

MedComms Careers Event Oxford, May 2015

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Who am I?

- Bsc Hons Microbiology, Bristol
- Bayer (CRA + Sales + Marketing)
- The Medicine Group – special projects
- Oxford Clinical Communications (OCC)
- Maxim Medical
- InPharm - Internet Services Ltd
- **NetworkPharma / ECF / Burntsky**

What do I do?

MedComms
Networking

Medcomms
Workbook

Next
MedComms
Job

 **MedComms**
Forum

The
Publication
Plan

MedComms
Day

Network
Pharma
tv

Keyword
Pharma

European CME
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So, what about you?

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The difference between feeling
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and **feeling you're nuts!**

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Grammarly



Can you read this?

According to research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be at the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

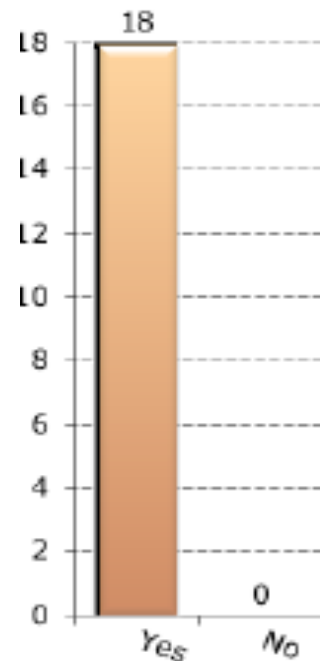
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So, what about you?

Would you recommend the course to others?

Answers: 18 of 19 - Return rate: 94.7%



Feedback, May 2014

Day 1 Session 1 – 10.30-13.00

- Introduction - **Peter Llewellyn**
- The Pharmaceutical Industry, Medicines Development and Medical Communications - **Peter Llewellyn**
- The Role of the Writer in Regulatory Affairs - **Julie Bowdler**

Day 1 Session 2 – 14.00-15.30

- The role of the Medical Writer; where we came from and what we do – **Rick Flemming, Esther Race and Jenny Fanstone**

Day 1 Session 3 – 16.00-19.00

- Presentations and Speed Dating with the MedComms Agencies; **7.4 Limited, Ashfield Healthcare Communications, Darwin Healthcare Communications, Fishawack Group, Highfield Communication and Oxford PharmaGenesis**

Day 2 Session 1 – 09.00-11.00

- Introduction – **Peter Llewellyn**
- Regulation and Compliance – **Peter Llewellyn**
- Tips for improving your medical writing – **Jo Whelan**

Day 2 Session 2 – 11.30-13.00

- Recognising your existing skills and strengths, presenting yourself to the agencies, the writing tests and interviews, training opportunities and career development, what to expect of life in a MedComms agency - **Peter Llewellyn, Annick Moon, Karen Kent and Katia Chrysostomou**

Rules of the game

- Feel free to ask anything...
- Take our contact details
- Feel free to follow up
- The more you join in, the better
- You make your own luck
- **Enjoy yourselves!**

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Some points to consider

The European pharmaceutical industry in 2012:

