

Understanding the Effect Hospital Websites Have on Patient Healthcare Decisions



### Introduction

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### **General Hospital**

**SURVEY / 2018** 

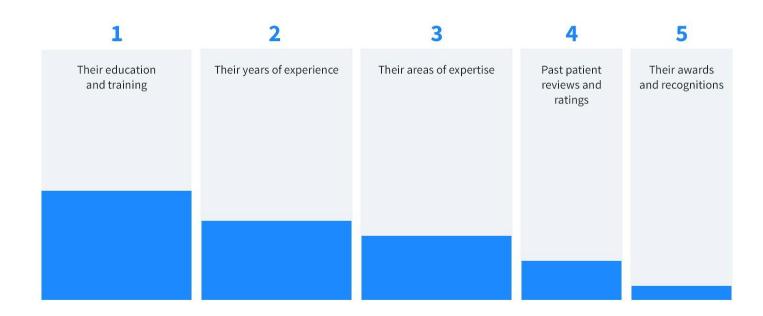
#### Participants who took the survey:

- Have visited a hospital's website
- Have been to the hospital and have visited a hospital's website



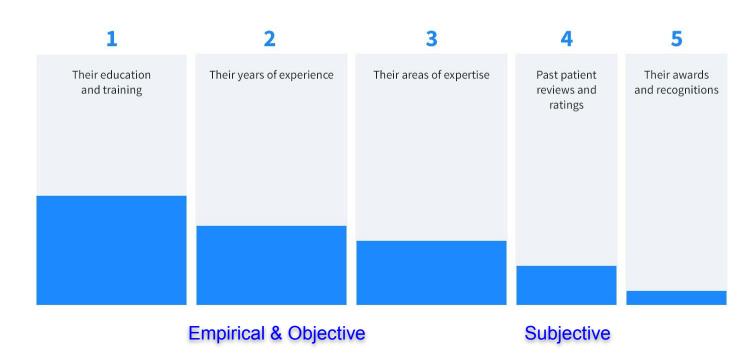


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When everyone is a 5-star doctor is anyone a 5-star doctor?

Are we becoming numb?



**Dr. Dennis Lewis, MD**Age 50 | Family Medicine



SCV Quality Care
23823 Valencia Blvd Ste 160
Valencia, CA 91355

• 1.3 miles away



**Dr. Sonya Brown, MD** Age 47 | Family Medicine

★★★★★ 1 review

Santa Clarita Health Center 25751 McBean Pkwy Ste 210 Valencia, CA 91355

• 1.1 miles away



**Dr. Geoffrey Lloyd, DO**Age 49 | Family Medicine

Facey Medical Group
 26357 McBean Pkwy Ste 320
 Valencia, CA 91355

· 1.7 miles away



**Dr. Saif Usman, MD**Family Medicine

4 reviews

Facey Medical Group 23803 McBean Pkwy Valencia, CA 91355

• 1.2 miles away



Dr. Brian Downs, DO
Age 60 | Family Medicine

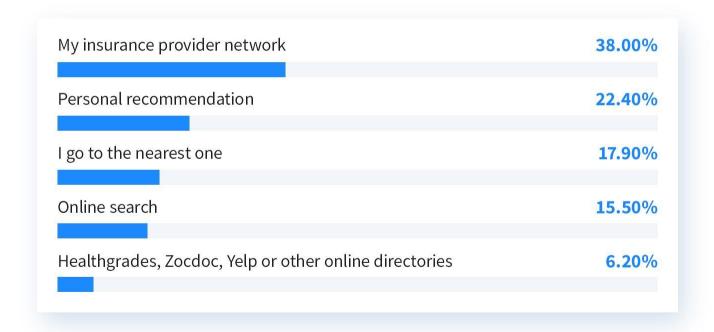
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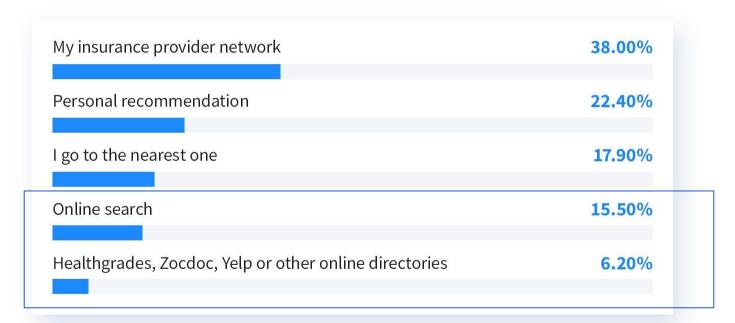


