

# The highlights

At Medforce Connect 2021 commercial excellence and marketing leaders from Europe's top medtech companies meet to exchange ideas and get input for commercial and marketing priorities. Here's what the MedTech leaders/community said that caught our attention this year.

**You can't go from Amazon and Netflix experiences at home to a 20<sup>th</sup> century experience at work**  
 On the need to meet new customer expectations in interactions with healthcare stakeholders

**A remote-only model has proven not to give the needed prescriptions**  
 On arguing for a model that embraces both F2F and digital engagement

**Rep productivity can be increased 2-3 times with remote selling**  
*Boston Consulting Group*

**You have to place different bets**  
 On the need to pilot different things and build a fail-fast culture

**Do I have more revenue than before?**  
 On how to measure effect of omni-channel efforts (it wasn't the only KPI she mentioned)

**We co-create it with the customer**  
**Bill Chambers**  
*Becton Dickinson*  
 On how inside sales teams can help generate sales

**Reps spend too much time not selling**  
 On how technology and automation can reduce time spent on manual data entries and searching for content

**It's how we get there together**  
 On the big potential in millennials encouraging everyone to help them thrive to get most value from their work

**You are special but not unique**  
 On the need for standardization AND customization to meet customer demands while being able to deliver

**Put Marketing in pole position**  
 On how to succeed with a customer centric, data-driven approach

**You need to have Sales and Marketing believe in it**  
 On cross-functional collaboration on key accounts

**Digital was really helpful for patient engagement**  
 On how digital helped patients consult doctors during COVID while being afraid to go to the hospital

**37% of time is spent on revenue generation activities**  
*InsideSales.com*

**We've invested more than ever in AR**  
 On the need to embrace new technologies to improve customer support

**There's nothing worse than amateurish gamification**  
 On the importance of doing training and learning programs in a clever, user-centric way

**Hybrid will be a scale**  
 On the need for an adaptable approach to how reps mix remote and face-to-face engagement

**We don't own a client**  
 On looking at customer-centricity through the right lense

**I need those pioneers**  
 On the opportunity with using early adopters to build best-practices when rolling out new training and sales enablement programs

**If you get crap in the beginning, you get crap in the end**  
 On enabling data-driven customer engagement

**What kind of product features come next?**  
 On the value of partnering and collaborating with university hospitals

**Marketers need to work harder on the product story**  
**Ravinder Dang**  
*Baxter*  
 As some products become commoditized, value-adding support and the right story are key

**We need to educate them that digital goes beyond webinars and Zoom calls**  
 On education sales teams on digitalization and how it enables a more connected customer experience

**9,2 months before a new hire achieves full productivity**  
*CSO Insights*

**They need to be as valuable as physical reps - without the car**  
 On virtual and hybrid rep skills requirements

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