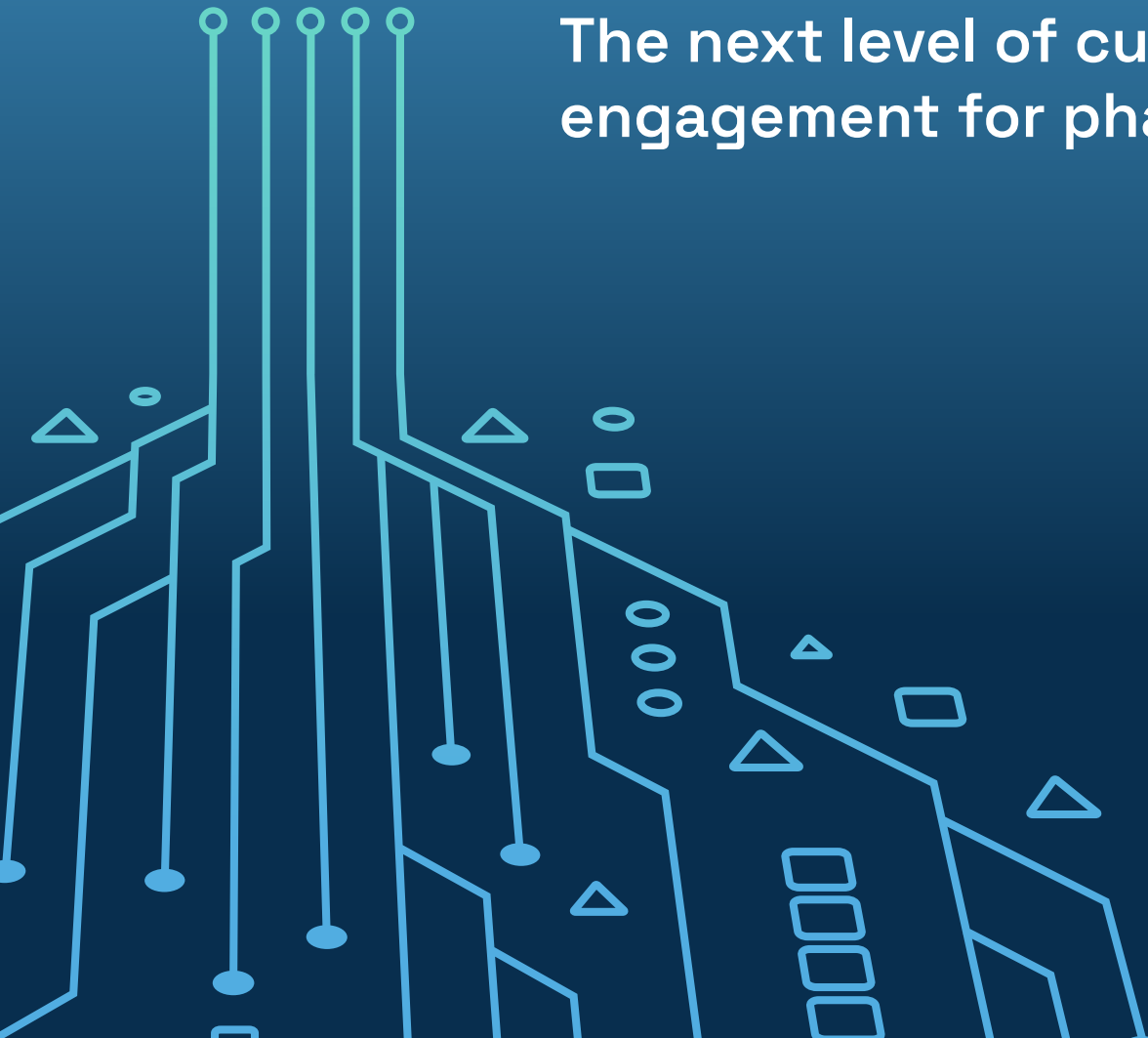# lynxanalytics

CRM x Generative AI
The next level of customer engagement for pharma

Introduction

Imagine a world where your CRM doesn't just passively store information but actively helps you make smarter decisions—telling you who to see next, what message to deliver, and which product aspects to emphasize.

Instead of viewing your CRM as a time-consuming chore, what if it became your most valuable asset in navigating complex customer interactions and maximizing sales effectiveness?

Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) are transforming the role of CRMs in the pharma industry. No longer simply data entry systems, CRM systems are now at the center of a powerful data and AI technology stack with which teams can analyze vast amounts of data across multiple sources—internal sales, prescription records, conference participation, social media, and even publication databases—to provide reps with actionable insights.

AI can help sales reps prioritize customer interactions, suggest optimal messaging, and even highlight the most relevant topics to discuss with healthcare professionals (HCPs). This allows reps to spend less time inputting and managing data, and more time focusing on what truly matters: building meaningful, data-driven relationships with their customers.

