

Marketing & Communications Tip Sheet Based on Provider Target Audience Research

Nursing Homes and Physician Offices Communication Preferences

According to the 2007 WESTAT survey conducted for CMS, communication preferences were ranked in the following order:

- 1. E-mails
- 2. Training workshops, seminars, and conferences
- 3. Site visits

However, Lumetra's experience with **physician offices**, as well as interviews with physicians demonstrated slightly different results based on the relationship we have with the provider.

What Lumetra Learned about Physician Offices

New Physician Practices

The most effective and cost-efficient way to contact new physician practices is the telephone.

After Initial Contact

After the initial contact, a face-to-face meeting is the best way to develop the relationship. A scheduled one-to-one phone consultation ranked second in preference.

Established Relationship

Once the relationship is established, e-mail is the most reliable and convenient mode of communication.











Hospital Communication Preferences

1. E-mails

- 3. Telephone conference calls
- 2. Workshops, seminars, and conferences
- 4. Site visits

Most Effective Event Marketing Tactics

"1" is the most effective and "4" the least effective

Event Marketing Tactics	Nursing Homes	Hospitals	Physician Offices
E-mails	1	2	1
Fax blasts	2	3	
"Red Phone" calendar	3		
Telephone calls	4		
E-newsletters		1	2

Event Marketing Tactics	Nursing Homes	Hospitals	Physician Offices
QIO Web site			3
Marketing through professional associations			4

Tools and Resources Preferences

Nursing Homes

- · Posters and checklists
- · Instruction sheets and tip sheets
- PowerPoint presentations, pocket cards, and PDF documents

Hospitals

Posters

Physician Offices

· Articles and reports

Presentation and Training Guidelines

Nursing Homes

- Materials should use consistent branding, "warm and fuzzy" Midwest-like language and appearance
- Create practical one-page tools and "fast facts" documents
- Clearly tell the providers "what's in it for them" by offering tools that function as quick resources for immediate use
- The best time to schedule a teleconference or Webinar is from 2 3 PM

Hospitals

- Include rationale/information about why the content should be important to them
- Provide specific action items at the conclusion (what they can put in place or begin tomorrow)
- Recommendations must be actionable

Physician Offices

- The noon hour is the best time to schedule a teleconference or Webinar
- Live Webinars are the most effective presentation and training medium
- On-site meetings with medical group leadership to troubleshoot problems and review specific information are effective
- Educational teleconferences are not as effective as Webinars and tend to have diminishing attendance over the course of time
- Offer a clear benefit in terms of increasing office efficiencies and clinical coordination, supporting growth and productivity, and optimizing quality care as well as revenues

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