



# Advancing Your Strategic Plan: *Actionable Insights to Create Value*

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# Learning Objectives

- Understand where true strategy come from and how is it formed effectively
- Identify how to address the biggest challenges with a concentrated set of resources
- Draw insights from how other industries formulate strategy
- Apply helpful frameworks and critical tools to stay future focused and value-driven
- Explore and apply strategies of disruptors using out of industry examples
- Capture opportunities to enhance your strategy with greater focus and alignment with value

# Strategy Formation

## Differentiating *Strategy* and Strategic Planning

# Strategy (n.)

From the Greek *strategia* meaning “office or command of a general,” the “art of a military leader”

stratos- to spread

ag- to lead

## Differentiating *Strategy* and Strategic Planning

# Strategy

an ongoing and iterative process of *identifying* and *solving* for *critical* challenges and deciding what *actions* to take in the context of *limited resources / available options*

“the discipline of winning”

## A Basic Strategy Framework

**ENDS** // The desired future state that accounts for external realities (trends, competition, white space) and internal capabilities

**WAYS** // The difficulties to be solved for and a perspective on how. Includes your 'right to win.'

**MEANS** // The investment requirements, talent and capabilities acquisition and general approach (build, buy, partner). Commitment and focus are key.

**ASSUMPTIONS** // *Hinge* assumptions are core to the offering. If we get these wrong, the entire value proposition folds. *Fringe* assumptions are either on the periphery of the core offering or address a future state for the offering which may be contemplated but is still malleable.

# Focus on What Competitors Do, Not What They Say

## Optum's Strategy Map

We mined Optum's acquisitions, investments, and partnerships since Q1'14 to determine its strategic priorities.

Categories listed are not exhaustive of all Optum's activity in the period.

# Optum

- Acquisition
- Investment
- Partnership

### Behavioral health



### Care coordination



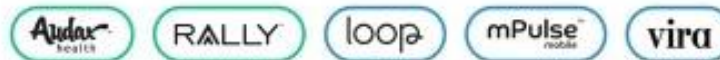
### Remote patient monitoring



### Value-based care



### Virtual care



## What Strategy Is Not

- An aspiration (“Be the leading VBC provider”)
- A set of goals (“Consumer Focused. Growth”) or outcomes (“Increase market share by X%”)
- Managing your numbers (which is critical, but shouldn’t be mistook for the creative / entrepreneurial activity of strategy)
- Purely an analytical exercise (death by power point)
- A linear activity (so much as an ongoing one with different horizons)
- Only a plan, which is necessary but not sufficient
- Simply an idea or direction (absent the social, political, financial and power levers required to execute it)

*“Anyone can recognize great strategy after the fact. We also understand planning as a ‘process.’ The only problem is that process doesn’t produce strategy-it produces plans. The dirty little secret of the strategy industry is that it doesn’t have any theory of strategy creation.”*

*- Gary Hamel, Founder*

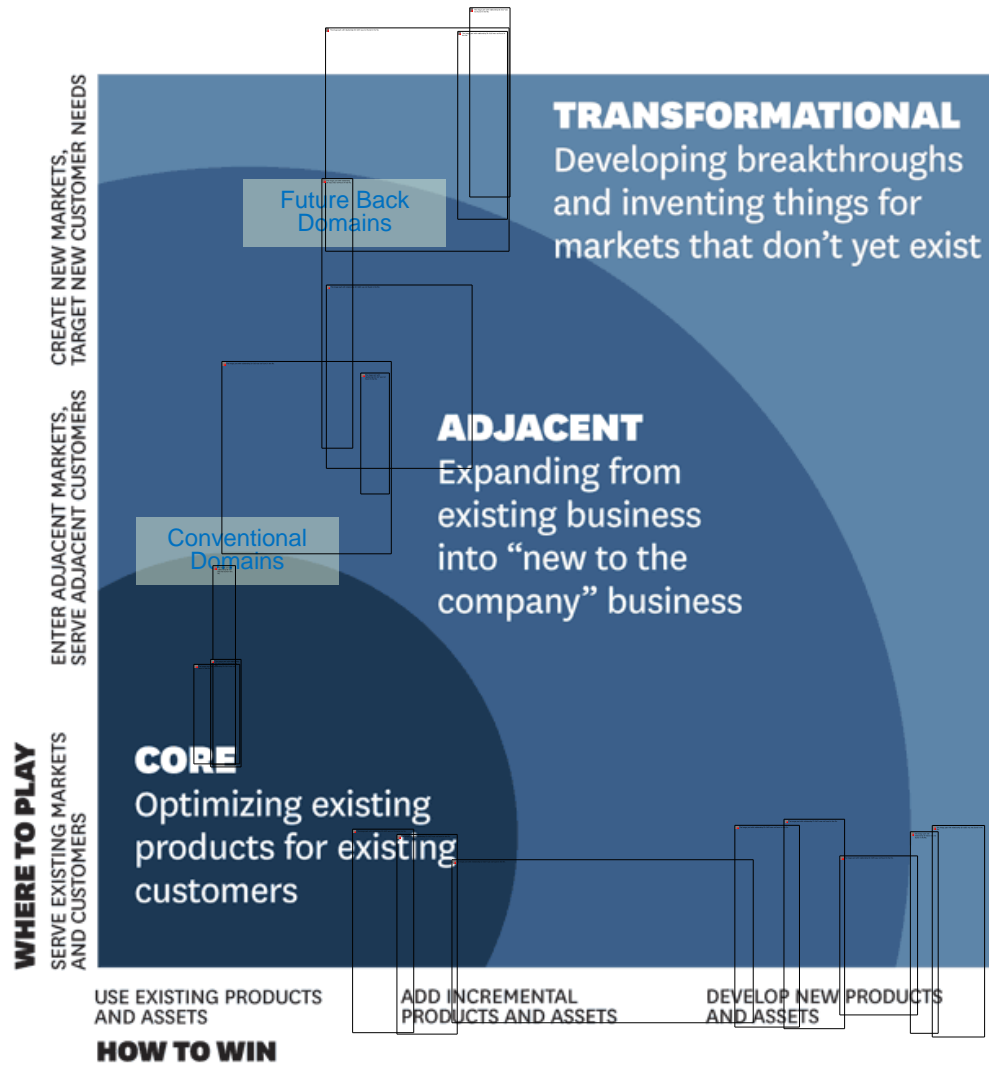


Working Future + Market Back  
“Ends & Ways”  
(aka Creating Value)

