



# How Does Your Customer Acquire Your Product (Steps #12, 13 & 18)

### **Class Twelve**

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# Comment

- We are probably ahead of you on the material covered from what you are doing on your project
- This is understood but you should be putting to work the earlier steps and catching up by meeting as a team and deciding what you beachhead market is and then doing a lot of secondary and even more importantly, primary target customer research
- Our class today is not going to be as many steps but they are more subtle and very important
- Keep up with your project and applying the steps if at all possible. Don't fall too far behind.





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# **Primary Customer Research**

- Extremely important
- Keep records
- Continue to discuss
- Spiraling on your persona
- Continually enhancing your persona ... and other foundational elements



 But keep moving for the sake of this class; it is important to go through the full process even if imperfect





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# **This Class**

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# Step #12: Define the Decision Making Unit (DMU)

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# Step #12: Decision Making Unit (DMU)

Define the **DMU (Decision Making Unit)** for the target customer which is the people who will be involved when your product or service is acquired. Carefully define each party and the nature of power in the acquisition process (e.g., economic buyer, influencer, veto power, user, primary, secondary). See example provided.











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# **DMU Example: Helios**



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# Step #13: Map the Process to Acquire a Paying Customer (a/k/a DMP)

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Define the DMP (Decision Making Process) for your product in this market. Map out the various steps with the different players and note the roles and various approval/authority levels for each person. Be sure to understand and be realistic about the time frame involved for each step and give a reasonable (80% certainty) range. Be sure to account for the budgeting process if your product/service requires this. What does this analysis tell you?



# **Example of DMP**

Description of the acquisition process

New project

•Contact CIO to get approval and gain access to internal company specialist

•Contact internal company specialist / green czar / Corporate Facilities Manager to influence Engineer

•Contact design engineer to work together in definition of water system, give specifications, and have them prescribe MWFS

•Contact general contractor and Purchasing to ensure purchase and proper installation

<u>Retrofit</u>

•Contact Facilities Manager and help him sell to Data Center Manager

•If necessary, contact CIO to get approval and gain access to Data Center Manager and internal company specialists

•Contact Facilities Manager / Data Center Manager/ Purchases to ensure purchase of our product and proper installation

New project

Lead generation	Access to influencers	Access to design engineers	Design phase	Construction phase: actual sale to contractor	Installation
1-2 months	2-4 months	2-4 months	6-12 months	12-15 months	1 month

#### Retrofit project

Lead generation	Access to facility manager	Access to influencers	Negotiation with Purchases and Budget Owners	Installation
1.2 months	1.6 months	2.4 months	2.2 months	1 month
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## **Step #18: Map Sales Process**

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Map out your **Sales Process** including channels. It is very important to understand your short, medium and long term sales strategy and vet this with experienced professionals in the industry. This is often overlooked and will have a huge impact on Cost of Customer Acquisition calculation in the next step.





# **Map of Sales Process Example**

### Short Term

Direct Sales (100%)



All end customers w/ focus on strategic accounts in target market

*This would continue until Word of Mouth becomes significant and product is matured and proven. Then as move from demand creation to demand fulfillment ...* 

### Medium Term

• Direct Sales (50%)



Largest customers

Selected Regional Exclusive VARS (50%) Medium and small accounts in target market

This would eventually evolve to more of an online commerce as the product becomes the standard and the product line expands & new markets are tested – estimated in year 3

### Long Term

- Direct Sales (25%)
- Selected Regional Exclusive VARS (40%)
- Thru Web Site & Direct Telemarketing (35%)

Top 50 accounts & new market

Accounts below Top 50 & non-core markets

All customers in core market (with commission to VARS & Direct Sales)





## Step #19: COCA

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# **Introduction to Smart** Scheduling

### • Guest: Chris Moses (Founder & CEO)







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# **Market Segmentation**

	Small Clinics (1—2 Doctors)	Medium Clinics (3-9 doctors)	Large Clinics (10 + doctors)	Hair Salons	Nail Salons	Auto Garages/ Service Dealerships	Optometrists	Chiropractor
End User	<ul> <li>Front office staff</li> <li>Provider</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Front office staff</li> <li>Provider</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Front and back office staff</li> <li>Provider</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Admin</li><li>Hair-dresser</li></ul>	<ul><li>Admin</li><li>Manicurist</li></ul>	<ul><li>Admin</li><li>Dealer staff</li></ul>	<ul><li>Front office staff</li><li>Optometrist</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Front office staff</li> <li>Chiropractor</li> </ul>
Application	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appt.</li> <li>Scheduling</li> </ul>
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Lead Customers	<ul> <li>Specialty/Ch ronic</li> <li>Medicare / Medicaid clinics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Specialty/C hronic</li> <li>Medicare / Medicaid clinics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clinics w/ centralized scheduling</li> <li>Primary care</li> </ul>	Supercuts	<ul> <li>Newbury St         <ul> <li>esque</li> <li>high</li> <li>throughput</li> <li>salons</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Toyota/Hon da/Kia dealerships</li> </ul>	Lens crafters	<ul> <li>High throughput clinics</li> </ul>
Market Size	178,000 practices	60,000 practices	9,600 practices	475,000 salons (2,100 Supercuts)	57,500 nail salons	175,000 businesses	31.000 practices (900 Lens crafters)	49,1000 practices
Competition	<ul> <li>EMR vendors</li> <li>Scheduling software</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EMR vendors</li> <li>Scheduling software</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EMR vendors</li> <li>Scheduling software</li> </ul>	Scheduling software	Scheduling software	Scheduling software	Scheduling software	Scheduling software
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Needs	<ul><li>Easy to use</li><li>Affordable</li></ul>	<ul><li>Easy to use</li><li>Affordable</li></ul>	<ul><li>Easy to use</li><li>Integrated</li></ul>	<ul><li>Easy to use</li><li>Affordable</li></ul>				

