# THE CHANGING DRUG LANDSCAPE

10 Cost Drivers and Their Impact On Group Plan Sustainability

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### Today

- 10 cost drivers
- What does the data mean to customer plans?
- Solutions

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### Cost drivers in the drug landscape

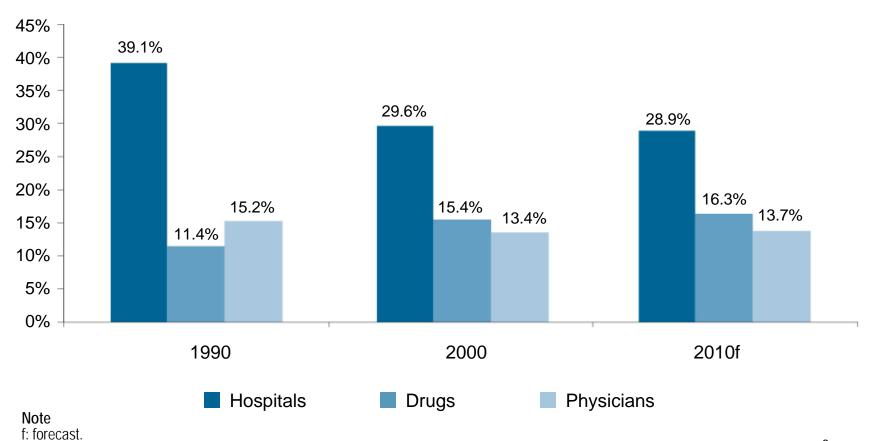


#### 10 cost drivers

- 1. Increased prevalence of disease
- 2. New, very high cost drugs
- 3. Revised treatment guidelines
- 4. Earlier detection
- Cost shifting
- 6. Unmanaged formularies
- 7. Low generic fill rate
- 8. Lack of employee awareness
- 9. Lack of widespread workplace wellness programming
- 10. Aging population

## Drugs account for second-largest share of health care spend since 1997

### Share of Total Health Spending, by Selected Category, Canada, 1990 to 2010



### Private sector spend

- Prescriptions nearly doubled between 1990-2009
- 272 million to 483 million



### Opportunity knocks

- These challenges present a huge opportunity
- Everyone has a role to play:
  - Employers
  - Employees
  - Governments
  - Pharmacists
  - Pharmaceutical industry
  - Advisors

