

# Delta Region Community Health Systems Development (DRCHSD) Program

**Social Media Webinar Series: Using the 5 W's  
(who, what, when, where, and why)**



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- Transition to Value and Population Health
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce



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# Upcoming Webinars

## **Social Media Webinar: How to Optimize one piece of content across multiple platforms**

- July 16, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## **Four-Part Quality Series (Thursdays at 11 a.m.)**

- July 23: Core Elements of Quality Infrastructure
- July 25: Patient Experience
- July 30: Patient Safety
- August 1: Patient Experience Part 2 - Health Equity and Population Health



# Today's Speakers:



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# Part 1: Social Media with Limited Bandwidth and Budget

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# Introductions



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# Hospitals and Associations



**Challenging Industries**



**Technical Expertise**



**Limited Resources**

# Today's Objectives



**Understand the key social media platforms** relevant to healthcare communicators, including their features, functionalities, and unique audience demographics;



**Review high-performing content types** across social media platforms;



**Develop audience personas** for targeted and effective content; and



**Identify your content niche** to create compelling and relevant content for social media.

# Social Media Terms

**Engagement:** An umbrella term for actions that reflect and measure how much your audience interacts with your content.

**Organic content:** Free content (photos, videos, text-only posts, etc.) that businesses or individuals post on their platforms without spending money to increase reach or conversions.

**Paid content:** When businesses or brands pay money to the social media platform to increase their content's reach to specific audiences.

**Monthly Active Users (MAUs):** A key performance indicator used by social media companies to count the number of unique users who have visited a site within the past month.

**User-Generated Content (UGC):** Any type of content that has been posted by a consumer, user, customer, etc. This might include photos, videos, or testimonials.

# Poll: How would you rate your hospital's social media strategy?

- **Beginner:** We post announcements, photos and videos on an as-needed or ad-hoc basis on 1 platform.
- **Intermediate:** We have a regular cadence of publishing posts on 1-2 social media platforms, but these aren't necessarily tied to an overall social media strategy. We do not utilize social media ads to boost performance.
- **Proficient:** We have a regular social media schedule on 1-3 platforms with content that is tied to the hospital's mission and business strategy. We have some familiarity with social media ads.
- **Advanced:** We have a robust social media strategy across multiple platforms that's tied to our hospital's business strategy, and we use paid ads to scale high-performing content.

# WHY?

Why you should consider social media as part of your business marketing strategy:



**Cost-effective marketing**



**Enhanced customer engagement**



**Content distribution**



**Targeted reach**



**Valuable market insights**



**Adaptability and flexibility**

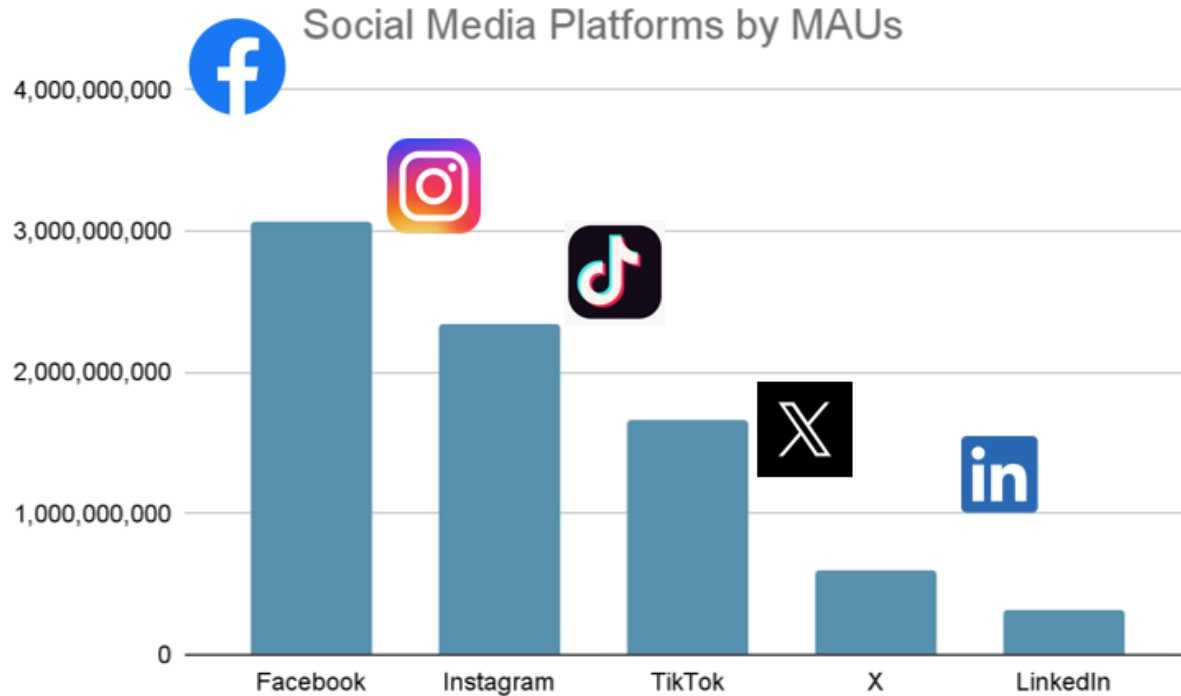
**Poll: Which resonates most with your organization's reasoning for being on social media?**