Additional segments to consider:

acute vs. chronic clinics, centralized scheduling vs. ad hoc, primary care vs. specialty



# Scheduling Workflow at 4 clinical sites

#### Clinic 1: Large Academic Medical Center (AMC) Pain Clinic (Specialty Clinic)



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Note: Other conversations took place with AMC CIOs & Chief of Staff



### **Beachhead Market:** Primary Care Clinics with Web or Cloud-based EMR

First customers: athenahealth and Primary Care Clinic with Centralized Scheduling



#### Significance:

- athenahealth is an innovative, local cloud-based EMR vendor with 5% market share and willing to take risks to make Boston the healthcare IT capital of the world.
- Large (>10 physicians) primary care clinics need to improve practice operations, improve quality by focusing on care delivery and not on admin practices, and increase revenue

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**Size**: 30,000 clinics currently use athenahealth billing software, rapidly growing segment also using EMR





### **Target Customer:** athenahealth (35,000 clinics)

#### 1. Is the target customer well funded & readily accessible to our sales force?

Yes, athenahealth is a public company growing each year whose management is willing to take risks and wants to develop an innovative healthcare IT ecosystem.

#### 2. Do they have a compelling reason to buy?

Yes, athenahealth is willing to take risks to grow from 5% of market share. In addition, they earn a percentage of practice revenue, therefore if the practice becomes more efficient due to improved scheduling, athenahealth makes more money

#### 3. Can we today, with the help of partners, deliver a whole product?

Yes, by partnering with athenahealth and primary care clinics, we can utilize their live data to develop an algorithm deploy software that potentially integrates with their system

#### 4. Is there entrenched competition that could block us?

• No, there is no "entrenched" competition that focuses on intelligent scheduling. Competition is only from simple scheduling systems currently in use (e.g. legacy idx scheduling software).and academics practicing in this space (Mr. Cronin at MGH).

#### 5. If we win this segment, can we leverage it to enter additional segments?

 Yes, we can move from clinic scheduling into optimizing workflow, predicting referral completion, managing queues (move sick patients to the top), and tailoring resources to high-value or high-risk patients in other clinical settings and practices. In addition, this could be leveraged to other segments, such as denistry, optometry, chiropracters.

#### 6. Can we show results in an acceptable timeframe?

• Yes, differences in practice revenue from a single day or averaged across a week can be compared to historical data. If more patients can be seen per clinic, revenue increases. Furthermore, cloud-based EMR vendors can quickly deploy software in thousands of practices if it works well in pilot clinics.







# **TAM Sizing for Beach Head Market**







### **Customer Profile Moving to Personas**

#### Ashley Clinic Admin

- 24-45 years old, female
- Part time nursing student
- Keeps track of scheduling down in excel sheets for own knowledge
- Worked at PCP clinic for 4 years
- Proficient in Microsoft
   office software
  - Spends 40% of her time scheduling, 10% postcards/mailings, 30% calls, 20% communication with providers

### Dr. Gilligan Clinic Director

40-68 years old

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- Medical school training not supplemented with business education
- Clinical director for 5
   years
- Losing revenue
- Needs more clinic space
- Receiving intense pressure from administration
- Only spends 20% of time on care, admin tasks take up rest of time

### Kevin VP BD, EMR vendor

- 40-50 years old
- MBA, but undergrad CS major
- Attracted to company with cool, entrepreneurial culture
- Company is emerging, but not a leading vendor
- Company's R&D group is overwhelmed and can't handle a major innovation project
- CEO placing pressure to look externally for disruptive solutions



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### Use Case: Administrative Assistant for Large

### **Primary Care Clinic**

### **Clinic Profile:**

- 16,000 encounters/year
- 15 physicians
- Embedded within Large Medical Center
- Cloud-based EMR
- 30% no show problem, some overbooking
- Ashley arrives at 7:30 AM and opens up cloud-based EMR system called cloud clinical system (CCS) which contains our back-end product
- Ashley review s today's automated schedule which has overbooking throughout day
- Clinic opens at 8AM and Ashley receives 5 phone calls right at 8:02 AM (right as clinic opens) with 2 requesting appointments
- She asks patients requesting appointments 3 quick questions and enters into CCS
- CCS computes answers to questions along with drawing up system data and places patients into scheduling template within CCS
- Clinic director stops by and tells her that Medical Center leaders awarded their clinic as a "Clinic to Watch" for improving revenue by 10% and improving patients and provider satisfaction by 6 and 14%, respectively
- Ashley reviews today's appointments and found that only 1 person no-showed and only 1
  providers had two patients arrive at the same time



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### **Decision Making Process**



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### **High Level Product Spec**

Smart Scheduling is a patent-pending software solution to optimize appointment scheduling





### **Quantified Value Proposition:** When too few patients show



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### **Quantified Value Proposition:** When too many patients show



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# Smart Scheduling "Core"

- Operationalizing data mining software in healthcare by accessing large private data sets
- Human "software" vs. algorithm:
  - Technology a small part of the solution
  - Ability to operationalize into clinic workflow is crucial

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- Soft skills (people) attracting people who can speak the language and relate to doctors, admins, nurses, IT people

# **Logical Flow of Course**



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