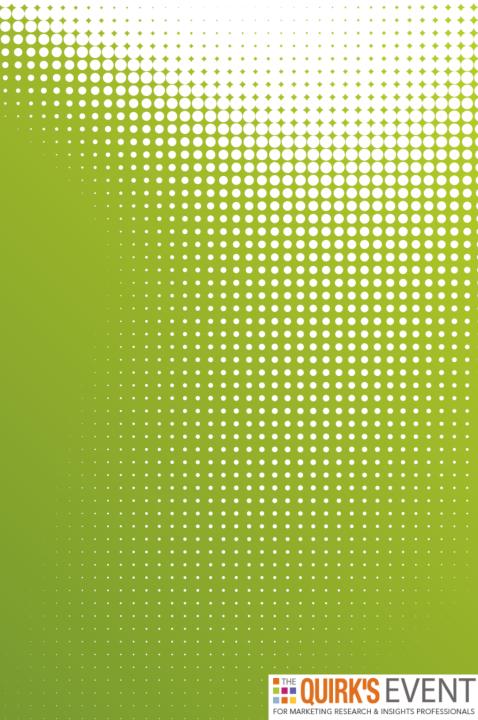
How did the MR&A Team at Quest Diagnostics make tastier burgers during the COVID-19 pandemic?

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6,850+

retail and patient access points

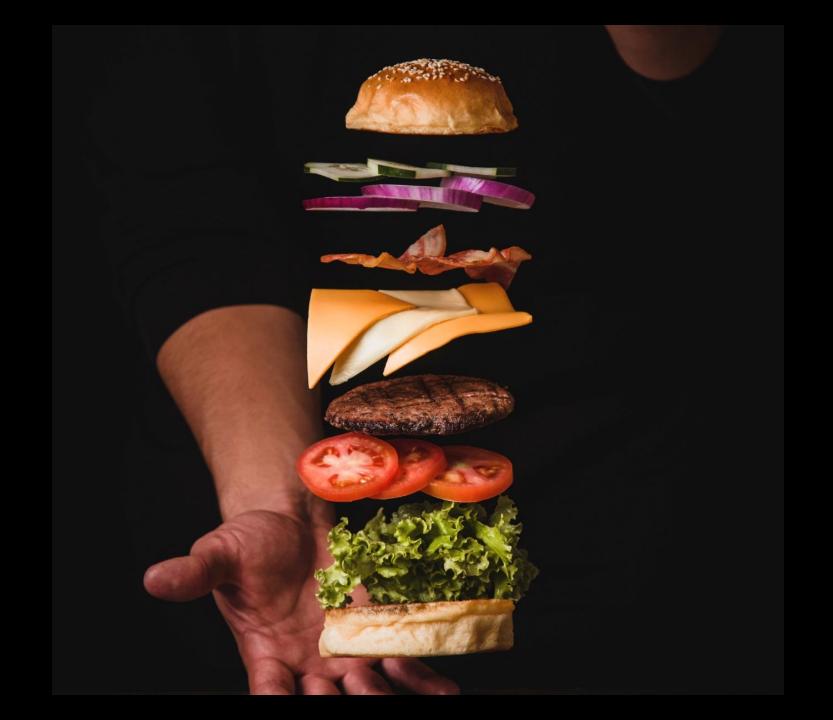


~23,000

phlebotomists, paramedics and health & wellness professionals



~1.8M tests processed perday





#### The New Norm

Establishment of protocols to set the team up for success



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Adaptation to COVID-19 hot issues to meet rising demands

