

BREAKOUT SESSION

2:45 PM - 3:35 PM — Prepare Your Playbook to Obtain FDA Approval for Your Laboratory Developed Tests



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***THE TIME IS  
NOW!***

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to Obtain FDA Approval  
for Your Laboratory  
Developed Tests.....***

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WARNING**

# Agenda

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- How did we get here and why? - Jane
- ABC's of compliance – Sheila
- How to operationalize and review financial impact- Valerie
- Summary and Q&A – All

# How Did We Get Here?

## FDA Enforcement Discretion:

- ✓ FDA has been indicating its intent to regulate LDTs for the past two decades.
  - 2006 and 2007: Draft Guidance on In Vitro Multivariate Index Assays, never finalized
  - 2010: Announcement of intent to regulate all LDTs
  - October 2014: Draft Guidance, Framework for Regulatory Oversight of Laboratory Developed Tests
  - January 2017: Discussion Paper on Laboratory Developed Tests
  - [October 3, 2023: Proposed Rule published](#)
  - [April 29, 2024: Final Rule Announced – formal publication expected May 6, 2024](#)

## Legislative Activity:

- ✓ Multiple versions of federal legislation proposed and negotiated, but none enacted
  - 2010 – 2015: Better Evaluation and Treatment Through Essential Regulatory Reform Act (BETTER)
  - 2017: Diagnostic Accuracy and Innovation Act (DAIA)
  - 2018 - 2022: Verifying Accurate, Leading-Edge IVCT Development Act (VALID)
  - 2020 and 2021: Verified Innovative Testing in American Laboratories Act (VITAL)

# LDT Landscape & FDA Enforcement

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## CLIA laboratories & LDTs:

- ✓ FDA plans to regulate nearly all LDTs – 4 year phase-out of LDT “enforcement discretion” ... *unless limited exceptions apply*
  - LDTs = “single-site” IVD devices
  - Clinical laboratory = “manufacturer”
  - Laboratory services” (LDTs) = “medical devices”
- ✓ FDA’s “Quality Management Systems” (QMS) Rule will apply to most labs/ LDTs
  - Jan. 2024 harmonization - FDA adopted [ISO 13485](#) by reference
  - Required for labs in Stages 1 and 3.... *in addition to CLIA!*

## Laboratory SUPPLIERS:

- ✓ FDA already regulates reagents, instruments, software/bioinformatics used in CLIA labs
- ✓ FDA’s March 2024 Warning Letter to Agena Bioscience, Inc.
  - FDA’s LDT Rule “phase in” enforcement timeline does not apply to lab suppliers
  - [FDA WARNING LETTER - Agena Bioscience Inc\\_Mar.21.2024](#)

# The LDT Rule... *now FINAL!*

## Final Rule includes “grandfathering” and limited carve-outs:

- ✓ Unmodified LDTs marketed prior to May 6, 2024 (e.g., no changes in technology, indications for use or diminished performance)
- ✓ LDTs with NYS-CLEP approval/conditional approval/technical exemption (unmodified)
- ✓ LDTs for “unmet need” furnished by health care facilities to patients receiving care in the same facility (no outside samples)
- ✓ LDTs furnished by the VA and DoD and used in blood establishments

## BUT... new FDA requirements apply to virtually ALL LDTs:

- ✓ LDTs marketed before May 6, 2024: Stages 1 & 2, plus FDA QMS requirements for “Records” (make available for FDA inspection); if subsequently “modified” – Stages 1, 2, 3, 4/5
- ✓ NYS-CLEP LDTs – Stages 1, 2 & 3 (includes Records); if modified then Stages 4/5
- ✓ AMCs/hospital labs – Stages 1 & 2, plus FDA QMS requirements for “Records” (make available for FDA inspection); must stay vigilant to determine when LDTs no longer qualify for “unmet need”

## AND... FDA is expanding its enforcement resources using Stage 2 listing requirements

- ✓ Stage 2 “listing” requires submission of “labeling;” will include a summary of supporting performance validation data for FDA review to confirm data supports claims
- ✓ Performance summary will be public; FDA anticipates that competitors will “alert [FDA] to potential problems... which will help direct FDA’s attention to problematic tests”
- ✓ *Virtually all currently marketed LDTs are required to meet FDA Stage 2!*

# Evolving LDT Regulatory Landscape

## FDA's *Final* Timeline for LDT to IVD Transition

- | May 6, 2025  | May 6, 2026  | May 6, 2027  | Nov. 6, 2027  | May 6, 2028  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MDR System (Adverse Event Reporting; Correction/Removal)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registration &amp; Class-based Listing, Labeling (<i>includes summary of performance data</i>) &amp; Investigational Use</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Full QMSR compliance for lab <u>and</u> each LDT</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PMA submissions for “high-risk” LDTs; mandatory on-site inspections</li><li><b>For each LDT</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FDA submissions for “moderate risk” LDTs</li><li><b>For each LDT</b></li></ul> |