# Overview

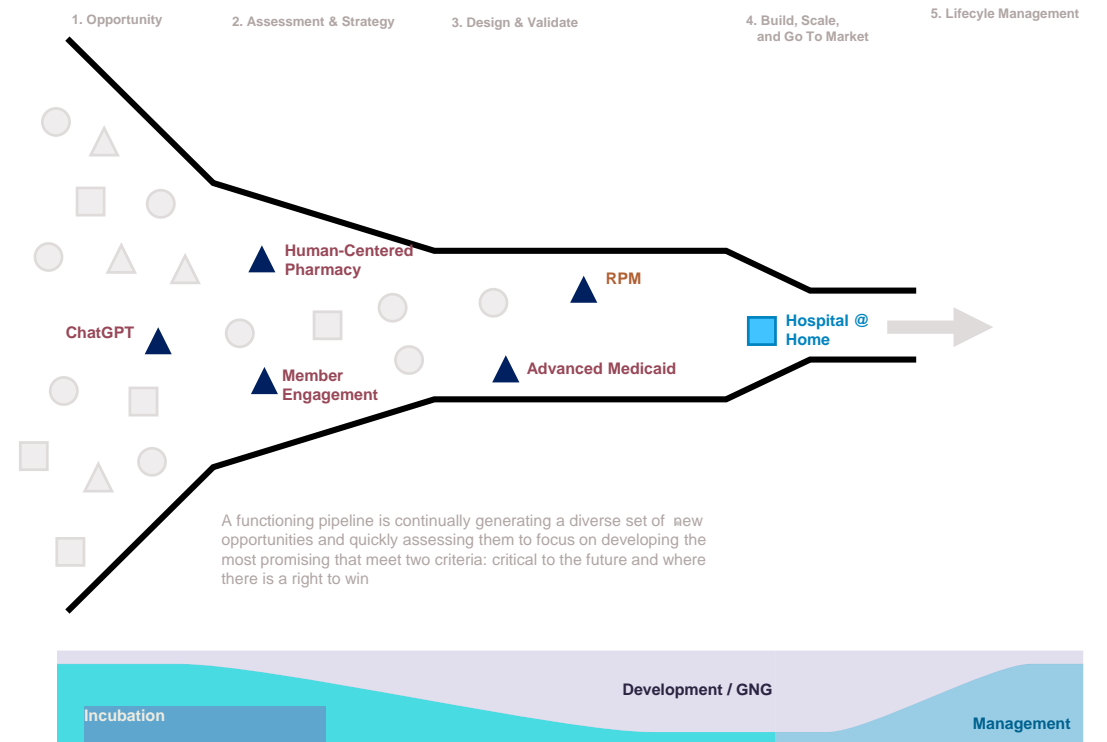
In this section, we'll answer the foundational question: **'Where does strategy come from?'**

# Future + Market Back Strategy



## The Phases of Future-Back Development

Innovation that allows KP to expand our mission of providing high-quality healthcare at an affordable cost to as many people as possible. Opportunity identification is ongoing.



# A framework to evaluate opportunity and to interrogate a problem space for actionable insights

**Functional** / Jobs to be done

**Psychological** / (Un)articulated need, want, desire, fear, inherent bias

**Choice** / Implicit or explicit trade-offs people make

**Interactions** / Person-to-person, person-to-community, community-to-community

**Behavioral** / How we perform a given act and the desirability of solutions

**Contextual** / Time, place, surroundings, history

**Experiential** / Intersection of service, technology and place

## Desirability

(Human)

*Do customers and users find the solution compelling and even life changing?*

## Viability

(Business)

*Is the solution economically viable and can it produce sustainable growth over 10-20 years?*

## Feasibility

(Technical)

*Is the solution advanced yet developable? Is it protectable and does it scale?*

**Financial** / Business model and monetary impact

**Competitive** / Value proposition, competitive set

**Value-based** / Unique output or impact that is offered and leveraged

**Channel-Based** / Optimizing product, service, message delivery mechanisms

**Portfolio-Based** / Mix of offerings and how they work together

**Operational** / Facilities, equipment, supply chain, expertise, capabilities, latent capacity

**Organizational** / Structures, systems, and practices that enable solution deployment

**Technological** / Potential of trusted and nascent technologies

**STEM** / Various forms of specific expertise, especially cross-industry applications

# Components of Strategy Development



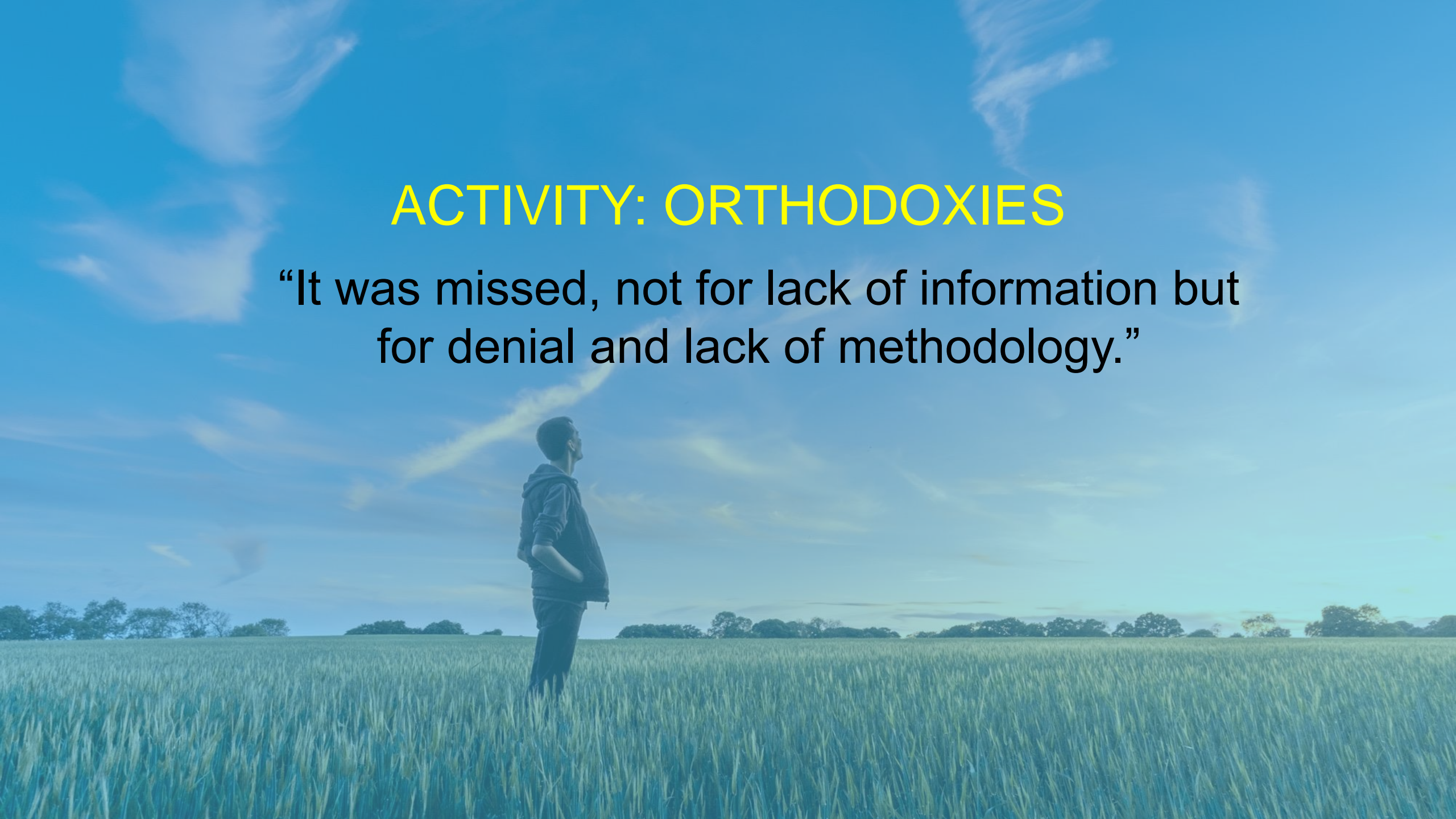
## UNDERSTANDING

## POINT OF VIEW

## STRATEGY

## ACTIVITY: ORTHODOXIES

“It was missed, not for lack of information but for denial and lack of methodology.”