# INCREASED INCIDENCE OF CHRONIC DISEASE

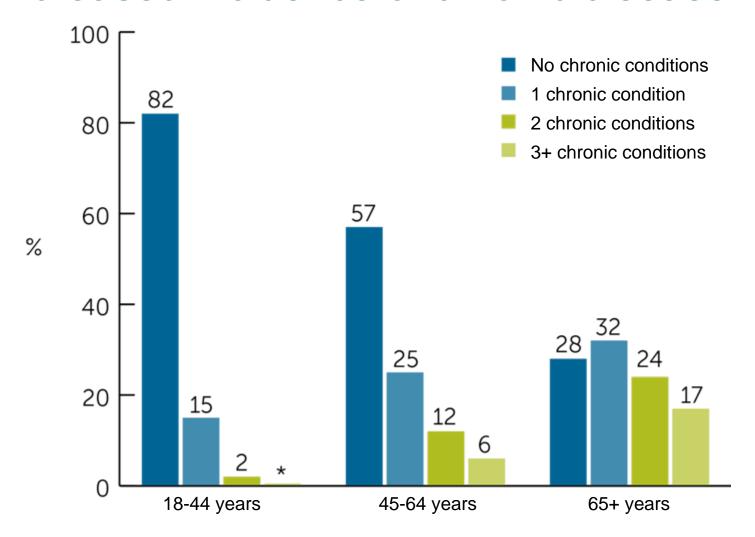
### Some good news

- Fewer teenagers reported smoking in 2009—11.0% of 12-to-19-year-olds said they were current smokers, compared to 14.9% in 2003
- In 2009, more than half of Canadians (53.2%) aged 12 years and older stated they were active or moderately active, an increase from 51.3% in 2008
- In 2009, 13.2% of Canadians reported that they had been diagnosed as having arthritis, a decrease from 13.8% in 2007
- In 2007, breast cancer among Canadian women was 98.4 cases per 100,000, a decrease from 101.7 cases per 100,000 in 2000
- In 2007, the incidence of lung cancer was 56.0 cases per 100,000 population, a decrease from the 58.8 cases per 100,000 in 2000

#### Increased incidence of chronic disease

- Two in five Canadian adults (39%) have at least one of seven common chronic health conditions:
- 1. Arthritis
- 2. Cancer
- 3. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- 6. High blood pressure
- Mood disorders including depression

### Increased incidence of chronic disease



% by age group with 0, 1, 2, or 3+ select chronic conditions

# HIGH COST DRUGS

### **Biologics**

- Business model is changing in big pharma
- Molecular medicine—biologics—is a growing market
- In the past, biologics have accounted for less than 10% of all previously approved drugs
- 20% of drugs approved in the past decade
- They account for nearly 30% of drugs in Phase III clinical trials
- Source: "Drivers of Prescriptions Drug Spending in Canada" CIHI 2012).

### Most Expensive Drugs in Canada

Rank	Trade Name	Indication	Annual Treatment Cost
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2	CEREZYME	Gaucher Disease	\$737,273
3	MYOZYME	Pompe's Disease	\$635,274
4	ALDURAZYME	MPS-1 Mucopolysaccharidosis I	\$492,613
5	VPRIV	Gaucher Disease	\$481,140
6	SOLIRIS	Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria (PNH)	\$381,077
7	REPLAGAL	Fabry Disease	\$305,640
8	FABRAZYME	Fabry Disease	\$301,752
9	NEUPOGEN	Neutropenia - Chemo Side Effect	\$144,735
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11	REVLIMID	Myeloma	\$131,765
12	ZAVESCA	Gaucher Disease	\$118,862
13	ZOLINZA	Cancer - Lymphoma	\$110,230
14	PROLASTIN	Panacinar Emphysema	\$96,096
15	AFINITOR	Cancer - GIST or Renal Cell	\$67,890
16	NEXAVAR	Cancer - GIST or Renal Cell	\$65,791
17	TASIGNA	Cancer - Leukemia	\$65,791
18	SUTENT	Cancer - GIST or Renal Cell	\$62,532
19	HERCEPTIN	Cancer - Breast	\$56,974
20	RITUXAN	Cancer - Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	\$56,432

Source: IMS Brogan 2012

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2	CEREZYME	Gaucher Disease	\$737,273	1 in 50,000-100,000	
3	MYOZYME	Pompe's Disease	\$635,274	1 in 40,000	
4	ALDURAZYME	MPS-1 Mucopolysaccharidosis I	\$492,613	1 in 50,000	
5	VPRIV	Gaucher Disease	\$481,140	1 in 50,000-100,000	
6	SOLIRIS	Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria (PNH)	\$381,077	1.3 in 1,000,000	
7	REPLAGAL	Fabry Disease	\$305,640	1 in 117,000	
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16	NEXAVAR	Cancer - GIST or Renal Cell	\$65,791	Male: 19.2 per 100,000	
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### Top 5 Drugs (total dollars paid in millions)

1995		2000		2010	
LOSEC	\$1.5	LOSEC	\$ 2.6	Remicade	\$ 8.4
20mg		20mg			
PROZAC	\$1.3	CELEBREX	\$1.3	NEXIUM	\$ 6.2
20mg		200mg		40mg	
IMITREX	\$1.0	PAXIL	\$1.3	CRESTOR	\$ 5.5
100mg		20mg		10mg	
BECLOFORTE	\$0.7	LIPITOR	\$1.2	Enbrel	\$ 3.6
Inhaler		10mg			
250mcg/Dose					
ISOPTIN SR	\$0.6	LIPITOR	\$0.9	Humira	\$ 3.4
240mg		20mg			

