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# **Overview of Lean Startups for Life Science/Biotechnology**

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## **Two Lean Startup Pioneers**

Eric Reis

- "A human institution designed to create new products or services under conditions of extreme uncertainty"
- "Works in a company of any size, in any sector or industry"

Steve Blank

- "startups are not versions of larger companies"
- "a startup is a temporary organization in search of a scalable, repeatable, profitable business model"
- Requires different rules, roadmaps, skill sets, and tools to minimize risk and optimize chances for success

### The Lean Startup Process BIO 2016

Sketch out hypotheses (use the scientific method)

Use Business Model Canvas

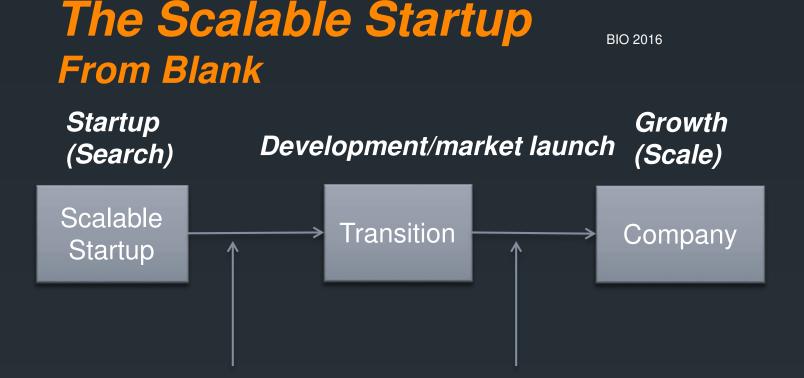
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Discover Develop Pivot Test Hypotheses Listen to Customers!

Short, repeated cycles

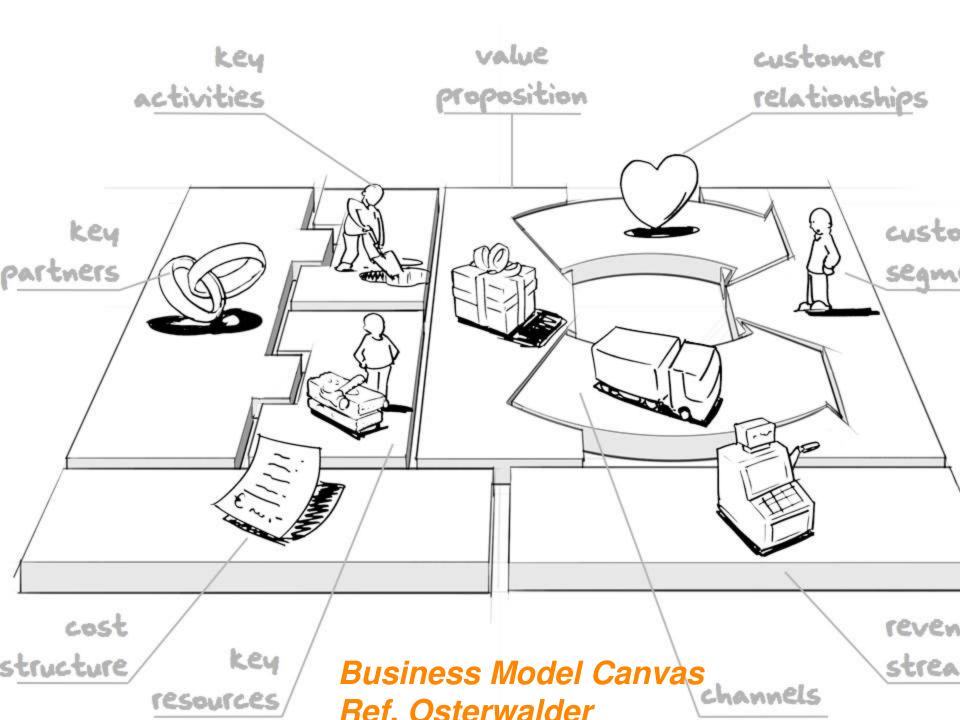
Quick, Responsive Development (agile)

