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The Patent Gives and the FDA
Takes: What Biotechnology
Companies Working on
Therapeutic Applications Should
Know About the Development
and Marketing of Drugs

#### **Overview**

- Covered:
  - Common business tactics in the industry
  - Industry trends
  - Strategic positioning
- Not covered in detail
  - Science of biotech
  - Legal peculiarities of drug/biotech patents
  - Nuts and bolts of gaining FDA approval

#### **Overview**

- Biotechnology
- Drug development
- Pharmaceutical commercialization
- R & D commercialization
- Building a patent portfolio

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## **Biotechnologies**

- Agricultural biotechnology
- Biological computing
- Materials science
- Bioengineering
- Environmental bioengineering
- Human therapeutics

#### **Biotech Needs Investments**

- High cost / high risk industry
- Patents often the only asset of startups
- Investments currently (cautiously) rising

# Why Analyze the Industry?

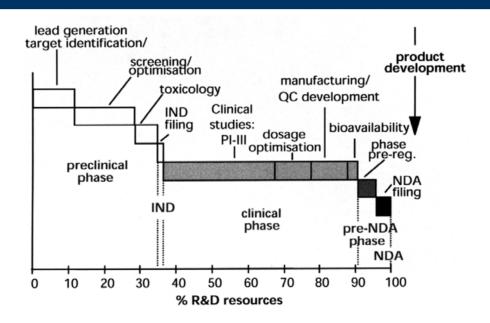
- Set clearer business goals
- Identify opportunities/pitfalls
- Better prepare for future transactions
- Build an effective IP portfolio

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# **Drug Development and Marketing**

Pre-clinical	Clinical	Marketing	<b>Generics entry</b>
basic research	IND	Prolong exclusivity	Competition
target ID/validation	Phase I, II, III	Phase IV	
lead ID/optimization	NDA/BLA		
toxicology			
manufacturing			

## **Drug Development**



- \$500M \$1B to bring a drug to market
- ~1 in 5000 leads make it to the market

### **Competence Areas**

pre-clinical marketing generics

Little biotech

Big pharma

Generics manufacturers

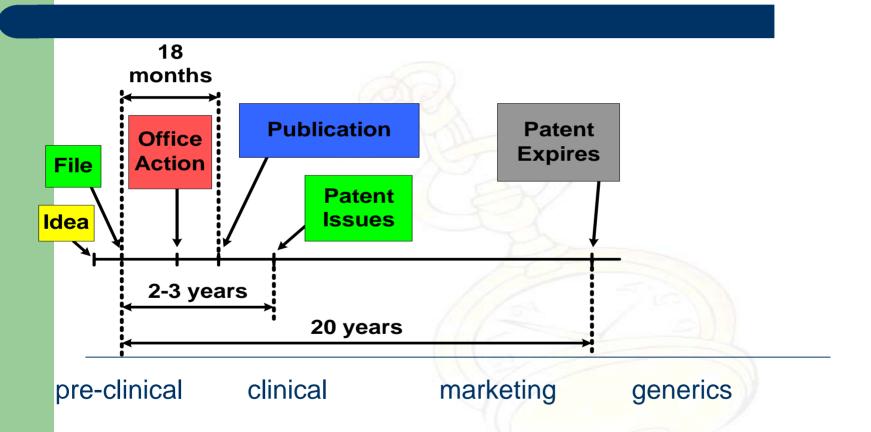
#### **Markets / Patents**

- Approved pharmaceuticals
- Drug development technology

### **Approved Pharmaceuticals**

- Subject matter: chemical or biological active ingredients, reformulations, methods of treating patients, methods of manufacturing active ingredients
- Patents are crucial

### **Patent/Commercialization Time Lines**



#### **Hatch-Waxman Act**

- Innovative pharma files NDA
  - May get patent term extension
  - Needs to list patents in Orange Book
- Generics manufacturer files ANDA
  - Exempt from patent infringement for FDA approval
  - Integra v. Merck
  - Paragraph IV certification/litigation

# **Maximizing Market Exclusivity**

- Litigation
- Reformulations
- Line extensions
- OTC switching
- Orphan drug status
- Competing after expiration

- Pediatric extensions
- Metabolite defense
- Citizen petitions
- Accelerated approval
- Portfolio management

## **Big Pharma Headaches**

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The end of blockbuster drug patents is

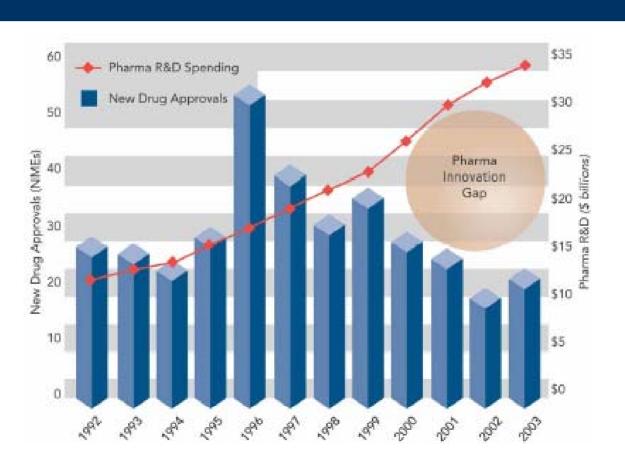
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	2007		
	2009	Pfizer	Cholesterol reduction
	2011		

## **Innovation Gap**



#### **Biotech**

- Subject matter: target screening, potential targets, data analysis, combinatorial chemistry, stem cells, RNAi, gene therapy
- Sources of funding: grants, sales of products or services, collaborations, investments
- Patents still crucial

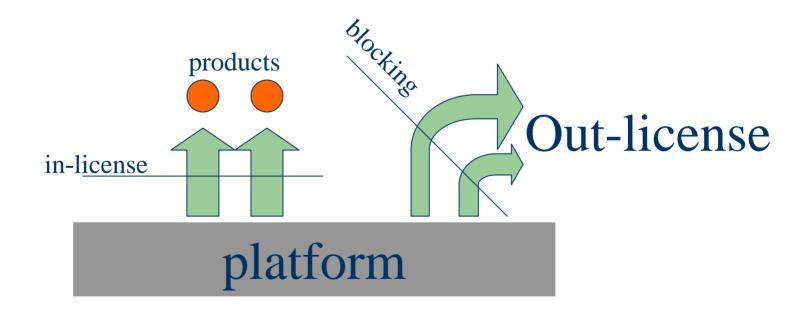
### **Importance of Patents**

- Patents are often the only protection of investments
  - Bayer v. Housey Pharmaceuticals
- Patents are core assets in transactions
- Patents are the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important asset of biotech companies

# Why Build an IP Strategy?

- Patents:
  - Prevent competition
  - Generate license/royalty income
  - Cross-license for necessary technology
- Increase company value
- Make a more attractive investment/acquisition target
- Having patents is not an IP strategy

# **Typical Patent Strategy**



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#### Lesson

- Analyze strategy of relevant market players
- Plan up offensive patents
- Align business, R&D, and IP plans
- Build IP value

# **Typical Problems**

- Need a master vision
- Patent decisions made ad hoc
- Surprisingly high costs
- Less than optimal protection
- Pruning

### Conclusion

- Abundant opportunities for biotech start-ups at every stage of drug development
- To effectively build value need to stalk future partners

# **Questions?**

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