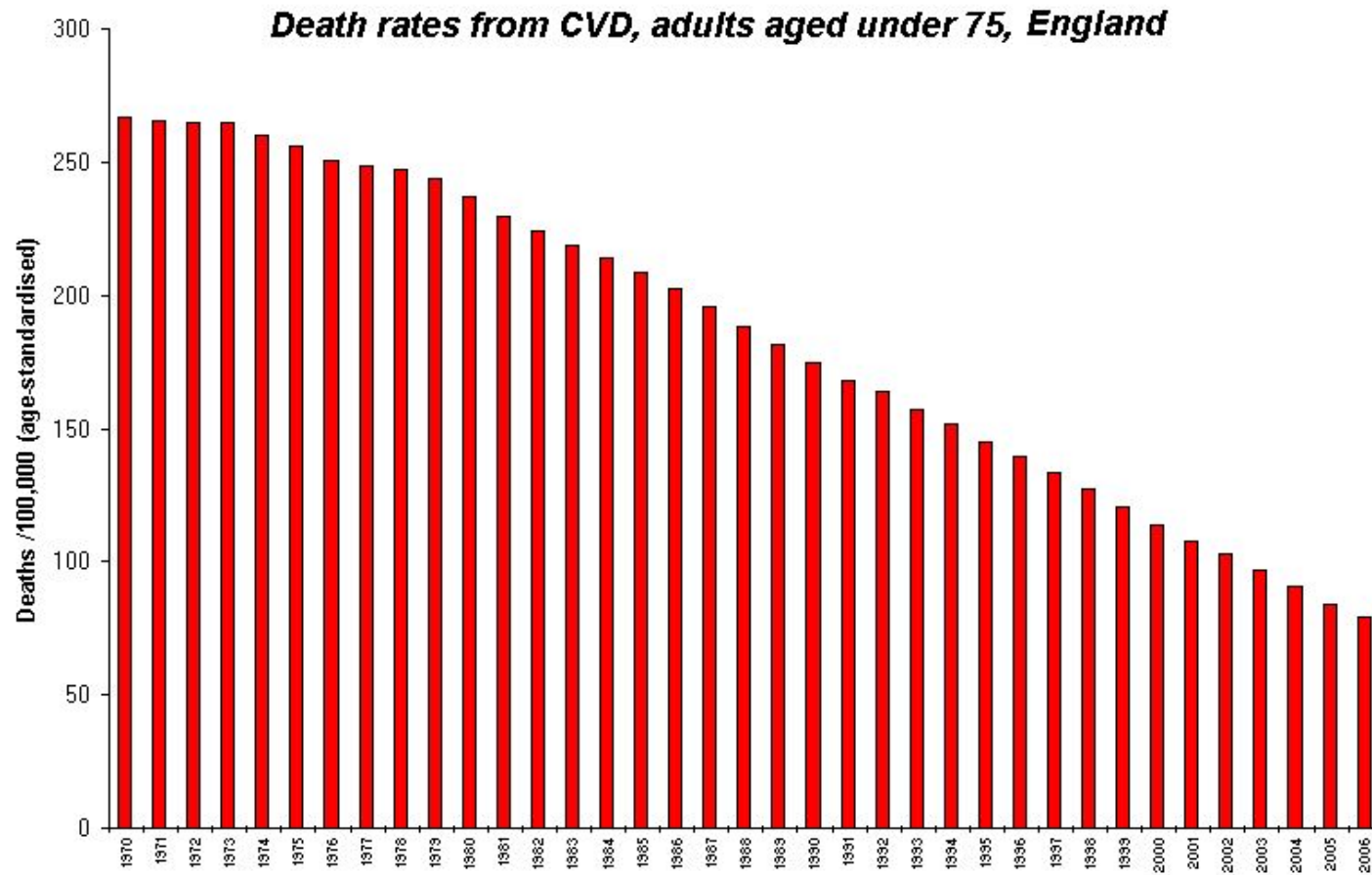
- directly employs 700,000 people
- indirectly employs 3-4 times more people
- sales of Euros 250B
- invested Euros 30B in R&D

