drug use. Not only were rates of usage for chronic medicines declining, there were important variations across the country and by patients' age, which suggests a concerning trend in the nation's use of healthcare services. Young people, age 19 to 25 , increased their use of prescription drugs as many were able, for the first time, to remain on their parents' health insurance, while seniors, age 65 and over, reduced their volume of prescriptions.

Total healthcare system spending on medicines reached \$320 billion in 2011, increasing on a real per capita basis by $0.5 \%$, according to IMS. Declining use of branded drugs and greater availability of lower-cost generic products offset price increases and higher spending on new innovative medicines. Branded products that lost exclusivity due to patent expiries contributed $\$ 15$ billion in reduced spending. Spending on new branded medicines, which declined in prior years, as rebounded since 2009, and this reflects the extensive number of transformative treatments that are now available.With generics currently representing $80 \%$ of dispensed prescriptions, spending in this segment grew by $\$ 5.6$ billion in 2011. Overall spending on medicines continued to be concentrated on traditional small molecule oral pills dispensed through retail pharmacies. Spending growth in these segments was outpaced by biologics, injectables, specialty and institutional channels, which accounted for as much as $30 \%$ of total spending.

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The complexity and number of unknown variables make it difficult to make investment decisions, which could ultimately impact the longevity of the company and the care of patients.

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Balancing new science with clinical empiricism remains a key challenge in discovering new medicines that bring value to society.

Empiricism was the inspiration for all early medicines. Many "new" medicines of the 1980s and 1990s were largely refinements of empirically based medicines.

Our challenge today is to balance the attractiveness of a novel target derived for advance screening techniques with pathways that are known to influence human physiology based on empiric experience.

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I believe that oncology drug development is faced with the major challenge of delivering the "right drug to the right patient.

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The negative public perception that the public has for pharmaceutical companies is one challenge. For biotechnology companies, another challenge is the fact that investors have grown risk adverse.

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The biggest challenge facing the industry today is the ability for biotechnology companies to remain independent.

Acquisitions that are designed to extract shortterm returns put scale and efficiency over innovation and these will continue to undermine the industry's ability to advance medicine and generate far more significant and sustainable shareholder value.

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The biggest challenge today is the runaway costs of clinical development. We need to fundamentally change the way that we approach clinical trials and usher in a paradigm shift in the way drugs are brought to market. It should be a patientcentric approach, one that uses innovative technologies and new ways of patient recruitment. It should focus on the unique needs of patients to encourage them to participate in medical research. PV

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