Capital Continuum

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What is a VC?



Venture Capital – Investment that is at risk

Why would we do it?

 Expect an greater return in exchange for the risk, typically 7-10x our investment since most investments fail

What do you get?

 Investment capital, access to future capital, counsel and help

What do you give up?

Equity and control



What do Investors Want?

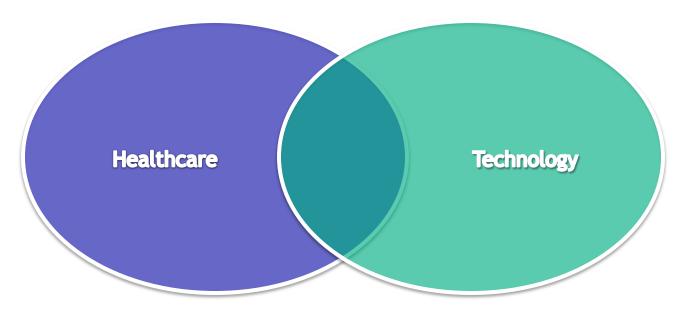
- Only Two things:
 - How do YOU make Money?
 - And How do WE make Money?

BUT

We have to believe you have a strong chance of making money for you and us.



Investment Portfolio















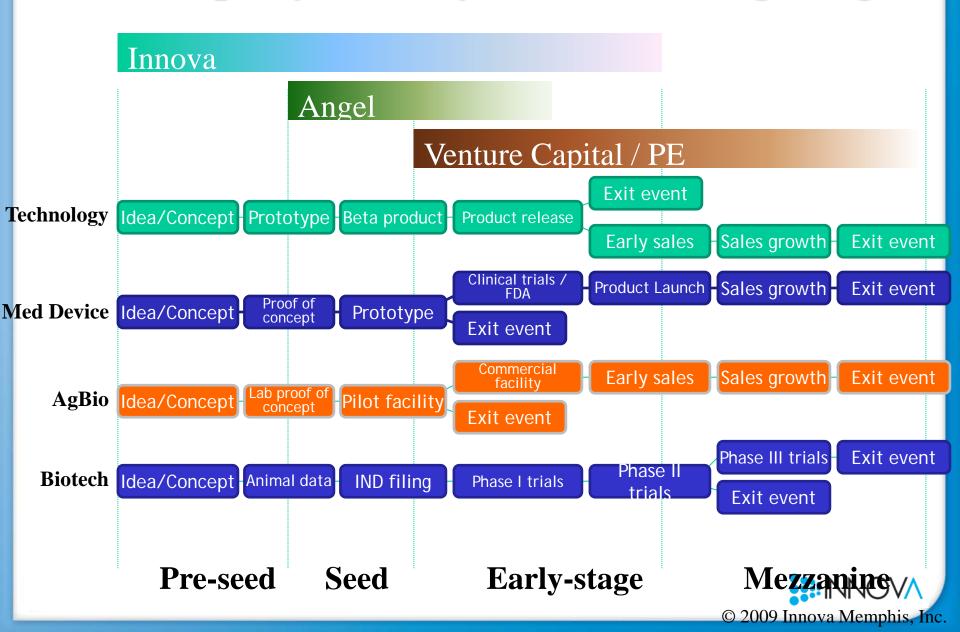


Innova by the Numbers

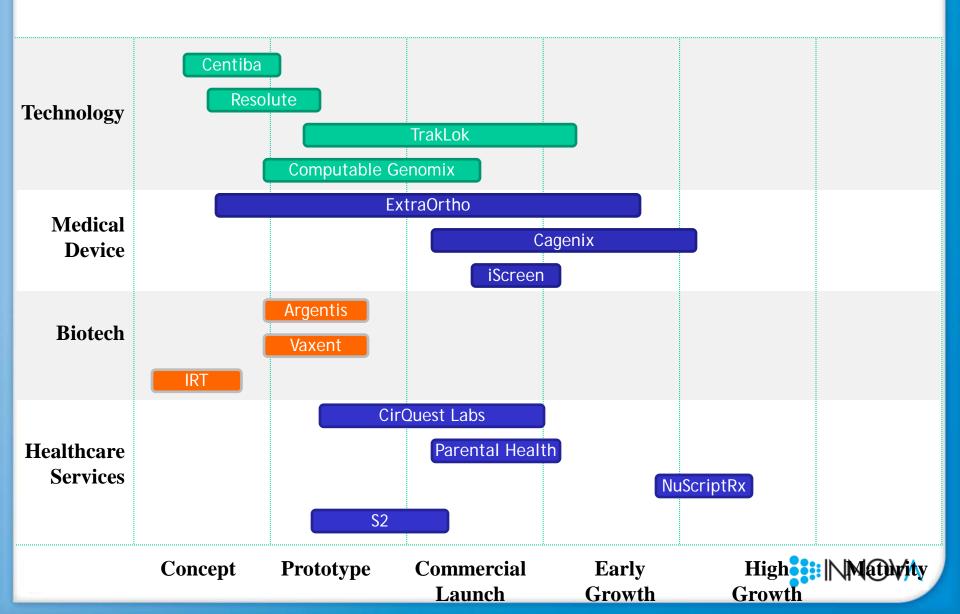
- \$11 million invested in 23 Tennessee-based startup companies from Memphis to Knoxville
- 125+ portfolio company employees
- 96 patents in portfolio companies
- 6 technology transfer deals with local research universities
- 2.7:1 leveraged capital ratio
- Despite being early-stage ventures, these companies had
 \$21 million of revenue in 2011
- 2 successful exits in last 3 years



Company Life Cycle & Funding Stages



Innova Portfolio Stages



How to get Funded



- 1. Think like an Investor
- 2. Research and Prepare a great Business Plan
- 3. Attract a team that's smarter than you are
- 4. Get the correct business and capitalization structure
- 5. Sell the deal to the investor
- 6. Take risks and rebound from mistakes



Think Like an Investor



Who are the investors?