Ref EFPIA Knowledge Hub

Penicillin

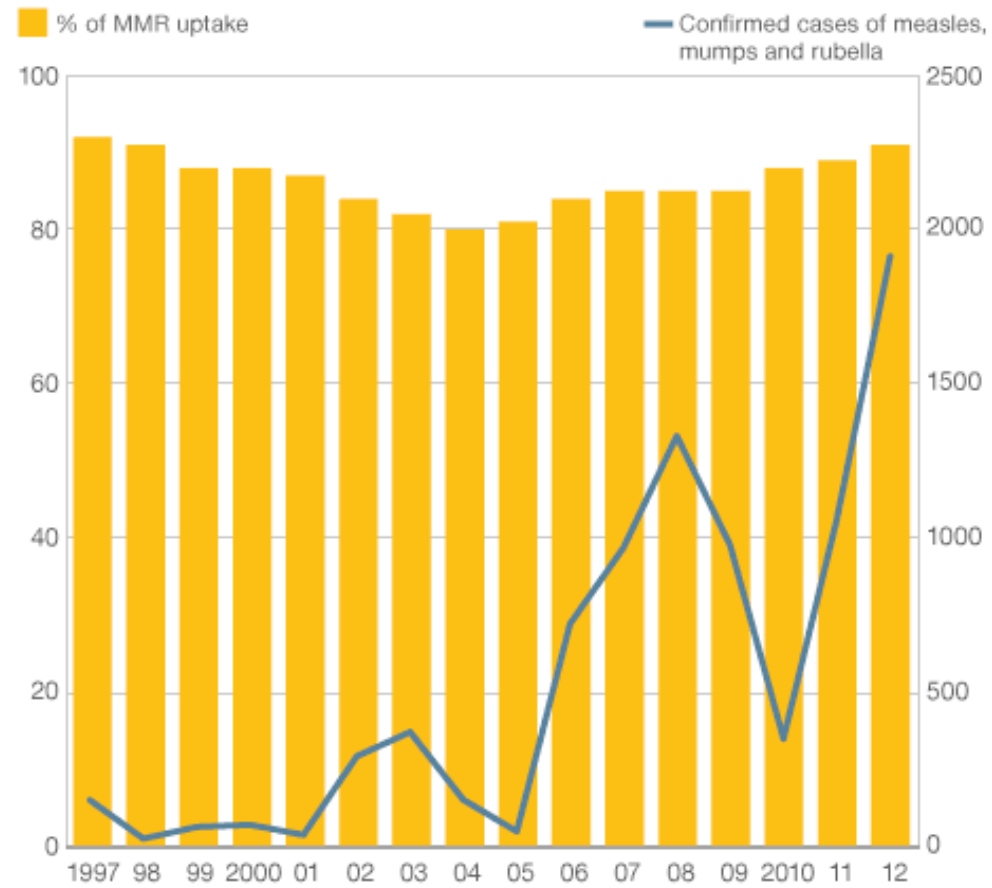


Deaths from heart disease



MMR and measles

MMR and measles in England



Source: NHS IC

There has been a huge shift in medicine...

Treating
acute illnesses



Managing
chronic conditions

- Bacterial Infections
- Heart attacks

- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Cardiovascular disease

But: There are still many unsolved problems

- Stroke
- Cancers
- Dementia
- Mental illnesses

Food, flattery, and friendship... *BMJ* May 2003



It takes two to tango... *BMJ* February 2009



Bad Science and The Drug Pushers



#AllTrials



May 2015: 74,436 signatures, 569 organisations... and counting

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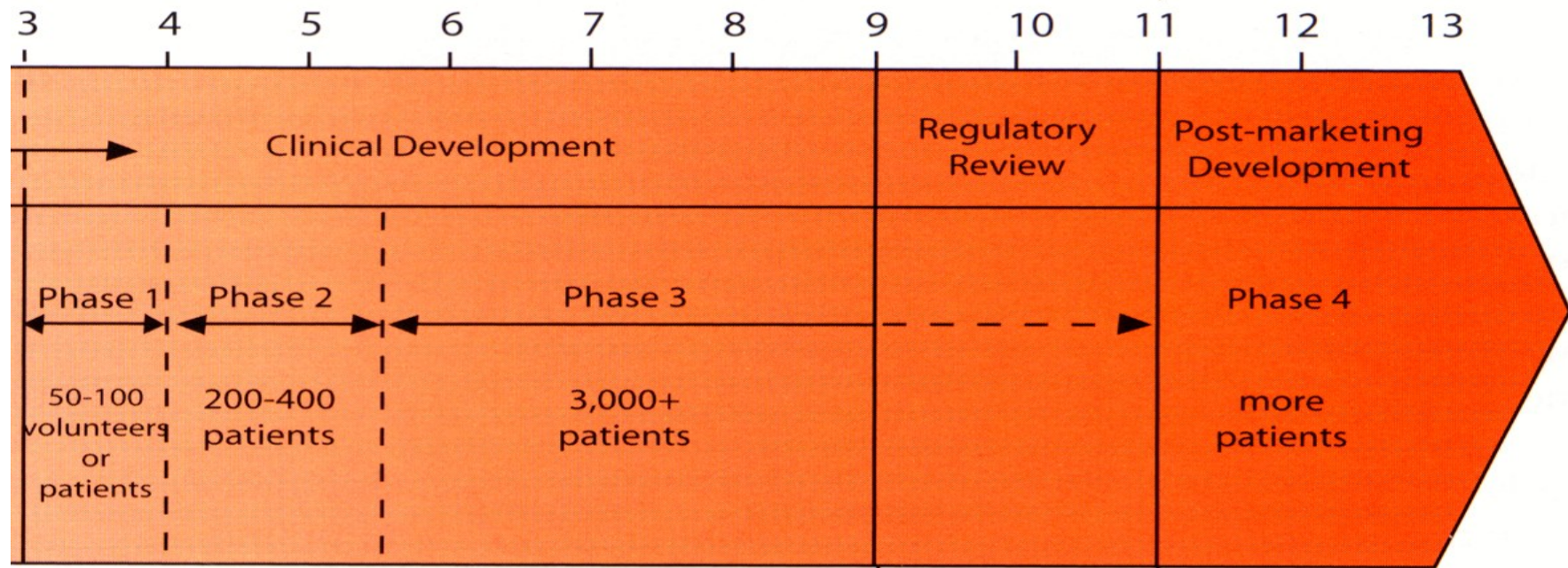
From the laboratory to the pharmacy