# REVISED TREATMENT GUIDELINES

### Revised treatment guidelines

- Cholesterol: an important warning sign of heart disease
- In 2000, target "healthy" level of LDL was less than 4 millimoles per liter.
- In 2009 the target was less than 2
- As many as 10 million Canadians have a cholesterol level higher than the recommended target[1]
- Between 1998 and 2007, retail spending on cholesterol-lowering drugs grew from half a billion dollars to \$1.9 billion – a 14% annual growth [2]
- A panel appointed by the U.S. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute has recommended that all children as early as age 9 get tested[3]

- 1. Heart and Stroke Foundation, Statistics: heartandstroke.com/site/c.ikIQLcMWJtE/b.3483991/k.34A8/Statistics.htm); and Statistics Canada report,
   "Heart health and cholesterol levels of Canadians, 2007-2009: http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/82-625-x/2010001/article/11136-eng.htm
- 2. IMS Health, Canadian CompuScript, December 2009 data month, "Top 20 Dispensed Drugs in Canada, 2009"
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- 3.globalnews.ca/health/should+all+kids+get+cholesterol+tests+doctors+cant+agree+on+widespread+screening+guidelines/6442683827/story.html

# EARLIER DETECTION

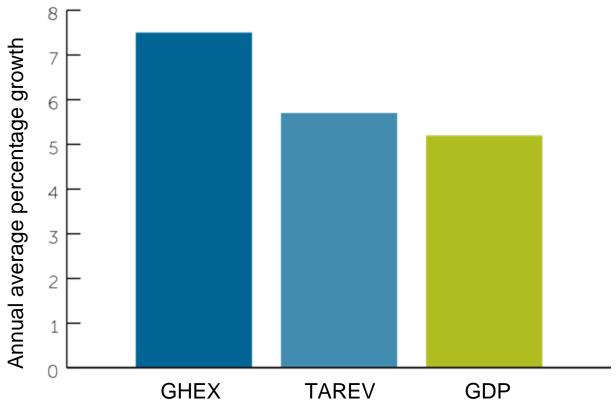
### Earlier detection

- Rheumatoid arthritis: 1:100 have it and it usually appears between the ages of 25 and 50
- In the past: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)
- If x-rays showed patient's joints being damaged, doctor would put patient on a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug, like methotrexate (DMARD)
- MRIs and ultrasound researchers have shown joints become damaged early in the disease so doctors now prescribe DMARDS earlier
- A newer class of DMARDs based on biologic agents has hit the market
- Enbrel and Remicade

## COST SHIFTING

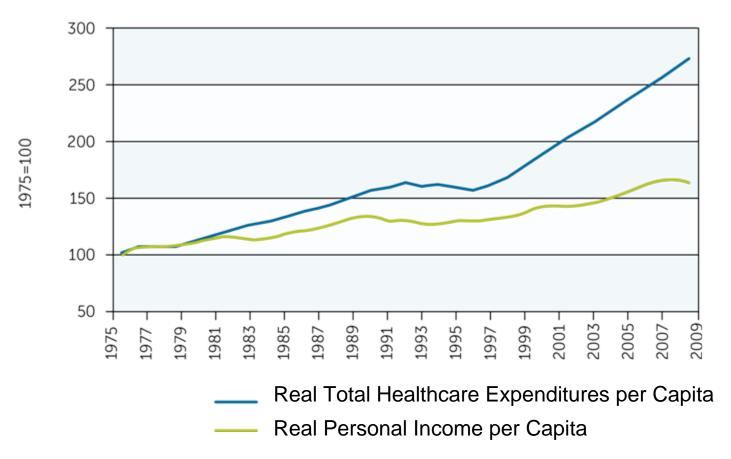
### Comparing health care spend and GDP

 Figure 1: National 10-year average annual percentage growth rates for provincial government health expenditures (GHEX) and total available revenue (TAREV), 2000/01–2009/10; and gross domestic product (GDP), 2000–2009