# Future + Market Back Strategy

## **A** CONVENTIONAL STRATEGY APPROACH

Strategy *extrapolated from present* market view and current capabilities

- Generally a 1-3 year plan based on current trends and performance
- Typically extrapolated from existing model
- Assumes market dynamics are more stable than they actually are
- Ad hoc and opportunistic identification of applications that match an existing product or service offering

## Future-Back STRATEGY APPROACH

Strategy *based on defining tomorrow*, and orienting planning around it

- Generally a 5+ year plan that integrates insights on future trends, ecosystem evolution, and stakeholders
- Grounded in tomorrow's jobs-to-be-done and business model
- Clear high-level scope and direction with room to maneuver
- Aligns long-term strategy with near-term action

The best organizational strategies account for both Conventional and Future-Back

**“The future already is here, it’s just not evenly distributed.”**

**-William Gibson**





**Lifespan:** 25 years  
**Cause of death:** digital

**NETFLIX**



**BORDERS**

**Lifespan:** 40 years  
**Cause of death:** digital

**amazon**

**BARNES & NOBLE**



**Lifespan:** 64 years  
**Cause of death:** mismanagement

**jetBlue**



**TOYS R US**

**Lifespan:** 69 years  
**Cause of death:** digital

**KiwiCo**



**Polaroid**

**Lifespan:** 64 years  
**Cause of death:** digital



General Motors

**Lifespan:** 101 years  
**Cause of death:** mismanagement / digital



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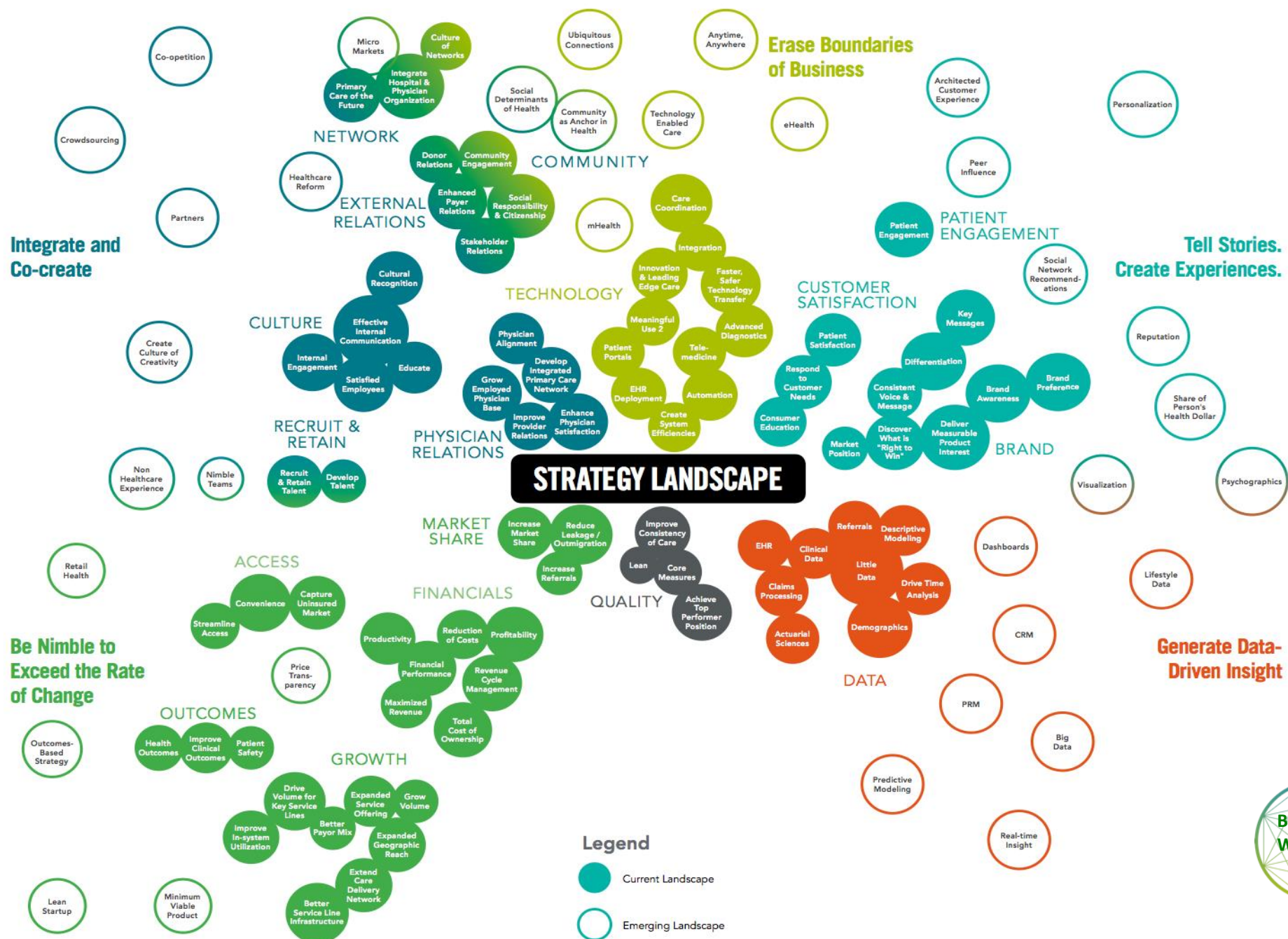
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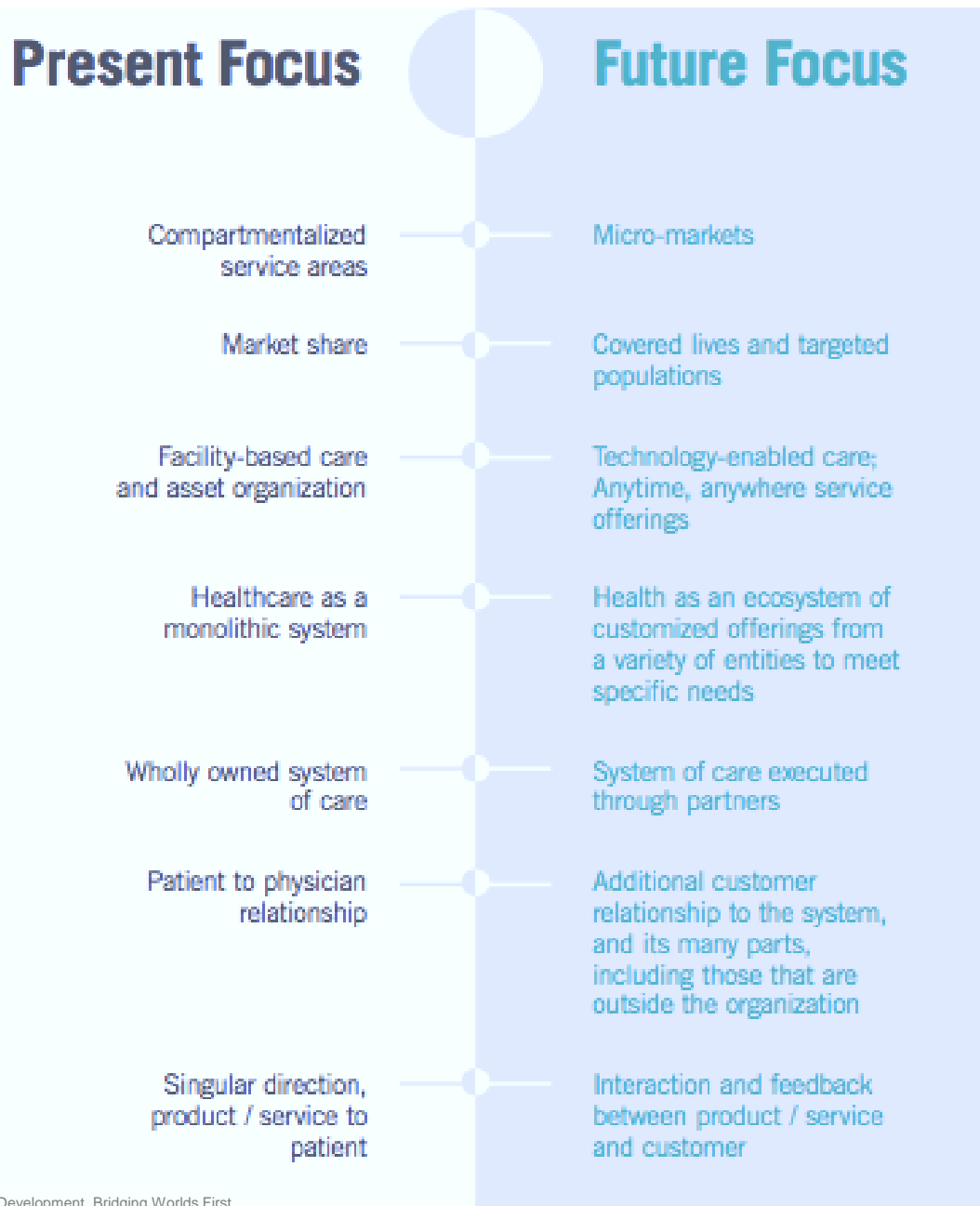
# ACTIVITY: FORCES

**“When an industry with a reputation for difficult economics meets a manager with a reputation for excellence, it’s usually the industry that keeps its reputation intact.”**

- Warren Buffett







## Describe The Impact of Change

Develop an understanding of how each of the forces you have chosen may change the organization

This is how we operate today ....