# Poll: Which platforms does your social media strategy focus on?





# WHERE?





# Facebook

*Bring the World Closer Together*

With nearly 3 billion people using Facebook monthly, roughly 37% of the world's population are Facebook users. Approximately 200 million businesses use Facebook tools to reach audiences.

## **Key Demographics to Inform Your Facebook Strategy:**

- Facebook is the most popular with older millennials aged 35-44
- Facebook is least popular amongst women aged 16-24
- 56.6% of Facebook's ad audience is men and men aged 25-34 make up 18.4% of Facebook's ad audience
- 70% of adults in the U.S. use Facebook and 49% report they visit Facebook at least once a day



# Facebook

*Bring the World Closer Together, continued*

## Facebook Use Cases:

- Reach new audiences/prospects with a **limited budget to spend on ad content**
- Conduct **giveaways and contests** with your audiences
- Share more a more authentic side of your business with “**behind-the-scenes**” **images and content** of you/your employees at work
- **User-generated content** and engaging with your audience



# Instagram

*Capture and Share the World's Moment*

As a visual social platform, Instagram provides its 2 billion monthly users the ability to share photos and videos through posts, stories, reels, live videos and more.

- 90% of accounts follow at least one business on Instagram
- 81% of users said that Instagram helps them research products and services
- Business accounts with less than 10,000 followers perform the best

## **Key Demographics to Inform Your Instagram Strategy:**

- 50:50 male:female user ratio
- 62% of users are ages 18-34, 16% are 35-44
- Of U.S. Instagram users, 46% live in urban areas, 35% in suburban, and 21% rural



# Instagram

*Capture and Share the World's Moment, continued*

## Instagram Use Cases:

- **Create a business profile** for robust profile insights and engagement analytics
- Showcase your services through **photos and videos**
- Create **brand awareness and loyalty** through daily stories and Instagram live
- Post informational content with swipe-through, multiple photo **carousel posts** - these have the best organic engagement rates



# TikTok

*Real People. Real Videos.*

TikTok prioritizes content that relevant, relatable and real. Since launching in 2017, TikTok has become the fifth most popular social media platform, the No. 1 most downloaded app in 2021, and the most-visited internet site, surpassing Google.

- Algorithm makes it easy to spot the latest trends and create relevant content
- TikTok's UX makes in-app content creation simple
- TikTok is a hub for influencer marketing and having your audience champion your brand with UGC

## **Key Demographics to Inform Your TikTok Strategy:**

- 47% of TikTok users are between ages 10-29, 20% are ages 30-39, 21% are ages 40-49
- Women account for over 61% of TikTok's active users in the U.S.
- 37% of TikTok users have a household income of \$100k+
- Roughly 90% of users access TikTok every day





# TikTok

*Real People. Real Videos. – continued*

## Use Tik Tok to:

- Create **quick, engaging videos** to showcase services
- Share **educational content** in video format
- Reach **younger audiences** (Gen Z, younger Millennials)
- Target your audience with **niche content** groups (ex: #MoneyTok #FinanceTikTok)



# X (formerly Twitter)

*Blaze your glory! (Formerly It's What's Happening)*

Twitter: the world's newsfeed. With 350,000 tweets sent per minute and 500 million tweets sent daily, Twitter is a fast-paced, up-to-the-minute social media platform. High-volume Twitter users (users who tweet 20+ times per month) say they use the platform to “stay informed” and “express their opinions.”