### Comparing health care spend and income

Figure 1: Index of Total Healthcare Spending and Personal Income



### Cost shifting hits private plans

- New, oral cancer drugs
  - Injectable drugs given in hospital were paid for by the province
  - Now patients administer drugs themselves, at home
  - Costs have shifted from publicly funded hospitals to private payers
  - Take home cancer drugs now account for half of all cancer drug expenditures
- De-listing services like eye exams

### Cost shifting

- We spend an estimated \$170 billion dollars on healthcare
- Current cost sharing is 70/30 public/private
- This is forecast to shift to 55/45 in the next 15 years
- We can expect impacts to both the employer and employees

### UNMANAGED FORMULARIES

### Unmanaged formularies

- Pharmaceutical innovation has measurably improved the lives of millions
- Yet, not every new drug is a medical breakthrough
- Patented Medicines Pricing Review Board's (PMPRB)'s rating of new drugs found that, from 1990 to 2003, only 12.4% of new drugs were considered breakthrough medicines
- The rest were found to offer no substantial therapeutic advantage over existing drugs
- They cost, on average, about 2.5 times as much per prescription as comparable older drugs

Source: http://www.ti.ubc.ca/newsletter/increasing-drug-costs-are-we-getting-good-value

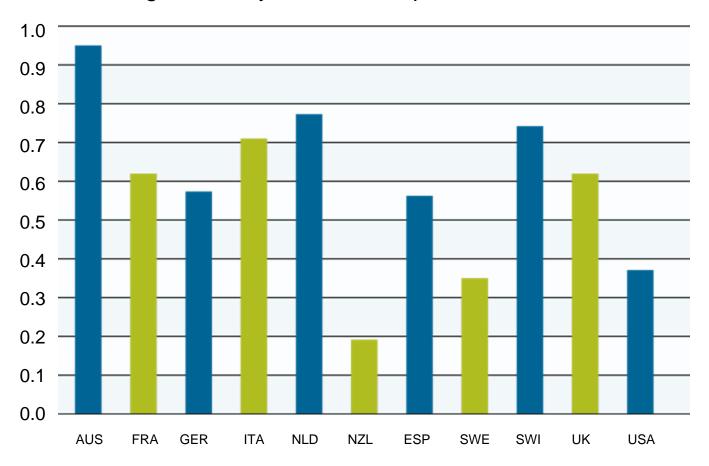
### Unmanaged formularies

- Canadian companies spend about \$200 million per week on prescription drugs
- In 2010, that translated into an estimated \$10.2 billion in costs incurred by employer drug plans
- Less than 10% of employers have actively managed formularies
- Formularies with different tiers of drugs with different co-pay amounts encourage employees to shop more wisely

### LOW GENERIC FILL RATE

### Low generic fill rate, high generic prices

Average foreign-to-Canadian price ratios at market exchange rates, by bilateral comparator, 2007



### Cost savings with generics

Condition	Brand price per pill	Generic price per pill
Cholesterol	Lipitor 20 mg: \$2.19	Atorvastatin 20 mg: \$1.04
Hypertension	Norvasc 5mg: \$1.43	Amlodipine 5 mg: \$1.04

1% increase in penetration of generic drugs would save \$229 million a year

## LACKOF EMPLOYEE AWARENESS

### Lack of employee awareness

- Employees are ready to help keep benefit plans sustainable
- There is a gap between employees' reported willingness to help control costs and employers' perceptions of employees' willingness:
  - 57% of employees feel an obligation to help their employers control cost of benefit plans
  - Among 55 and older it's even higher—68%
- Only 33% of employers say they feel that employees are willing to help.

