



# **Email Marketing in Healthcare**

Effective Strategies for Patient Engagement and Growth

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- Owned or grown many IV businesses
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- Working with great providers who are not able to reach their potential because they don't have an engaged audience.
- Mission to help others *properly* promote amazing medicine.



#### Goals



- 1. Make a case for email marketing
- 2. Expand your knowledge on email marketing

3. Provide insights to successfully implementing email marketing



#### Introduction



#### **Definition**

The use of email to communicate with patients and potential patients for various purposes.

#### **Presentation Topics**

- 1. Building a platform
- 2. Increasing engagement
- 3. Converting to sales
- 4. Long-term patient base



## **How Does Email Marketing Help You**



# PROBLEM 1

How and who do you reach?

# PROBLEM 2

#### Engagement

- Educating
- Informing
- Inspiring

# PROBLEM 3

Converting platform to sales

## Why Email?



#### 1. Direct Communication Pathway

- Avenue for Connection
- Personalized Outreach (lower risk of public awareness)
- Educational Content
- Positioning knowledgeable, caring, fosters trust

#### 2. Patient Engagement and Retention

- Improve Compliance
- Reduce no-show rates
- Health alerts and updates

#### 3. Cost Effective Marketing

- Low Cost Comparatively
- High ROI

#### 4. Measurable Results

Analytics

#### 5. Compliance and Privacy

- HIPPA
- Consent-based = more engaged

#### 6. Versatility and Reach

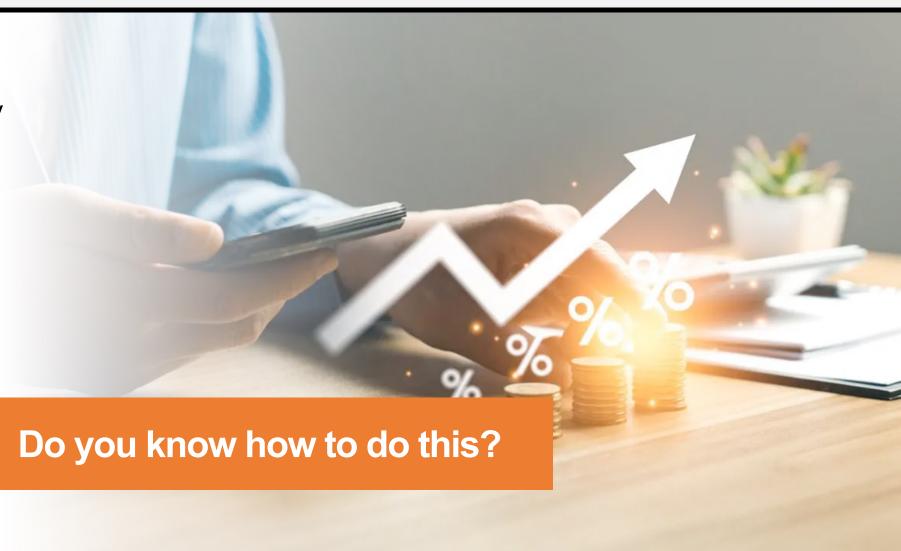
- Broad reach quickly
- Variety of content

#### 7. Integral Tool for Sales Conversion

#### **How to Scale Business**



- Increase new patients
- Increase visits each day
- Increase fees
- Increase case average
- Expand services
- Bring in other providers
- Additional locations