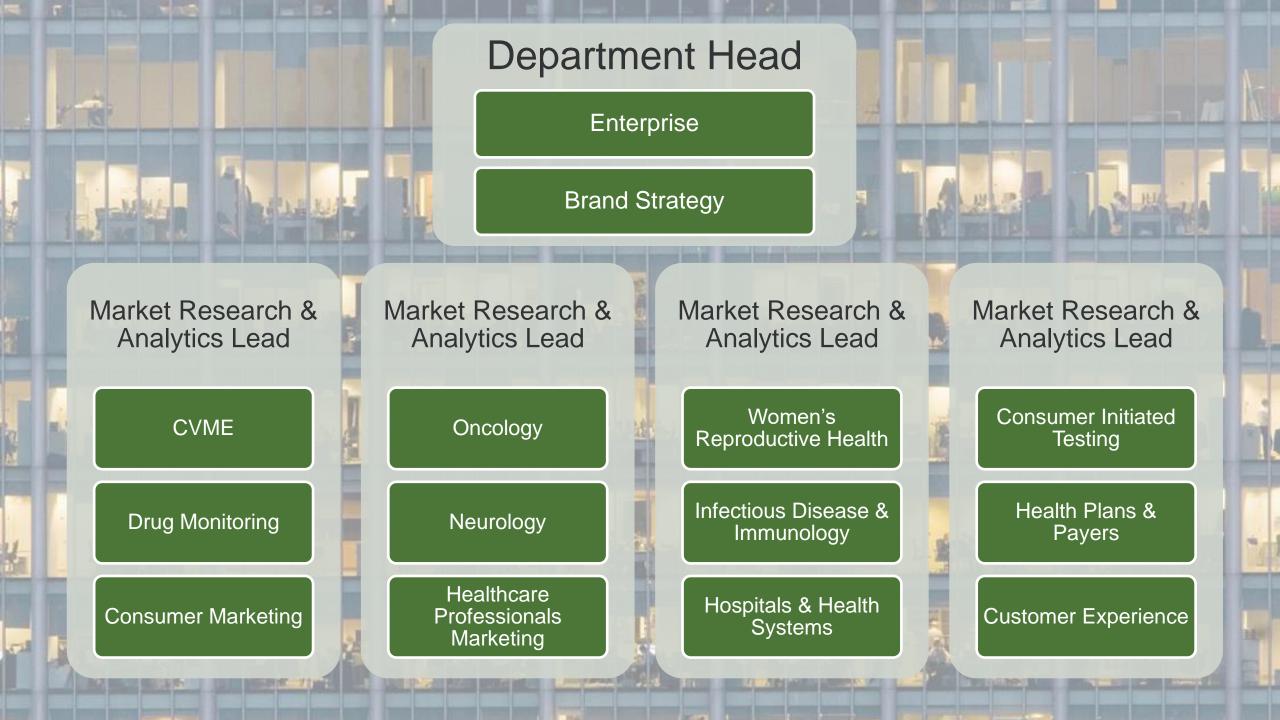
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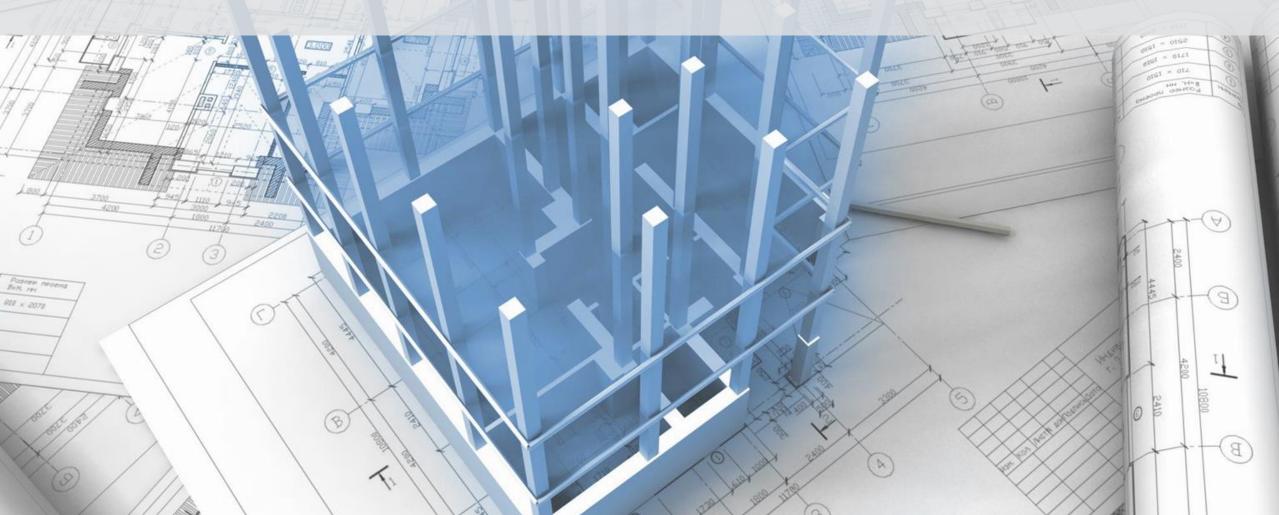
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### Leading strategic initiatives while consulting on tactical objectives