Source: SANOFI CANADA HEALTHCARE SURVEY 2012

#### Lack of employee awareness

### Willing to do to help employer maintain current level of prescription drug coverage

Shop around for lower costs (e.g., go to a pharmacy with lower dispensing fees or that is preferred by employer, switch to cheaper generic drugs if available)

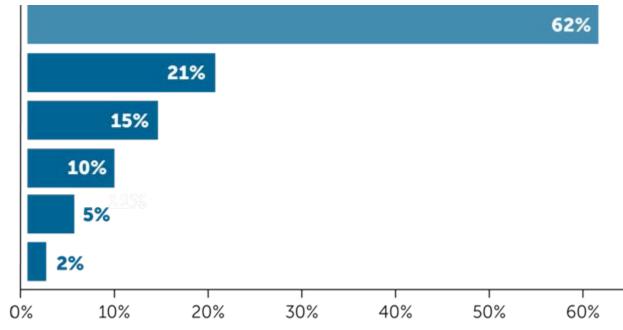
Pay extra for additional drug coverage

Pay higher premiums

Pay more out-of-pocket for prescription drugs used

Decrease other health benefits, such as dental, vision care or paramedical services

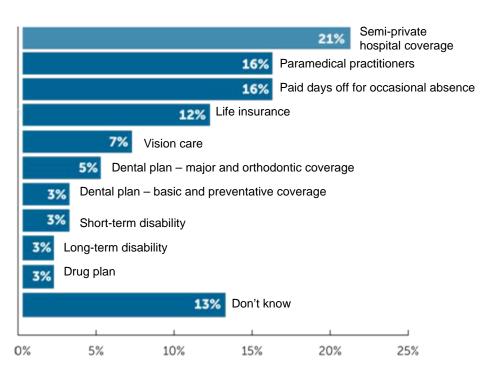
Other



Base: Those who feel they have an obligation to help employer control costs of health benefit plan. n=992

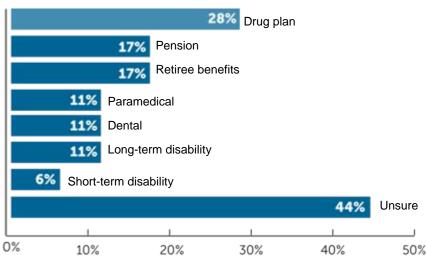
#### Lack of employee awareness

Component of employee health benefit plan willing to have taken away if employer was unable to pay for coverage



Base: All respondents n=1,757

Parts of the benefits plan plan sponsors are considering making cuts to



Base: Plan sponsors who say yes or maybe to making cuts to the benefit plan. n=18. Note: Sample size is very small. Findings directional only.

#### An opportunity to educate

- Just 13% understand their benefits extremely well
  - down from 19% in 2005
- 45% believe they understand very well
  - down from 53%
- 39% understand their benefits somewhat well
  - up from 23%
- 44% of people with household income < \$30,000 understand their benefits extremely well or very well, compared to 65% with incomes of >\$100,000 or more
- People in small companies (< 50) are less likely to understand benefits extremely well or very well: 51%

#### An opportunity to educate

- It's time to engage employees more deeply
- Pay more attention to price and cost
- Shop around: the price of an asthma inhaler ranged from \$10.21 to \$20 dollars with a dispensing fee ranging from \$4.11 to \$11.99 depending on location
- Shop around: price of specialty drug differed by \$2, 528 dollars for exactly the same dose dispensed at two different pharmacies in the same city

<sup>[1]</sup> thestar.com/business/article/543077--cleverer-drug-buying-could-save-800m-a-year-competition-czar-says [2] Helen Stevenson, "An End to Blank Cheques," May 2011