## Cost of Acquisition and ROI Comparison



#### 1. Cost Differential:

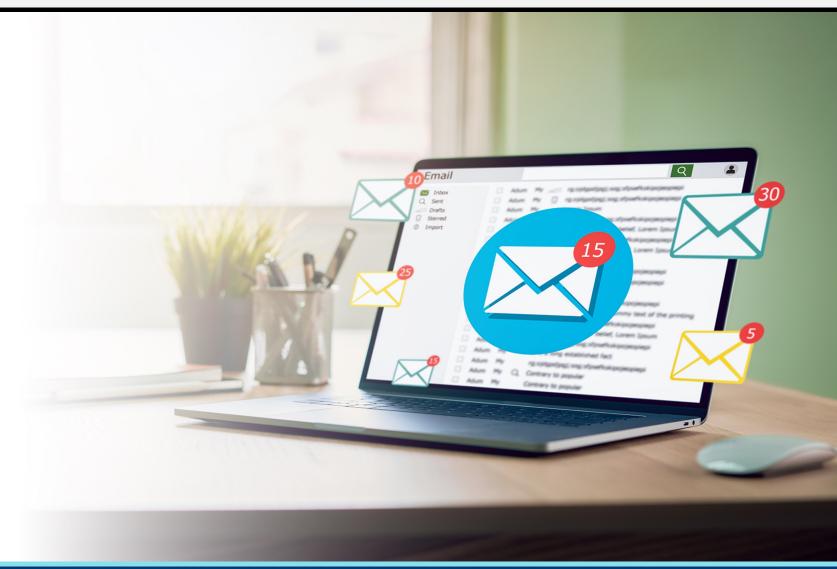
- Studies consistently find that acquiring a new client costs significantly more than retaining an existing one. The cost can be anywhere from 5 to 25 times higher to attract a new client than to keep an existing one.
- Bain & Company: Their research shows that increasing customer retention rates by 5% can increase profits by 25% to 95%.

#### 2. ROI and Profitability:

- Harvard Business Review: They report that retaining customers is more profitable due to the lower cost of retention strategies and the higher likelihood of repeat purchases from satisfied customers.
- **Marketing Metrics**: The probability of selling to an existing customer is 60-70%, while the probability of selling to a new prospect is 5-20%.



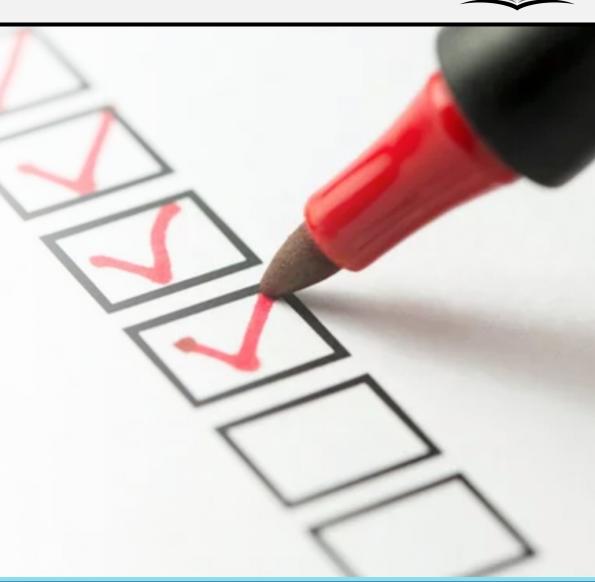
## **Key Elements**





## Clear Objective

- Define Goals: Establish clear goals such as increasing patient engagement, driving website traffic, promoting services, or improving patient retention.
- Two Phases:
  - Grow Platform and Audience
  - Sell Services





## **Targeted Audience**

- Segmentation: Segment your email list based on demographics, patient history, preferences, and behaviors to send more personalized and relevant emails.
- Opt-In Lists: Ensure your email list consists of individuals who have opted in to receive communications, maintaining compliance and higher engagement rates.





## **Compelling Content**

- Relevant and Valuable: Provide content that is informative, valuable, and relevant to your audience. This could include health tips, appointment reminders, newsletters, and updates about your practice.
- Personalization: Use personalized greetings and tailor content based on the recipient's preferences and needs.
- Clear Call-to-Action (CTA): Include clear and compelling
   CTAs that guide the recipient to take the desired action,
   whether it's scheduling an appointment, reading a blog
   post, or downloading a resource.



## **Eye-Catching Design**

 Responsive Design: Ensure your emails are mobile-friendly and look good on all devices.

 Visual Appeal: Use a clean, professional design with appropriate images, colors, and fonts that reflect your brand.

• Consistent Layout: Maintain a consistent layout and style across all emails to build brand recognition.





# Engaging Subject Line Attention-Grabbing: Craft subject line

- Attention-Grabbing: Craft subject lines that capture attention and encourage recipients to open the email.
- Clear and Concise: Keep subject lines short and to the point, highlighting the value or urgency.





## Timing and Frequency

- Optimal Timing: Send emails at times when they are most likely to be opened and read, based on your audience's habits and time zones.
- Balanced Frequency: Find a balance in the frequency of emails to avoid overwhelming recipients or losing their interest.