By layering AI on top of CRM systems, pharma companies can empower their reps to focus on strategy and execution. It becomes less about checking boxes and more about using data to guide intelligent decision-making, ultimately driving more effective and impactful sales efforts.

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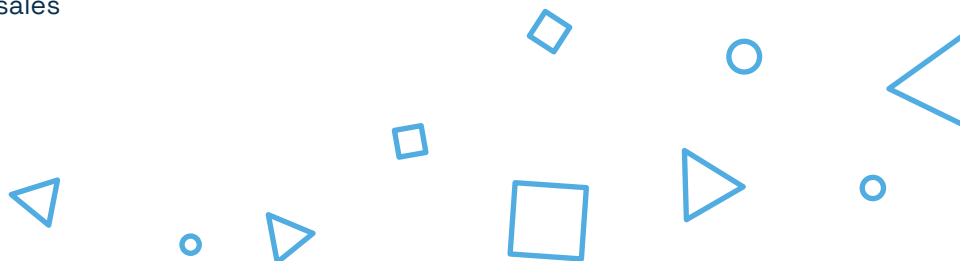
The Achilles' Heel of Current CRM Solutions: A Closer Look

Let's face it, commercial sales teams in pharma companies are largely dependent on CRM systems to cover the basics: show up at the right office on the right day, be ready to address their doctor by name and check the compliance box. Current CRM solutions make an attempt to have the rep capture more and more information, which increases the reps' administrative workload but rarely creates clean and consistent datasets that could generate insights that really matter.

- Completing dozens of call records from memory
- Limited access to customer data on company systems
- Data entry from scribbled notes

Home

On the Road

- Lack of voice implementation
- No support to flex call plan due to cancellations and no-shows

- Incomplete information
- Inaccurate segmentation
- Non-sensical content recommendations
- Lack of conversation starters

Doctor's Office

Waiting Room

- No single-source of truth for pre-call preparations
- Limited tools for last minute changes in approach

Figure 1 - Day in the life of a medical rep

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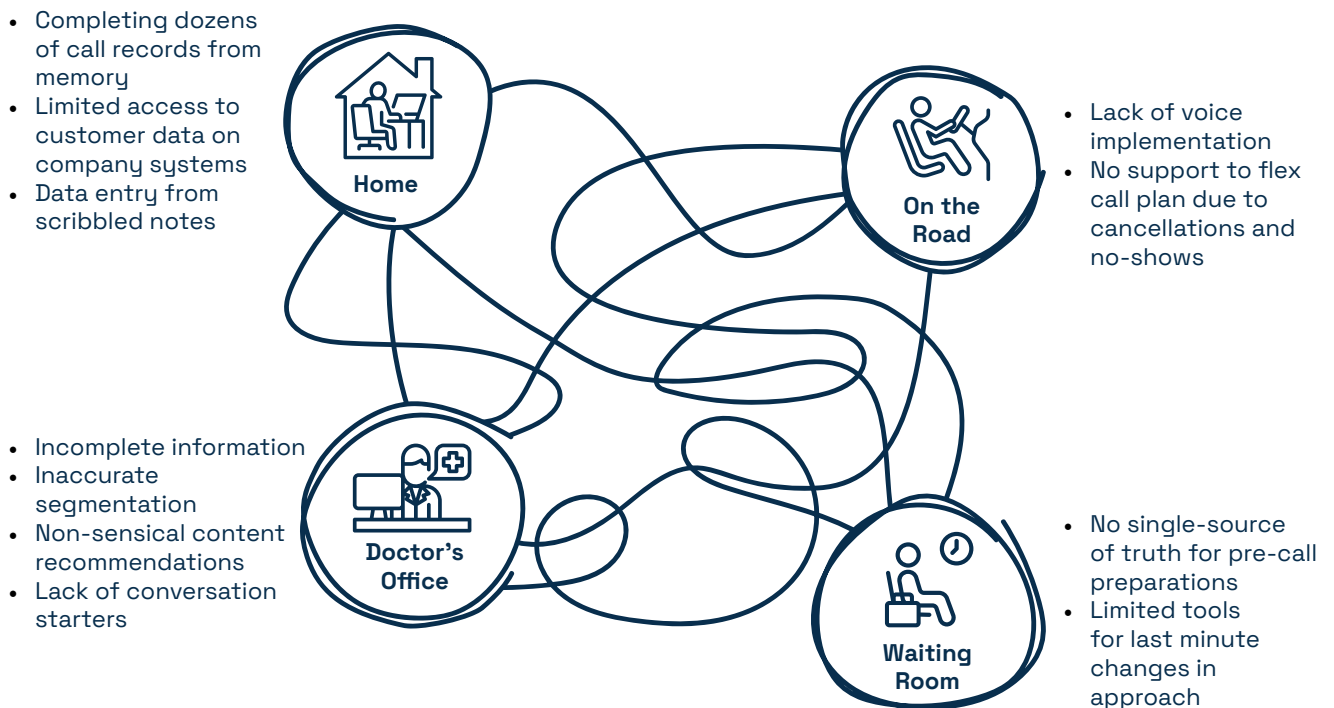
The Pain Points

CRMs Positioned as Centralized Data Repositories

Most CRM companies think of their solutions and products as the one and only ecosystem a pharma company should need for their end-to-end customer engagement. As a result, insights- or AI- solutions that come bundled with CRM suites rarely produce actionable insights and often struggle to incorporate external data-sources or harness other internal data sources that offer insights on HCPs and healthcare organizations (HCOs) such as medical-, stock-, pricing-, supply- and contract- databases.