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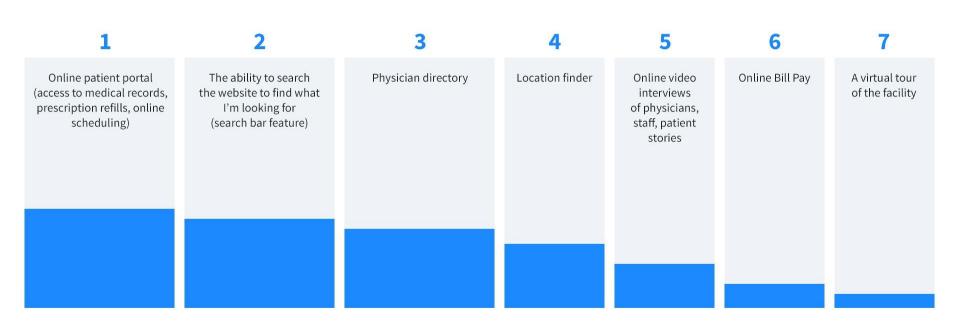


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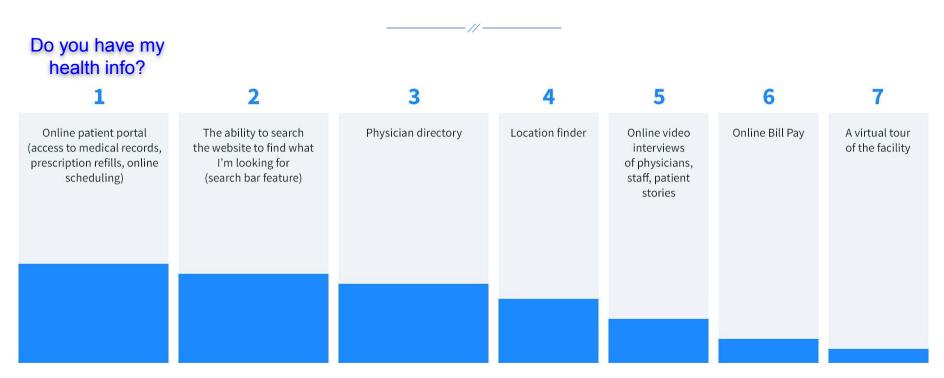


Contested territory! Opportunity!