- Drug discovery
- Drug Patents
- Chemical and pharmaceutical development and toxicology
- Clinical development
- Manufacturing
- Registration and regulatory affairs
- Sales and marketing
- Post-marketing surveillance

Some points to consider

- developing a new medicine takes maybe 12-13 years
- for every 1 new medicine that succeeds 10,000 fail
- a patent on a new medicine is for 20 years
- developing a new medicine costs about Euros 1.2B
- there maybe as little as 5 years to recoup investment
- **many services are outsourced throughout life cycle**

Communication needs during development



Investigators

Patient Groups

Regulators

HCPs

Key Opinion Leaders

Politicians

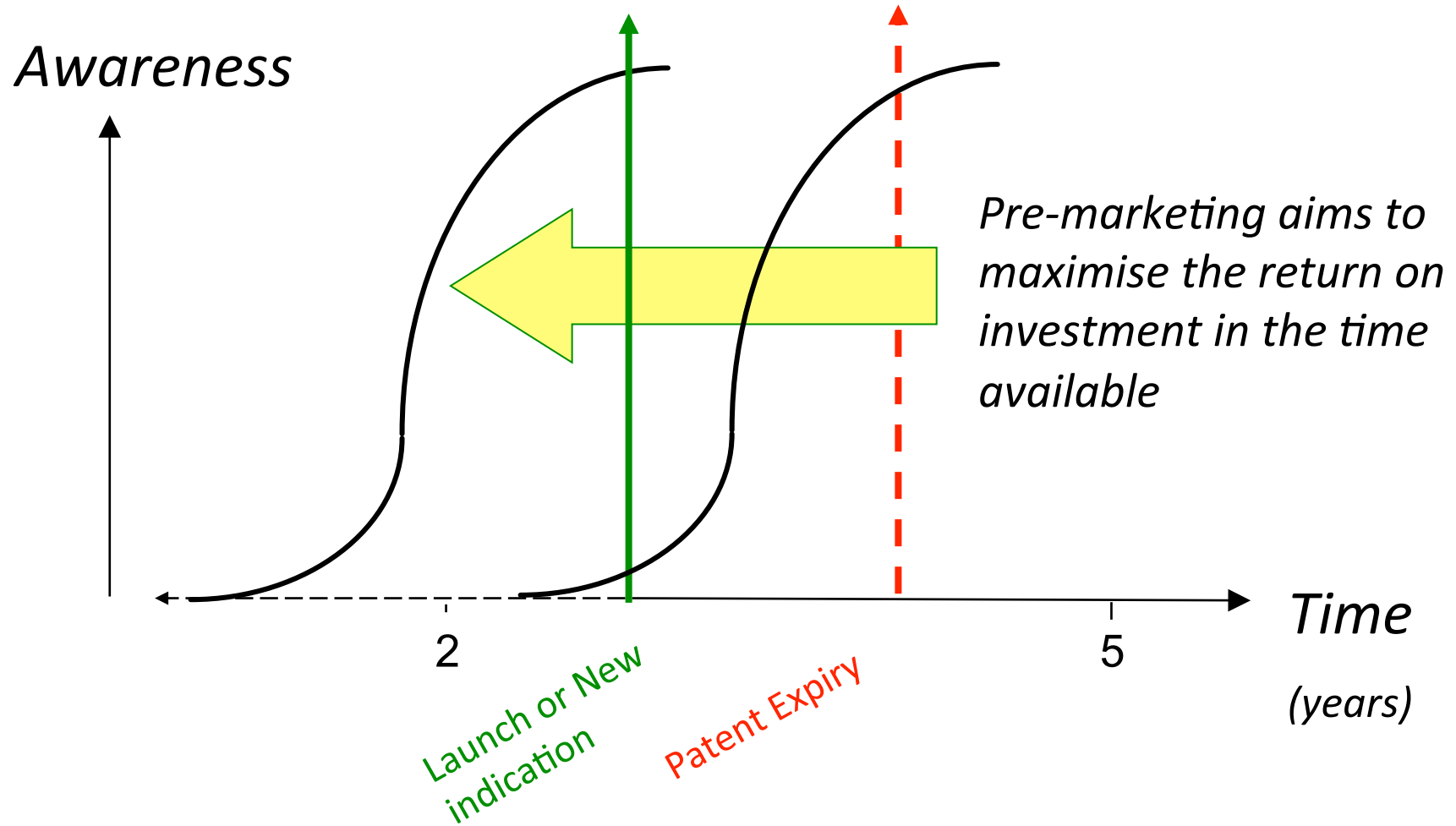
Pharmacists

Financial community

Sales force

Patients

What will pre-marketing achieve?



