## Scarce Healthcare

# Analyzing the Eroding Advantages of Traditional Healthcare

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## Roadmap

- Healthcare's "Competitive Advantage"
- Effects of COVID-19 on Competitive Advantages
- Three Areas of Abundance in Healthcare
- An Abundant Healthcare Future

## "Competitive Advantage" in Business

- What makes brands great?
- How do you stand out from the crowd?
- COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE CREATING AND SUSTAINING SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE Michael E. Porter
- How do you win customers (over and over)?
- How do you thrive in competitive environments?

Source "Competitive Advantage" by Michael Porter

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### NPR questions hospital advertising

Should doctors be allowed to advertise?

#### Why doctors and hospitals shouldn't advertise

SKEPTICAL SCALPEL, MD | PHYSICIAN | FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Posted on 05.27.2014
Controversy Sparks Conversation
about Hospital Advertising
Posted by: Erin George, Vice President

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## Tip: Hospitals Try PSAs Before Spending On Ads

With the economic downturn, hospitals have been facing budget cuts, especially in their marketing divisions. But should most hospitals even be spending money on advertising? Lynn Neary speaks with James Unland, editor of the *Journal of Health Care Finance*.

#### **Should Doctors Advertise Like a Business?**

Source Lots and lots of Googling

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## Applying "Strategic Advantage" to Healthcare







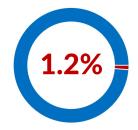
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## We spend a sliver of our lives receiving healthcare



99.8% of life happens beyond the outpatient setting\*



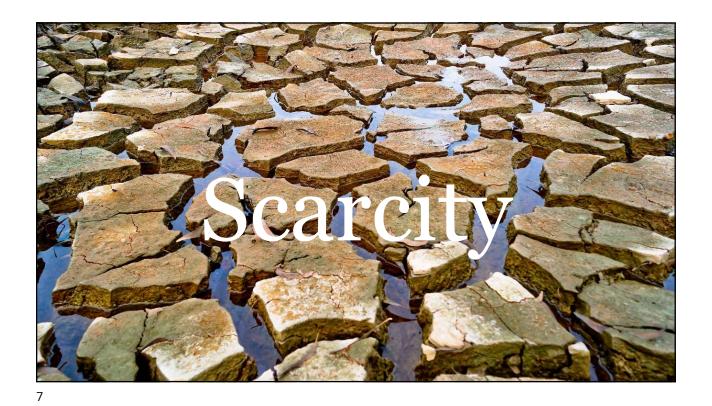
98.8% of life happens beyond the inpatient setting\*\*

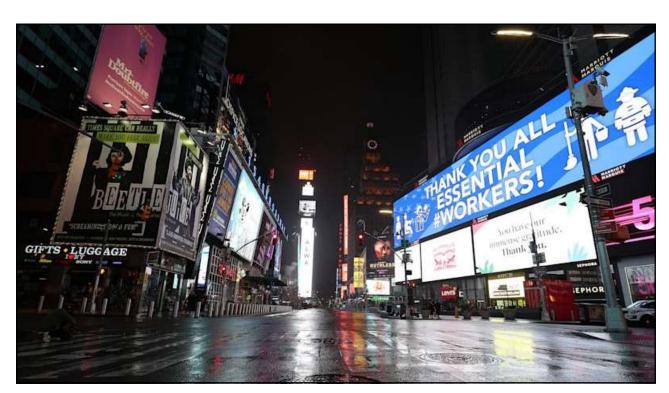
Source Greg Makoul, Human Understanding webinar prepared for The Governance Institute, 2021

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<sup>\*16</sup> waking hours/day x 365 days/year vs one 15-minute visit every week of the year

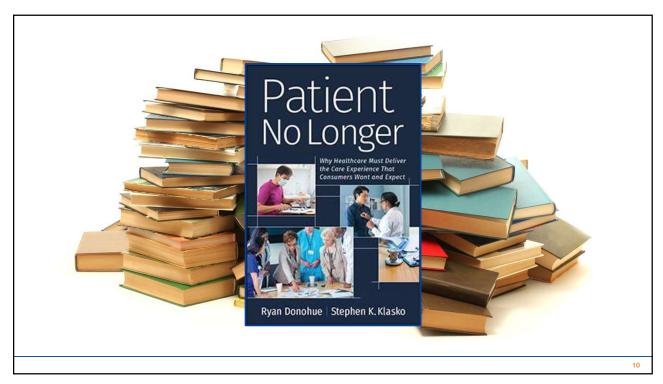
<sup>\*\*365</sup> days/year vs one hospital stay in a year at the national average LOS of 4.5 days





