Will the Events of the Past Decade Fundamentally Change the Dental Supply Chain?

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Personal Background Disclosure Statement

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- I have supported dental education at East Carolina University and a pilot to identify undiagnosed pediatric asthma patients at the University of Pennsylvania
- I am the Managing Director of a New Directions Technology Consulting, LLC. which is the assignee of a patent portfolio related to telemedicine, primarily focused on medication management
- I receive no honorarium for this presentation
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Learning Objectives

- Help develop a broad understanding of the factors impacting healthcare supply chains during the most recent decade
- Discuss some factors which I believe to be important for consideration
- Stimulate and answer audience questions

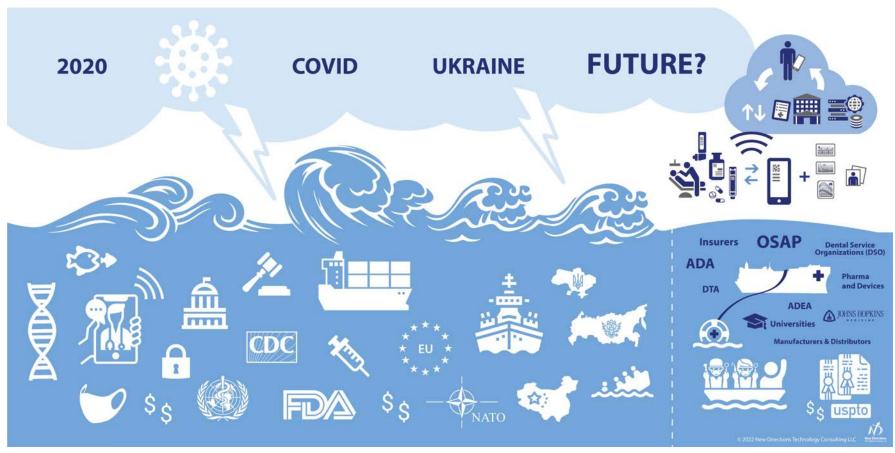


Supply Chain Background

- The infection control category is the largest category in the dental industry. Medical and dental supply chains are often the same from resource, production, distribution, and regulatory perspectives
- The factors impacting the "dental" supply chain extend from the evolving legacy pre-pandemic environment through recent regulatory, finance, insurance, policy, manufacturers, distributors, practitioner, and PATIENT changes
- The last two years have been chaotic for everyone. Everything is interconnected
- There is no specific dental supply chain for many of the products used in dental offices
- Patients are part of the healthcare supply chain



Navigating Toward Rescue of Dental Patients and Professionals





The "Simple" "Dental" Supply Chain

- Ongoing COVID and other epidemics Negative effects on patients and dental professionals
- Confusing, changing, mixed messages –Negative effects
- New products air handling, water management, other infection control, teledentistry, data management + Generally very positive, but expensive
- Increases in demand; volatility; disruptions; sanctions; shipping delays; staff and material shortages; shipping and labor cost increases; counterfeit product; more unscrupulous actors. – Negative effects
- Mergers and acquisitions have changed manufacturing, distribution, and dental practices DSOs. +Economies of scale, +Ability to invest, Loss of legacy relationships
- New cost-reduction and sustainability initiatives. +Automation, + Shortening of supply chains, +waste reduction
- Evolving standards and expectations for manufacturers, distributors and practices Added cost + Improved outcomes
- Patient centricity/empowerment/demands/delays/volatility +/-
- Some unethical entries in the supply chain –Always negative



The Complicated "Dental" Supply Chain

- Many "dental" entities are engaged beyond dental. The demands beyond legacy dental expectations have changed manufacturing, distribution, and professional practice.
- Emergency use and cross-boarder telemedicine approvals, waivers, stimulus payments, tax changes, inflation
- There is money for and emphasis on innovation by non-traditional entities. Innovations are coming in new infection control products, teledentistry, interoperability with other healthcare providers, big data, automated/assisted intelligence
- Insurers and others are restricting products and procedures
- Litigation
- Many patients have lost their corporate insurance
- Regulators (US, Europe and many OUS) are <u>moving toward</u> learning more about post market product performance, incorporating other sources of product performance information, paying for outcomes rather than fee-for-service.



Resources/References

- FDA Unique Device Identifier (UDI) and Drug Supply Security Act (DSCSA), Digital Health Initiative (Leveraging computing power, sensors, connecticith and software), and Medical Device Safety Action Plan (Protecting Patients, Promoting Public Health), FDA consensus standards
- Supply chain guidance as provided by your counsel and professional and trade association resources. Examples: OSAP, ADA Standards Committees for Dental Products (SCDP) and for Dental Informatics (SCDI), Dental Trade Alliance for manufacturers
- EU MDR 2017/745 Post Market Clinical Follow-up (PCMF)



Questions ???? Comments????

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