# LACK OF WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAMMING

#### Higher health risks, higher costs

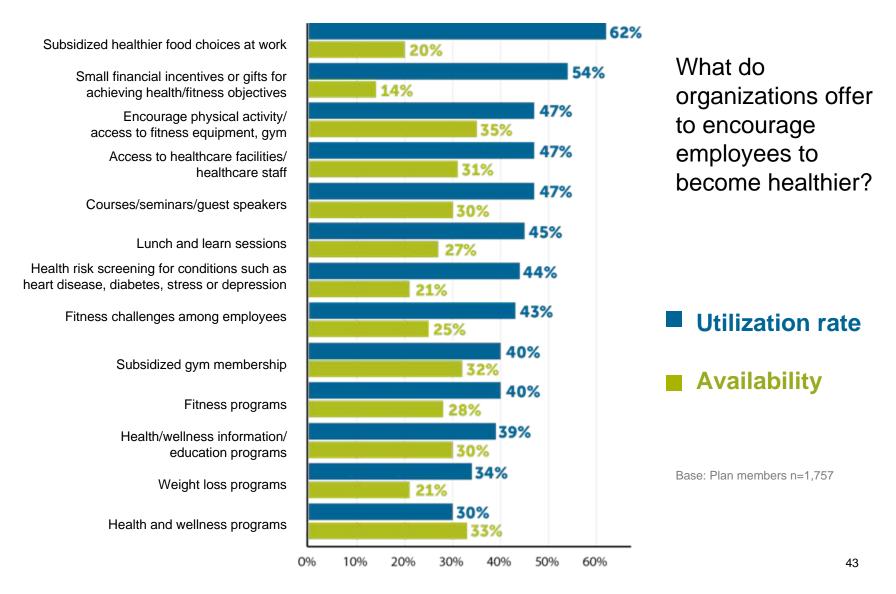
- Low level of exercise
- Smoking
- Overweight
- Higher alcohol use



 Employees with three or more health risks are absent > 50% more often than employees with fewer health risks and cost 2-3 times more in health care (drugs, services, disability claims):

Source: National Quality Institute: Investing in Comprehensive Workplace Health Promotion

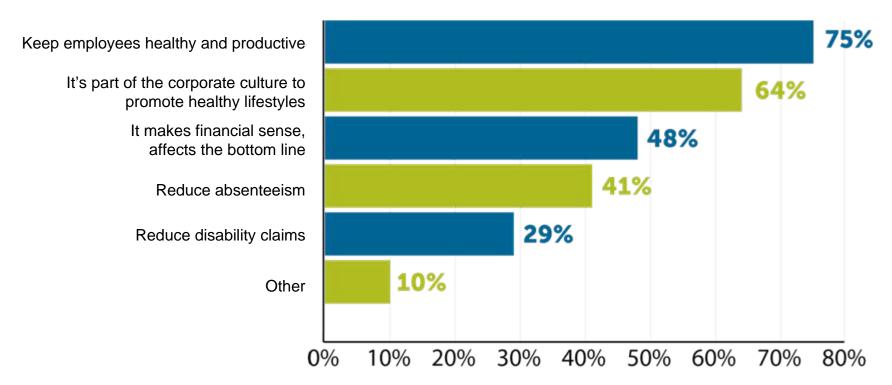
#### Workplace wellness programs by availability



Source: SANOFI CANADA HEALTHCARE SURVEY 2012

#### Lack of wellness programs

The main reasons plan sponsors invest in health and wellness programs for their employees



# AGING POPULATION

#### Aging population

http://www.footwork.com/pyramids.asp

#### Aging workforce

- An aging workforce:
  - Increased prevalence of disease
  - New, very high cost drugs
  - Revised treatment guidelines
  - Earlier detection
  - Cost shifting
  - Unmanaged formularies
  - Low generic fill rate
  - Lack of employee awareness
  - Lack of widespread wellness programming in the workplace

# WHAT CAN WE DO?

#### What can we do?

- Understand the issues
- Plan design
- Encourage owners to educate employees
- Foster workplace wellness

## THANK YOU!