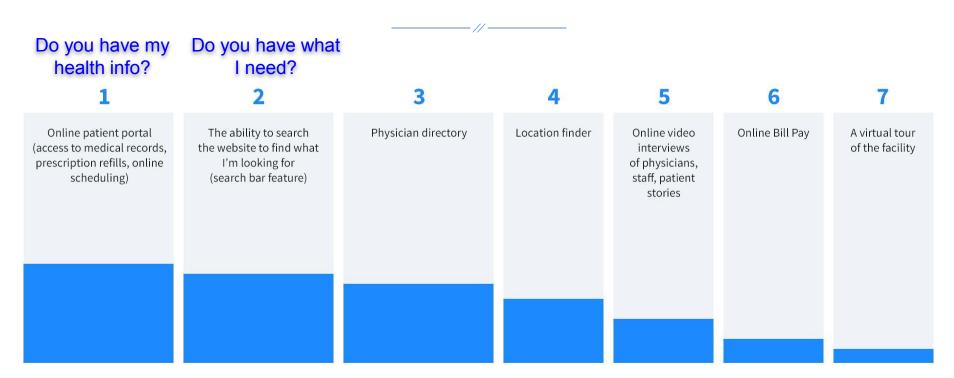














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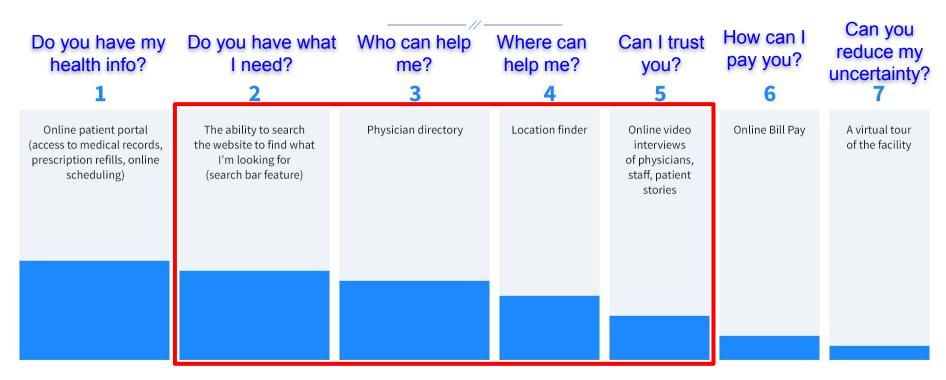


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It is vital that the website platform and experience unifies and integrates these elements.



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Say hi to Perry.





### Video from Scottish Hospital in Dallas, Tx



Behind the Scenes in Orthotics - Scottish Rite Hospital



### **REAL DOCTOR!**



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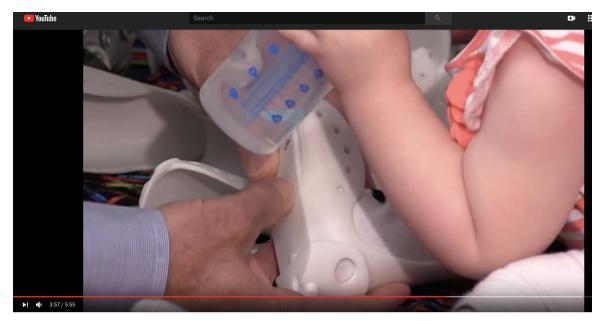
### INTERACTING WITH PATIENT!



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### PERFORMING MEDICAL PROCEDURE!



Behind the Scenes in Orthotics - Scottish Rite Hospital



IMAGERY OF FACILITY!



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Up next

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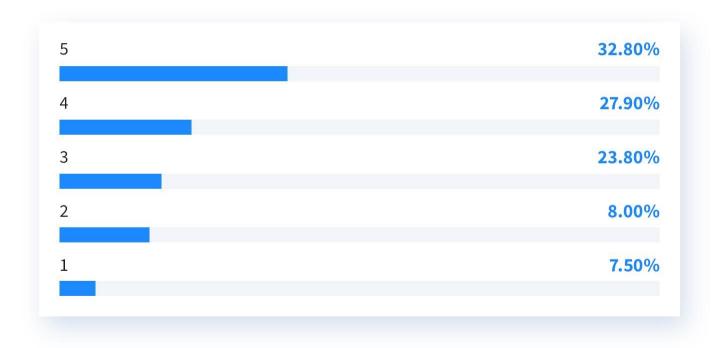
Example from client





Q: How important is it to you to see your potential physician's photo on their website? (1 = not important at all, 5 = extremely important)







### We all want connection!



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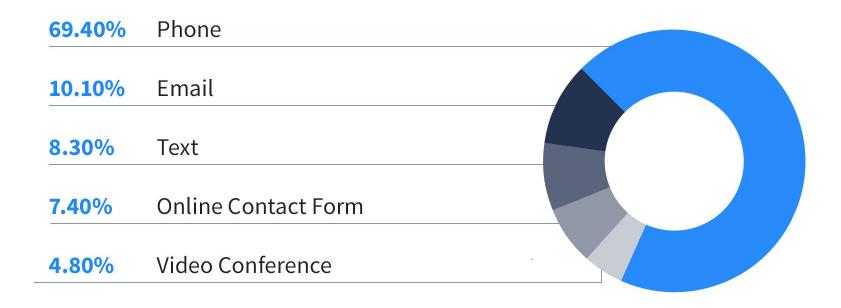


# Q: Which message would appeal to you most when researching medical professional?

THEME	MESSAGE	
Compassionate	We Treat You As a Person, Not Just a Patient. Here For You Every Step of The Way	31.90%
Professional	Providing World-Class Care and Expertise in Every Step of Your Treatment	20.20%
Cutting-Edge Technology	State-of-the-art Technology and Specialized Care For Your Health	13.30%
Value / AffordabiltyProfessional	We Make Quality Care Accessible—Most Insurances Accepted	12.90%
Reputation	We Have A Successful Track-Record Of Transitioning Patients To Better Health & Quality of Life	12.30%
Award-Winning Quality Theme	Award Winning Team Providing the Best Treatment For You	9.40%