# Effects of COVID-19 on Competitive Advantage

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## NRC Health's study of COVID-19 effects on consumers

- → 3 in 10 consumers delayed care since pandemic began
  - Dental, primary and specialty care most likely to be delayed
- → 7 in 10 deferrers cited COVID-19 in delaying their treatment
  - Majority of the rest cite various financial concerns
- → 1 in 3 consumers utilized virtual care/telehealth last year
- → Of virtual patients: more satisfied than with physical visits

SOURCE: NRC Health's MARKET INSIGHTS study of healthcare consumers, 2020-2021, n size = 2,000

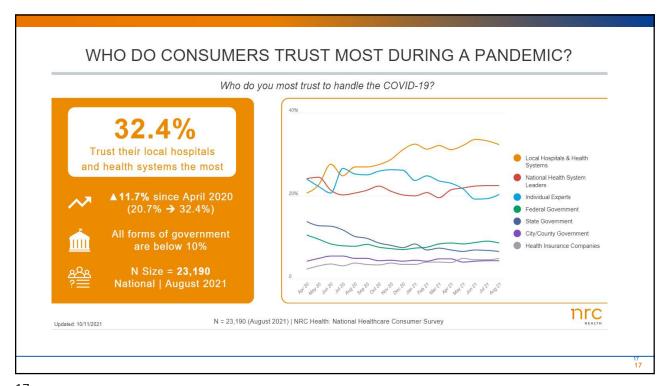


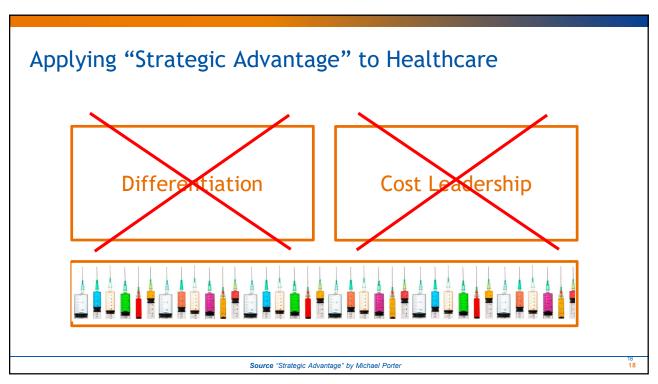




## The Coming Abundance of Healthcare

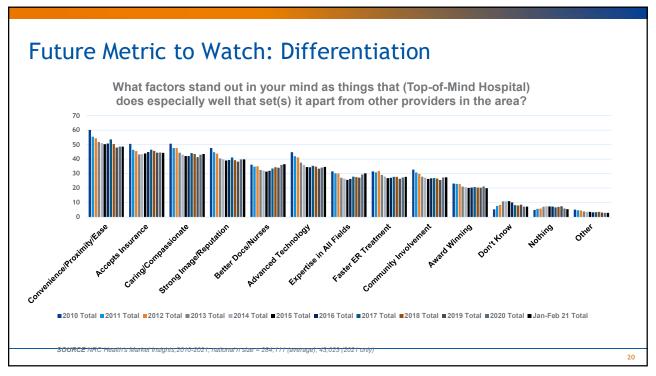
- Healthcare has endured heavy national focus
- Healthcare is no longer "hospital-bound"
- Healthcare is becoming more diffused
- Healthcare's halo has localized





## Differentiation

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## **Cost Leadership**

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## Value: The After Experience of Paying for Care

- Half of consumers feel a significant burden paying for care
- 87% of consumers incur some level of difficulty in trying to understand their healthcare bill(s)
- 65% feel its important to be able to fully understand their bill
- 51% feel its important to receive a single bill
- Many dissatisfied patients describe paying for their care as one of the worst parts of the experience



ource NRC Health's Market Insights special study on price transparency, 2021, n size = 2,008

