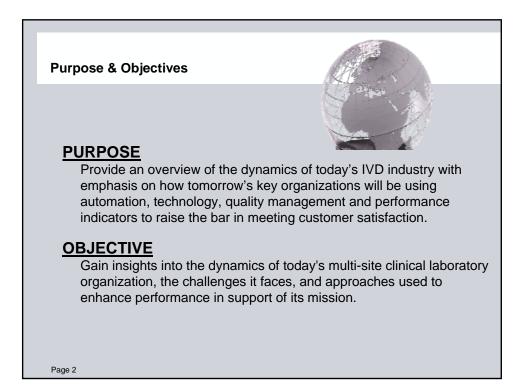
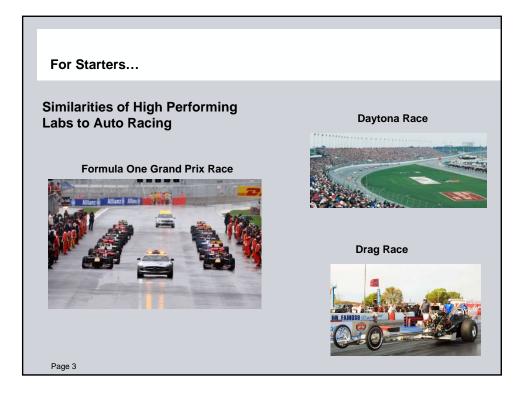
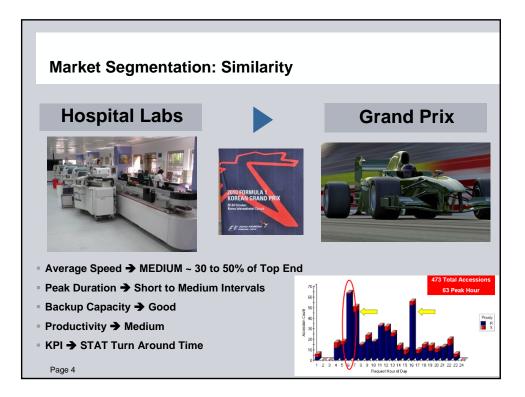
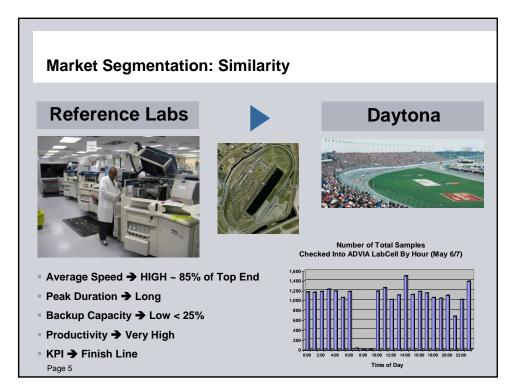
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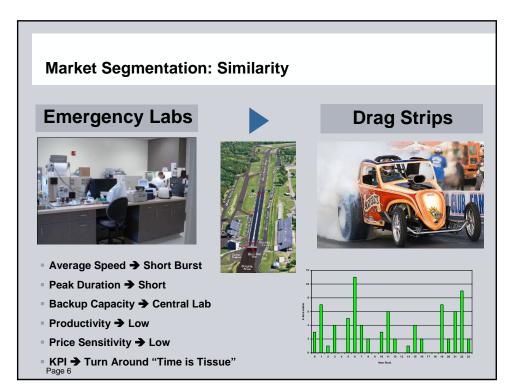