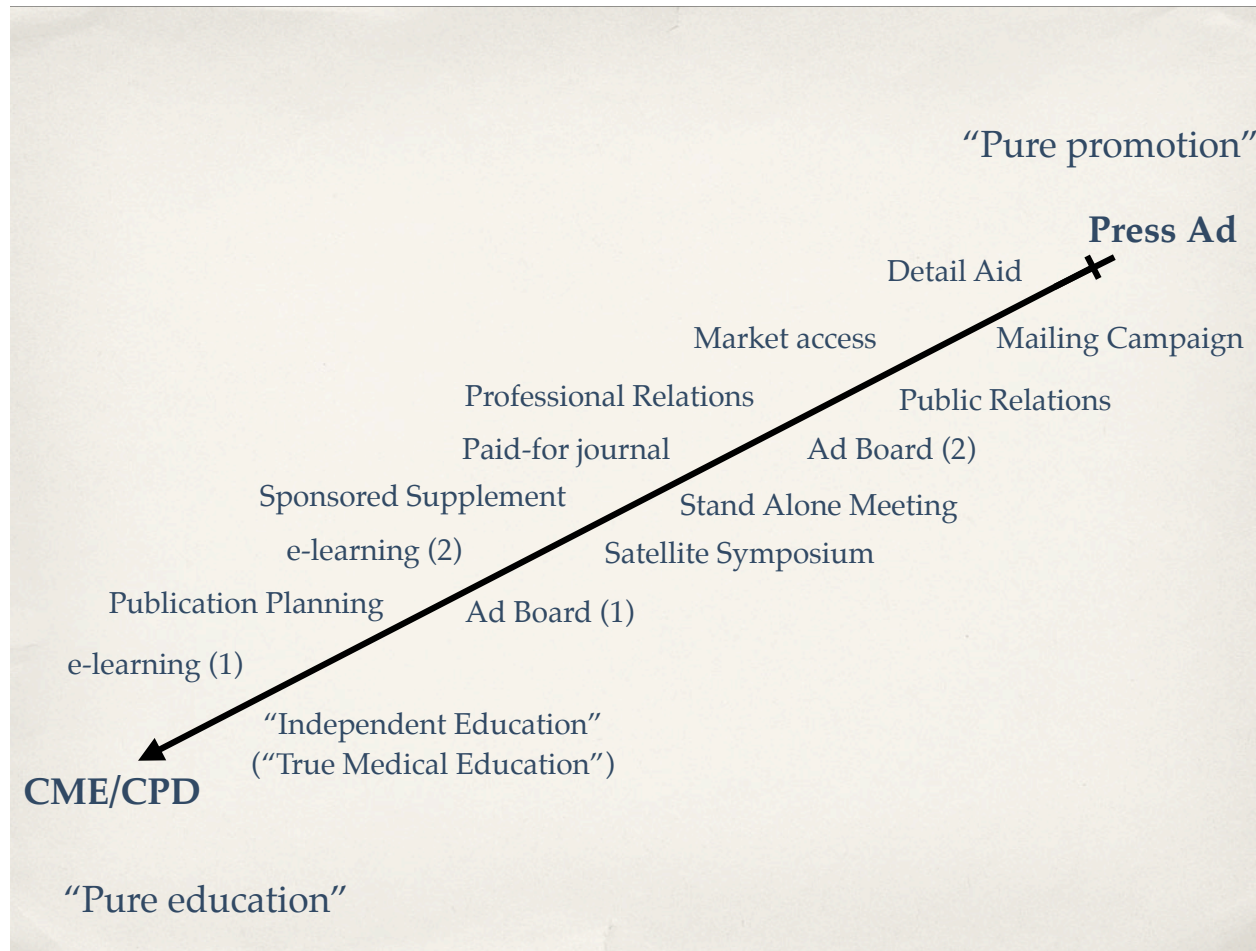
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