

# Innovations in Multichannel Marketing

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## Abstracts

FirstWord goes beyond the multichannel marketing hype to explore what multichannel marketing (MCM) really means for Pharma today, and what it holds for the future.

With Pharma sales forces in steep decline, marketers are faced with the challenge of reaching customers with the right content, at the right time, through multiple traditional and digital channels. They must also change the mind-set of internal stakeholders and convince them to embrace a new way of working.

This crucial report explores the essential ingredients of an effective multichannel marketing model, through the direct experiences of senior marketers at top Pharma companies, including GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Sanofi Pasteur MSD and Lundbeck, as well as MCM powerhouse, Google.

These global MCM opinion leaders share their perspectives on key trends such as digital and mobile communications, Big Data, customer centricity, patient empowerment, and closed-loop marketing (CLM).

Innovations in Multichannel Marketing is a must-read for forward-thinking marketing and sales professionals.

## Key Benefits

With fewer field sales reps, tighter regulations around Pharma-doctor interactions, and changes in the ways that customers consume content, MCM is becoming increasingly important. However, very few companies have fully integrated programmes. With an abundance of channels now available to marketers, there is a need to understand how to put programmes together to effectively reach the target audience through the right channels at the right time.

Through this report, exclusive guidance from senior marketers inside and outside Pharma will help you make your MCM more integrated, more measurable, and more effective.

Understand how to make your MCM customer-centric, fully integrated, and “closed-loop”

Learn creative ways to integrate your sales force and multichannel marketing programmes

Demonstrate enterprise value and win over internal stakeholders

Be ready for exciting future developments

## **Key Quotes**

“The key success factor in any project you deliver is actually identifying what the customer need is and looking at customer behaviours. Anything we do has to be based around their need, otherwise it becomes less relevant.” – Kai Gait, global digital director, GlaxoSmithKline

“It is an understanding of the audience that begins and ends the really successful multichannel marketing campaign.” – Ben Barokas, general manager for marketplace development, Google

“The mobile revolution is one of those things that has impacted dramatically on the way we can relate with our customers. We shouldn’t do anything in multichannel that doesn’t involve mobile as one of those channels.” – Antonio Ibarra, multichannel marketing manager, Sanofi Pasteur MSD

“Our customers are shaped by the external world as much as we like to think they are shaped by pharmaceutical interactions. In a world where people are generally using digital devices in their everyday lives, expectations are high for access to information. All of that shaping that goes on in the real world is what’s driving the success of really thinking about a multichannel world for pharma.” – John Gerow, European multi-channel marketing director, AstraZeneca

## **Innovations in Multichannel Marketing addresses your strategic and tactical**

**questions, such as:**

What is multichannel marketing?

Are the experiences of other industries relevant to Pharma?

How can I listen to my customers in a way that generates value?

How do I demonstrate enterprise value if ROI is no longer a simple calculation?

What data can I collect, and what can I use it for?

**Expert Views Include:**

Sven Awege, executive director and senior consultant, Pharma Strategic

Ben Barokas, general manager, marketplace development, Google

Vivek Chaudhri, senior director, multi-channel marketing, Pfizer EU

Kai Gait, global digital director, GlaxoSmithKline

Nitin Gandhi, director, operational improvement and excellence (Europe/AfME), Pfizer

John Gerow, European multi-channel marketing director, AstraZeneca

Antonio Ibarra, multichannel marketing manager, Sanofi Pasteur MSD

Pierre Morgon, chief marketing officer, Cegedim and non-executive director, Theradiag (formerly BioMedical Diagnostics)

Timothy White, global director and head of customer interaction management, Lundbeck

**Report Highlights**

Key elements of MCM – from the experiences of global MCM experts

How Digital and Mobile are changing the game

Integrating your traditional and digital programmes

Latest data tracking and analysis techniques

Major innovations that are making MCM even more powerful

## About

Multichannel marketing (MCM) has become a buzzword among pharmaceutical marketers in recent years. Most pharmaceutical companies are doing it, at least to some extent. The question now is: how can we do it better?

The answer lies in an increasingly customercentric approach. Turning up at the physician's door with a standard, one-size-fits-all product presentation is no longer enough. In a crowded, digitally savvy marketplace, where busy healthcare professionals no longer rely on their pharmaceutical sales reps for information, new ways must be found to engage in a meaningful dialogue with customers. Companies are realising they need first to learn how to listen to their customers to gain real insight, and then how to address their issues and provide them with timely and relevant information.

But getting to know your customer is only part of the solution. Many pharmaceutical companies are large organisations with deeply entrenched working practices. One of the biggest challenges for innovative marketers is changing the mindset of internal stakeholders and convincing them to embrace a new way of working.

For those marketers who are able to get to know their customers and convince their business leaders of the potential benefits of MCM, significant progress can be made. By integrating sales and marketing feedback, and learning from their customers, companies can move towards multichannel closed loop marketing, thereby increasing their ability to provide the information their customers want, at the right time and through the channels they want to receive it.

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