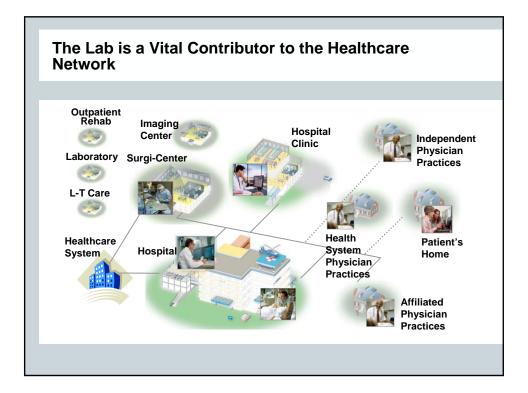


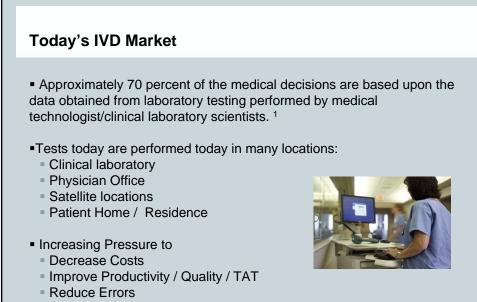






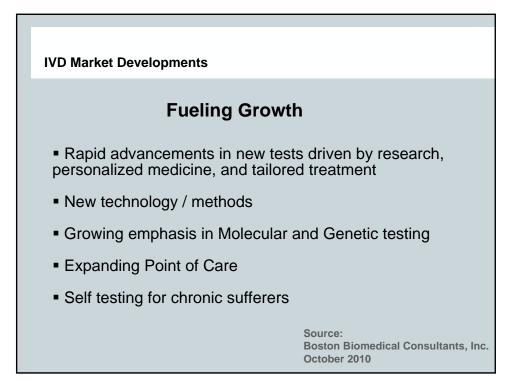




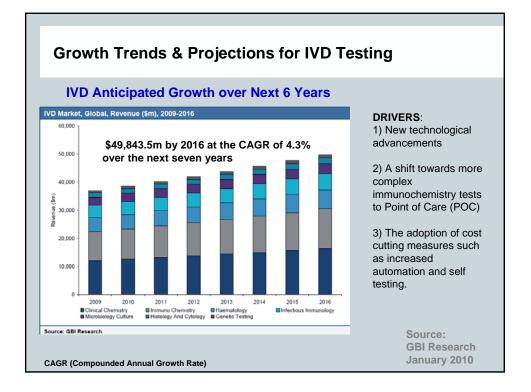


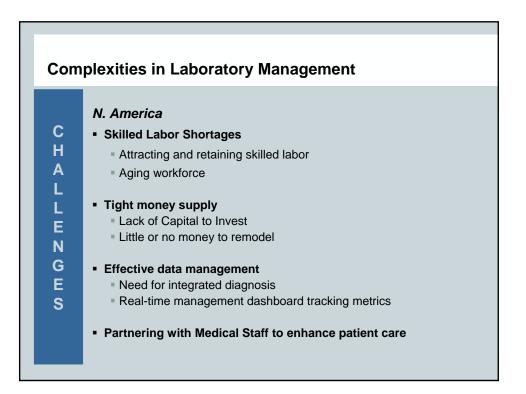
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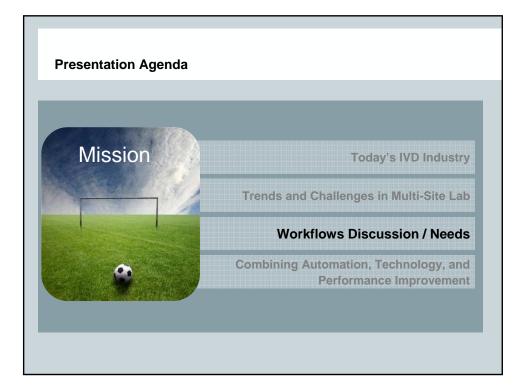


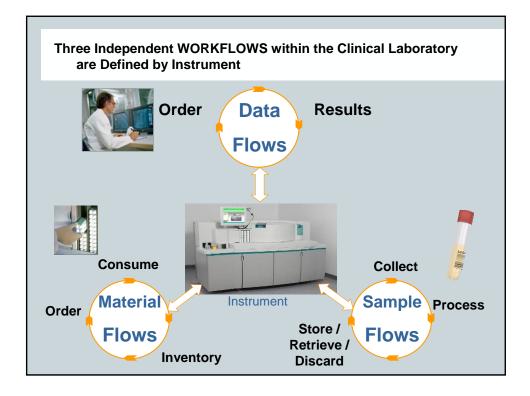


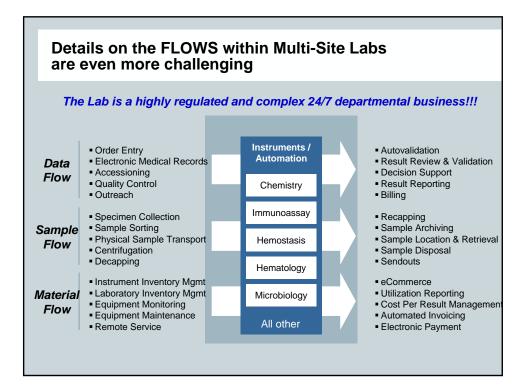




















Example #1 "Denver Health's Response to Rising Cost"

Example Healthcare Innovation:

"A good deal of credit for our success in remaining financially viable this year goes to our **LEAN initiative**, which, through process improvement efforts, has **reduced waste** in every corner of our health care delivery system. Using the principles of LEAN, employees throughout the enterprise joined together in three to five cross-departmental groups twice each month, and focused attention on specific areas in which waste can be removed. In 2009, the initiative gained significant momentum, and \$24 million of the **\$42 million total financial benefit** occurred in this year alone.

One significant source of pride emanating from our transformation project is our unique development of an **internal corps of LEAN Black Belt experts** – the only **one of its kind in the nation**. We have **trained 200 employees**, from surgeons to mid-level managers, in the principles of LEAN. They then look to reduce waste every day in their departments. Black Belt projects accounted for \$8.8 million of the total \$42 million in financial benefit. Source: Denver Health





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