# Managing an IP Portfolio for In-house Counsel

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### Gartner.

2019 'Cool Vendor' in Healthcare Artificial Intelligence

Named and positioned on four 2019 Gartner Hype Cycles for Precision Health

"MY's health assessment will help influence the metamorphosis of primary care services from reactive chronic care management into health, wellness and lifestyle coaching."

## Intellectual Property in Personalized Health

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Payers are demanding a shift to Value-based Care

Need to demonstrate value of care solutions with real world outcomes

using..

Timely solutions and support systems that are personalized and complement treatments

That empower the patient

And provide metrics throughout the patient journey molecular

## "The best hospital bed is an empty one"

Don Berwick, former administrator of the U.S. Medicare and Medicaid programs



Establish the value of care

Precision exercise and nutrition plans:
Preventive Health +
Adjuncts to care

Quantify the client/ patient journey from beginning to end

With measurable outcomes

Complete the Care Package



## myFitness<sub>FX™</sub>

### Optimized Health: Exercise + Nutrition

#### Fitness Insights

- Training and Recovery
- Fuel Selection & Availability
- Athletic signature
- Mitochondrial function
- Health benefits of exercise

### Health Insights

- Vital Physiological Processes Risk Insights
- UP to 16 Risks Assessed

#### Nutrition Assessment (Max):

- · Vitamins and minerals
- Diet
- Environmental exposures

#### Action Plan

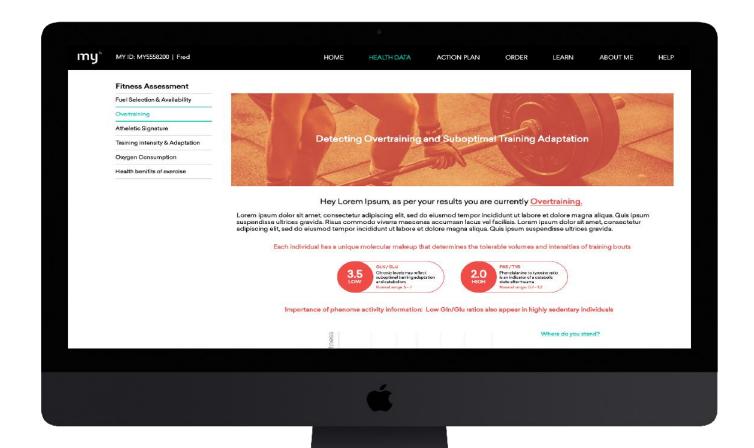
- Optimal Exercise Plan
- Optimal Diet
- Optimal Supplement

#### Interface

- Web Based
- Mobile App

Custody and Control (My PDx)

Personal Health Data



## myNutrition<sub>FX</sub> <sup>m</sup>

### Optimized Diet + Supplements

### **Nutrition Assessment:**

- Vitamins and minerals
- Diet
- Environmental exposures

### Health Insights

- Vital Physiological Processes
   Risk Insights
- 8 Risks assessed

### Action Plan:

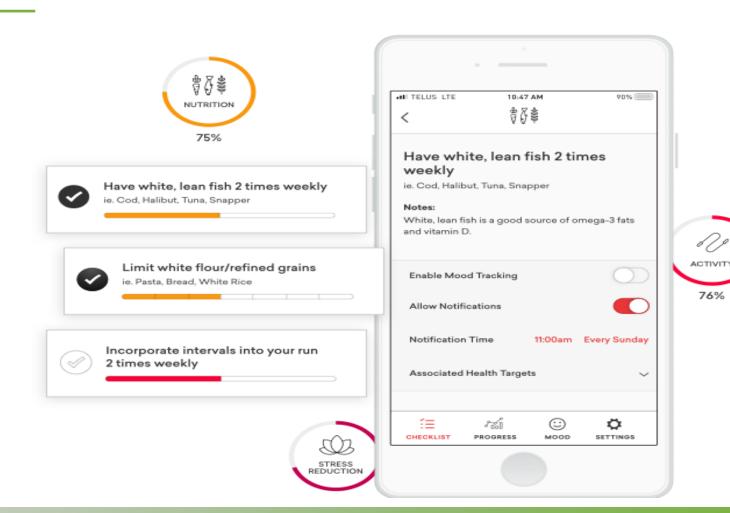
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- Optimal Supplements
- Exercise Recommendations

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### **History**



The discovery of the structure of DNA launched new industries...