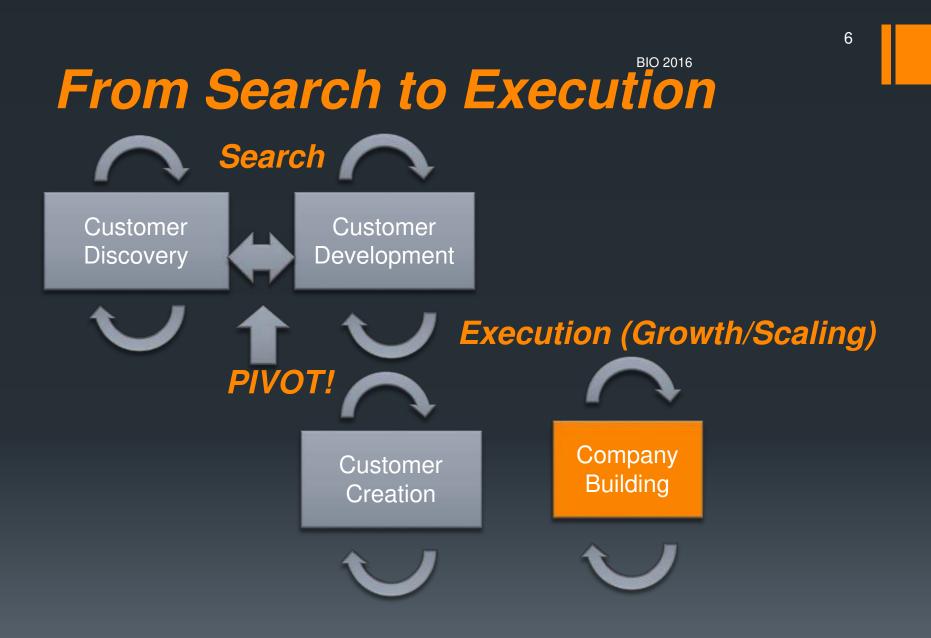
Validate the need, solution and business model (iteratively)



Business Model found<br/>Product/Market fitCash-flow breakeven<br/>ProfitableRepeatable sales model<br/>Manager hiredRapid scale<br/>New Sr. Management

- 150 people





# **Key Principles**

Strategy is business model & hypothesis driven
Use business model canvas for testing critical elements early before spending

Validated, customer-centric learning

- Product and customer selection to validate product/market fit
- Iterative product releases to test MVP
- Supports development of a repeatable and scalable business model

## Lean Biotech Startup

Good science does not necessarily translate into great products

#### <u>VALIDATED CUSTOMER LEARNING IN A MULTI-</u> <u>SIDED MARKET</u>

- The biotech/healthcare business model addresses multiple "customers" → get out of the building!
  - Patient
  - Physician
  - Provider
  - Payer
  - Regulator
- Must validate improved standard of care at acceptable cost

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# Moving Rapidly

#### <u>PIVOTING BASED ON MARKET</u> FEEDBACK – from all constituents

Identify most compelling application/product attributes

Identify most receptive target entry market segments

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## Moving Rapidly and Efficiently in a Regulated Market

- Identify and design 'smart' clinical demonstrations for regulatory and reimbursement issues
- Identify regulatory issues early-on in the startup phase and make that part of the growth strategy for clinical demonstration and market development
  - ISO
  - GMP
  - Reimbursement

## Moving Efficiently in a Multisided Market

#### <u>CAPITAL EFFICIENCY THRU OPEN</u> <u>INNOVATION</u>

- Borrow or lease Cap. Ex.
- Generate revenue via fee-for-service
- Partner (lease business model elements) to offer more value at lower cost
- Non-dilutive capital
- 'Virtual teams' and Accelerators

# Issues in biotech and other healthcare opportunities

Discuss application of lean startup principles

- Devices
- Mobile Health
- Healthcare IT
- Pharma
  - Small molecule
  - Protein