Medical Tourism: Marketing To Americans

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Mastering Medical Tourism Marketing - AGENDA

• Marketing – the basics
• Do’s and Don’ts
• Examples
• Cultural Differences

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• **Call to Action**
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• **Match Images / Visuals to the Words**
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• **Transparency**
  – Who, what, where, & how

• **Lead Management**
  – How to convert the prospects to clients?
Marketing? A definition

• Marketing
  – Creating / Sustaining Awareness
  – Generating Leads

• Markets
  – Common groups –
  – For example – cosmetic surgeons, insurance executives, middle aged affluent women – three distinct markets
Sales? A Definition

• Sales – a definition
  – **Behaviors which persuade** and influence customers and consumers to select yours vs. others’ [PRODUCT]
  – **Securing commitment**
• Answering the phone
• Responding to emails
• Five “P’s”
  – Product (Service or “Solution”)
    • All marketing starts here!
  – What are You Selling?
    • Easy to understand
    • Compelling message
    • Words that match the images
Is safety and high standard important for you?

Medicare Partners cooperates only with selected clinics and medical professionals in Poland. What’s more, in Poland, there are binding regulations that allows only certified doctors to work as implantologists and plastic surgeons. They are all bound to have attestation and years of practice in this field. In Poland you are protected by the same legal regulations as in Great Britain. Save up to 60% and obtain better results using our experience and a wide spectrum of treatment, in the range of: cosmetic dermatology, plastic surgery, ophthalmology, dentistry, laser varicose veins treatment and orthopaedy.

Medicare Partners takes care about organizing all formalities, like: cheap flight tickets, medical treatment, a tour guide, a hotel, personal care if needed and all transfers.

What are they selling?

We invite you to Wroclaw, the fourth biggest city in Poland and the most popular destination for health tourism. Just let us know you want to come!

dental implants £660, refractive surgery LASIK £606, tummy tuck £2040, face lift £1930, eyelids £1300, breast enlargement £2190, breast reduction £2700, nose £1680, botox £300, ... see more by clicking on PRICES.
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Marketing 101

• Product = Service
  – What you are selling?

• Cosmetic Surgery / Orthodontics
  – Self Image
  – Price advantage
  – Ease of Access
  – Setting / Location

• “How will you feel at the class reunion?”
Marketing 101

• Five “P’s”
  – Product – what are you selling
  – Price – How much does it cost
  – Placement – Where do I access / buy / acquire
  – Promotions – Communicating your proposition to the markets
  – Position – The dominant opinion of your “brand” in the markets you serve
Facts about the market

- Worldwide, $5 Billion; +35% / year growth
- Low acuity is the largest part of market
Approximately 47 Million US w/ no health insurance – HOWEVER

20 to 30 Million will be covered ~ 2014

Expect turmoil in the health insurance markets - regulations not yet promulgated

Premiums AND prices (cost) will skyrocket
Market Facts - US

Few w/ dental insurance; dental not part of “Reform”

Out of pocket costs will be high after “Reform”

Demand for Dental, Cosmetic and Non-Traditional, Lifestyle Treatments and Services will grow as baby-boomers age
Facts and the future

• Demand in the US will overwhelm existing infrastructure & resources
  – Money
  – Physical
  – Human resources

• “Reform” in the US will be in stages
Which Market?

- Direct to consumers in the US
  - Who is likely to buy
    - Gender / age / income / location
  - What are they likely to buy
  - When are they motivated
  - How do they choose
Who are Americans?

We are diverse – and becoming more so!
Racial and ethnic composition

Estimated population of the United States by race and ethnic origin, 2007

- White: 79.9%
- Black: 12.8%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander: 4.6%
- American Indian and Alaska Native: 1.0%
- Two or more races: 1.6%

Note: Hispanic origin is considered an ethnicity, not a race. Hispanics of all races made up 15.1 percent of the population in 2007.


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Differences within the US

How-Dee!

Hi. What’s Up?

Hi, Y’all

Good Afternoon!

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Cultural Differences: US V. Latin America

- Communication
- Personal space and touching
- Sense of time
- What is most important
- Distinctions in ways of doing business – not stereotypes
Communication

• Americans
  – Direct, to the point
  – Willing to engage in conflict, confrontation
  – Rude?
    • Or just different?

• Latin Americans
  • Use more words, flowery language
  • Avoid conflict
  • Polite?
    – Or just different?
Personal Space/Touching

• Americans
  – Bigger zone of personal space
  – Firm handshake
  – Kissing – rarely
    • Sexual harassment?

• Latin Americans
  • Smaller zone of personal space
  • Gentle handshake
  • Kissing – frequently!
Sense of Time

• Americans
  – Time is money!!$$
  – 20 minute rule
  – Fast-paced

• Latin Americans
  – Tico Time
  – Starting and ending times are fluid
  – Pura vida!

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What is important

• Americans
  – Task-oriented
  – Get the job done
  – Get a lot done!
  – Network for business

• Latin Americans
  – It’s all about the relationships!
  – Network for pleasure (1st) business (2nd)
What US consumers expect

- Transparency
  - It should be easy to find out
    - Who you are
    - What you do
    - How you do it
    - Where you do it
  - And, of course,
    - Next Steps!!! *(Call to Action!)*
What US consumers expect

- **Proper English**
  - Creates credibility, builds trust
  - Fosters effective communication

- **Compelling messages**
  - Quality
  - Available services
  - Price

- **Images that match the message**

- **Prompt responses**
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