...But it was discovery not invention

Genes are not patentable!





### Patenting in the age of the whole genome

### Human Genome Sciences:(GSK) est. 1992

- Attempted to patent genetic sequences as the genes emerged from the sequencer
- Genes as targets for their utility in drug discovery
- This was disallowed due to lack of demonstrated invention

### Pharma and Biotech

- Assays for drug discovery as methods of use or trade secrets
  - New chemical entities- small molecule drugs
- Proteins- biologics therapeutic antibodies
- Predictive algorithms
- Trademarks
- Platforms for analysis and visualization



### **MY Personalized Playbook**

### Data Driven::

comprehensive diverse blood markers for increased insight and accuracy

- Metabolites
- Proteins
- Nutrients
- Toxins
- Genetics
- Pharmacogenetics
- Microbiome (optional)
- Self reported
  - Family and health history
  - Physical activities
  - Diet

AI-Assisted Analysis

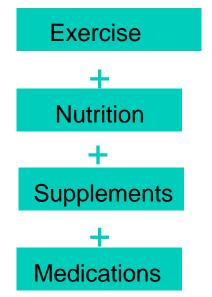






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Connecting the dots

Strategies: Sensitive detection Tactics: precision planning Team: Patients, practitioners and digital tools





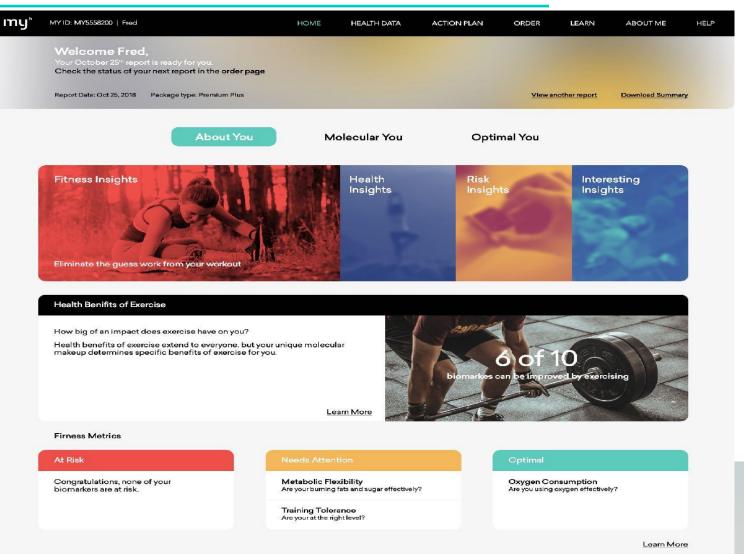
## MY Health Intelligence

Al driven platform that delivers individualized healthcare solutions based on each user's data

### **About You:**

High Level Report

- Fitness Insights
- Health Insights
- Risk Insights
- Interesting Insights



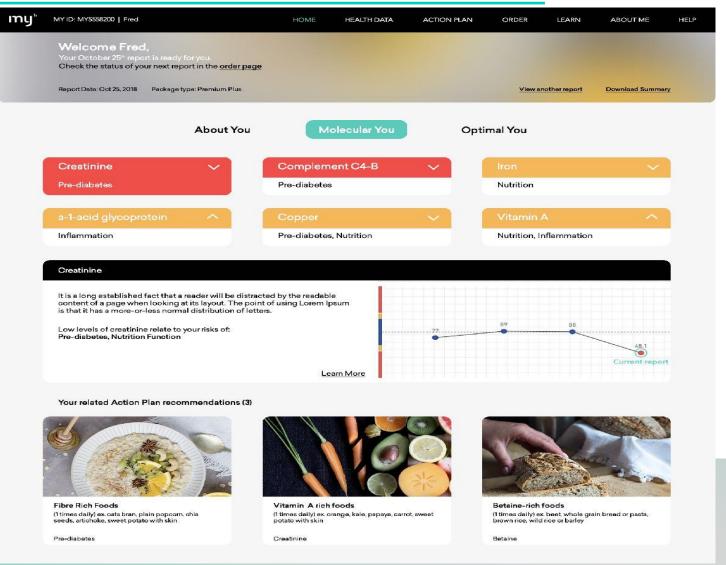
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### Molecular You:

A deeper dive into the details of the client's health status Molecular Level Analysis

- Metabolites
- Proteins
- Nutrients
- Toxins
- Genetics



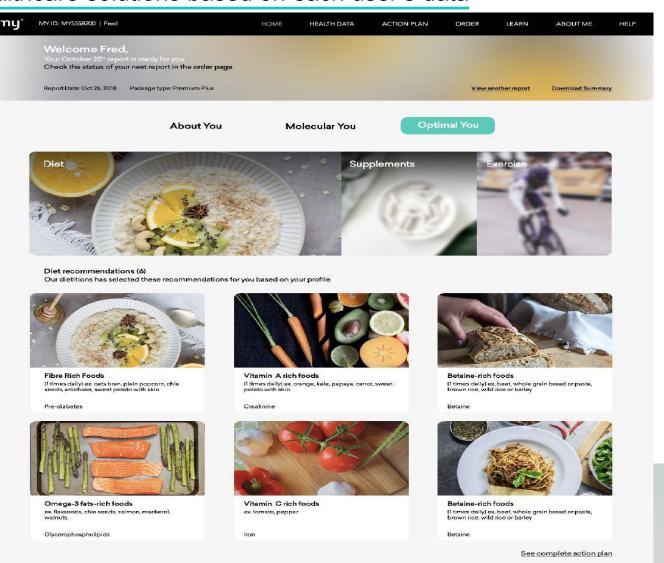
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### **Optimal You:**

A detailed lifestyle Action Plan for the client to achieve health goals based on their unique data set

- Diet
- Supplements
- Exercise



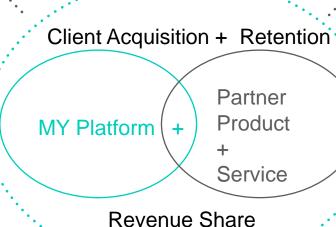
### Establish Agreements with Partners



### MY provides:

- Platform combining customer,
   partner and MY data
- Increased revenue opportunities
- Data sharing platform





**Data Acquisition** 



### Partners gain:

- Added insights & guidance for customers
- Increased sales of complementary products
- Direct access to products via MY platform
- Content for marketing and training modules



### Partners provide:

- Domain expertise and reach
- Complementary Products e.g. medicines, supplements
- Complementary Technology e.g. wearables

### Data Value Add:

- Combined MY & Partner data sets
- More accurate AI analytics and learnings
- Ecosystem of blockchain data share platform

### IP Makes Molecular You Unique In the Market

Molecular-level insights into an individual's unique health needs

- Broadest range of biomarkers in the industry (know how)
- Al-driven web platform (Provisional filed)
- Mobile app

A personal game plan for healthy longevity

 MY is the only application that provides individuals and practitioners with an individualized playbook with action plan throughout the health journey. (Provisional filed)

MY Personal Data Exchange (My PDx)

Blockchain wallet for personal data ownership (provisional in preparation)

MY Partnering Strategy

 Market access, shared revenue, complementary products and services and data enrichment (Partner Agreements)





## The Al-Driven Playbook for Proactive and Personalized Health

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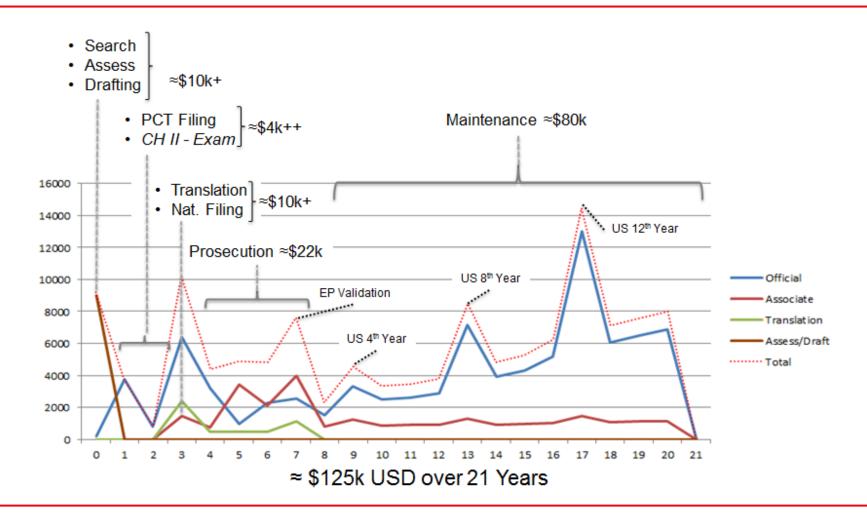