### **Building the foundation**



### COVID-19



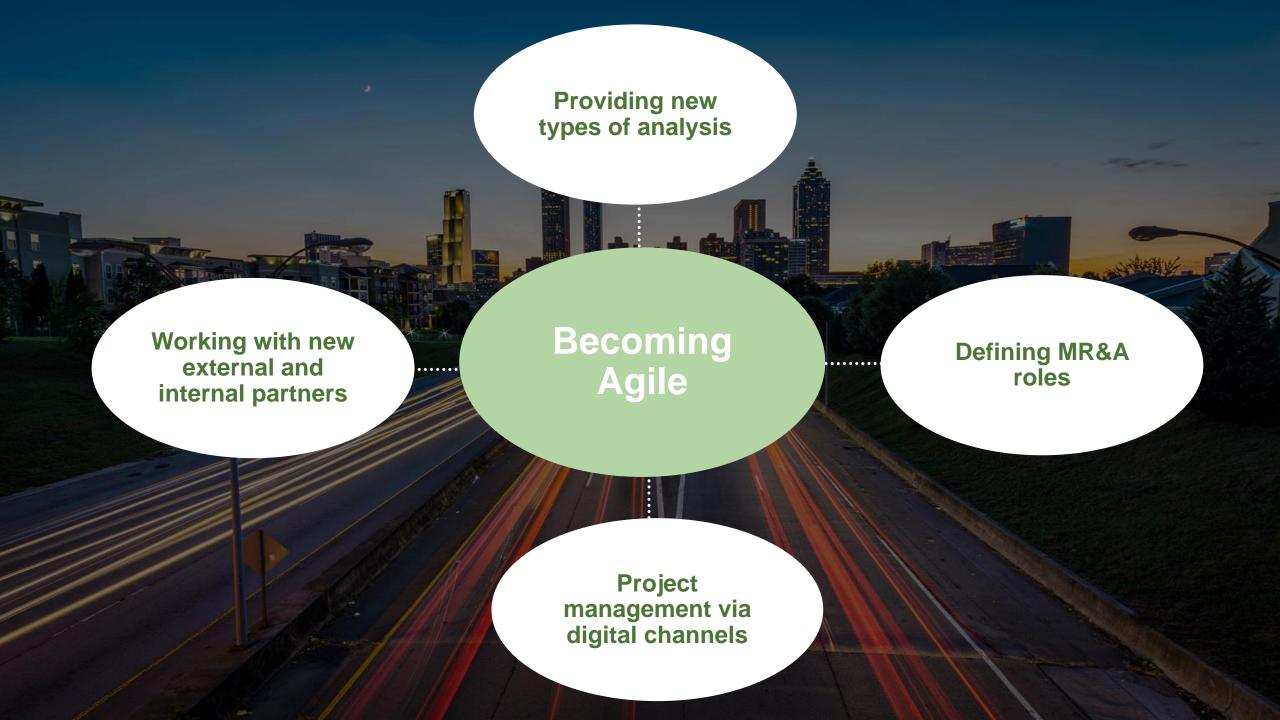
# Immediate acceleration & expansion of demand





Adaptation to COVID-19 hot issues to meet rising demands

# Fighting the fire that was accelerated by COVID-19



# Lowering the heat to build A sustainable process



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## Establishment of protocols to set the team up for success

#### **Establishing Proper Governance to Better Support Our Internal Partners**

#### GOVERNANCE

Organizational charts highlighting each member's coverage areas

**New communication protocol** 

**Vendor selection process** 

**Project tracker** 

## Strategic vs Tactical Research – setting clear expectations for each

#### Strategic research projects

**Types of projects:** Segmentation, ROI, customer journey mapping, market sizing/forecasts, etc

Level of analysis: Precise, answers many questions, often insights can be used by multiple teams across the org, and insights remain relevant/valuable for a long time period

