#### Drug Discovery and the Pharmaceutical Industry

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#### The Pharma Value Chain



#### Gene Sequencing



- Human Genome Project
- Library of DNA sequences

# Target ID



- Pick a disease target
- Proteins or mRNA expressed or not

# Target Validation



Involvement of protein

Understand pathways and interactions

#### Lead Discovery



- Evaluate leads
  - Replacing protein?
  - Anti-sense RNA
  - Antibodies
  - Stimulate protein synthesis

#### Pre-Clinical



Animal Tests
 Toxicity
 Efficacy

# Clinical Phase I



- Small group of healthy volunteers (10's)
  - Safety
  - Toxicity
  - Sometimes use target group patients
  - Example of Gleevec (Chronic Myeloid Leukemia)

## Clinical Phases II and III



- Phase II: (100's) of patient population, <u>Phase III</u>: (1000's) of patient population
- Determine
  - Efficacy
  - Dosage
  - Safety
  - Side Effects

# Manufacturing/Distribution



- FDA Approval
- Scale up quantities
- Detailing, advertising, distribution
- Insurance company acceptance (Example of Vioxx)

#### Pharma Value Chain



#### Time Scale



# Benefits of Genomics

- Decreases Cost
- Decreases Time



#### Pharmaceutical Companies



http://www.duke.edu/web/soc142/team2/ shifts.html

## What's the Industry Like Today?

- Time to develop a drug = 10 to 15 years
- Cost to develop a drug
  - □ 2006 = \$1.3 billion
  - 2001 = \$800 million
  - □ 1987 = \$318 million
- Drugs and Biologics approved in 2008 = 31
- Only 2 out of every 10 marketed drug ever return revenues that match or exceed R & D costs
- This year, 2,900 medicines are currently in development

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