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## Modest Patent Family Expense – US, CA, CN, EP





## **Challenges of Patent Portfolio Management**

- Limited resources i.e. time and budget
- Imperfect information i.e. development, commercialization, market potential
- Abundant ideas and limited filing opportunities
- Ever changing products and services i.e. keeping patent portfolio relevant



## **Effective Patent Portfolio Management**

- File wisely
  - Careful evaluation of opportunities disclosure and patentability
  - Objective patent filing decisions (priority and national stage)
    - Assess the value economic potential, other strategic considerations (e.g. license, blocking, etc.)
    - Identify markets and competitors where to file
- Routine portfolio pruning
  - Objective patent maintenance decisions
    - Re-assess the value economic, strategic
    - Cut under/non-performing patent families (i.e. abandon, license or sell/auction)
    - Trim unnecessary national patents from a family
    - Reinvest the money saved into patent procurement



### **Teamwork**

- Build a cross-functional IP committee
  - Engineering management (technical insight)
  - Business management (product and marketing insight)
  - Executive oversight (effective decision making)
- Build a trusted network of IP Service Partners
  - IP research associates
    - Enable informed filing decision and focused patent drafting
  - Network of trusted legal associates
    - Keen understanding of technology and business needs



### **Essential IP Tools**

- Committee tools (assessment, filing/maintenance)
  - Structured approach to facilitate objective decision making
- Robust docket system
- Secure file transfer (e.g. FTP)
- Online collaboration tools
  - Greatly facilitates complex technical discussions
- Patent search and analytic tools
- Patent quality checker
- Check terms, parts, references
- Portfolio expense modeling existing portfolio
  - Model patent procurement expense existing and planned portfolio
  - Run scenarios (e.g. filing programs, portfolio changes)



### **Committee Tools – Framework**

- Innovation Assessment
  - Technical and prior art summaries
  - Proposed claim(s) in view of prior art
  - Indicators that may influence filing decision (inventor viewpoint)
- Filing and Maintenance Scorecard
  - Threshold considerations
    - Product coverage; other strategic considerations
  - Marketing and business considerations
    - Time to launch; duration; financial benefit; market importance; market geography; demand, etc.
  - Engineering considerations
    - Technical feasibility; development status; available alternatives
  - Legal Considerations
    - Claim breadth; Detectability; Remaining term
- Foreign filing guidance



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## Portfolio Management Top 5 IP Mistakes

## Why Mistakes Happen?

- IP is often...
  - not straightforward
  - an afterthought
  - (perceived as ..) too costly or time consuming

## 1. Failure to Monitor Competitive IP

### **How to Avoid?**

Regular Reports of 3rd Party's + IP Review

Published Appls + Granted (Legal, R&D)

Patents (Orbit, Delphion Commercial)

or Patent Searchers)

### **Search Criteria**

- Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)
- Key Words
- Competitors
- Countries (PCT, EPO, US, etc.)

= Formulate an IP
Plan

## 1. Failure to Monitor Competitive IP (cont.)

### Why is it Important?

- Identify FTP issue early on PROPORTIONALITY
  - ➤ Impact of the risk on the business
  - Likelihood of the risk occurring
- Option to Oppose/ Invalidate