# Three Areas of Abundance in Healthcare

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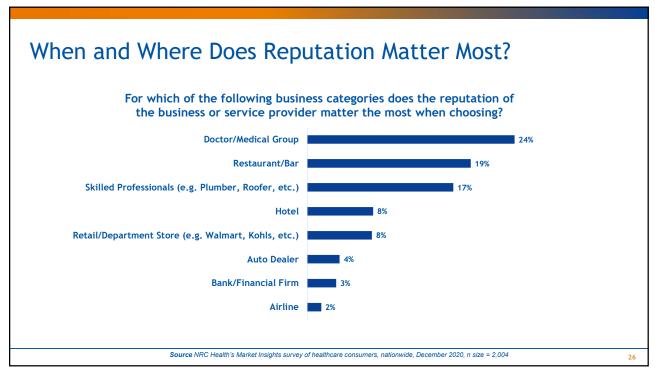
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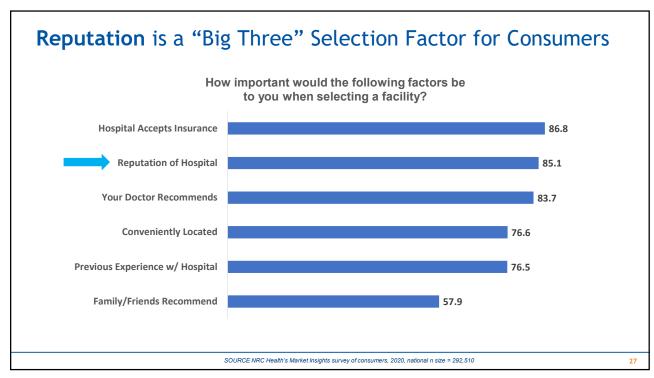
## Psychological Abundance

## Psychological Abundance of Healthcare

- Healthcare was once one of many industries to throw attention to, given the shifting national focus
- During the pandemic, healthcare has seemingly become the most popular industry to fixate upon, argue about, and "fix"
- When an industry sees so much attention, it gives the audience the impression SOMETHING must be wrong

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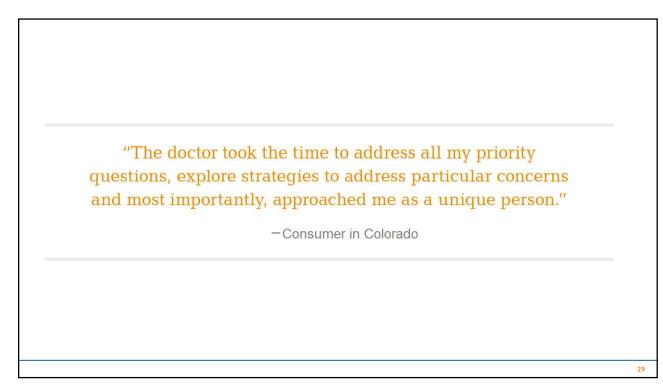


### Healthcare Search Cross-Generational Force

- For consumers, screens are the new door
- In healthcare, consumers are seeing the growing possibilities of online information, education & experiences
- Older consumers are more active in digital health:
  - Ave. age of healthcare decision-maker is 48 years young
  - Same age as consumers who use social media for healthcare purposes (49 years young)
  - Roughly half of 65+ are aware of doctor ratings
- · Across all age groups, digital info is flourishing



SOURCE: NRC Health's MARKET INSIGHTS study, 2010-2021, average annual n sizes vary from 208 (qual) to 278,824 (quant)



## **Digital Abundance**

### Access: Telehealth aka "Return of the House Call"

When it comes to service - especially this year - consumers are now expecting *you* to come to *them* 

- **35 percent** used telehealth services in 2020 (15 percent in 2019)
- 74 percent were satisfied with visit
- 57 percent are likely to schedule telemedicine in the future
  - 54 percent would see PA/NP
- 8 in 10 employers are now covering telehealth as a benefit



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While telemedicine struggled with how reimbursement and logistics would work in years past, the widespread adoption of this technology has grabbed and is now holding consumer interest. Consumers' excitement for telehealth has hovered around **55%** throughout the pandemic, compared to the pre-pandemic average of 49.3% in Q1 2020. Consumers 35 to 44 years old are the most excited about telehealth (**68.1%**), whereas people 65 and older are the least excited (**45.2%**).

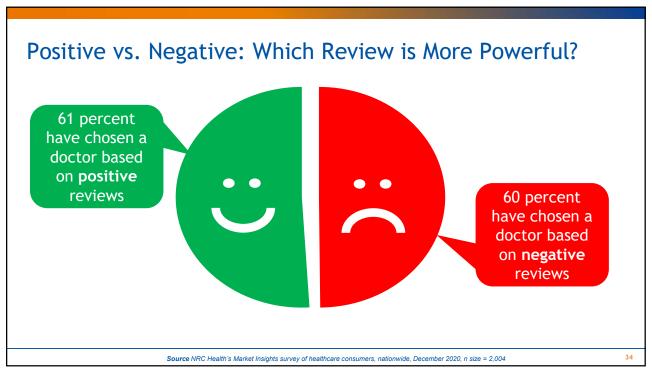
**155% 49.3%** Q1 2020



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## The Vital Role of Ratings/Reviews in Searching

- → 52 percent of consumers have viewed the ratings and/or reviews of a physician online in their lifetime
  - → Only 1 in 5 plan to never use ratings in the future
- → 46 percent view ratings/reviews before scheduling an appointment with a doctor
- → 1 in 4 consumers have rated a doctor or written a review for a doctor in their lifetime



"Loved virtual because I did not have to take time off work for driving and a waiting room. Very efficient and convenient."