#### **Compliance and Privacy**

- Regulatory Compliance: Ensure your emails comply with laws and regulations such as the CAN-SPAM Act and GDPR. This includes providing an easy way to unsubscribe and protecting patient data.
- **Privacy Policies**: Clearly communicate your privacy policies and how recipient data will be used.





## **Analytics and Monitoring**

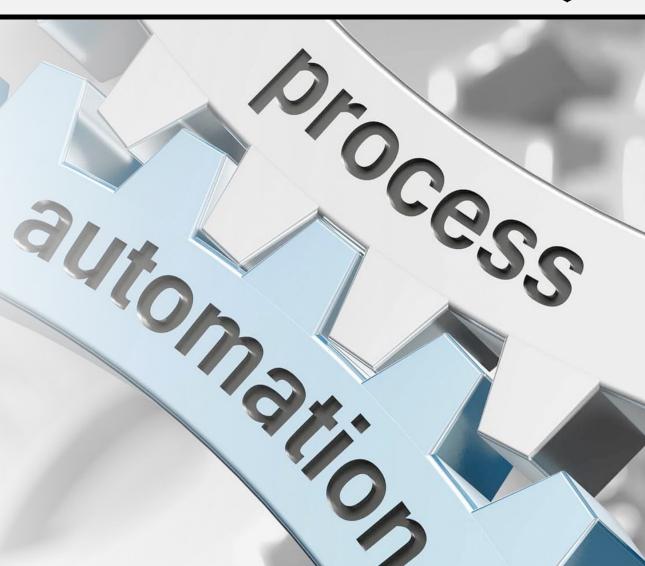
- Track Metrics: Monitor key performance indicators (KPIs) such as open rates, clickthrough rates (CTR), conversion rates, and unsubscribe rates.
- A/B Testing: Perform A/B testing on different elements of your emails (e.g., subject lines, CTAs, content) to determine what works best.





#### **Automation**

- Automated Workflows: Use email marketing automation to send timely, relevant emails based on specific triggers, such as a patient's appointment date or a new subscriber welcome series.
- **Drip Campaigns**: Implement drip campaigns to nurture leads and keep patients engaged over time with a series of scheduled emails.





#### List Management

- Clean Lists: Regularly clean your email list to remove inactive subscribers and ensure the list remains engaged.
- **Grow Your List**: Continuously seek new subscribers through various channels such as your website, social media, and in-practice sign-ups.

