HIPAA and Reputation

What you need to know!



What You Can Expect

- How to assess your reputation
- How HIPAA affects reputation management
- Ways of improving reputation
- Staying HIPAA compliant when engaging



Online Reputation Management

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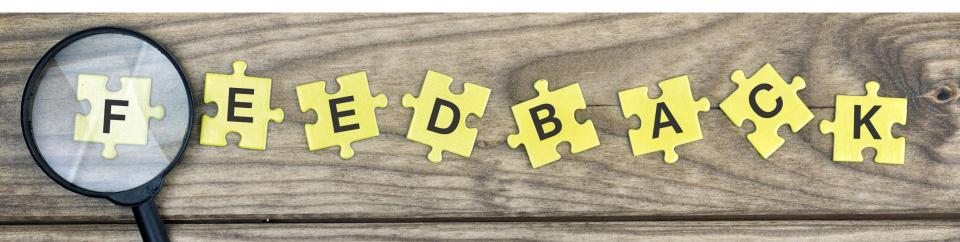
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Assessing Your Online Reputation

- Search from your prospect's perspective
 - Not everyone searches the same way
 - Patients don't think of you like you think of yourself

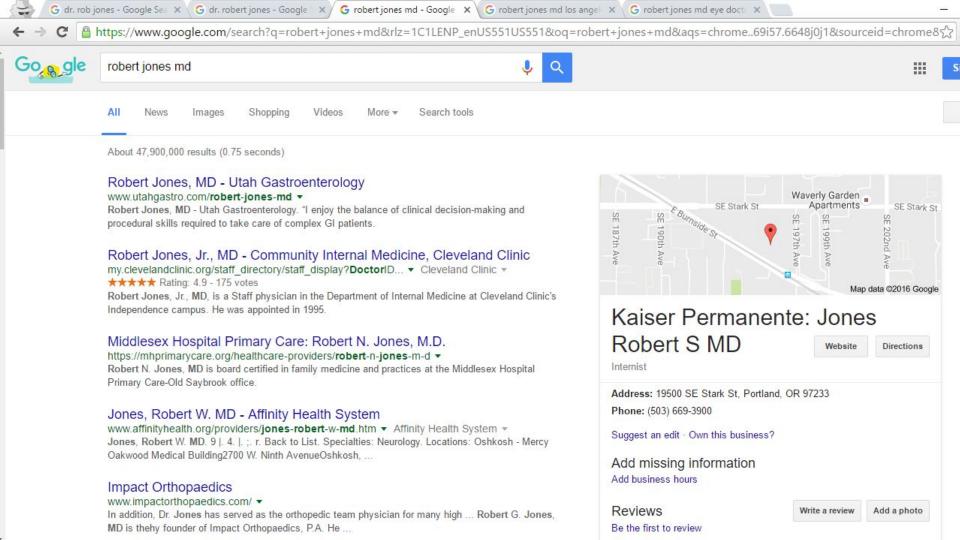


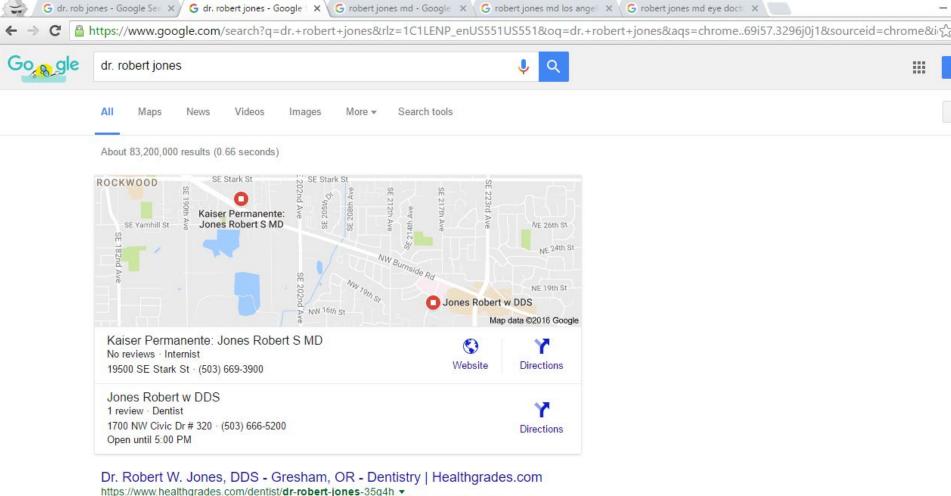
Consider Variations of Search Terms

- Use variations on your name
 - Middle name/initial, dr. vs. MD, etc.
- Include professional and location qualifiers
 - Specialty, practice name; city name, zip code,
 - neighborhood; etc.