- Consumer in Indiana

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# Physical Abundance

Healthcare systems should also consider that 16.2% of respondents say they're unsure when to resume healthcare activities, and 4.7% say they won't return to healthcare. Left untreated, many patients' conditions are likely to deteriorate, leading to serious adverse outcomes that health systems may not be able to treat.

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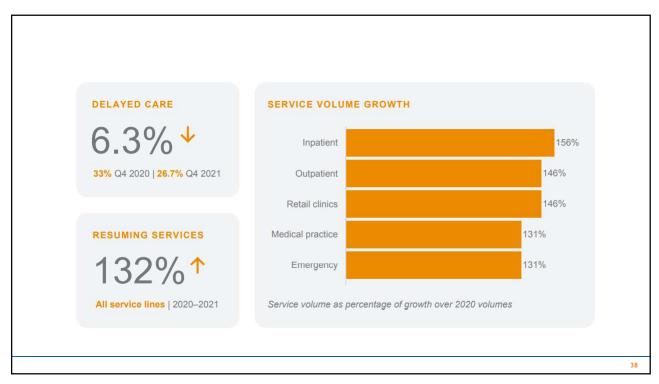


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In 2021, the percentage of consumers indicating "no preference" for a health brand plateaued.

NO HEALTHCARE BRAND PREFERENCE

34.8%

-1.2% change | 36% Jan 2021



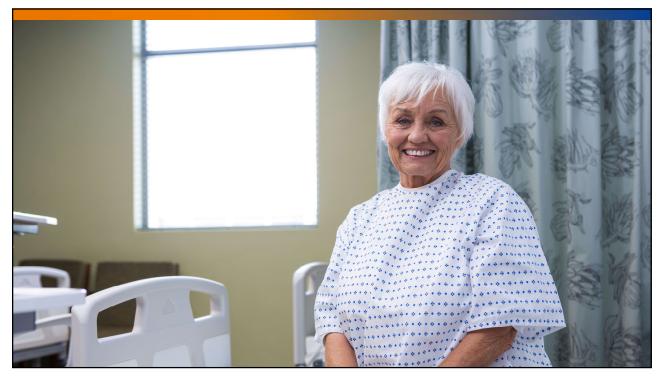
Consequently, healthcare organizations must strive for seamless connectivity between service recovery and missed patient expectations, driving caregiver recognition and positive comments on social media to enhance reputation. Now is the time for hospitals and health systems to use meaningful advertising and aim their messaging at patients in a personalized way that adds value to their life.

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"Good to be back in the office for visits. Very informative visit. It was so nice and comfortable to be with the doctor and nurses after such a long time with no physical contact."

- Consumer in Texas



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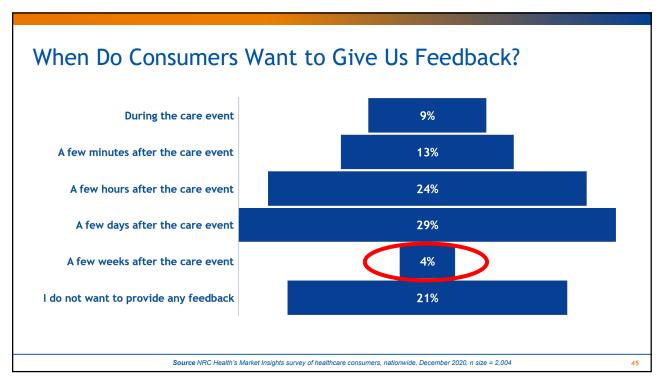
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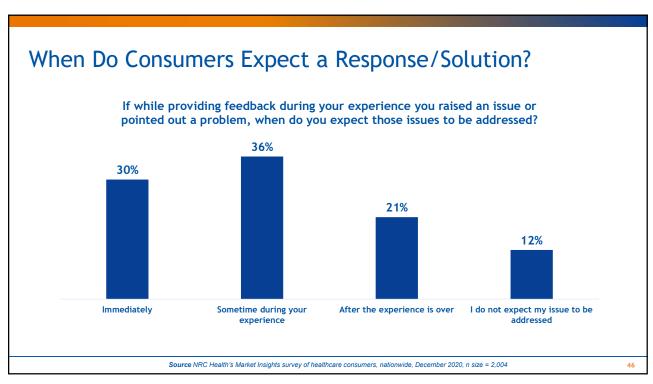
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Do you have what it takes?







# How are you measuring your mission?