Ask your analysts and Commercial Excellence teams how often they use these integrated tools for more than just extracting call data to analyze in their own software in a much wider context - As in many similar IT situations, modularity, clean open architecture and strong internal data capabilities yield a more versatile and robust base for insights generation than any monolithic platform.

Customer Engagement Planning Inaccurate Insights

CRMs serve as a cheat sheet for reps, holding essential details from previous interactions—opinions, observations, and materials shared with customers. When properly configured, they can also track customer reactions to shared content. Additionally, CRMs often integrate persona-based or behavioral segmentation models developed by the marketing team to classify HCPs into predefined categories. These segments guide reps on recommended content, conversation starters, and even objection handling strategies.

However, these advanced functions frequently fall short due to flawed segmentation models. When the underlying modeling fails to accurately reflect customer behaviors or preferences, the insights provided by the CRM become misleading or irrelevant. This can lead to missed opportunities or unproductive engagements, as reps rely on outdated or overly simplistic assumptions about their customers. Inaccurate segmentation results in less effective customer engagement, making it harder for reps to build meaningful connections and deliver impactful, personalized interactions.

Compliance Management: Risky Manual Processes

CRMs help commercial teams to ensure adherence to industry regulations and guidelines through integrated compliance checks and documentation from snacks at HCP small group meetings to conference sponsorships. While these in-built tools in the CRM are a boon to companies to manage and reduce risk exposure, compliance tracking often involves manual updates and checks, which can be burdensome for users and prone to human error. Automated compliance features are available but underutilized in most teams, leading to inefficiencies and increased risk of non-compliance.

The Ripple Effect:
Ineffective Customer Engagement

How often do commercial teams express full confidence in the recommendations generated by their CRM's insights engine?

Once skepticism sets in and teams become accustomed to dismissing inaccurate AI recommendations based on flawed data, it becomes incredibly difficult to rebuild trust. Poor recommendations not only waste reps' time, but also lead to ineffective customer engagement. Instead of delivering tailored, insightful suggestions, the AI may push irrelevant or outdated information, leaving reps to rely on instinct or manual research.

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This ripple effect can be costly. Reps start disengaging from the CRM system altogether, viewing it as a burden rather than a resource. Over time, poor AI recommendations lead to missed opportunities, unproductive meetings, and a lack of meaningful engagement with HCPs. This cycle perpetuates itself: as reps lose faith in the system, they stop inputting accurate data, further degrading the quality of the recommendations.

Pharma companies can't afford this disconnect.

The CRM, embedded in the right data and AI ecosystem can be the engine that drives data-driven, personalized customer interactions at the highest level. When AI is correctly implemented and backed by clean, high-quality data, it becomes a trusted advisor, helping reps understand customer preferences, anticipate needs, and deliver the right message at the right time. But to get there, the CRM system must be continuously maintained and refined, and teams need to be trained to trust and engage with the insights it provides.

Only then can companies transform their customer engagement from reactive to proactive, from fragmented to strategic.

Solution: Empower your Reps – Make AI Available and Relevant to Them!

Imagine this: in the 2010 movie, Love and Other Drugs, Jake Gyllenhaal's character embodies the archetypal pharma rep—charming, relentless, and laser-focused on persuading doctors to prescribe his drug. What the movie doesn't show, though, is the reality of reps today: sitting in their cars between appointments, hunched over laptops, tediously updating CRM systems, or typing up notes from meetings.

The truth is, no rep signs up for the job to drown in administrative tasks—they want to spend their energy uncovering why doctors aren't prescribing their products and addressing those concerns in their limited, high-impact face time.

Fast forward to today, where the rise of AI is radically transforming this reality. Take a moment to picture what a typical week for a pharma rep looks like today: juggling hectic meeting schedules, manually inputting data into CRM systems, analyzing market trends on the fly, and scrambling to identify barriers to prescription. The admin work eats up precious hours, leaving less time for real, meaningful interactions with HCPs.

Imagine a world where AI is not just an assistant but a personal strategist for sales reps. Instead of spending hours preparing for meetings or managing CRM updates, AI systems track and analyze every interaction in real-time. Conversations are synthesized, barriers to prescriptions are flagged, and AI anticipates potential questions from doctors based on past interactions.

Missing information?

The system prompts the rep to provide it at the right time, ensuring human oversight when necessary. In this world, reps walk into meetings fully prepared with actionable insights—knowing exactly what's hindering prescriptions and receiving tailored suggestions to address these challenges.