# LDT Outlook: CLIA + FDA

## Industry Expectations.

- ✓ Highly disruptive & costly transition for clinical labs
- ✓ Benefits of grandfathering and carve-outs likely limited

## Timing.

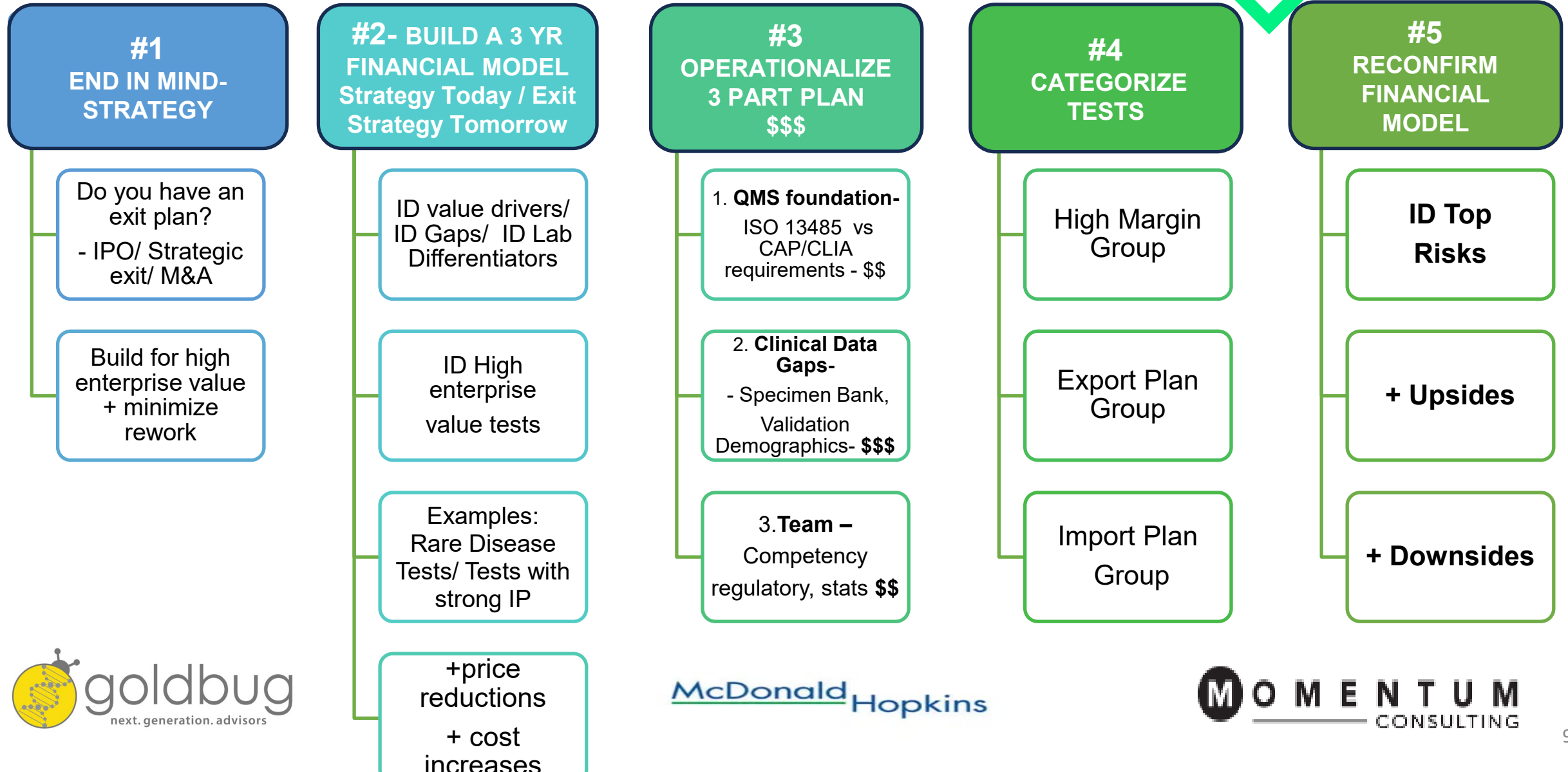
- ✓ ISO 13485 Quality Systems requirements by 2027 + FDA submissions by 2028
- ✓ Lawsuits against FDA may or may not delay the compliance timeline

## FDA Enforcement.

- ✓ Defending the new LDT Rule is a top litigation priority for the federal government
- ✓ FDA may take enforcement actions against lab suppliers...potential additional disruption
- ✓ “Remote Regulatory Assessment” - New! virtual inspection tool enables wider FDA enforcement



# How to Operationalize and Review Financial Impact- 5 part plan



# FDA Survival Tips for CLIA Labs

- ✓ ID your transition gaps
- ✓ Learn your risks
- ✓ Act strategically
- ✓ Anticipate burden
- ✓ Don't delay!

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