## **Key Demographics to Inform Your Twitter Strategy:**

- Worldwide, 38.5% of Twitter users are 25-34, the largest age group of the app
- Worldwide, 56.4% of Twitter users are male, 43.6% are female



# X (formerly Twitter)

*Blaze your glory! (Formerly It's What's Happening),  
continued*

## Twitter Use Cases:

- **Ideas > Aesthetics.** You'll grow your Twitter following faster if you focus on conveying information rather than graphics.
- **Tweet threads** with a link to a longer post allow tweet authors to distill their ideas and prompt traffic to another site for further reading.
- **Leaving meaningful comments** on posts with similar audiences is a great way to organically grow your Twitter audience.
- Because Twitter has fewer MAUs than other social media sites, **it's not the best place for advertising.**



# LinkedIn

*Connecting the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful*

LinkedIn values expertise, thought leadership and a unique professional perspective.

## **Key Demographics to Inform Your LinkedIn Strategy:**

- 71% of all LinkedIn users are ages 35-55. The site is most popular with users age 46-55
- LinkedIn is used equally between men and women
- The majority of LinkedIn users live in urban areas
- The majority of LinkedIn users earn \$75K annually or more
- Over 70% of LinkedIn users attended college



# LinkedIn

*Connecting the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful. – continued*

## LinkedIn Use Cases:

- **Text-only posts** that distinguish you as a thought leader.
- **Polls** that allow you to gather information about your audience and the LinkedIn algorithm tends to favor polls in feeds.
- **LinkedIn articles or newsletters** that can be written and published directly in the platform.
- Content that **solicits comments** as that boosts performance.

**Poll: Based on these demographics, is your organization focused on the platforms where you think your audience is?**



# WHO?

## Identifying Your Target Audience

In order to **reach your target audience where they are**, you have to:

1. Identify who you're trying to reach
2. Understand what resonates with them
3. Narrow in on where you can find them

**Customer Persona** = Fictional client that represents a key segment of your target audience.

- Key audience demographics
- Personal and professional interests
- Frustrations and motivations



# WHO?

## Identifying Your Target Audience, continued

### Exercise: Creating an Audience Persona

- Who is your client?
- Demographics?
- Professional interests?
- Personal interests?
- Frustrations & motivations?
- Where to reach them?



# WHAT?

## Determining What to Say

**To get started, follow the 80/20 rule.** At least 80% of your content should be meaningful to your audience, and only 20% of your content should be selling to your audience.

**What is meaningful content?** Social Media is relational. When creating content, ask yourself if it accomplishes at least one of these criteria:

1. Is this content **informative**?
2. Is this content **entertaining**?
3. Is this content **persuasive**?

**If the answer to all these questions is “no”, ask yourself why you’re posting that piece of content.**

# Content Examples by Platform

*Test with organic content, scale with paid content.*



Facebook

- Organic behind-the-scenes post of employees
- “Client Spotlights” featuring new clients
- Paid ads repurposing a high-performing, informational piece of content



Instagram

- “How to” carousel post
- Instagram Stories poll
- Sharing client Instagram Story that tags your organization
- Paid ad promoting upcoming event or campaign



TikTok

- 30 sec video informational video listing key points
- 1 min video with key stakeholder introducing themselves or explaining an issue
- Video walkthrough of how to take an action you’re asking your audience to take

# Content Examples by Platform, continued

*Test with organic content, scale with paid content.*



X (formerly Twitter)

- Tweet thread explaining a topic or listing out key points, link to the full article on your LinkedIn platform or website
- Create short, “ICYMI” (in case you missed it) posts about recent events or updates
- Comment on posts from mid to large-sized accounts with authority in your industry



LinkedIn

- LinkedIn Poll asking a question and follow up with respondents
- Create a long-form post with information about a specific topic or issue
- Write a longer-form LinkedIn article exemplifying thought leadership on a topic or issue
- Short-form post soliciting audience feedback from followers

