REIMAGINING HCP ENGAGEMENT:

From Fragmented Touchpoints to Connected Experiences

A Strategic Playbook for Modern CRM Transformation

Introduction

Let's be honest, CRM wasn't built for what you need it to do now. You're using your CRM to document touchpoints, log visits and prepare for calls, but it's not helping you engage the right HCPs, adapt to hybrid models, or prioritize what matters most in real time. And it certainly isn't enabling coordinated action across commercial and medical teams.

Nearly 38% of CRM initiatives struggle due to people-related issues like poor user adoption, lack of training, and resistance to new workflows.

Instead of enabling smarter customer engagement, most systems have become digital filing cabinets—rigid tools for activity tracking and signature capture.

The reality is most pharma organizations are still stuck using CRM the way they did ten years ago. It wasn't designed for today's omnichannel demands. But what if your CRM could become the engine that powers them?

That kind of transformation starts by reframing CRM not as a system of record—but as a Customer Experience Management (CxM) platform that enables dynamic, data-driven engagement.

> **"The role of CRM in life sciences is no longer just about managing contacts and capturing activity, it's about enabling seamless, personalized experiences at scale."**
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> **- Sandy Tammisetty, Conexus Veeva Lead**

This article explores what modern CRM maturity really looks like, the roadblocks life sciences teams face in getting there, and what it takes to shift from a tracking system to a system of action.

Is Your CRM Delivering a Seamless Field Experience?

Most life sciences teams have configured role-specific CRM profiles, but the experience still often falls short. Workflows are clunky. Context is buried. Users waste time hunting for what matters. A system can be customized on paper yet still fail to deliver in practice.

> **The real measure of maturity isn't just system configuration—it's whether each interaction feels intuitive, contextual, and built for action. That's what enables speed, relevance, and ultimately a better HCP experience.**

To get there, teams must stop treating CRM as a digital checklist and start treating it as a front-line experience tool—equipping every role to engage with clarity, speed, and purpose.

> **"It's not just about field reps having access to CRM—it's about making sure what they see is tailored to their role. Give the MSL one dashboard, the rep another. If they're still digging around for insight, the system's failing them."**
> – Anthony Bianciella, Conexus Salesforce Lead

> **"CRM's role is shifting from a system of record to an engine for personalized, coordinated engagement. To keep up with changing HCP expectations, life sciences teams need CRM to act more like a CxM platform—designed for how HCPs actually work today."**
> – Sandy Tammisetty

FROM INSIGHT TO ACTION:

Turning HCP Data into Better Engagement

You're collecting the right data—but is it shaping what happens next?

Modern CRM must move beyond passively storing interactions to actively guiding the **what**, **when**, and **how** of engagement. This means shaping content, timing, and channel based on insight gathered across teams—not just pasting in visit notes or scheduling follow-ups.

Think of CRM as an engagement GPS: adjusting based on real-time data, context, and preferences.

> **"CRM shouldn't just track the past—it should guide the future, where contextual, intelligent systems help reps make the right decisions in real time, not two weeks later."**
> – Sandy Tammisetty

Five Practical Levers to Operationalize Insight

So how do you make that shift—from passive system to intelligent orchestrator?

Start with these five practical levers.

Lever 1: Trigger-Based Messaging

Leverage real-time signals to initiate timely, relevant outreach. When an HCP submits a medical inquiry or interacts with a digital touchpoint, that should trigger a compliant follow-up, whether from medical or commercial teams. The goal isn't just responsiveness, but **precision: acting on what matters, when it matters**.

Lever 2: Persona-Level Preferences

Configure CRM to reflect each HCP's communication preferences—format, cadence, and channel—and ensure those preferences are honored across functions. Tailored communication is about more than personalization—it's about consistency. Coordinating communication across medical, marketing, and commercial teams reinforces a unified voice and prevents overlap. That's how you move from fragmented outreach to a true omnichannel experience where **every touchpoint feels intentional, relevant, and consistent**.

Lever 3: Next-Best Action Models

Guide field teams with intelligent, context-aware recommendations. These models should account for recent engagement, user role, and therapeutic area—but they must also be transparent and editable. Without visibility into the logic, next-best actions become black boxes that erode field confidence. This shift is especially critical in specialized drug markets, where patient populations are small and **every HCP interaction must be intentional**. A current Conexus biopharma client relied on CRM to pinpoint exactly which HCPs to reach, when, and how—based on real-time data around patient location, treatment needs, and rep availability.

Lever 4: AI-Driven Insight Capture and Routing

Use natural language processing to parse and route field insight automatically. Speech-to-text can identify key moments in rep conversations, flag follow-ups for MSLs, auto-log themes, and guide compliant documentation—with minimal manual effort.

> **"Imagine your CRM picks up a question during a call, routes it to the MSL team, and triggers follow-up—all without the rep leaving the platform. That's where we're headed."**
> – Anthony Bianciella

Lever 5: Scheduling and Rescheduling Automation

Connect field discovery to future planning. Too often, insight from a rep call gets buried or ignored. Real-time updates to call plans, cadences, and follow-up timing ensure that insight drives the next move—**turning every interaction into a stepping stone for the next**.