This is how we will have to or want to operate in the future

# Frame Around Supply and Demand

## Supply



### Wealth of Patient / Member / Consumer Data for Insights Across Care Continuum

**Proliferation of novel / disparate forms of data** (e.g., clinical history, claims, behavioral, SDoH, and remote monitoring data) require **integrative and analytic capabilities** to enable transformative population health management (e.g., disease detection / prevention via predictive data analytics)



### Diminished Value Proposition to Physicians

**Physician burnout** across care delivery ecosystem caused by a complex regulatory environment, administrative burdens, over-utilization, and difficulties managing staff; **industry consolidation** eroding the value of private practices removes physician flexibility and imposes **significant cost pressures** on delivery systems; growing physician and nursing **labor shortages**



### Declining Profit Pools Across Payer / Provider Ecosystem

**Payer / Provider financial constraints** due to **downward margin pressure**, cost containment efforts, slow revenue growth, reduced membership, and changes in government lines of business create need for **revamped technology infrastructure** to more efficiently manage populations

## Demand

### New Age / Next Gen Employees



Adoption of remote work emboldens **virtual care preferences** as employees spread across different geographies; employers **pressured by high care costs and demanding labor markets** increasingly willing to experiment with innovation to enhance value for employees

### Heightened Consumer Care and Experience Expectations



Increased demand for **simple, convenient, frictionless, and integrated** care across different delivery channels; heightened expectations around **choice, trust, price / information transparency, predictable care quality, and personalized navigation** as consumers are more involved in care decisions across different health platforms (e.g., retail clinics, virtual care)

### Demand for Value and Equity



Federal government initiatives and increased focus on **health disparities** and **public health interventions** as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic drive further calls for **value-based care programs and arrangements that emphasize population level outcomes in addition to individual outcomes**



### 2022-2027

- Care Transformation
- Workforce
- Strategy
- Health Equity
- Finance
- Virtual Health
- Behavioral Health
- Emergency Preparedness

### 2021-2026

- Consolidation
- Social determinants
- Consumerism
- Societal violence
- Consumerism
- Finance
- Culture change
- Technology
- Investment



# Understanding the Implications of External Changes

As KP has managed through the impacts of COVID-19, new and greater uncertainties are reshaping the health care industry and inform KP's organizational plans.

Significant External Changes	Impact to KP
<p><b>Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad based inflation with 40-year high in Q2 2022 at 9.1%</li> <li>• Rising interest rates and GDP contraction of -1.6% in Q1 and -0.6% in Q2 2022 trigger fears of a recession</li> <li>• Favorable employee job market with low unemployment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased expense trends</li> <li>• Steady commercial group membership rates</li> <li>• Increased employee turnover and higher wages</li> </ul>
<p><b>COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localized waves and new variants</li> <li>• Reluctance to change coverage during the pandemic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing tests, treatment, and labor costs</li> <li>• Requires balancing surges with ongoing care demands</li> <li>• Challenges to membership growth</li> </ul>
<p><b>National Care Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased outpatient demand with leveled off telehealth</li> <li>• Lower emergency visits</li> <li>• Long-term affects of deferred care and long COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensifies consumer experience and preferences</li> <li>• Solidifies virtual care as a key option for access to care</li> <li>• Impacts overall member health, mental health, disease prevalence, and treatment demands</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Care Workforce</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing clinical staff shortages, employee burnout, and employee turnover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortages of staff, higher labor costs, expanded use of expensive contractor staff, more use of overtime</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Plans and Health Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delayed impact to health plans from rising costs</li> <li>• Providers with negative operating margins due to high costs and limited ability to raise revenue outside of contract renewals</li> <li>• Health systems show greater interest in moving up the value chain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expected increased pricing from health plan competitors over next few years</li> <li>• Higher provider contract costs</li> <li>• Increasing interest from other entities in partnership, alliance, merger or acquisition</li> </ul>



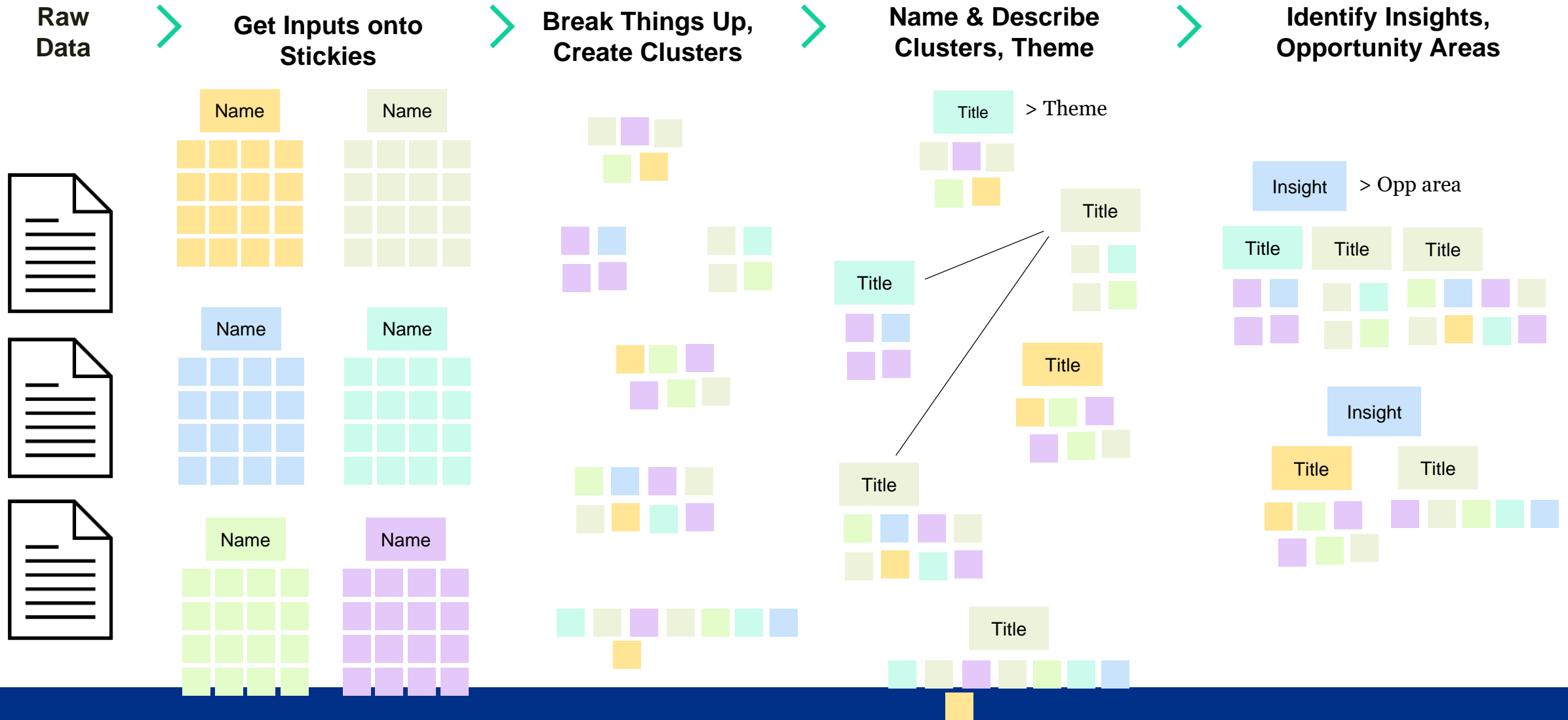
# Forces Take-Aways

- Assemble multiple perspectives to gain well-rounded points of view on the market
- Consider shifts from the current state to how you'll operate in the future state
- Frame around supply and demand where possible
- Always come back to implications for your organization, not just macro insights
- Learn to differentiate between real constraint and denial

A silhouette of a person wearing a hat looking through a telescope mounted on a tripod against a starry night sky. The scene is framed by dark trees on the left and right sides. The overall color palette is a deep blue with white stars.