The result? More effective conversations, stronger relationships, and better outcomes for patients, doctors, and the business.
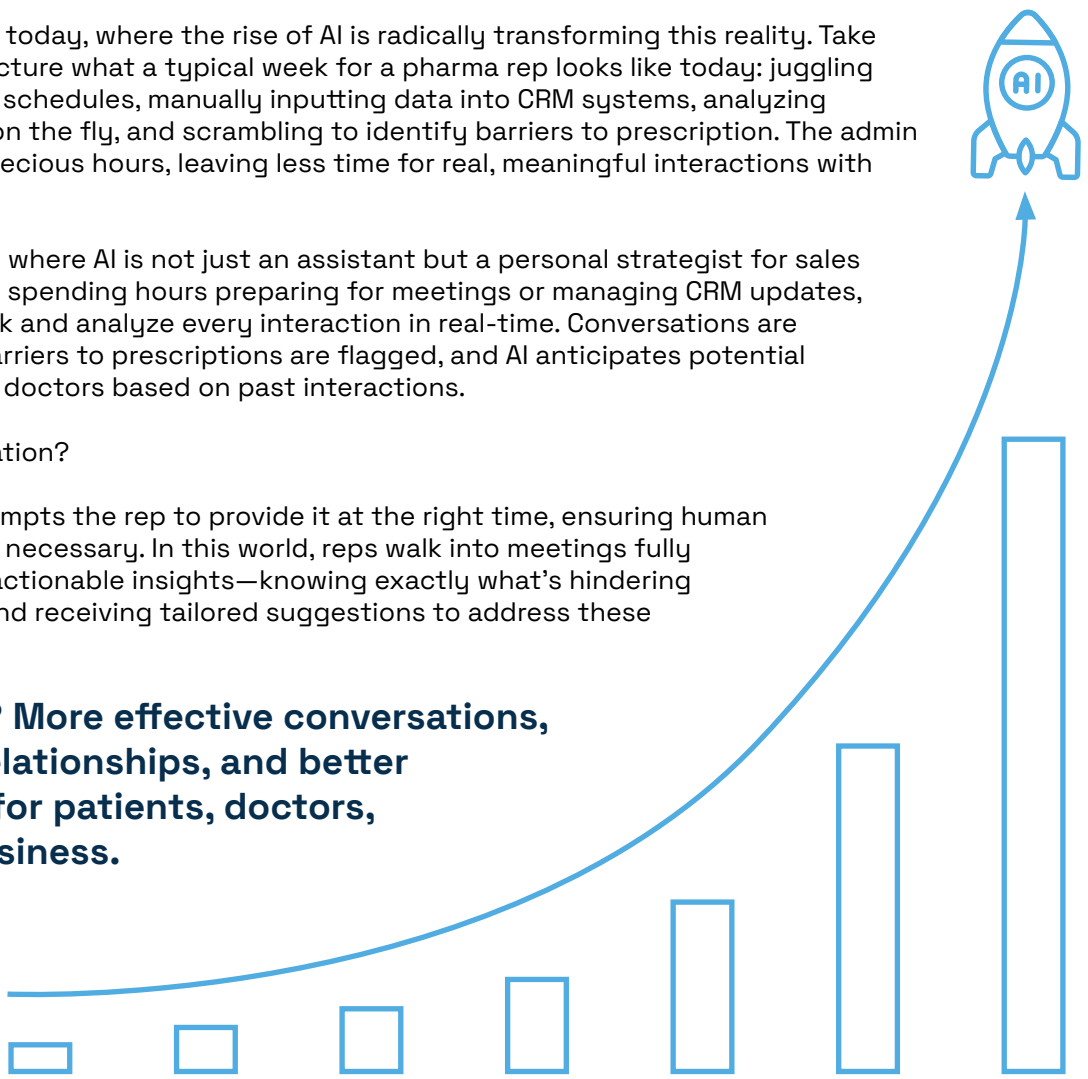
This transformation isn't theoretical—it's happening now. Let's look at some practical, immediately applicable AI-driven use cases that can revolutionize HCP engagement:

APPLICATION	TACTICAL USE CASE	EXPECTED OUTCOMES	SCENARIO EXAMPLE
HCP data interpretation and insights generation	Provide a 360-degree overview of HCPs with structured information on past interactions, sentiments from call notes, and content.	Enhanced understanding of HCP preferences, leading to improved decision-making more personalized engagements and deeper relationships.	A top performing field team reviews 360-degree HCP profiles assembled from Internal activity to conference and webinar participation, publication and social media footprint to set machine-assisted tailored engagement plans for hundreds of doctors across several personalized touch points over a month-long period.
Behavioral/attitudinal barrier identification and optimal content recommendation	Identify potential barriers in HCP adoption and recommend tailored content allowing the rep to address them.	Increased HCP adoption of promoted products and sustained adoption of new treatment paradigms.	The system picks up a signal from call notes and their social listening platform pointing to concerns about a drug's side effects in a sizable customer segment and suggests content fueling a targeted campaign that empower reps to address their customers concerns.
Meeting preparation and conversation simulation	The AI co-pilot takes the role of the HCP that the rep is going to meet soon and the rep can prepare for the questions by interacting with the bot.	More productive meetings, better HCP engagement, and more effective information exchange.	A rep who last met with the doctor 2 months ago wants to refresh her memory before the meeting and uses the tool to 'warm-up' and tweak her messages as a result of 'sparring' with the AI.
AI-powered email personalization	Automatically generate tailored email content for HCP segments based on their specialties, past interactions, and preferences.	Higher email open rates, increased engagement, more effective information dissemination.	A pharmaceutical company targets cardiologists with a new drug for hypertension. The AI pre-writes personalized emails based on each HCP's previous prescribing behavior, clinical trial involvement, and known patient demographics, ready for the rep to customize and send in a heartbeat.
AI-assisted Key Opinion Leader (KOL) identification	Use AI to analyze publications, social media, and conference data to identify emerging KOLs in specific therapeutic areas in their early stages.	Earlier engagement with influential HCPs, more strategic relationship building.	AI identifies an up-and-coming rheumatologist who has yet to publish influential papers on autoimmune diseases but amassed a substantial following across professional HCP forums and Social Media. The company initiates contact early, involving the HCP in advisory boards and clinical trials, leading to an established strong partnership by the time his publications gain the attention of the wider pharma community.
Automated compliance checking	Auto-monitor call notes for compliance hitches and assist the rep in correcting them.	Reduced risk of non-compliance, faster approval process, decreased legal exposure.	AI analyzes the call notes made by the rep to prompt the rep towards potential compliance-oriented breaches - e.g. "Your notes contain possible compliance flags - please review highlighted passages and suggestions before submitting your note!".
Sentiment analysis and early warning systems	Set up a social- and professional media listening platform to identify signals specific to critical attitude and sentiment changes in key customer segments.	Early detection of issues or opportunities, more informed, agile strategy adjustments.	After a new product launch, the AI detects a negative sentiment trend among a group of endocrinologists (screening a combination of internal and external data sources). The marketing team intervenes with additional educational outreach and targeted communication, reversing the sentiment and improving the product's reception.

Figure 2 – Critical AI use cases for pharma companies

These use cases represent a fundamental shift in how pharma reps engage with the HCPs, moving beyond administrative tasks to more meaningful, data-rich interactions. By automating repetitive activities and providing actionable insights, AI enables reps to focus on what truly matters.

Lynx Analytics has already started implementing some of these use cases across different regions for several pharma companies, integrating internal CRM data with external sources—such as clinical publications, conference participation, and social media engagement—to create 360-degree HCP profiles. These insights, summarized using LLMs, equip reps with actionable recommendations that transform their interactions with HCPs.

In the U.S., a deployment of the HCP Co-Pilot tool to provide reps with a comprehensive view of each HCP's past interactions, prescribing patterns, and relevant market insights is delivering strong results. With these holistic profiles at their fingertips, reps were able to engage more effectively, addressing specific concerns and barriers proactively. The tool flagged hesitation among several HCPs about a new product, identifying key concerns related to side effects and adoption. Rather than simply reporting these findings, the tool recommended curated content, including clinical studies and patient success stories, enabling reps to engage in data-driven conversations.

This deployment led to an 85% adoption rate of AI-driven recommendations, contributing to a 15% increase in prescriptions within six months. Additionally, 30% less time was spent on administrative work, giving reps more time for meaningful interactions.

In Europe, Lynx Analytics introduced an interactive analytics platform that enabled reps to tailor their conversations during meetings using real-time drill-down insights. The platform integrated internal and external data, including meeting history, conference participation, and publication records. With LLM-powered summarization tools, reps and marketers can adapt their messaging quickly to address the HCPs' emerging concerns and preferences.

This improved response times by 40%, elevated HCP satisfaction scores by 15%, and led to a 10% increase in product adoption within three months in the targeted bricks, across HCPs, as measured by brick sales data and surveys.

In another deployment, AI-driven email personalization tools enhanced outreach efforts by crafting tailored communications based on each HCP's behavior, interaction history, and content preferences. After the deployment, personalized emails generated a 30% higher open rate, with HCP satisfaction increasing by 10% within the first quarter. These tools ensured that reps were delivering precisely the information HCPs valued, resulting in deeper engagement and trust. These deployments exemplify how AI solutions go beyond theoretical promises. By offering real-time insights, predictive recommendations, and tailored messaging, these tools have delivered measurable improvements in prescription growth, HCP satisfaction, and rep productivity. Reps are now empowered to move beyond administrative tasks, focusing instead on strategic, data-driven conversations that build long-term relationships and drive better outcomes for both HCPs and patients.

