Case Study: Early Access Strategy
Incorporating market access insight into early assets

Highlights
- Improved early trial design due to inclusion of market access considerations
- Creation of scenario planning for market access facilitated exploration of development trade-offs
- Improved accuracy of new product products

Example: Market Access Risk Mitigation Planning

SITUATION
The head of commercial for a top 20 pharma company was concerned that the adoption for their newly-approved drug were not meeting pre-launch expectations.

The new brand team was tasked with identifying and removing hurdles to reimbursement. The NPP head was charged with determining the reason for the discrepancy between pre-launch guidance and post-launch experience. Artisan was brought into help identify the issues and recommend changes.

ARTISAN APPROACH
A cross-functional team was organized to identify factors driving the difference between pre- and post-launch expectations. Artisan supported the data collection and analysis, and facilitated the overall process. The following issues were identified:

- Development decisions either: a) followed a de-risked pathway, or b) focused on speed to market at the expense of commercial outcomes
- Market access input was not considered until phase 3 design, with input centered around PROs to be included in the pivotal trial
- Recent market access actions and implications were not incorporated into the forecasting process, resulting in inaccurate projections

RESULTS
One recommendation that emerged from the process was that additional market access headcount were to be added, with the following objectives:

- For target indications, identify drug development implications of recent access decisions in key countries (G7)
- Sit on early stage (phase 1b) product teams and provide trial design-related market access insight, such as comparator recommendations, tools and data needed for value demonstration, expected clinical, safety, and patient outcome thresholds, and scenario/risk mitigation planning.

Product teams reported significant trial design improvements after adding market access colleagues.