# ACTIVITY: CONSUMER INSIGHTS

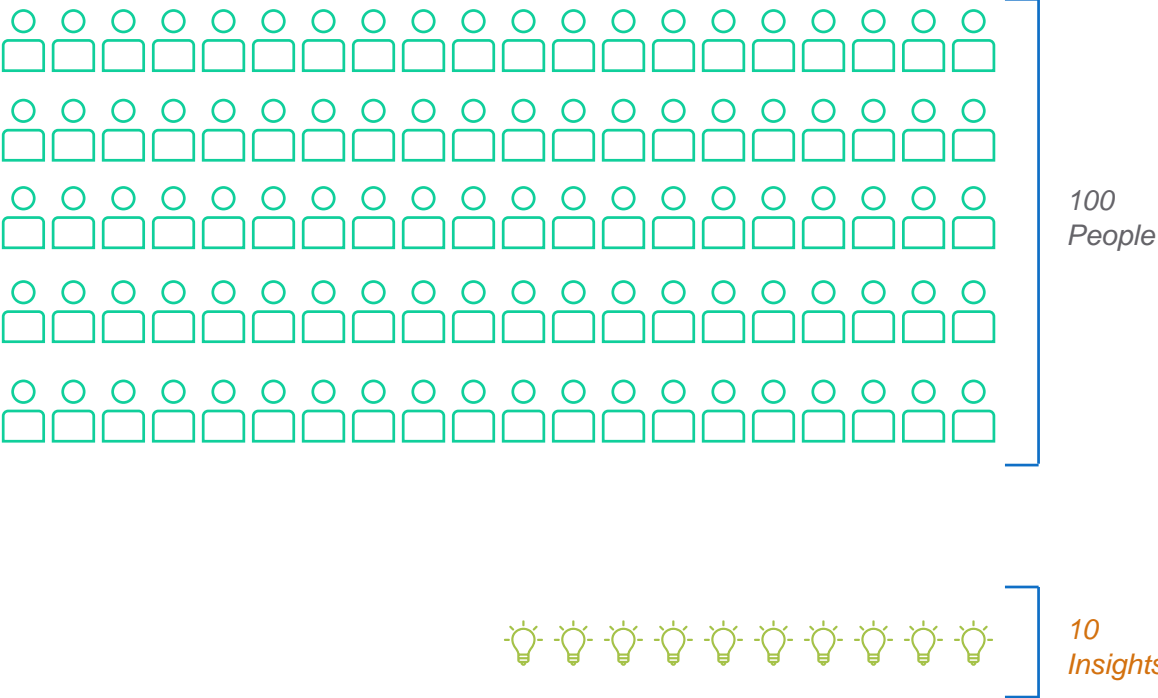
# General Synthesis Process



# Qualitative Ethnography vs Market Research

The value of different methods

## Market Research (Evaluative)



## Insights Research (Generative)

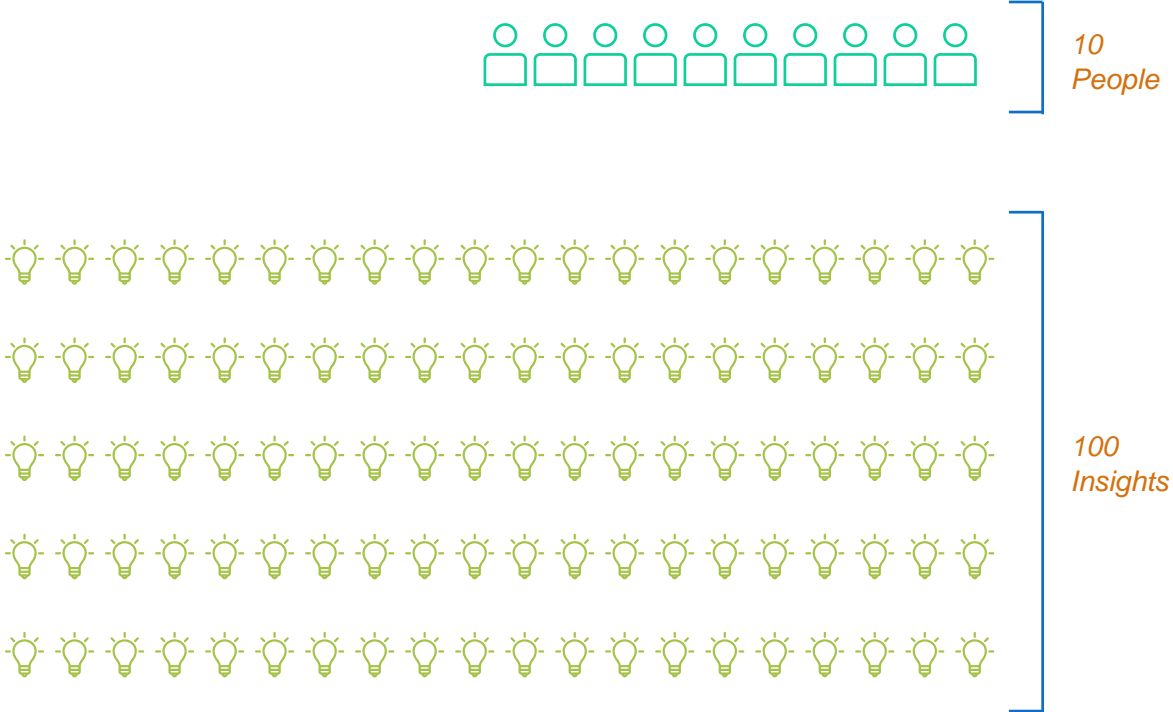


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# Spectrum of Confidence Archetypes: Behavioral Insights are Key

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## Lack confidence in the 'system'

*'I don't have confidence that the system can meet my needs'*

**Experience:** Less positive experiences e.g. lack of empathy, less interest in finding a solution, having my best interests at heart, lack of joined up healthcare, confusing, not value for money

**Level of coverage:** Poorer insurance coverage - restrictions on who they can see and services covered e.g. therapy

Tend to avoid healthcare providers where they can and rely more heavily on alternative sources e.g. family/friends, online, overseas prescription fulfilment,

**Opportunity for KP:** how can we rebuild confidence in the system amongst this audience?

### Focus areas:

Trying hard to make it work

Avoiding the system

2

## Getting the most by 'hacking the system'

*'I am going to use the system for what I can but I have alternatives to meet my needs'*

**Experience:** Mixed experiences of the healthcare system leading them to conduct their own research into conditions and into the best practitioners (through apps like ZocDoc). Become savvy 'navigators'. Higher healthcare needs leads to higher frequency of accessing, more experience in navigating the system.