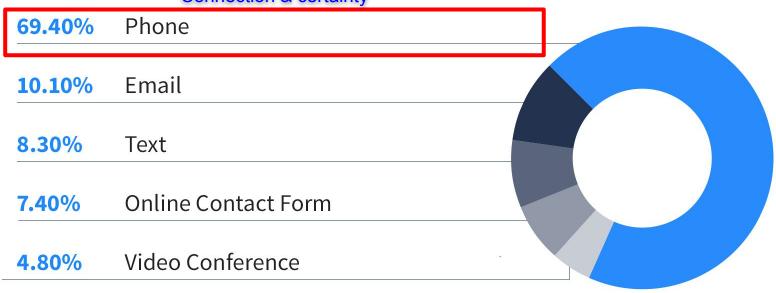
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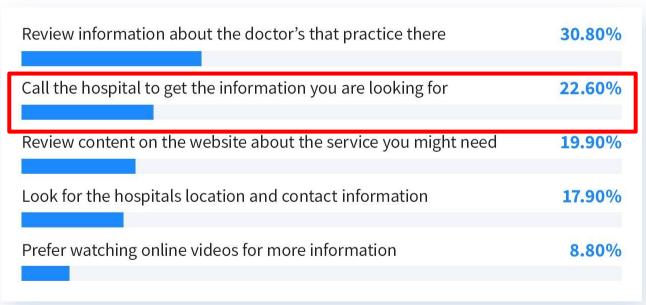
Review information about the doctor's that practice there	30.80%
Call the hospital to get the information you are looking for	22.60%
Review content on the website about the service you might need	19.90%
Look for the hospitals location and contact information	17.90%
Prefer watching online videos for more information	8.80%

NOTE This question was asked to see if people take the time to navigate the hospital site to find what they are looking for, or ju st call the hospital to find the information they are seeking



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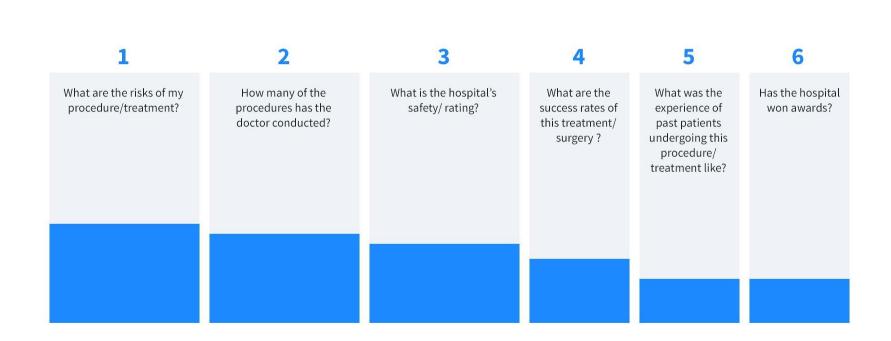
They are looking for connection & certainty.



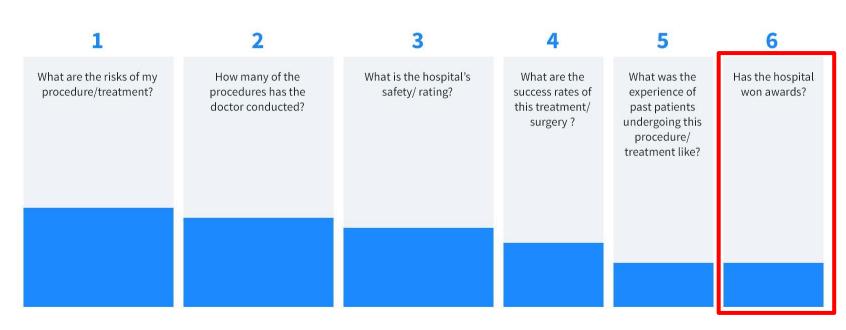
But we all know they won't necessarily get it by calling!