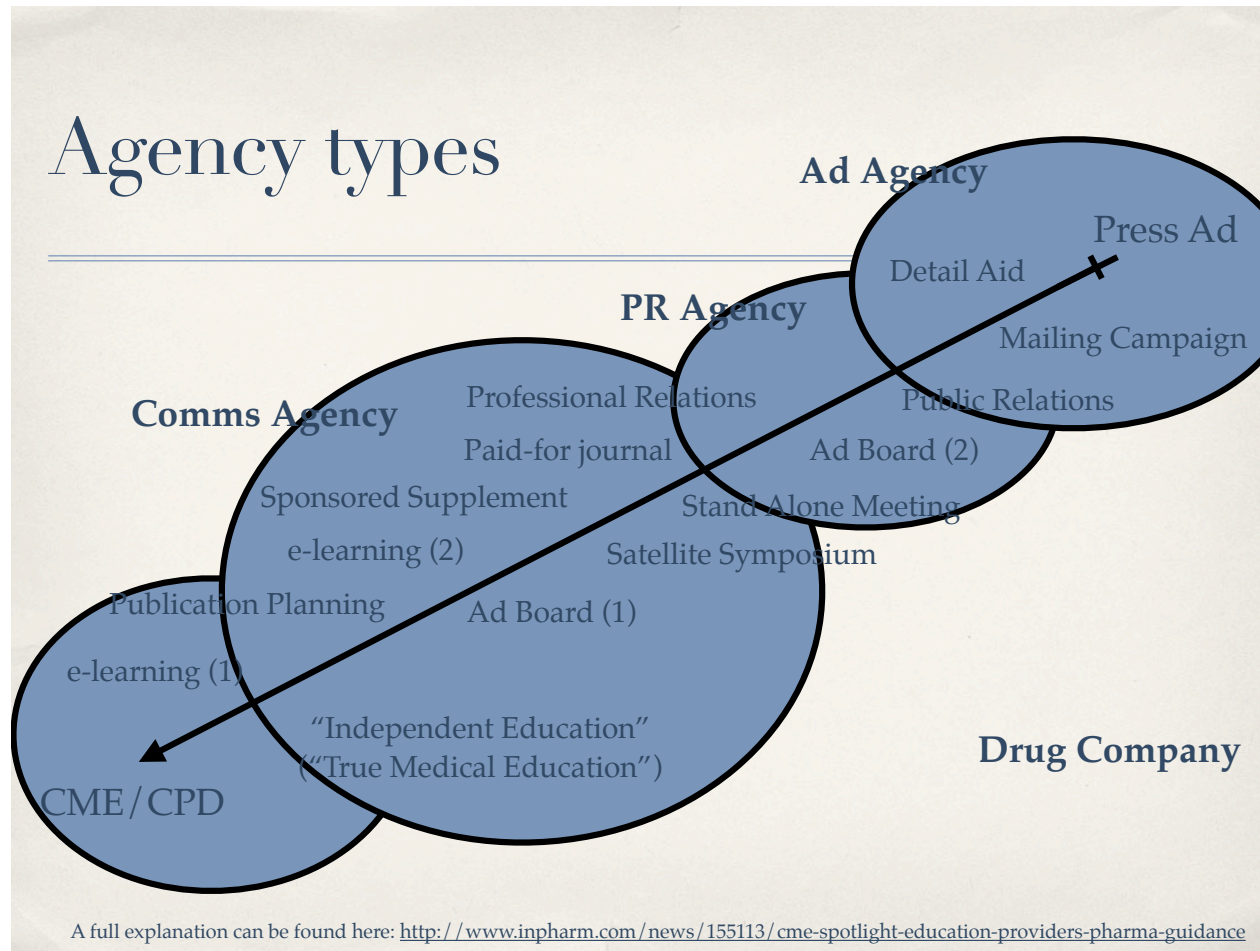
So what is MedComms?