**Level of coverage:** More likely to have poorer coverage, prompting them to 'navigate' the system to make it more affordable and to find the right solution for them. Or they're uninsured - they feel they don't have a healthcare 'need' which warrants insurance. More reliant on 'informal' self research to inform health.

**Opportunity for KP:** how can we build trust in one source? How can we find a way to "hardwire" the "hacks" for those who are less confident?

### Focus areas:

Can afford to make it work

Know what works but cannot afford it

3

## Good coverage takes the process out of their hands

*'I'm pretty confident that the system works for me as and when I have a healthcare need'*

**Experience:** More positive experiences, linked to longer lasting relationships with practitioners they know (e.g. specialists, family doctors). Often may only access 'as and when' - infrequent interactions have all been positive. For longer term conditions, quick access to trusted practitioners leads to greater confidence. Indicatively, participants in Caregivers study fall into this category.

**Level of coverage:** Linked to stronger network, better access, better choice. Linked to affordability or employer - better plans give them more flexibility. Can rely on known specialists, more reassured about outcomes. Linked to lower healthcare 'needs' - don't need to access frequently, so less chance to encounter frustrations if things don't go as planned. Good cover takes the process off their hands - some don't necessarily know what a bad experience looks like.

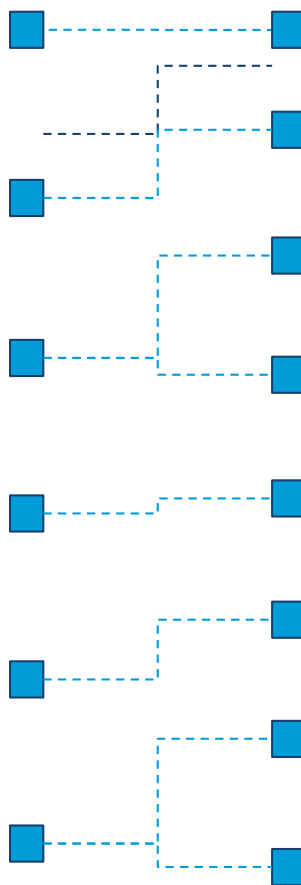
**Opportunity for KP:** how can we enhance experiences further?

### Focus area:

Confident in the system

# Mapping the needs of consumers to the needs of business is the basis for finding opportunity and desirable solutions

Needs Expressed by Customers	Jumbo Employer	Large Employer
<b>Greater Value from Medical Spend</b> <i>Achieve higher ROI on medical expenses via novel contracting and investments to promote higher value interventions</i>	●	●
<b>Integration of Solutions</b> <i>Curate or orchestrate across point solutions to address fatigue and extract greater value from existing offerings</i>	●	●
<b>Expanded Access to Care</b> <i>Direct patients to appropriate care settings and simplify navigation; enhance access and choice while steering volume</i>	●	○
<b>Data Interoperability and Analytics</b> <i>Combine disparate data sets to better predict health outcomes, assess intervention effectiveness and proactively manage care</i>	○	○
<b>Whole Person, Patient-Centric Care</b> <i>Provide comprehensive, personalized care experience through omni-channel, mind and body care (e.g., behavioral health)</i>	●	●
<b>Enhanced Value Proposition for Physicians</b> <i>Address physician burnout and improve provider relations through platforms that make it easier to deliver efficient, high quality care and engage patients</i>	○	○



Needs Expressed by Consumers
<b>Understanding Tradeoffs</b> <i>Tools which allow consumers to understand options relative to quality of care, price / cost, and channel of delivery</i>
<b>Coherent Experiences</b> <i>Bringing together disconnected point solutions into a cohesive and very simple view of health and wellness</i>
<b>Simplified Care and Benefits Navigation</b> <i>Resources to allow patients to receive information, ask questions, and more about care plans, as well as benefits / coverage (e.g., EOB)</i>
<b>Choice</b> <i>Access to both in-person and virtual care at convenient hours / locations; accounts for patients' barriers and motivators (e.g., health status, job)</i>
<b>Health Data Tracking &amp; Analysis</b> <i>Will trade access to data for health tools and platforms that give in-depth personalized analysis and insights on key measures and implications</i>
<b>Demand for Holistic Care</b> <i>Integration of physical / mental / social health to achieve true whole-person care that addresses various areas of need</i>
<b>Information &amp; Support In-Between Visits</b> <i>Additional support for diagnoses and treatment, including condition management through guided digital or in-person interactions</i>
<b>Engagement &amp; Follow-Up Services</b> <i>Patient-provider connections post-visit to ensure patient adherence to care plan and opportunities to provide additional guidance / discussion</i>

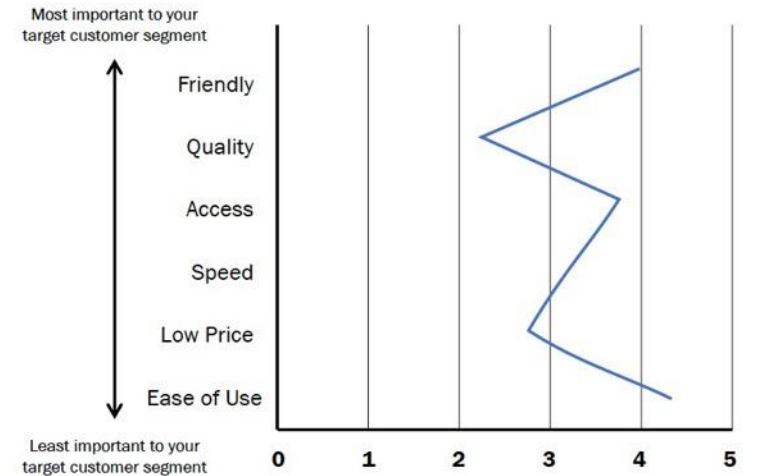
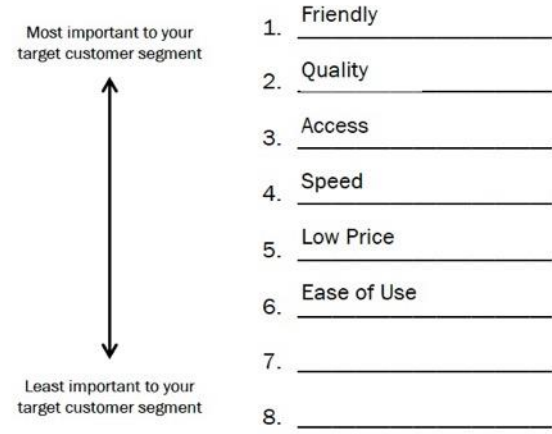