- Three Fs Friends, Family, Fools
- Angel Investors, VCs
- Maybe Banks, but doubtful early on How do they analyze an investment?
- People, Opportunity, Deal Big Risk, Big Return
 Expect to Face Skepticism



What is a Business Plan?



SEVEN compelling arguments!

- I have something UNIQUE product or service
- There is a NEED for it in the market
- There is a big MARKET
- People will BUY it
- I need this much of your MONEY
- Expectations for RETURN on your investment
- Reasons you should BELIEVE me



Valuation



Everybody wants to talk about valuation and equity stake...Not the most important items.

If you own 50% of a company that's worth \$1MM, it's not worth nearly as much as 20% of a company worth \$40MM.

Generally an early stage company will have a valuation of \$500K to \$3MM. Any more than that is just not reasonable.



Deal Structure

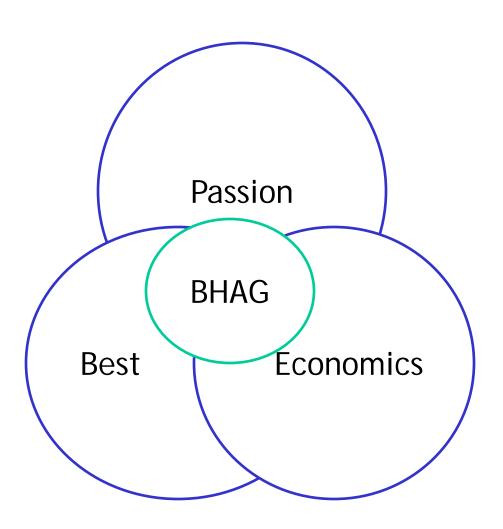


- We can put in \$250K and take 33% of the company and you still own 67%. Then if we build it together, the next round may be \$1MM, but the valuation is \$4.75MM, and you still own 47%.
- We can either do an equity investment, or we can do a convertible note, where we argue over the valuation later.
- Always think about the next round of funding...don't do anything crazy today.











In Summary



Write an Executive Summary...

- In many cases, this is all that gets read
- Above all else, BE INTERESTING!!!
- No more than 3 pages







The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.

- Arthur C. Clarke