# Which performed better?

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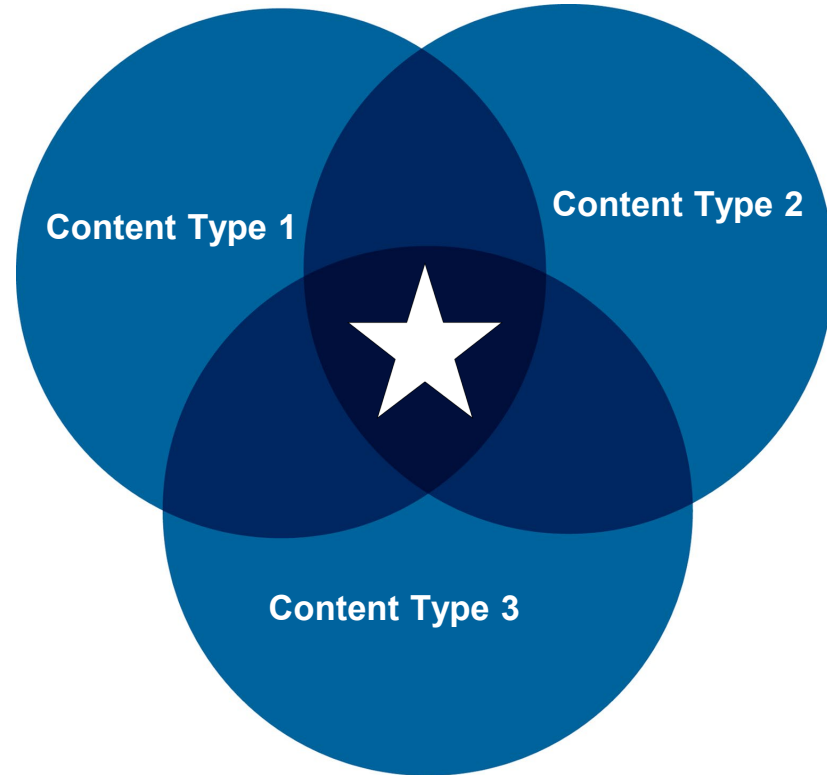
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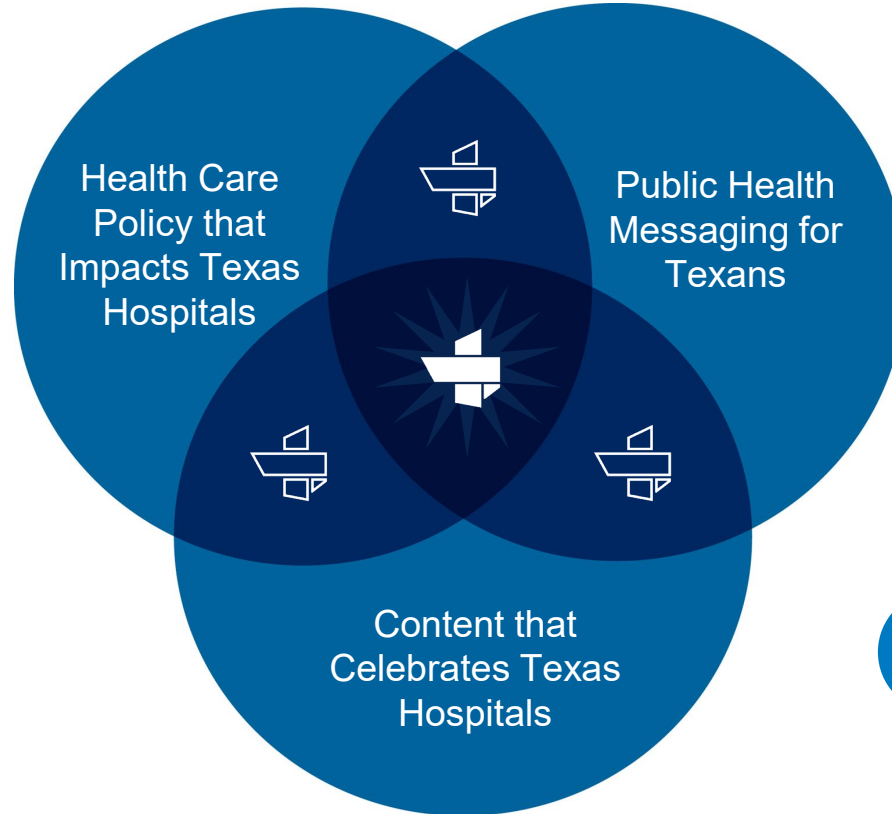
# Content Niche

*“The more specific you are, the more universal you are.”*





# Where We Win: THA's Content Niche



= Niches in which THA is a thought leader

# What if someone else is in my niche?



**There will likely already be someone in your niche and that's ok!** That means there's an established proof of concept.

# Let's Recap

Today we discussed:

- **Why** you should consider social media as part of your marketing strategy;
- **Where** people are on social media and the different demographics of each platform;
- **Who** your target audience might be and how to identify your audience personas; and
- **What** content performs well on each platform and how to determine what you should be saying based on your content niche.

# Now it's your turn!

## **Before next week, consider:**

- Going through the persona exercise with your team; and
- Narrow down your content types to determine your content niche.

## **In Part 2 we will:**

- Review content niche and audience persona examples;
- Learn best practices for posting times and frequency;
- Review a proposed template of how communicators could spend \$100 on social media; and
- Review Facebook's backend analytics platform for key content insights.

# Questions?

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