

What Does "Influencer" Really Mean?

Creating a Blueprint of Patient Collaboration



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What is a patient influencer really?

What does it mean for us?



What is a patient influencer?

A patient influencer is a proactive, informed, and authentic individual who harnesses their **personal health journey** and digital prowess to inspire, educate, and empower others facing similar health challenges.







Fact: the patient influencer is more important than ever before. Here's why.

Question: Can you afford not to work with patient influencers?



EXPANDED REACH



GREATER INFLUENCE



BETTER COLLABORATIONS



PROFESSIONALISM



IMPROVED GUIDANCE



Who are the patient influencers? Sometimes Big & Bold.





Superstars of reach

Who are the patient influencers?

Sometimes Small & Mighty.

For every macro patient influencer there are many more micro patient influencers with just as much insight and value to be had.

Research says you are 10x more likely to get engagement with micro influencers due to closer connections to followers and perceived credibility.





Ultimately, patient influencers have impact in the following areas:

Shape the conversation

89% of patients said they watch what patient influencers are discussing.¹

Drive patient action

When medical information is shared, 92% are likely to talk to their physician about it.¹

Improved outcomes

Increased reach, trust and credibility. Better awareness and education.



Let's imagine a patient influencer blueprint across the drug lifecycle







What roles can the patient influencer play at the clinical trial stage?



Patient influencer as a clinical trial partner

- Ensuring clinical trial are designed optimally for eligibility
- Building awareness of trails and driving enrolment through patient social networks

Where they can play a role

Clinical trial design & optimisation

Use of Crowdsourcing for Cancer Clinical Trial Development¹

Awareness & Enrolment

 Social media-delivered sexual health intervention: a cluster randomized controlled trial²



What roles can the patient influencer play at the **pre-launch** stage?



Patient influencer as a partner pre-launch

- Authenticity and trustworthiness to pre-launch activity
- Disease understanding through experience area and have an understanding of diverse patient perspectives
- Understanding of the challenges and knows what other patients actually want

Where they can play a role

Develop a compelling patient proposition

 44% of newly launched drugs missed expectations as the product did not offer compelling proposition to patients & physicians. "Clinical superiority does not always guarantee success".¹



- L. https://academic.oup.com/jnci/article/106/10/dju258/931467
- . https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23079168/

What roles can the patient influencer play in **established brands**?



Patient influencer as a partner with established brands?

- Building long term credibility through real world perspectives
- Providing patient advocacy voicing ongoing needs and concerns to help shape marketing activities
- Build powerful communities to drive discussion and change in health

Where they can play a role

Building trust in a brand or product

• 85% of patients trust a pharmaceutical brand or advert if promoted by a patient influencer¹



Tory health minister Matt Hancock ignores Scottish Government's invite to help save ill baby's life

Express & Star

Dudley mother continuing to fight for treatment for her daughter's rare muscular disease





Haris Khan: crunch meeting over drug parents say could save baby's life



Mirror

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Time running out for boy, 3, who needs wonder drug or will lose ability to walk

Aadi Wilson, from Leicestershire suffers from rare condition SMA Type 2, and a 'wonder drug' is not available because of its high cost

Mail Online

Act now or babies will DIE: Charities beg firm behind a 'miracle £450,000 drug' for crippling genetic condition to work with NHS to make it available



NHS England to fund treatment for children with muscle-wasting condition

The mother of a seven-year-old boy with spinal muscular atrophy has said a new drug could transform his life.



At last the SMA community has the answer it has been asking for since NICE started its appraisal almost 17 months ago.

Our thanks to NICE, NHS England and Biogen for this great news and to all the SMA community who worked so hard on this journey. This clinical evidence was there; our voices were finally heard.





Building your blueprint...

- Identify the right people and groups
- Ensure diverse and true representation don't focus on one narrative!
- Bring together your internal regulatory and compliance team
- Establish the relationships early and make them long lasting
- Foster open communication and trust
- Be consistent with your support and communication
- Encourage ongoing collaboration and feedback
- Recognise and celebrate contributions



What we want you to do next...

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Challenge yourself, your team and your organisation

Make a plan – for the short and long-term Feel confident and prepared

Measure, reflect and refine

Go build those relationships!



Any questions?



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