ACTIVITY : VALUE MAPPING + VALUE PROPOSITION

# Value Mapping

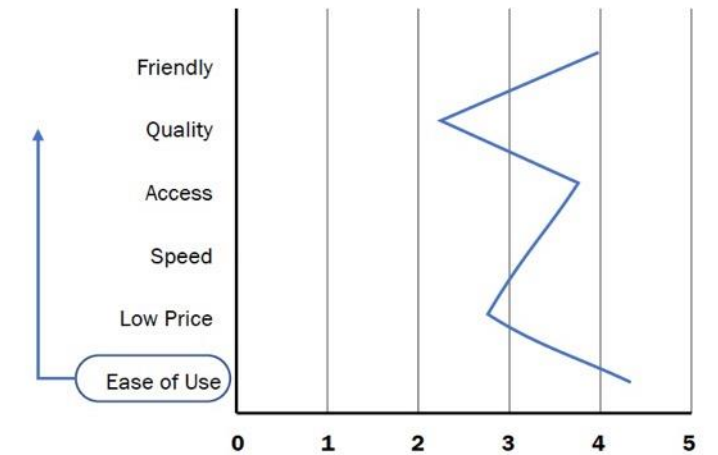
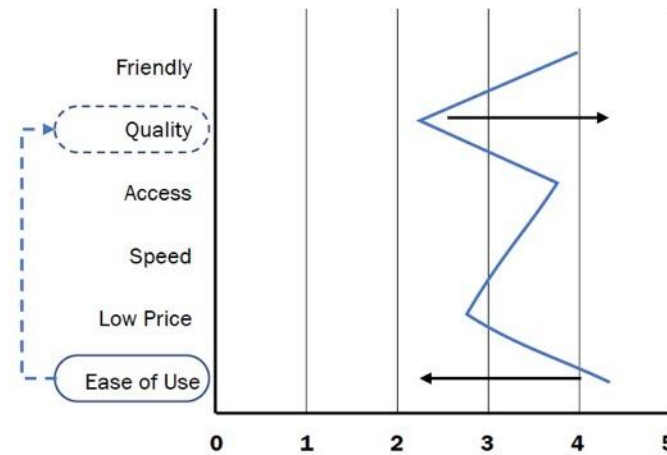
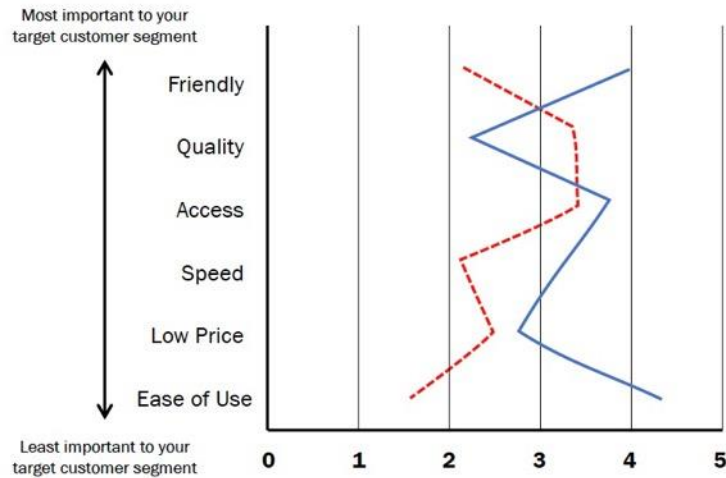
## Part 2: Where Does Strategy Come From



1. Identify a customer segment. Brainstorm which value drivers (service attributes) are important from the customer's perspective.

2. List the relative importance of the **value drivers**, from most to least important, from the customer's perspective.

3. Evaluate your organization's performance on each value driver, relative to competing alternatives.



4. Evaluate an important competitor's performance on each value driver, relative to competing alternatives.

5. Consider an improvement opportunity, either by a) reallocating resources from under appreciated value drivers to more highly-appreciated value drivers, or by b) influencing the order of customer preferences, either through marketing or customer segmentation efforts.



**Version 2**

Our \_\_\_\_\_ helps \_\_\_\_\_  
*Product / service / offering* *Customer segment*

who want to \_\_\_\_\_  
*Objective / ultimate goal*

by \_\_\_\_\_  
*action*

and \_\_\_\_\_,  
*action*

unlike \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Competitors and their value creation*

# The Role of the Strategist

# The Strategist's Role in Problem-Based or Future-Back Strategy

- Deeply understand the nuances and complexities of external and market forces, opportunities, and competitive threats...then simplify them for your organization.
- Understand Value Creation and how WTP and WTS can be leveraged to generate strategic advantage
- Develop a point of view on the most crucial issues to be solved that your organization has a right to win (and can actually win), and where a laser-focused action and resource commitment gives your organization the best chance of solving for foundational difficulties, thus gaining competitive advantage
- Know how to balance commitment to produce results versus when it's time to pivot (not from the outcome, but from the approach)
- Hone your navigational savvy between what's right to do (the idea) with internal politics and power dynamics (social engagement and compromise)
- Master the art of storytelling
- Help your organization ensure that it's actions, policies and investments are coherent -- meaning there aren't too many competing initiatives or initiatives with conflicting purposes and the most strategic initiatives increase value

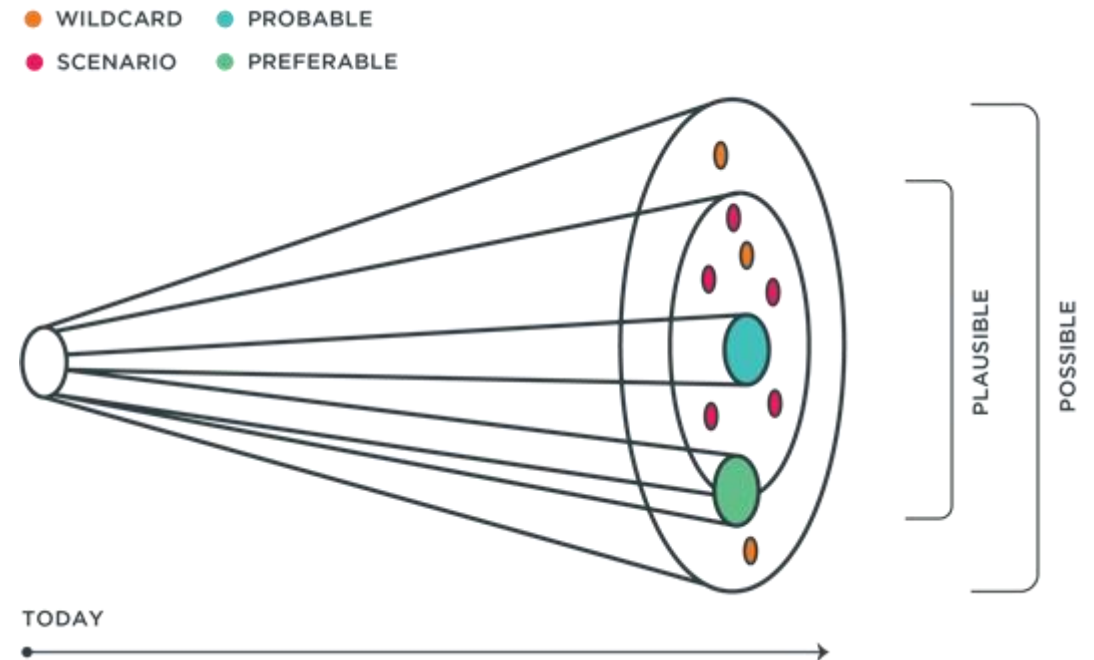
Other Inputs: Scenario Planning

# Why Scenario Planning?

In a world of great uncertainty, we need a tool to help us *take the long view*.

Scenario planning is about making choices *today* with an understanding of how they might turn out *tomorrow*.

It gives us the *freedom to act* with confidence and knowledge of uncertainties. It prepares managers for whatever happens.



# What is Scenario Planning?

## What it is

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Stories about alternative outcomes

Reveal significant but surprising forces

A tool for learning and influencing decisions

A way to change perceptions of reality

Many answers; asks 'what if'

What we feel, hope, expect and fear to be true

More art, less science

## What it isn't

Predictions of the future

Extrapolate present trends

A tool for forecasting and reporting

A way to control reality

Single answer; asks 'what was or will be'

What we know or wish to be true

More science, less art

# Scenario Planning Basics



## Mental Models

Optimist  
Pessimist  
Status Quo



## Driving Factors

Predetermined Elements  
Critical Uncertainties  
Wild Cards



## Scenario Stories

Simple  
Dramatic  
Bold

## Peter Schwartz's 'Long View' Methodology

### UNCOVER DECISION

What issue or decision are we trying to influence?

Identify focal decision

Articulate mindset

Refine focus

### HUNT & GATHER INFORMATION

What questions should we be asking?

Hunt-and-gather info

Refine questions

Identify critical factors

### CREATE SCENARIO BUILDING BLOCKS

What driving forces are important and uncertain?

