Executive Summary – Q2 2021 HIT / Digital Health Update

Global M&A \$ value of \$1.5 T in Q2 2021 was \$\gamma 113\% on a QoQ basis, and \$\gamma 4x on a YoY basis. Deal count, on a QoQ basis was fla and \$\gamma 18\% on a YoY basis. U.S. M&A \$ value of \$408 Bil was up by \$\gamma 36\% QoQ and \$\gamma 24\% on a YoY basis. Deal count YoY \$\gamma 55\%.
Global Private Placements \$ value in Q2 2021 was $\uparrow 8\%$ on a QoQ basis and $\uparrow 13\%$ on a YoY basis. Deal count, on a QoQ and YoY basis were both up slightly ($\uparrow 3\%$). U.S. Private Placements in Q2 was \$117 Bil. Deal count and \$ volume on a QoQ basis were nominally down ($\downarrow 3\%$) and on a YoY basis deal count was $\uparrow 38\%$ and \$ volume was $\uparrow 105\%$.
U.S. Digital Health M&A total disclosed \$ volume in Q2 was ~\$32 Bil, ↑62% over Q1. Q2 deal count was 102 transactions, a slight decrease from the all time high of Q1 2021 and ↑180% YoY compared to the pandemic quarter of Q2 2020.
For the second time in four years, the Patient Centric category was the most active in a quarter with 30 deals in Q2 2021. Right behind Patient Centric were Spending Analytics and Patient Centric, both reaching their highest level of deals since 2014. As a contrast, Clinical Data deal count decreased ↓77% QoQ from 22 to 5. Total M&A deal count in H1 of 2021 reached all time peak.
U.S. Digital Health Private Placement transaction count stayed flat at 268 deals in Q2, the strongest first two quarters we have seen over the past 6 years. Disclosed dollar investments in NHA's defined N. American Digital Health sector reached an all time quarterly high of \$7.3 Bil in Q2 2021 and was ↑7% over the record Q1 2021 level of \$6.8 Bil.
■ The Patient Centric broad category continued to be the most active area for investments, registering 113 deals or 42% of total Q2 PP deals. The Spending / Revenue Analytics and Provider Centric sectors enjoyed an ↑ in deal counts during Q2, 2021 while the Patient Centric, Productivity Solutions and Clinical Data analytics all experienced a marginal ↓ in deals.
Digital Health stocks entering the U.S. public markets in Q2 2021 took the form of one IPO (Doximity) and two SPACs (Talkspace & 23andMe). As of mid-July, there are at least 4 SPAC deals in the pipeline for the 2 nd half of 2021, but no IPOs publicly planned. All six SPAC deals in the past 3 quarters have experienced declines in their stock prices, once floated.
Novahill's Digital Health Public Comparable Index gained 43% compared to the S&P 500 Index's 38% gain over the latest 12-month period. Of note, the HIT stock index's outperformance was weighted by the exceptional results of 6 stocks (collectively \158%), while the other 20 stocks recorded an average 9% gain over the LTM period (including 10 stocks with negative returns).