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By embracing AI, reps can move from being product-centric salespeople to strategic partners for HCPs, offering value that extends beyond the product to deeper insights and solutions tailored to each HCP's unique practice. In this new landscape, AI doesn't just support reps—it transforms them into empowered, insight-driven professionals who can anticipate needs, overcome challenges, and deliver better outcomes for both HCPs and their patients.

Where to Start?
The "AI & LLM Use Case Garden"

Pharma companies should invest in what we call an "AI & LLM Use Case Garden." This concept highlights the importance of nurturing and developing a portfolio of AI/ML use cases, much like cultivating a garden.

Just as plants need ongoing care, attention, and resources to thrive, an organization's AI initiatives require continuous investment and refinement. Over time, this garden grows into a robust ecosystem of AI solutions that span the entire pharma value chain—from R&D and Medical Affairs to regulatory, supply chain, and sales functions.

A key element of this ecosystem is the integration of both internal and external datasets.

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While internal data such as CRM records, compliance data, and call notes provide a strong foundation, it is the incorporation of external data that truly enhances the effectiveness of these AI solutions. External sources like an HCP's digital footprint (e.g., online behavior, engagement with medical content), social listening activities (i.e. insights from public sentiment and discourse on social media or forums), and patient support interactions (e.g. data from patient portals, support groups, or apps) provide a comprehensive, real-world view of HCPs and their environments. These external datasets help create a 360-degree view of HCP behavior, preferences, and market dynamics, enabling companies to sharpen their strategies and craft highly personalized, impactful engagements.

By leveraging both internal and external data streams in tandem with advanced AI models and microservices, pharma companies can build a scalable, interconnected system of applications that address critical business needs.

This garden is not a one-time project but a living, evolving asset that ensures pharma companies stay ahead of industry trends and drive continuous transformation.

A tangible option for pharma companies is to pilot an AI-driven Meeting Preparation tool for ten sales representatives who promote fairly stable brands and who express motivation to use such a tool, over a three-month period. Leveraging existing call records and CRM data, this approach can include a microservice for call analysis, enabling initial HCP profiling and personalized meeting preparation.

MICROSERVICE + USER APPLICATION LAYER

- Chatbot builder
- Campaign builder
- Natural language processor
- Content recommendation system
- Anomaly detection
- Dashboard builder
- Compliance monitoring
- Content screening
- Targeted classification
- Intent classifier
- Call plan analysis
- General classification
- Language translator

AI/LLM LAYER

- GPT4-0/GPT4-0 mini
- Hugging Face transformers
- Azure Cognitive Services
- Gemini API
- Speech-to-text APIs
- Data augmentation tools
- Semantic search APIs
- Entity recognition APIs
- ML algorithms

DATA TYPES

Structured Data
- CRM data
- Digital data
- RX and Payer
- Salesforce automation data
- Compliance data
- Finance datasets

Un-Structured Data
- Market research
- External data
- Call notes
- Personal research
- ...

DYNAMIC USE CASE LIBRARY

- HCP data recording and interpretation
- Barrier identification and content recommendation
- Meeting preparation and conversation simulation
- Email and content personalizer
- KOL identification
- Automated compliance checking
- Sentiment analysis
- Warning systems
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Figure 3 - AI and LLM Use Case Garden

The investment would involve approximately 120 hours of combined effort from data scientists for data integration, 5 hours for training sessions with the reps, and 40 hours of collaboration with stakeholders from sales, IT, and compliance to ensure seamless deployment. By collecting circular feedback from the reps throughout the pilot, companies can assess the tool's effectiveness and determine whether to scale the solution to additional teams. A similar exercise can be done for the other use cases too in order to socialize the outputs and demonstrate effectiveness to the leadership.

In essence, the AI & LLM Use Case Garden serves not just for day-to-day operations but as a long-term strategic asset. By leveraging both internal and external data sources and harnessing cutting-edge technologies, pharma companies can gain a competitive edge, delivering more personalized, compliant, and effective engagements that drive long-term growth and transformation.

Near-Term Value that Your Organization can Unlock:

Data integration and curation

Data onboarding and connectivity, AI-curated meta-data catalogs, data source integration and AI-assisted data quality augmentation make up a critical layer of any use case garden since they directly affect the quality of the use cases that can be supported. The CRM as the most important data source for commercial teams, plays a special role here as success or failure in integration of CRM data into your customer data platform can make or break the whole Go-to-market strategy.

Joint access and free sharing between medical and commercial CRMs have for what seems like forever been a highly contested topic in pharma leadership teams - When extracting cross-functional insights from these systems, often separated by a virtual or physical firewall can be managed in a much more controlled and transparent way by deploying LLM and Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) solutions shielding personal identifiable data and navigating potential conflicts of interest in an automated way.
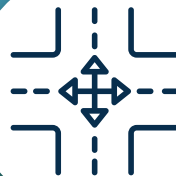
Compliant cross-functional use of field team CRM insights

Elevating the field-team play

Intelligent and highly contextual recommendations and insightful and timely information proactively offered to the rep based on the live input from the Customer Data Platform will transform the way representatives prepare, execute and document customer interactions. Reduced workloads, minimized data entry errors and the next level in customer experience has the potential for a radical upwards shift of commercial rep and field medical productivity while elevating field team employee experience at the same time.