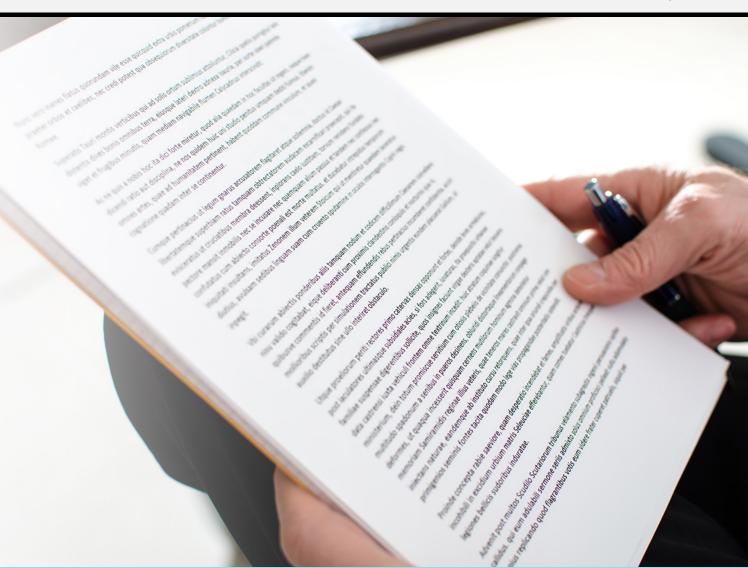




## Case Studies and Examples

#### **Successful Email Campaigns**

- Examples from healthcare providers
- Key takeaways and lessons learned





#### **Tools and Resources**

#### **Email Marketing Platforms**

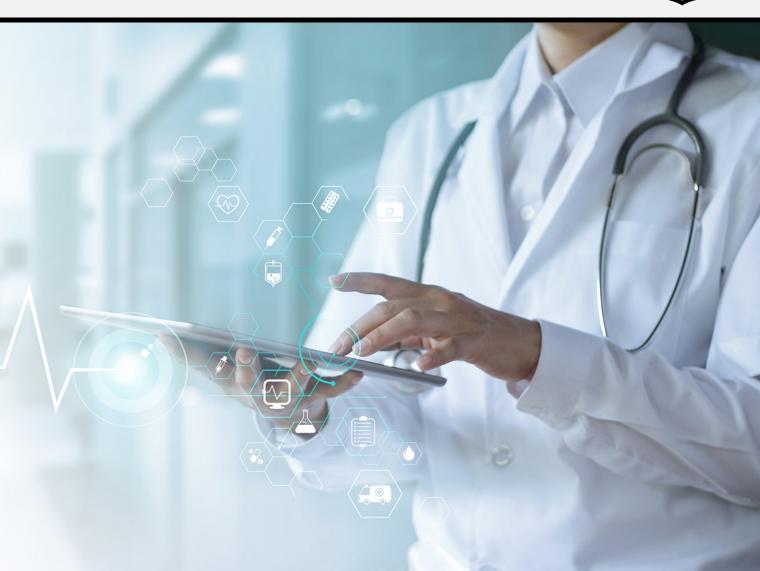
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#### **Additional Resources**

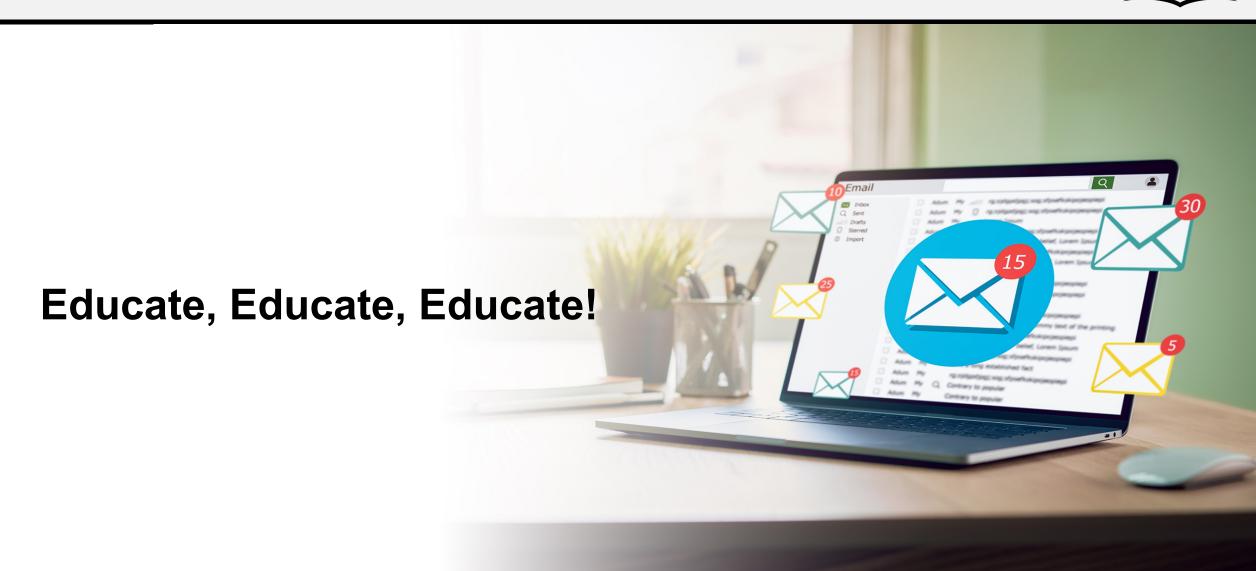
Templates, best practice guides

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• ChatGPT, Bard, Gemini







## Why is Education Worth the Expense



- Improved Outcomes
- Increased Engagement
- Enhanced Communication
- Prevention and Early Detection
- Cost Savings
- Increased Compliance
- Improved Patient Satisfaction
- Better Self Care and Prevention
- Enhanced Quality of Life
- Compliance with Healthcare Standards

#### Patient Education Leads To Patient Engagement





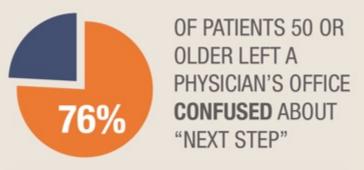
#### **Educate Your Patients**



It is vital to the success of your practice to educate your patients on conditions they or their loved ones may suffer from, your mission in helping them, and the treatments and services you provide.

