



PM10: Embracing the Fear of Change in an Ever-Changing Industry

Turning Uncertainty into Opportunity

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Agenda

- + Introduction
- + Understanding the Fear in Change
 - Explore how fear manifests during organizational changes in the pharmaceutical industry and its impact on teams.
- + Identifying Organizational Patterns
 - Recognize patterns within organizations that reinforce fear and hinder adaptive change.
- + Strategies to Lead Through Fear
 - Learn effective approaches to reframe fear and lead teams through transformation successfully.
- + Harnessing Fear for Innovation
 - Discover how fear can be transformed into a catalyst for innovation and organizational growth.
- + Conclusion



Introduction

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Embracing the fear of Change

- Pharma is a landscape of constant change
- Innovation brings both opportunity and fear
- Fear is a natural response in high-stakes environments
- This talk explores how fear can become a catalyst for growth





Understanding fear in the context of Change



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The Psychology of Fear

- **Fear Rooted in Uncertainty**
 - Fear arises from cognitive and emotional responses to uncertainty and perceived threats in the workplace environment.
- **Workplace Change Challenges**
 - Changes disrupting routines and skills in pharmaceutical industry intensify fear due to high regulatory and technological demands.
- **Common Psychological Fears**
 - Fear of losing expertise, scrutiny, obsolescence from AI, and uncertainty about change are prevalent in pharma workplaces.
- **Transforming Fear to Support**
 - Recognizing fear enables leaders to provide training, communication, and support to reduce resistance and foster adaptation.

Understanding fear in the context of Change

Why change triggers Fear

- **Disruption of Established Routines**
 - Change disrupts familiar workflows, causing employees to feel uncertain and lose their sense of control.
- **Challenges from New Technologies**
 - Introducing new languages and AI tools can overwhelm experienced staff with unfamiliar syntax and workflows.
- **Psychological Response to Change**
 - Fear of change stems from a natural human desire for stability and competence in professional roles.
- **Empathy in Leadership**
 - Leaders who recognize fears can support teams through change with empathy and strategic preparation.

Understanding fear in the context of Change

Recognizing fear as a Signal

Communication Gaps

- Fear often signals unclear or incomplete messaging
- Indicates need for transparent and frequent updates
- Highlights areas where expectations are misunderstood

Training Needs

- Points to gaps in technical or process knowledge
- Highlights areas requiring skills development
- Suggests the need for confidence-building through coaching

Leadership Support

- Points to where reassurance and guidance are critical
- Emphasizes celebrating progress to reduce resistance
- Suggests reinforcing trust through consistent actions



Strategies for Embracing Change

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Building Confidence through Knowledge

- **Transparent Communication**
 - Open and clear communication about upcoming changes reduces uncertainty and builds employee trust.
- **Pilot Programs and Training**
 - Pilot programs and hands-on training help employees gain familiarity and practical experience with new tools.
- **Mentoring and Support**
 - Real-time mentoring and coaching reinforce learning and increase confidence in using new systems.
- **Sharing Success Stories**
 - Highlighting success stories and demonstrating benefits encourages acceptance and empowerment.

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Fostering a Culture of Curiosity

- **Safe Environment for Experimentation**
 - Encouraging employees to ask questions and learn from failures reduces fear and fosters innovation.
- **Cross-Functional Workshops**
 - Workshops and collaborative learning sessions promote knowledge sharing and spark enthusiasm.
- **Embracing Change through Learning**
 - Normalizing experimentation and continuous learning empowers teams to embrace change confidently.

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Leveraging change as an Opportunity

- **Innovative Process Adoption**

- Adopting innovative processes streamlines operations and improves quality and compliance in pharmaceutical organizations.

- **Automation Benefits**

- Transitioning to automated data pipelines enables teams to focus on higher-level analysis, improving trial reporting speed and accuracy.

- **Employee Engagement in Change**

- Framing change as opportunity motivates employees to support transformation by highlighting efficiency and professional growth.



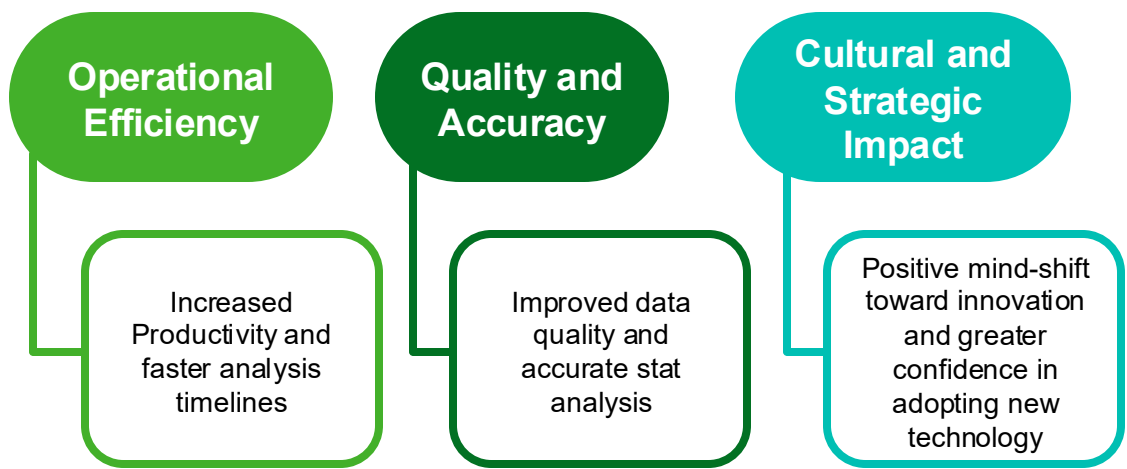
Case Study

Case Study: Turning uncertainty into Opportunity

Situation

- In-house Biostatistical Tool introduced to improve clinical trial data analysis
- Initial skepticism among statistical teams
- Concerns: Loss of Expertise, workflow disruption

Results



Solution

- **Pilot Programs:** Small Scale testing with feedback loops
- **Training and Coaching:** Comprehensive sessions + 1:1 Support
- **Change Champions:** Super users advocating and mentoring peers
- **Leadership Engagement:** Communicated strategic value and celebrated early wins

The implementation of the tool delivered significant benefits across multiple dimensions. Operational efficiency improved as teams achieved faster analysis timelines and higher productivity. Data quality and accuracy also advanced, enabling more reliable statistical outputs. Beyond technical gains, the initiative fostered a cultural shift toward innovation, building confidence in new technologies and strengthening collaboration across teams.



Practical Guidance

Practical Guidance for Leaders and Their Teams





Conclusion

Conclusion: Fear as a Catalyst for Innovation

Fear as a Motivator

Reframing fear as a source of energy motivates innovation and growth within organizations

Learning from Fear

Fear of obsolescence encourages continuous learning and skill development among employees



Risk and Quality Focus

- Fear of failure leads to careful risk assessment and improvements in quality and processes.

Leadership Transparency

- Fear of uncertainty drives leaders to enhance communication transparency and clarity



Any Questions??



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