Conclusion: Harnessing Generative AI for a Competitive Edge

The AI & LLM Use Case Garden is far more than a repository of technologies—it is a strategic asset that can transform how pharma companies operate.

By integrating generative AI into their CRM systems, organizations can unlock a new level of insight and engagement across the entire pharma value chain. From enhanced HCP engagement and optimized marketing strategies to improved compliance and better patient outcomes, generative AI provides a comprehensive toolkit to navigate today's complex healthcare landscape.

Investing in generative AI now is not just a forward-thinking strategy—it's a necessity for companies that aim to stay competitive. With AI's ability to analyze and synthesize vast amounts of data, CRM systems can evolve into highly efficient engines for personalized customer engagement. Generative AI enhances customer profiling and engagement strategies by providing dynamic, data-driven recommendations, allowing teams to focus on meaningful interactions rather than routine tasks.
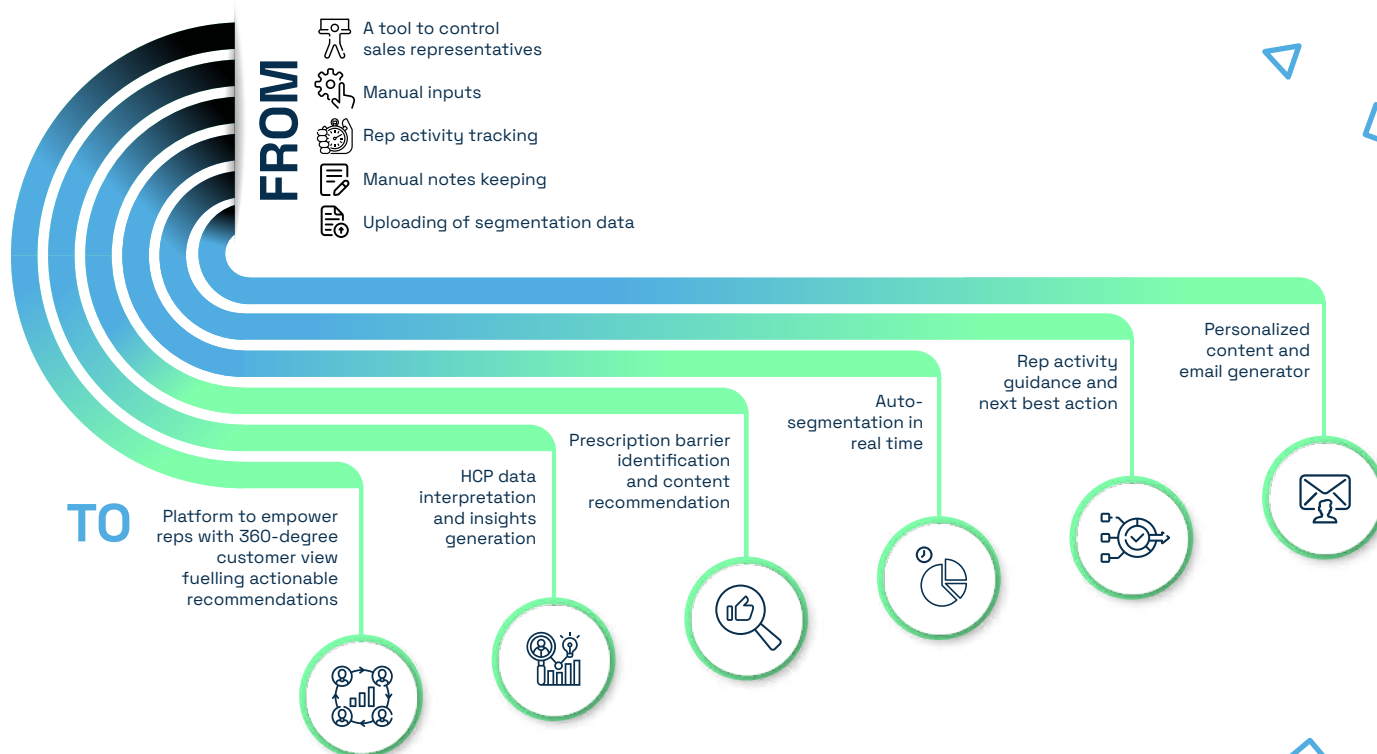
FROM
- A tool to control sales representatives
- Manual inputs
- Rep activity tracking
- Manual notes keeping
- Uploading of segmentation data

TO
- Platform to empower reps with 360-degree customer view fuelling actionable recommendations
- HCP data interpretation and insights generation
- Prescription barrier identification and content recommendation
- Auto-segmentation in real time
- Rep activity guidance and next best action
- Personalized content and email generator

Figure 4 – From traditional stand-alone CRMs to embedded AI-enabled systems

By embracing these technologies, pharma companies will not only increase efficiency but also drive long-term growth, ultimately building stronger relationships with HCPs and delivering better care to patients. The time to invest in generative AI is now, as those who do will position themselves for sustained success in a rapidly changing industry.