CRM Without Governance Is Just a Digital Filing Cabinet

Even the smartest CRM won't drive results without the right operational backbone. Governance is what ensures data is accessible, trusted, and usable across roles.

Without it, valuable insights sit idle and lost in notes, stuck in outdated systems, or misaligned across functions.

Teams that embed governance into CRM workflows avoid chaos and create systems that evolve with them—learning, adapting, and continuously improving how engagement is delivered.

Effective CRM governance includes:

- **Defined Data Ownership:** Who's responsible for tagging, updating, and validating key data inputs from field teams? Governance starts with accountability.
- **Cross-Functional Feedback Loops:** When new HCP insights are captured, there must be a mechanism to feed that back into the system—updating call plans, triggering content changes, or refining segmentation.
- **Access Controls and Visibility:** Everyone doesn't need to see everything. But everyone should see what's relevant. Governance ensures the right views are configured for the right roles.
- **Versioning and Change Management:** As new AI models or orchestration logic is introduced, governance ensures teams understand what changed, why, and how to adjust.

Making Omnichannel Coordination Real

> **"Too often, reps and digital campaigns are flying blind. CRM should be guiding the next best action across the entire journey—not just tracking what already happened."**
> – Anthony Bianciella

CRM should serve as connective tissue—linking systems, roles, and the intent behind every HCP interaction. Without that coordination, your engagement strategy starts to misfire. One part of the organization moves while another lags or pushes in a different direction.

In many life sciences organizations, this is what we see: A rep follows up in person while medical sends conflicting materials. Marketing pushes new content, unaware that a field visit is scheduled. Each effort has merit—but without shared context, the experience feels fragmented.

A CRM built for true omnichannel coordination enables:

- **A shared engagement view across commercial, medical, and marketing teams**
- **Role-specific access to relevant touchpoints and context**
- **Sequencing logic that keeps timing and messaging aligned across channels**

When every part of your engagement strategy is connected and responsive, HCPs experience your brand as one voice—not many competing ones.

What Life Sciences Teams Should Be Asking Now

A new standard for CRM maturity won't be achieved by sending the most emails or building the most journeys. It will be shaped by the teams that align their people, processes, and platforms to engage smarter—across every HCP touchpoint.

> **"We've spent too long thinking of CRM as a task manager. The future is CxM—where reps are empowered to personalize, adjust, and act in real time."**
> – Sandy Tammisetty

Alignment starts with asking the right questions:

- **Are we configuring CRM to drive action across roles, not just collect data?**
- **Is our HCP insight being translated into tailored, timely engagement?**
- **Are we stuck in fragmented touchpoints, or moving toward coordinated journeys?**
- **Do we have the governance in place to evolve with new AI and data capabilities?**
- **What would it take to move from our current state to something more dynamic?**

Conexus Can Help

At Conexus, these are the conversations we're having every day. Many life sciences teams are asking: Where do we go from here?

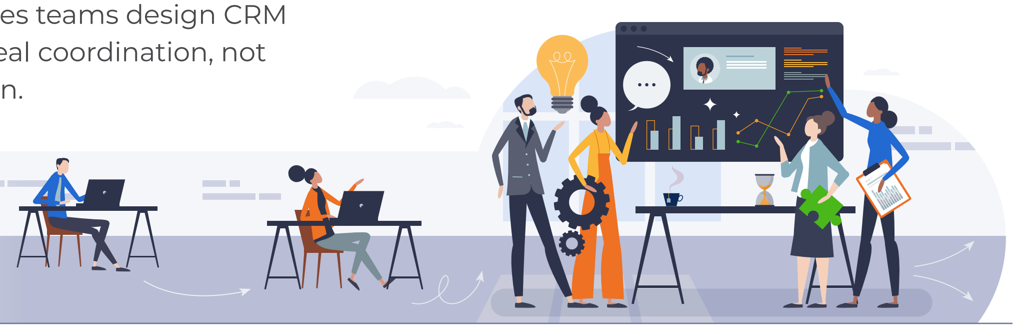
> **"The next wave of CRM isn't about more features—it's about smarter orchestration. When data, systems, and teams are aligned, CRM becomes a launchpad for coordinated, cross-functional engagement."**
> - Anthony Bianciella

In future articles, we'll explore what a practical, forward-looking roadmap actually looks like—from foundational readiness to cross-functional coordination and real-time responsiveness.

Conexus helps life sciences teams design CRM strategies that support real coordination, not just more communication.

We work with you to:

1. **Break down silos** between commercial, medical, and marketing
2. **Align data, content, and outreach** into unified engagement journeys
3. **Configure CRM** to reflect how HCPs actually interact today
4. **Build flexible governance frameworks** that keep insights moving across teams
5. **Prepare for what's next:** AI-enabled orchestration and proactive engagement



Are your systems and strategies aligned to deliver a coordinated customer experience?

Let's shape your CRM strategy together.

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