**Budget:** Substantial costs are associated with strategic projects

**Timeline:** Long term projects. (>8weeks)

**Tactical research projects** 

**Types of projects:** Product VOC interviews, consumer and physician product surveys, and third-party research

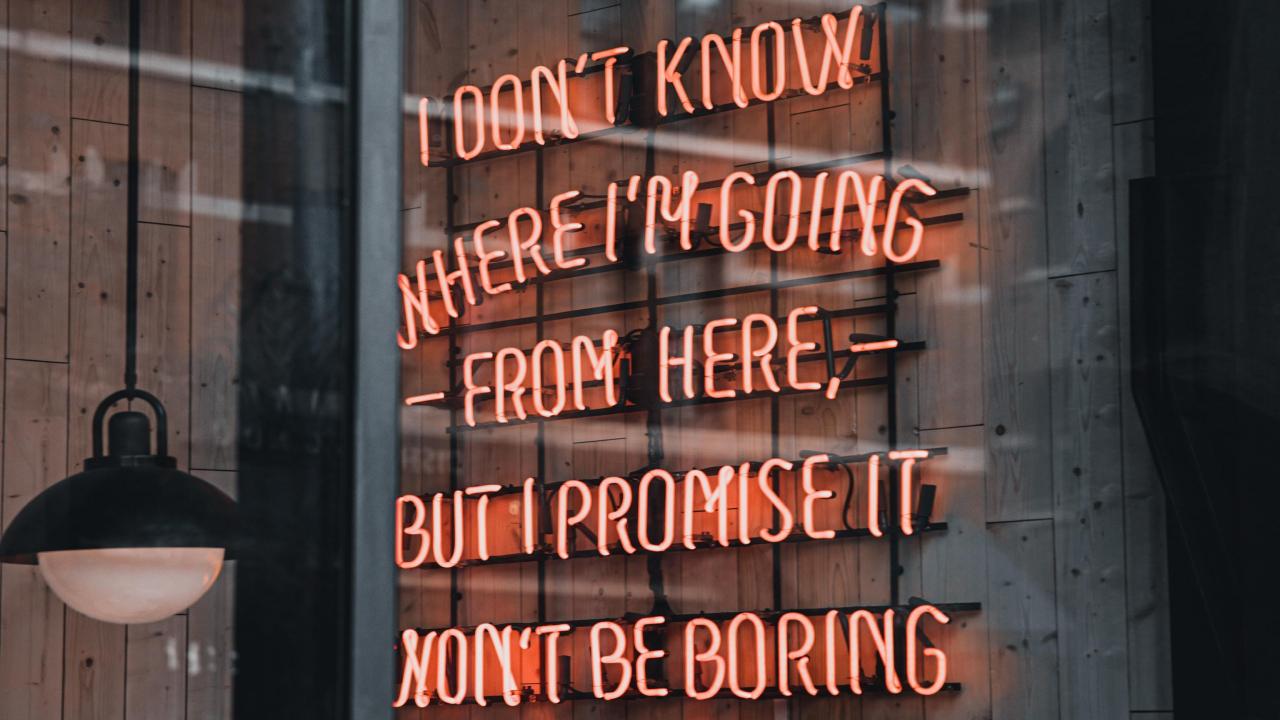
**Level of analysis:** Directional analysis about a product or trend for a specific team. These projects often provide more context about subject areas where data/information is scarce – follow-up research recommended

**Budget:** Costs for tactical projects are much smaller than strategic projects. Teams will often launch many tactical projects over the year while only doing 1 or 2 strategic projects

**Timeline:** Shorter term projects (<8 weeks)







### **Big picture problem solvers...**

High Impact Strategists

Holistic, agile, real-time strategy Drivers during a volatile climate

...."Ask me anything" consultants

#### The Ripple Effect: COVID-19 enabled us to pivot to a new norm

13creased Awareness

We became a trusted and known asset, organically We are included in conversations that we previously were not a part of

Saw the Benefir

We are brought in earlier, at the product vs franchise level

Aroduct Focused

Inclusion + Collaboration = Higher Quality insights and impact

wants and Neegs

Integration of multiple insights sources to drive evidence-based decisions

Single Source of



## **Thank You!**