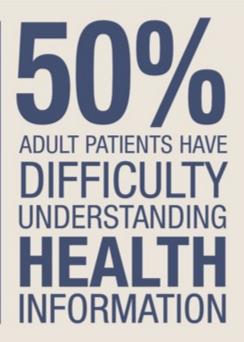
An educated patient will remain loyal to you, spend more money on the services you offer, and have better outcomes from the belief they have in you.

## PATIENT EDUCATION NEEDED





40% - 80% OF INFORMATION IS
IMMEDIATELY FORGOTTEN BY PATIENTS



#### How Educated Patients Work For You.



- Believe it or not, most of the patients that will come into your clinic do not understand the medicine you are selling them.
- Educating your patients is beneficial to your practice on many levels.
- Educated patients:
  - Have increased perception of you and services, which changes their expectation
  - Expect higher quality, more communication and better outcomes (engagement)
  - Increases the patients trust in you
  - Sets you up as the healthcare expert in their lives (trust)
  - Increases your credibility and strengthens their confidence in you
  - Creates loyal patients
  - Allows you to build a relationship of reciprocity with them (intro-referral)
  - Deepens their feelings of sincerity in your efforts
  - Generates more revenue

## **How Education Helps Your Patients**



- Educated patients
  - take responsibility for their health
  - take a proactive role in their care
  - justify the cost
  - follow through with treatments and instructions
- This increases outcomes and referability
- Understanding is the first step to becoming an invested patient who will eventually refer
- Knowledge is power.

Knowledge > understanding > confidence > conviction > sharing > value

#### **How To Educate Patients**



- Books/articles/studies in office
- Create handouts or shareable info
  - Printable
  - Digital
  - Patient Portal
  - Monitors/tablets
    - Front load educational platforms that work for you and save you time while simultaneously effectively utilizing patient wait times in your office (especially in an IV room).
  - Web/Social Media maximize shareability
  - Webinars, podcasts, FB/IG live
  - Live classes/seminars
- Well trained staff who can affirm what you do (they are the second opinion in your office)

#### **Patient Engagement**







0% BASE SPENDING

NOT DISLOYAL NOT LOYAL

#### DISENGAGED



-13%
DECREASE IN SPENDING

NOT LOYAL SPREAD BAD WORD OF MOUTH

WHERE MANY OF YOUR PATIENTS ARE

**ENGAGED** 



+23%
INCREASE IN SPENDING

MORE LOYAL
MAY SPREAD GOOD
WORD OF MOUTH

# BRAND-ALIGNED ENGAGED



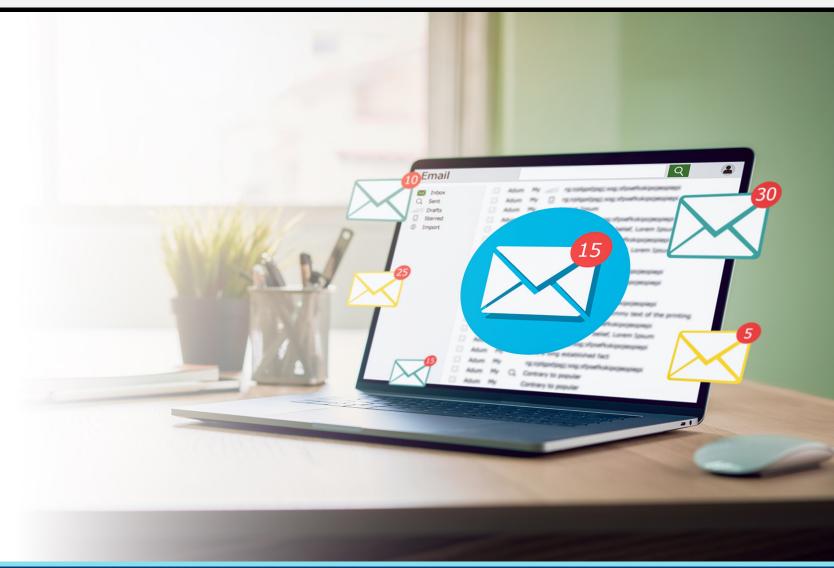
+47%
INCREASE IN SPENDING

COMPLETELY LOYAL REFERS EVERYONE

WHERE THEY SHOULD BE



## **What Next?**



## **Beyond Email**



- Webinars
- Podcasts
- Host On-site Live Events
- Social Media
- YouTube



#### **Call To Action**



A prompt that encourages the audience to take a specific action; designed to guide the recipient toward a desired outcome.