### Watch-outs:

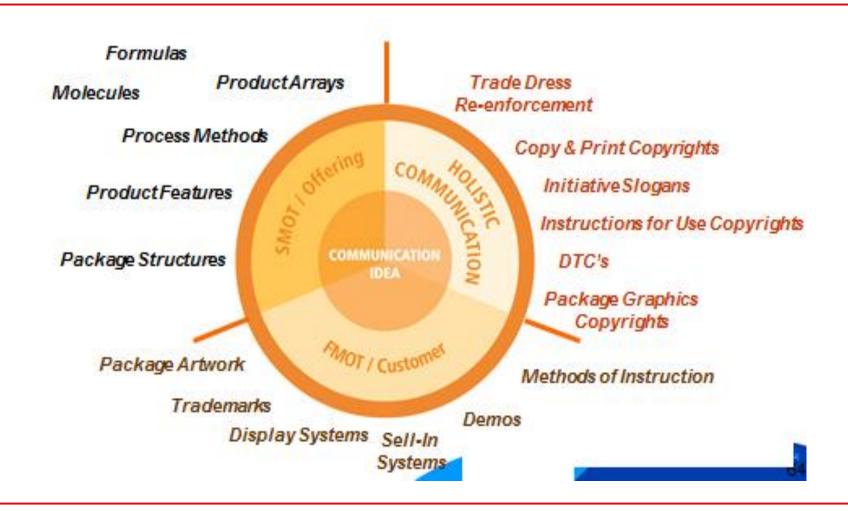
- Time limits EP (9 months)/ JP (6 months)
- (i) Patent should have direct business impact or impact on plans; and
- > (ii) Establish up-front what a win looks like
- Opportunity to explore design around

## 1. Failure to Monitor Competitive IP (cont.)

### Why is it Important?

- Awareness of Competitors technology and future direction;
  - (e.g., highlight new competitive research areas, predicting competitive initiatives, understanding competitor's competencies)
- Source of inspiration
  - e.g., identifying white spaces
  - Identify new filing strategies (e.g., data support, technical problem definition)
- Offensive filing opportunities

## 2. Holistic IP Strategy (cont.)



### 3. Never Underestimate Value of Process IP

- Trade secret vs patent filing
  - General Guidance :
    - Broad applicability = Potentially disturbing to competition + risk of competitive filing (FTP!)
      - → IP Right protection typical advisable
    - Very specific execution narrow applicability = Probably not disturbing to competition
       + low risk of competitive filing
      - → Trade Secret typical advisable

### 3. Never Underestimate Value of Process IP

- MNC are public companies with obligation not to knowingly infringe on 3rd party patents
- Require to conduct FTP searches and render clearance opinion
- Some local and smaller competition might behave differently

### 4. Comply with the 4'D's of Collaboration

- Collaborate Responsibly
  - Protect your company's IP and assets
- ✓ Details
- ✓ Documentation
- ✓ Data
- **✓ Distribution**

### Details



- Share only what's necessary; avoid sharing "TMI" (Too Much Intel.)
- Limit to what's detailed in the agreement (collaboration field and scope)
  - Some agreements allow for more open discussions/collaboration (JDA vs CDA, etc.)
- Use very specific language in communications to avoid doubt or misunderstandings

### Documentation

- Document all relevant communications
  - Meeting summaries appoint someone to take notes; share summaries in a timely manner
    - What was discussed?
    - What data, ideas, thoughts were shared and by whom?
    - What are the next steps (who is responsible for what, and by when?)
  - Email save as a permanent record of communication
- Document samples received: what's the intended use, how much was used, sampled under which agreement?
  - Non-analysis agreements
  - Follow all TSCA requirements, etc.

### Data

- Preview
  - Do not share raw data without first processing internally
    - Avoid confusion around unexplained results, test errors, etc.

### Present

- Whenever possible share charts, data tables, slides, etc. as a .pdf or .jpeg
- Avoid formats that can be modified or 'tracked changes' viewed (.xls, .doc, etc.)

### Protect

- Label any shared information as "Confidential", preferably include reference to agreement (often required by some agreements to include contract number)
- Encrypt to prevent further sharing/modifying



### Distribution

- Share only what's needed to only those who need to see it
- Create teamspace or SharePoint site for uploading data, etc.
  - avoid email attachments (can inadvertently be forwarded)
  - Limited access to specific team members



### 5. Behaviours to Model

- Expectations on your teams to understand the IP space in which they work
- Encourage and offer IP training
- Ensure everyone is operating based on sound IP principles
- Encourage involvement of legal at appropriate timing
- Reward the amount of work required for quality IP

## Questions

Thank you