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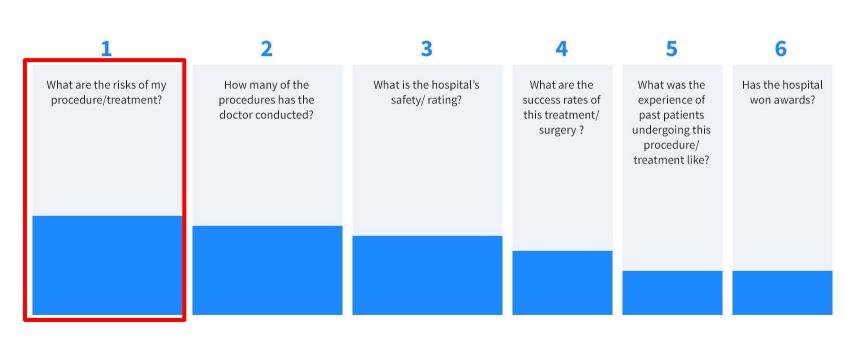






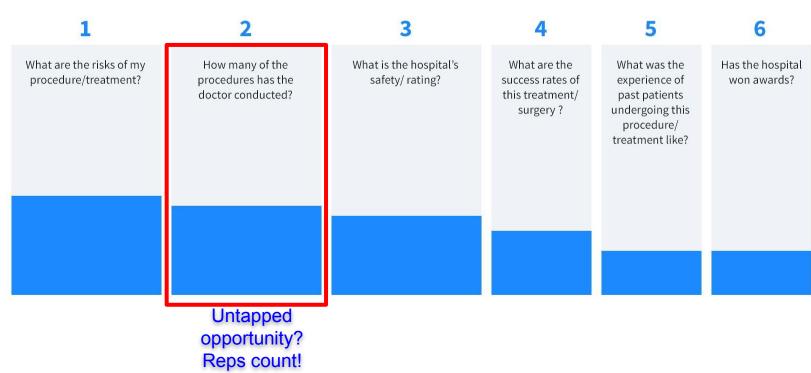
Less important.





Probably delivered by doctor.

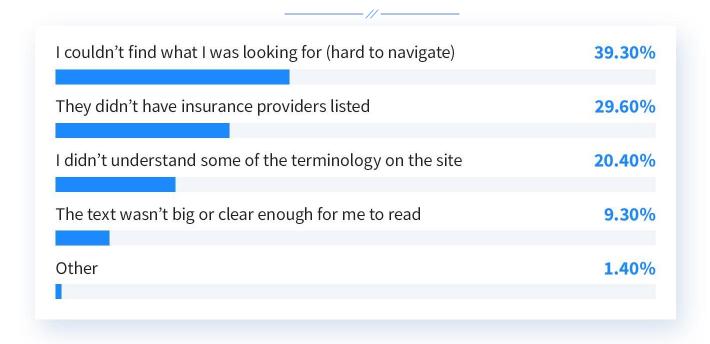




Responses are from a Scorpion® survey conducted in 2018

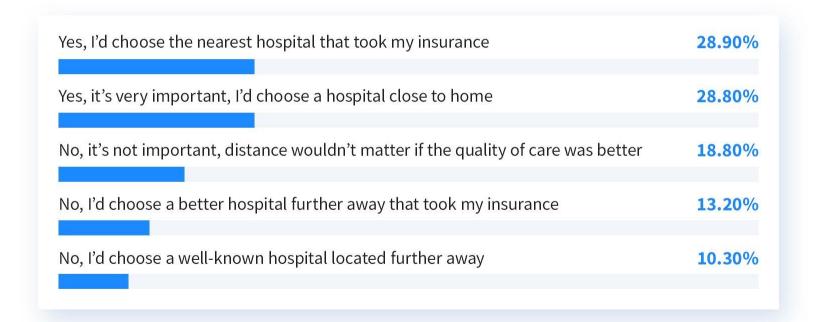


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SEO AND SEM strategies must be deployed and sophisticated to compete for this territory!



### Is your hospital website a hotel or central park?







#### What does all of this mean?

#### Take -a-ways:

- 1. Connection & certainty matter
- 2. Many stories that we have need to be challenged! Challenge them!
- 3. The opportunity is in the margins and the "contested territory."
- 4. Details matter!





### New Research Coming!

Want in?



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