



Enhancing Dermatologist Engagement via Digital Platforms: A Global pharmaceutical company Scientific Emailer Campaign Case Study

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Abstract

This public relations case study presents the strategic execution and performance outcomes of a pan-India digital engagement campaign conducted for Global pharmaceutical company, aimed at promoting a virtual scientific webinar among dermatology specialists. The campaign leveraged a compliant, physician-only digital communication framework to enhance scientific awareness, reinforce educational recall, and sustain engagement among dermatologists across India. Utilizing Hidoc Dr.'s in-house digital ecosystem, the initiative employed structured email outreach supported by app and web visibility to deliver timely, clinically relevant communication. Campaign analytics demonstrated strong reach, consistent open rates, and high click-through performance, underscoring the effectiveness of targeted email-based digital strategies in enabling ethical, scalable, and measurable physician engagement within contemporary pharmaceutical communication environments.

Keywords

Physician engagement, digital health platforms, dermatology webinar, scientific emailers, omnichannel marketing, medical communication

Introduction

Dermatological conditions constitute a significant component of outpatient clinical practice in India, requiring continuous updates on evolving treatment paradigms, clinical evidence, and therapeutic best practices. Scientific webinars have emerged as an effective medium for delivering peer-led education and fostering knowledge exchange among dermatology specialists. However, ensuring timely awareness and sustained participation in such initiatives remains challenging amid increasing informational saturation faced by healthcare professionals.

Digital transformation has redefined pharmaceutical communication by enabling targeted, compliant, and measurable outreach through verified physician-only platforms [1]. These platforms facilitate ethical engagement while maintaining data privacy and regulatory alignment. Recognizing this shift, Global pharmaceutical company implemented a structured digital emailer campaign to promote a nationwide dermatology-focused scientific webinar, with the objective of driving awareness, registrations, and meaningful engagement among dermatologists across India [2].

Digital Transformation in Physician Engagement

Traditional pharmaceutical outreach models are increasingly complemented by digital-first strategies that align with modern physician workflows. Verified physician platforms allow specialty-wise targeting, structured message delivery, and real-time performance tracking while respecting professional autonomy and ethical standards [1,3].

Email-based digital communication remains a cornerstone of physician engagement due to its direct, non-intrusive nature and high adaptability to scientific messaging. When integrated within a broader digital ecosystem supported by app and web visibility - emailers can achieve sustained recall and engagement without contributing to digital fatigue [4]. The Global pharmaceutical company campaign was designed within this paradigm, emphasizing precision targeting, repeated recall, and measurable outcomes through a compliant digital infrastructure [2].

Campaign Objectives

The Global pharmaceutical company Scientific Emailer Campaign was structured around the following objectives:

1. To create awareness for a pan-India dermatology-focused scientific webinar.
2. To reinforce educational recall through structured pre- and post-webinar email communication.
3. To achieve sustained digital visibility among dermatologists using a compliant outreach model.
4. To generate measurable engagement outcomes using transparent performance analytics.
5. To establish a scalable digital communication framework for future scientific outreach initiatives.

Methodology

Campaign Design and Execution

The campaign was executed around a scientific webinar scheduled on **23 January**, targeting dermatologists registered on the Hidoc Dr. platform across India. A planned omni-channel digital approach was adopted, integrating app-based visibility, web placements, and structured email marketing using Hidoc Dr.'s in-house email infrastructure.

Email communication was developed within predefined character limits, reviewed for scientific accuracy and compliance, and approved prior to dissemination. Embedded links enabled seamless webinar registration and access. Repeated outreach cycles were implemented to strengthen recall and improve response rates. Additional engagement elements included pre- and post-webinar polls, attendance tracking, and meeting documentation. All campaign activities adhered strictly to data privacy, confidentiality, and compliance protocols [2].

Performance Measurement

Campaign performance was assessed using standardized digital metrics, including reach, impressions, clicks, open rates, and click-through rate (CTR). Real-time analytics dashboards enabled transparent monitoring and post-campaign evaluation without accessing personally identifiable physician data, in line with ethical digital engagement standards [1,4].

Results and Key Insights

The Global pharmaceutical company Scientific Emailer Campaign achieved strong engagement across key performance indicators:

- **Dermatologists reached:** 8,611
- **Total impressions:** 17,575
- **Total clicks:** 1,668
- **Click-through rate (CTR):** Up to 10%
- **Open rates:** 32%–34%

Campaign Results & Analytics



Dermatologists Reached

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Total Clicks

1,668



Click-Through Rate

Up to 10 %

Metric	Value	Interpretation
Total Reach	8,611 dermatologists	Focused specialty penetration
Total Impressions	17,575	Sustained digital visibility
Total Clicks	1,668	Strong interaction with content
CTR	Up to 10%	High engagement quality
Open Rate	32%–34%	Effective subject-line relevance





Emailer 2 recorded the highest CTR of 10%, indicating improved responsiveness to optimized content. The consistency of open rates across outreach cycles highlighted strong audience relevance and appropriate frequency calibration. These outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of targeted scientific email communication in driving dermatologist engagement [3,5].

Discussion

Effectiveness of Email-Centric Digital Strategy

The campaign's email-centric approach ensured direct yet non-disruptive communication within dermatologist workflows. Repeated, well-timed outreach reinforced awareness while maintaining engagement quality, consistent with best practices in physician digital marketing [3,4].

Specialty-Focused Outreach

Exclusive targeting of dermatology specialists ensured high contextual relevance. Scientific messaging aligned with specialty interests improved interaction rates and reduced message attrition, translating outreach efforts into meaningful engagement rather than passive exposure [5].

Ethical and Compliance Alignment

The campaign adhered strictly to ethical digital engagement norms, with no access to or use of personally identifiable physician data. The physician-only platform model supported compliant pharmaceutical communication aligned with evolving regulatory expectations in India [1,4].

Future Strategic Directions

Based on observed outcomes, future Global pharmaceutical company digital initiatives may benefit from:

- AI-assisted content optimization to enhance timing and subject-line relevance [3].
- Integration of interactive formats such as polls and micro-feedback tools to sustain attention [5].
- Expansion of post-webinar educational touchpoints to reinforce long-term knowledge retention [2].

Conclusion

The Global pharmaceutical company Scientific Emailer Campaign demonstrates the effectiveness of structured, compliant, and data-driven digital communication in enhancing dermatologist engagement. By achieving strong reach, sustained visibility, and high engagement metrics, the campaign successfully supported scientific webinar outreach objectives. These findings reinforce the strategic value of physician-only digital platforms in scaling ethical pharmaceutical communication and establishing replicable frameworks for future specialty-focused educational initiatives.

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