Partnering with Lynx Analytics for AI-driven Success

At Lynx Analytics, we understand the unique challenges that pharma companies face in today's rapidly evolving landscape. As a leader in AI-driven data and analytics solutions, we specialize in accelerating pharma's generative AI journey, helping organizations seamlessly integrate AI into their existing systems to drive meaningful business outcomes. With deep expertise in life sciences and AI, Lynx Analytics empowers pharma companies to unlock the full potential of their data and make smarter, faster decisions.

A Unique Approach to Data, Analytics and Generative AI

At the heart of our philosophy is the belief that AI is only as powerful as the data behind it. That's why we take a comprehensive approach to data and analytics, ensuring that companies have access to high-quality, integrated datasets that fuel actionable insights. Our generative AI solutions are designed to break down data silos, enabling real-time analysis and decision-making across the entire pharma value chain. We focus on creating AI models that are adaptable, scalable, and tailored to the specific needs of the life sciences industry—allowing our clients to move from reactive to proactive customer engagement.

Our Areas of Expertise

Lynx Analytics offers a suite of AI-driven tools designed to optimize CRM performance and transform customer interactions. Our solutions empower pharma sales teams by delivering:

360-Degree Customer View: A unified platform that integrates multiple data sources to provide a complete, real-time view of HCPs.

Actionable Recommendations: AI-driven insights that help reps prioritize the right customers and deliver the most relevant information at the optimal time.

HCP Data Interpretation & Insights Generation: Advanced analytics that extract meaning from customer data, providing reps with deep insights into HCP behaviors and preferences.

Prescription Barrier Identification & Content Recommendation: AI tools that flag obstacles to prescriptions and suggest personalized content to overcome these barriers.

Auto-Segmentation in Real-Time: Dynamic customer segmentation that adapts to the latest data, ensuring reps engage HCPs with the most accurate profiles.

Rep Activity Guidance & Next Best Action: AI-driven recommendations that guide reps on their next steps to maximize engagement and sales effectiveness.

Personalized Content & Email Generator: Automated tools that generate personalized communications, allowing reps to deliver targeted messages that resonate with HCPs.

Key Benefits of Creating an LLM Use Case Garden:

Comprehensive Categorization:
The Use Case Garden helps organize AI applications and technical definitions to link to categories like HCP engagement, patient support, and content personalization. This ensures that AI-driven solutions are accessible and built from the bottom up for every need—from meeting preparation to identifying barriers in HCP adoption.

Dynamic and Scalable, Matching Pharma Commercial Realities:
The Use Case Garden evolves with new technologies and emerging market trends. As reps shift from product-centric to strategy-driven conversations, and with more understanding of the rep's persona, this garden ensures they always have the latest tools, best practices, and case studies at their fingertips to maintain competitive advantage.

Tailored to Market and Brand Needs:
Segmented by market, therapeutic area, and brand, the repository ensures that AI-driven solutions are personalized to the specific context of each rep's situation—similar to how AI anticipates potential objections in meetings and provides targeted, data-driven strategies to overcome them.

Adapting to the Reality of Unstructured Data the Reps and HCPs are Working with:
Leveraging AI's ability to analyze unstructured data, the Use Case Garden empowers reps to extract key insights from call notes, emails, and HCP interactions, just as described in earlier use cases where AI identifies barriers or anticipates HCP concerns.

Continuous Feedback and Improvement:
In a world where AI provides real-time feedback to reps, the Use Case Garden incorporates user insights to continuously refine and optimize its repository, ensuring it remains a cutting-edge resource aligned with the latest industry developments.

### Access to Best Practices and Case Studies:
Empower reps to learn from real-world examples of AI in action—whether it's simulating a meeting, flagging compliance issues, or suggesting tailored content. Just as AI preps a rep for a high-stakes meeting by highlighting past interactions, these resources help ensure consistent, successful HCP engagements.

The AI & LLM Use Case Garden doesn't just enable tactical improvements—it provides a scalable infrastructure that transforms reps from product-centric salespeople into strategic partners for HCPs. By embracing these AI-driven solutions, companies can achieve more impactful conversations, deeper HCP connections, and ultimately, better outcomes for both patients and the business.

Proven Results

Our solutions have helped pharma companies drive significant improvements in customer engagement, sales efficiency, and overall business outcomes.

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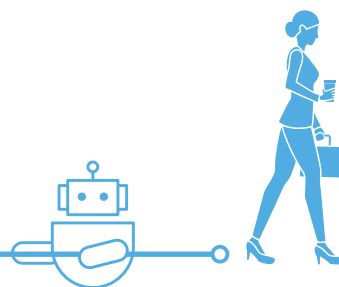
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