

# Getting On Message With Physicians

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# **Speaker Profile**



Paul Szablowski

Marketing and communications executive Paul Szablowski joined Texas Health Resources as senior vice president of Communications & Image in November 2013. He previously served as vice president of Marketing, Communications and Public Relations of the Arizona service area for Phoenixbased Dignity Health.

In his role at Texas Health, Szablowski is responsible for leading public relations, physician and employee communications, branding and advertising for the health system.

Szablowski received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southern Illinois University. He is a member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development of the American Hospital Association, a board member of *HealthLeaders Media* and a past board member of KAET Phoenix, Public Broadcasting System.







# **Speaker Profile**



**Jeff Cowart** 



Jeff brings an eclectic mix of political, positioning and organizational leadership experience to emerging healthcare opportunities in the areas of growth and volume building; sales; communications strategy; marketing; and change management.

Based in San Antonio, Texas, he's earned national recognition for building physician relationship and engagement models that achieve sustained growth results and for his strategic positioning work.

He has served as senior vice president for growth and business development for health systems in San Antonio, Phoenix and Detroit and as Chief Marketing Officer for Inova Health System in Virginia.

He is a former Deputy Chief of Staff and Press Secretary for Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer, and has consulted with clients such as Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Major League Baseball, the Chicago Bulls, HGTV, The Washington Post, and New York Times.

He is an advisory board member for the Master's in Health Administration program at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio; a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE); and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Louisiana State University.





# First, Let's Listen . . .



### A Survey of America's Physicians: Practice Patterns and Perspectives

- 13,575 physicians responded in 2012
- The Physicians Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to advance the work of practicing physicians and help facilitate the delivery of healthcare to their patients.
- Conducted by Merritt Hawkins, healthcare consultants
- University of Tennessee bias and error data validation









### Primary Care: FP, IM, Peds

# **65%**

### Specialists: Surgical, Medical OB/Gyn

44%

### Employed







# 84%

### believe the medical profession is in decline







# 82%

# believe they have little ability to change the healthcare system







# 92%

## unsure where the health system will be or how they fit in 3-5 years from now







72%

# believe hospital employment of physicians will erode physician/patient relationships and quality of care







- Key factors driving feelings of discontent
  - Practice erosion, from solo to centralized
  - Erosion of the patient-physician relationship
  - Medicare/Medicaid/government incentives, disincentives, reimbursement
  - Lack of clarity on "where they fit in" going forward









# Survey Summary ...

- "That doctors are dispirited is more than a matter of 'professional grumbling' . . ."
- "A robust, engaged physician workforce is critical to meeting patient needs . . ."
- "Physicians are at a tipping point at which they will seek ways to further disengage from today's medical practice environment . . ."







# What we've got here is failure to communicate...

"Hey doc, I think you're going to love this new program ...









So, what is your message for engagement & true alignment?



Cool Hand Luke, 1967







### Physician Communications Is Not the Medium . . .

- A physician portal
- A physician newsletter
- Med Exec policy and regulations
- A physician outreach field team
- An annual satisfaction survey
- Physician leadership advisory board
- A practice marketing brochure or ad
- Etc. ....







# It's the Message







# **My Proposition**

If your healthcare organization Is not actively executing a designed, sustained and message-driven physician communications strategy, then you are not fully engaged with growing your business.







# Definitions







## Positioning

- Positioning happens in the minds of the audience
- Positioning is the aggregate & unique perception the audience has of a company, product, service or individual in relation to a competitive perception
- Positioning occurs whether we are proactive, reactive or passive about it
- Positioning can be positively influenced by enlightened strategic actions







# **Message Defined**

### Message

# is the singlemost dominant or desired most dominant perceived & positive attribute framework for your product, service or cause among a precisely targeted audience.







# **Message Defined**

### **Message**

### never ends with an

"**S**"







### **Message Defined**

Think about "message" using a political metaphor: Candidates take to the "stump", stand on their "platform" which is made up of "planks."



**Platform = Message** 

**Planks = Elements of the Message** 





# **Message Matters**



What was the campaign message of each candidate?







# Message











# Message, Platform, Positioning



#### Planks in His Platform

- Jobs & Economy
- Women's Issues
- Health Care
- Immigration
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Climate







# **The Six Elements of Message**

For Physician Engagement & Alignment



### **6 Elements of Physician Engagement**





# **Crafting a Message Strategy**

For Physician Engagement & Alignment



### Strategic Plan Putting it all together

MESSAGE Desired Perception

#### **GRAND NARRATIVE STORY**

Assets & Attributes Differentiator Strengths Programs & Initiatives Shared Goals Collaboration & Enrollment Mutually Beneficial Outcomes





# Step 1: Who Do I Want to Talk To?

**PRIORITY SEGMENTS** 

**Physicians – Segmented** 







# **Step 2: Defining**

### <u>MESSAGE</u>

 How do we want this to be perceived by our physicians?

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- What real evidence do you have to support your desired perception?
- Contextualize it to the audience & market







### **Step 3: Contextual Relevancy**





# **Examples of Successful Message**

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 2 links of turkey Kielbass or Polish sausage, sliced diagonally in % a, whole wheat or fiber inch slices
1 bag frozen Peppers and Onion Stirfry mix (red, yellow, and green

bell peppers and onions) 1- 14 oz. can Italian style diced tomatoes · Parmesan cheese (optional)

1. Cook pasta according to directions and set aside In large skillet heat olive oil over medium high heat. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute. and cook for 1 minute. 3. Next add sausage and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in frozen pepper and onion mix and cook for 5 minutes. 4. Stir in forances, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. 5. Torss in cooked pasta to sausage mixture. 6. Gamish with parmsan checke if desired.



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Your Message Development Tools



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