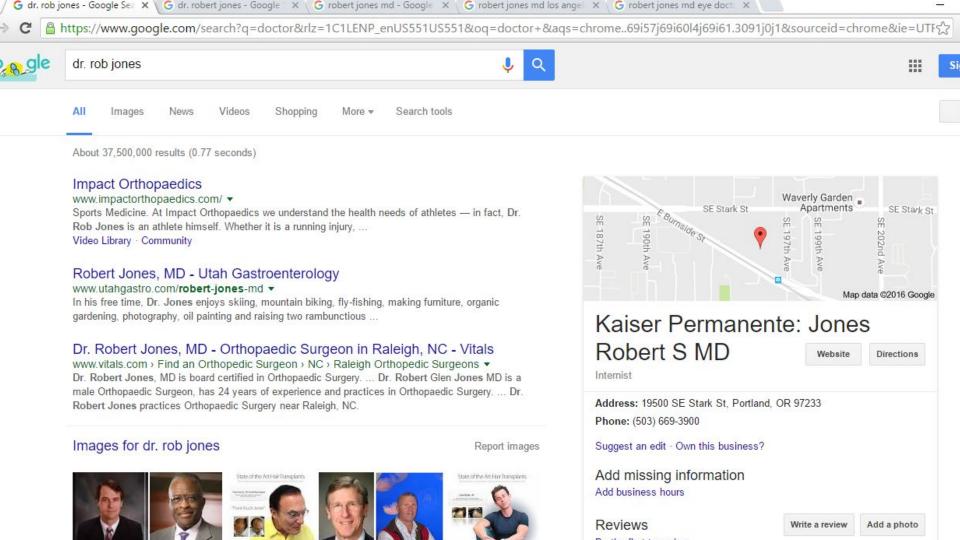


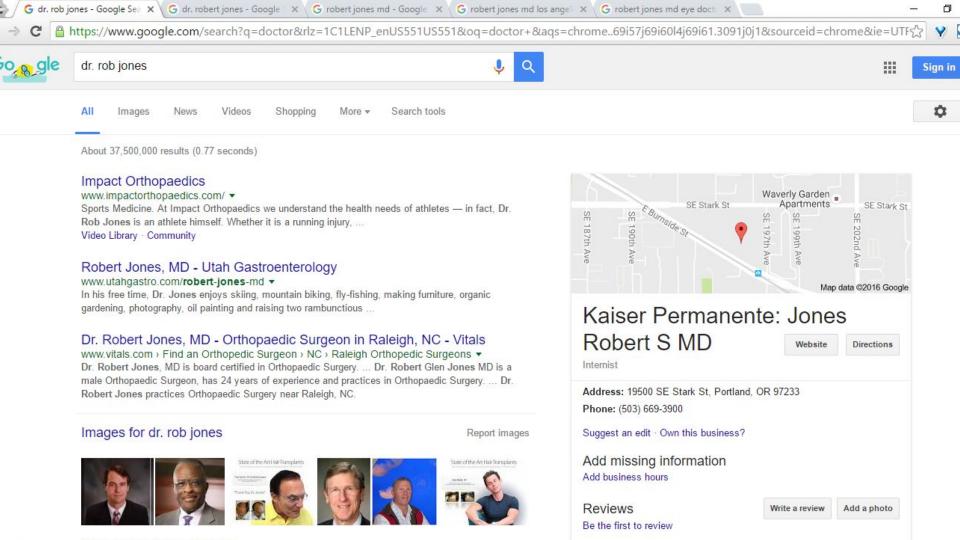


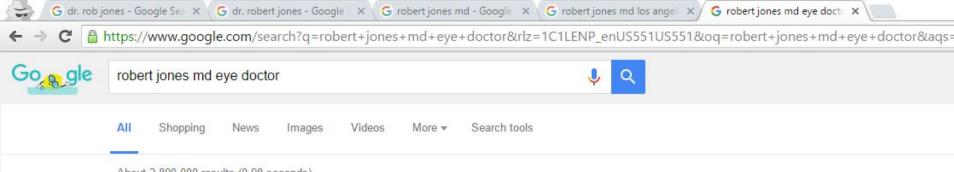




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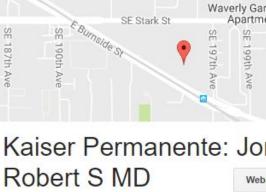
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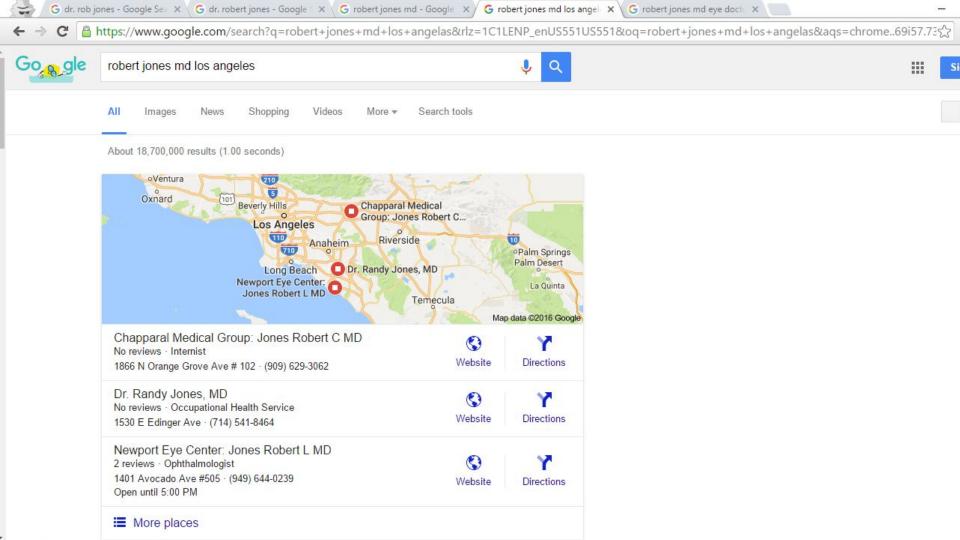
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The Impact of HIPAA

- For most industries, best practices involve engaging with customers online
- When customers are patients, you can not discuss PHI online - even if they post it first





Influencing Your Online Reputation

Options that don't involve HIPAA



Safe Options to Influence Reputation

- Uniform NAP and optimized directory listings
- Optimized social media profiles
- Employer websites
- Other online content about you



Directory Listings

- Consistent Name, Address, Phone
- Optimize with details, photos
- General business directories (Google, Yelp)
- Physician directories (Healthgrades, Vitals)



Social Media Profiles

- Facebook
 - Personal vs. Business vs. Public Figure
- LinkedIn
- Other networks



Employer and Other Websites

- Bio on employer websites
- Schools, non-profits
- Blogs, news sites



Engaging with patients online



Responding to reviews

- Never disclose PHI even if patient did first
- Invite offline conversation
- Reference practice policies
- Show a willingness to learn and improve



Stay Safe on Social Media

- Similar to responding to reviews
- Separate personal from business
- Avoid all 18 personal identifiers
- Be careful of content in photos





Where You May Get Stuck

- Fixing outdated or otherwise inaccurate information on sites you do not control
- Being diplomatic, respectful, and HIPAA compliant in the face of negative content



Questions?

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