#### **Examples of Common CTAs**

- E-commerce: "Buy Now," "Add to Cart," "Shop Now."
- Lead Generation: "Download Free Report," "Get Your Free Trial," "Request a Quote."
- Subscription: "Subscribe to Our Newsletter," "Join Now," "Sign Up for Updates."
- Engagement: "Follow Us on Social Media," "Leave a Review," "Share Your Feedback."
- Appointment Setting: "Book an Appointment," "Schedule a Consultation," "Find a Doctor."

#### **Post-Visit: Nurture Relationship**



- Personal phone call after first therapy
- Email discharge instruction and FAQs
- Appointment reminders
- Email newsletters with new information, announcements, and promotions
- Referral programs (build your list)
- Reactivation programs

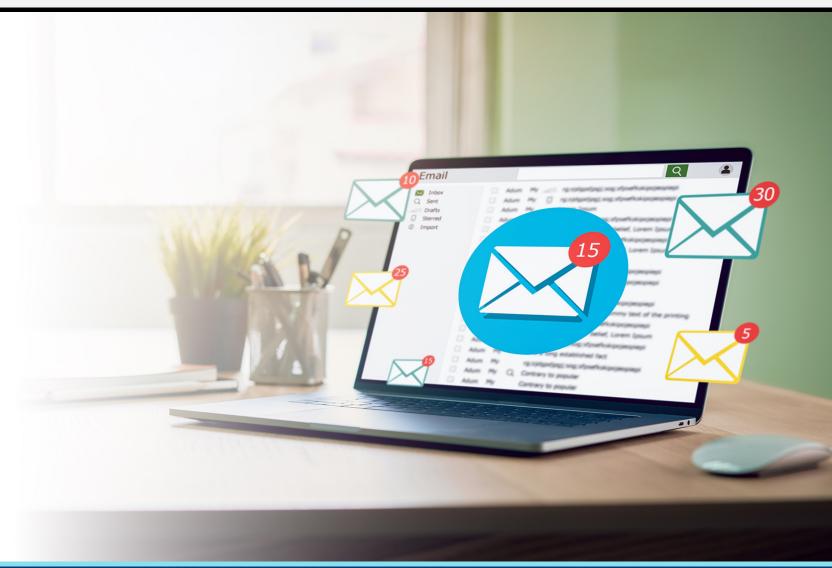
#### Referrals



- Warm leads lower acquisition costs
- Already know about you and trust you a little
- Increased conversion by 20%
- Higher lifetime value
- Builds your lists



## What to Avoid



## **Top 10 Mistakes in Email Marketing**



- 1. Lack of Personalization
- 2. Ignoring Mobile Optimization
- 3. Inconsistent Sending Frequency
- 4. Weak Subject Lines
- 5. Neglecting Segmentation
- 6. Poor Design and Layout
- 7. Lack of a Call to Action (CTA)
- 8. Not Testing and Analyzing
- 9. Ignoring Compliance and Privacy Laws
- 10. Neglecting Email List Hygiene

## **Mistakes With ANY Marketing**



- Making claims
- Poor content
- Focusing on you instead of them
- No strategy
- Holding back
- Lack of clear budget
- Failing to commit

## **Top 10 Misconceptions with Email Marketing**



- 1. Email Marketing is Dead
- 2. More Emails Equals Better Results
- 3. Email Marketing is Only for Sales
- 4. Personalization is Too Time-Consuming
- 5. Design Doesn't Matter
- All Email Lists are Good
- 7. Unsubscribes are Always Bad
- 8. Once an Email is Sent, it's Done
- 9. HTML Emails are Always Better than Plain Text
- 10. Everyone Receives the Same Email

## **Email Reciprocates**