Rank driving factors

Select driving factors

Select scenario logic

### COMPOSE SCENARIO PLOT

What are plausible and surprising scenarios?

Imagine plot types

Identify implications

Create stories or myths

### REHEARSE FUTURE

How might we recognize and prepare for a given scenario?

Influence decisions

Sense signposts

Consider context



# What's going on...

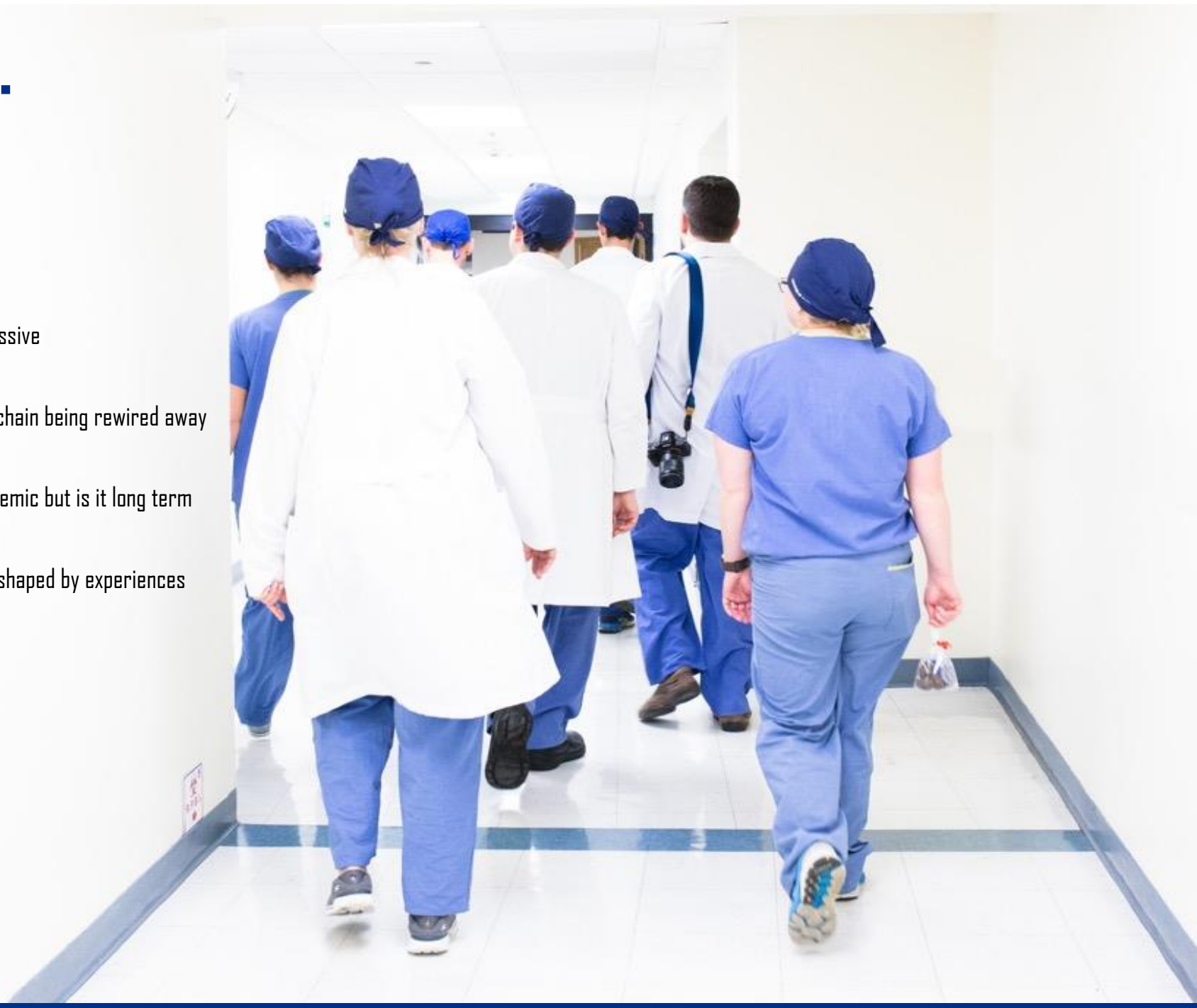
Healthcare is at a **tipping point**.

## What we know

- **Fragile Economics:** Economic factors causing massive losses for hospitals and health systems
- **Unbundling of Care Models:** healthcare value chain being rewired away from one-size-fits-all models
- **New Care Setting:** virtual visits embraced in pandemic but is it long term default
- **Rising Consumer Expectations:** loyalty being shaped by experiences that transcend industry lines

## What we don't know

- Direction of key economic factors shaping the future
- Level and speed of value-based adoption
- Care setting and provider preferences
- Shifts in payor mix



**The key question is not  
what, but how?**

# Assessing the External Market for Opportunity

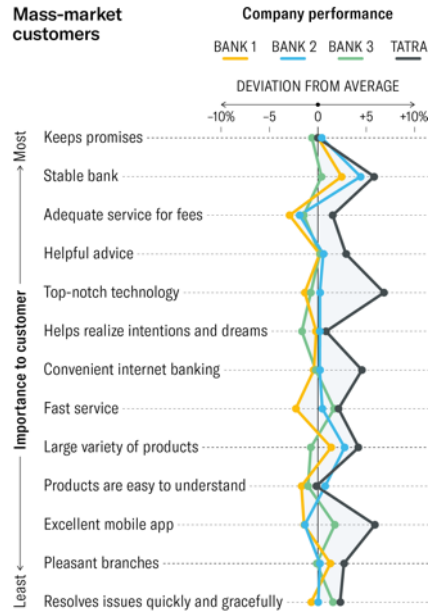
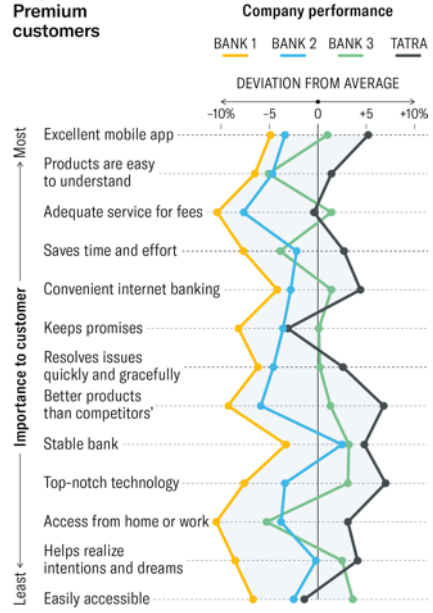
## External Assessment

- Identifies and assesses external forces and trends synthesizing them into opportunities and threats to the organization from both the general environment and health care environment
- Assess how forces most likely will impact marketplace evolution in the next 3-5 years; demographic, economic, health status, technology, delivery systems, consumer behavior, reimbursement and regulatory etc.
- Analyzes competitor strategic responses and actions
- Assesses market forecasts and strategic implications
- National, Regional, Local Perspectives
- Leads to understanding of “environmental and organizational context” – ***this is where the critical problems to be solved originate***

## Tatra's Customer Value Maps

As these value maps demonstrate, Tatra banka's value proposition is better aligned with the preferences of premium customers than its competitors'. It has more room for improvement with its mass-market customers.

# Value Mapping the Competition to Assess Externalities



# Key Take-Aways

- Strategy comes from competitive asymmetries that are best understood by mapping and organization's unique value then leveraging it for outsized gain
- Value is created in two fundamental ways: increasing willingness to pay or decreasing willingness to sell
- Assessing value creation opportunities comes from a specific set of activities: consumer need finding, market assessments and competitive scans and value mapping
- Dual advantages, network effects, complements, scope of differentiation and selection effects are key plays to create value in nearly any scenario



# Questions?

Please be sure to complete the session evaluation!





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