- *Medical communications provides consultancy services to the pharmaceutical industry to help raise awareness of medicines via **education** and **promotion***

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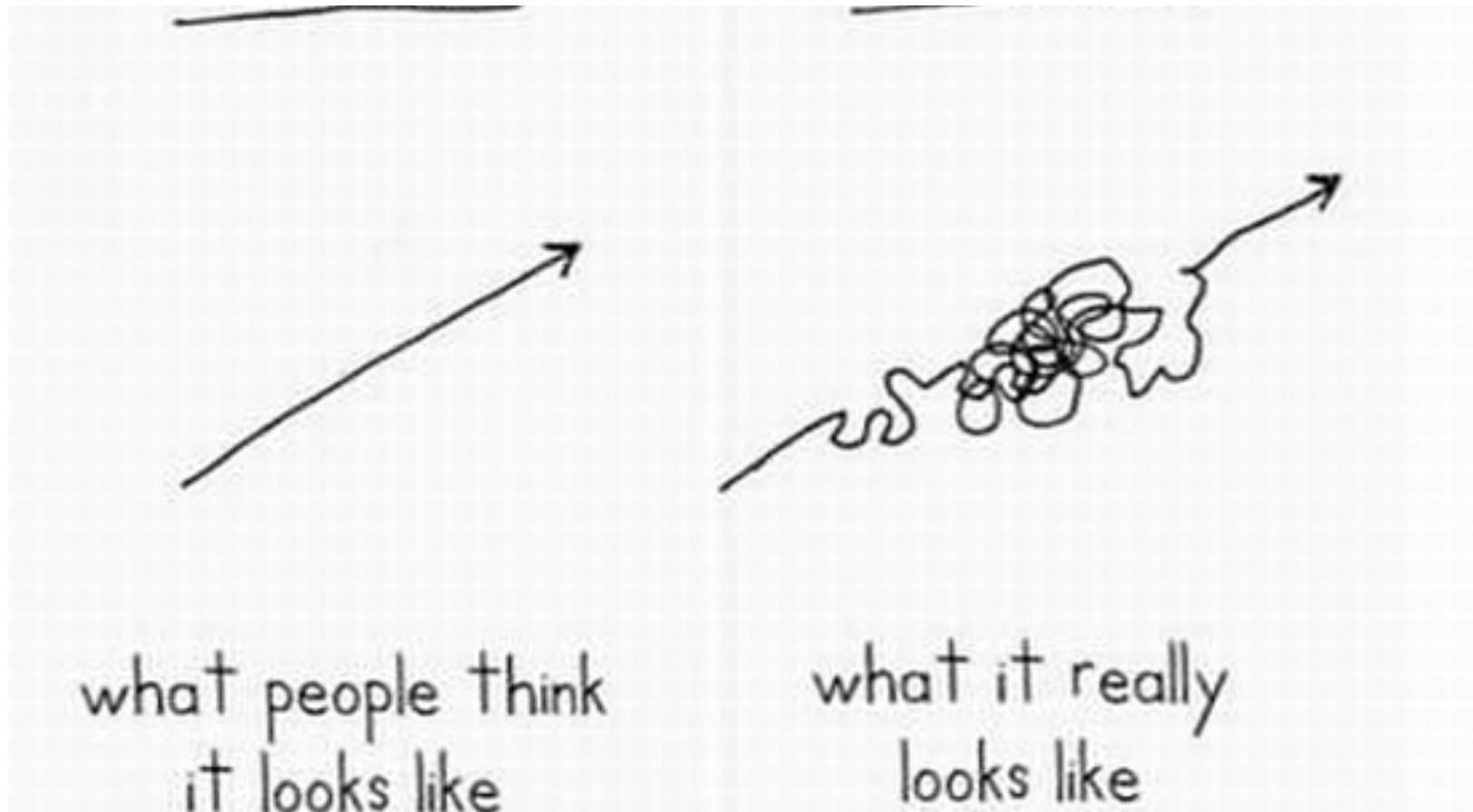
Transferable skills

Skill

Example

- Writing
 - Thesis, papers, posters, slides, grant applications
- Presenting
 - Conference presentations, transfer talk
- Project management
 - Designing experiments and scheduling resources
- Project leading and mentoring
 - Project students, teaching/demonstrating
- Opinion leader experience
 - Confidently discuss complex issues with leading experts (e.g. Friday night in the King's Arms)

The route to success



More information...

Annual careers guide, webcasts, videos, audioboos, past presentations, Google map of offices, LinkedIn groups are all at

www.MedCommsNetworking.com/startingout

Jobs are at

www.NextMedCommsJob.com