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# Introductions



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# Objectives

- Why it is crucial to think beyond the content itself and consider HCP preferences for content consumption
- Learn how to gather HCP insights and preferences that can inform the delivery strategy for your content
- Review examples of HCP content consumption insights that shaped content delivery





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Content Strategy Manager, Mad\*Pow



# Who is your audience?

*Creating good content begins with understanding your audience*

# What makes good content?

Delivering content effectively isn't just about finding the right message.

It's about delivering the **right message** to the **right audience** in the **right place** at the **right time** using the **right delivery method**.

And in order to do that, you need to understand your audience!





# Today's physician audience

Physicians today:

**Are busy & time-  
constrained**

**Are increasingly  
digitally engaged**

**Have different  
communication  
professionals**

# Physicians are busy & time-constrained

**80%** of physicians reported being at **full capacity or overextended** in 2018.

They see on average **20.2 patients per day**.

Physicians reported working an average of **51.4 hours per week**.

**79%** reported working **more than 40 hours** per week.

And 23% of that time is spent on **non-clinical paperwork**.

**42%** of physicians reported being **burned out** in 2021.

The top drivers of burnout were:

- Too many bureaucratic tasks (58%)
- Too much time spent at work (37%)



# Physicians are increasingly digitally engaged

They report spending **8 hours** per day on **screen time**.

This includes **5 hours** using the **EHR** and **3 hours** consulting **external websites**.

**37%** of younger physicians report relying on **social networks and message boards** for work.

This compares to **25%** of their peers aged **55 and above**.

# Physicians are spending time online

And many are harnessing new tools.

“With regard to gastroenterology, some colleagues and I have already **started using [Clubhouse] to hold journal clubs and grand rounds-type discussions** around GI topics and we’re encouraging our thought leader colleagues to get on the app so that once again we can make sure that the people who are speaking about these topics are actually reputable and well-trained in those areas.”

Austin Chiang, MD, Director, Endoscopic Bariatric Program  
& Chief Medical Social Media Officer, Jefferson Health



# Physicians have different communication preferences

**Traditionalists**



**Digital Adopters**



**Digital Enthusiasts**





# Polling question

Which type of physician do you feel you encounter most?

- A. Traditionalists
- B. Digital adopters
- C. Digital enthusiasts

# Today's physician audience: Implications for content

**Physicians today:**

Are busy & time  
constrained

Are increasingly  
digitally engaged

Have different  
communication  
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**Content  
implications:**

Content must be concise,  
delivered so they can  
easily consume it.

Content must reach them  
where they are to  
effectively prompt digital  
engagement.

Content should be  
offered in different  
formats to offer varied  
engagement methods.

# Understanding your audience

<b>To learn about your audience, ask:</b>	<b>Where to look for answers:</b>
<p>How do they typically access information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What channels/tools are they using?</li><li>- Who/what are they engaging with?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Surveys</li><li>- User interviews</li><li>- Discussions with KOLs</li></ul>
<p>What content is of interest to them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What type of content are they consuming?</li><li>- Why are they consuming that content?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Web &amp; email analytics</li><li>- Keyword research</li><li>- Internal feedback</li></ul>
<p>How much information do they want to receive?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- How frequently do they want to receive information?</li><li>- What level of detail do they need?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- User interviews</li><li>- A/B testing</li></ul>





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Medical Strategy and Field Operations Director GSK



# Reevaluating medical engagement in a digital world

# The aim of 'best in-class' Medical Affairs engagement

Right HCP



Right Information



Right Time



Right Channel



# Shifting the paradigm

Digital Engagement  
Needed from Medical

Company Medical have historically engaged with customers in a face-to-face setting with limited digital engagement options

Covid has accelerated the need for a better omnichannel capability with HCPs, who are now expecting to engage with Company to access relevant information, when they need it and how they want it

Medical Affairs must consider the most effective way to engage utilizing multiple channels in an integrated way, such as digitized content and analytics to understand the use of content, and drive more impactful Medical interactions

The Value this  
can deliver

Seamless digital engagement across multiple channels

Competitive advantage in an increasingly digital landscape

Wider and global reach to patients, HCPs and key stakeholders

2-way engagement that is on demand

The creation of long-term, more personalized relationships



# Medical omnichannel approach

EMAIL

PORTAL

Intelligent Engagement

Scientific Profiling

Scientific / Medical Congress

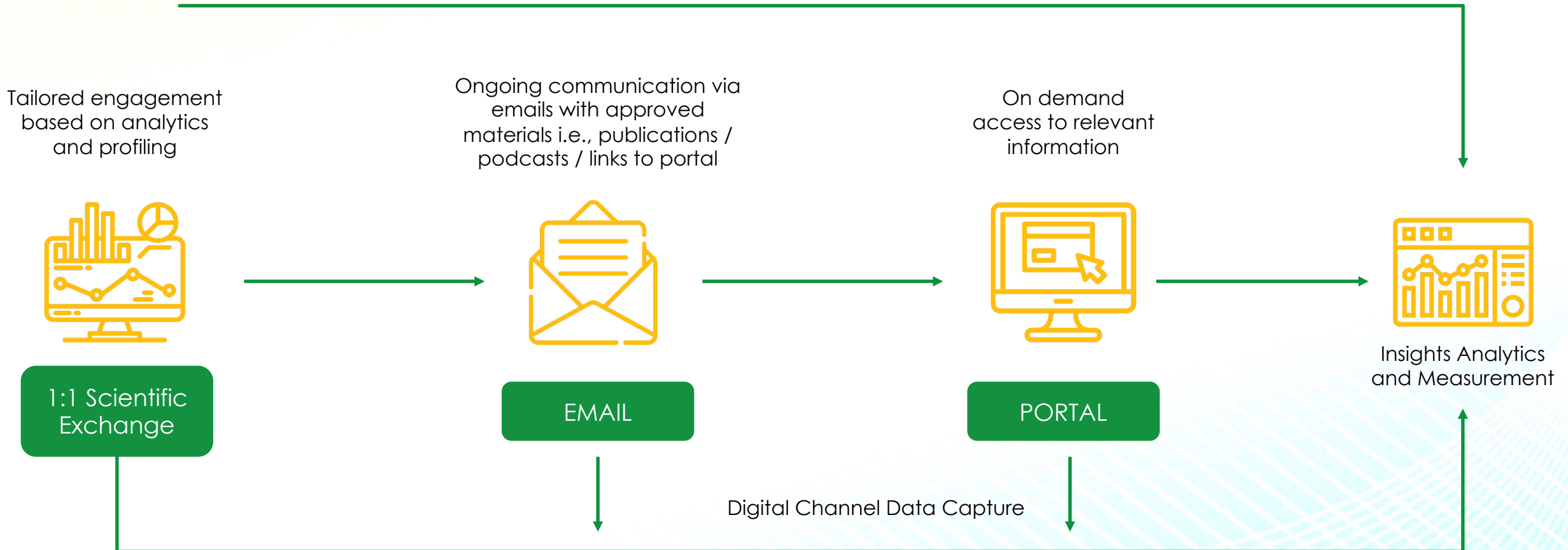


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# Insights analytics and measurement

Optimization of content and engagements through Insights, Digital Data and Analytics



# Polling Question

What proportion of your Medical Affairs external engagement activities are virtual?

- A. Less than 25%
- B. Between 25-50%
- C. Between 51-75%
- D. More than 75%





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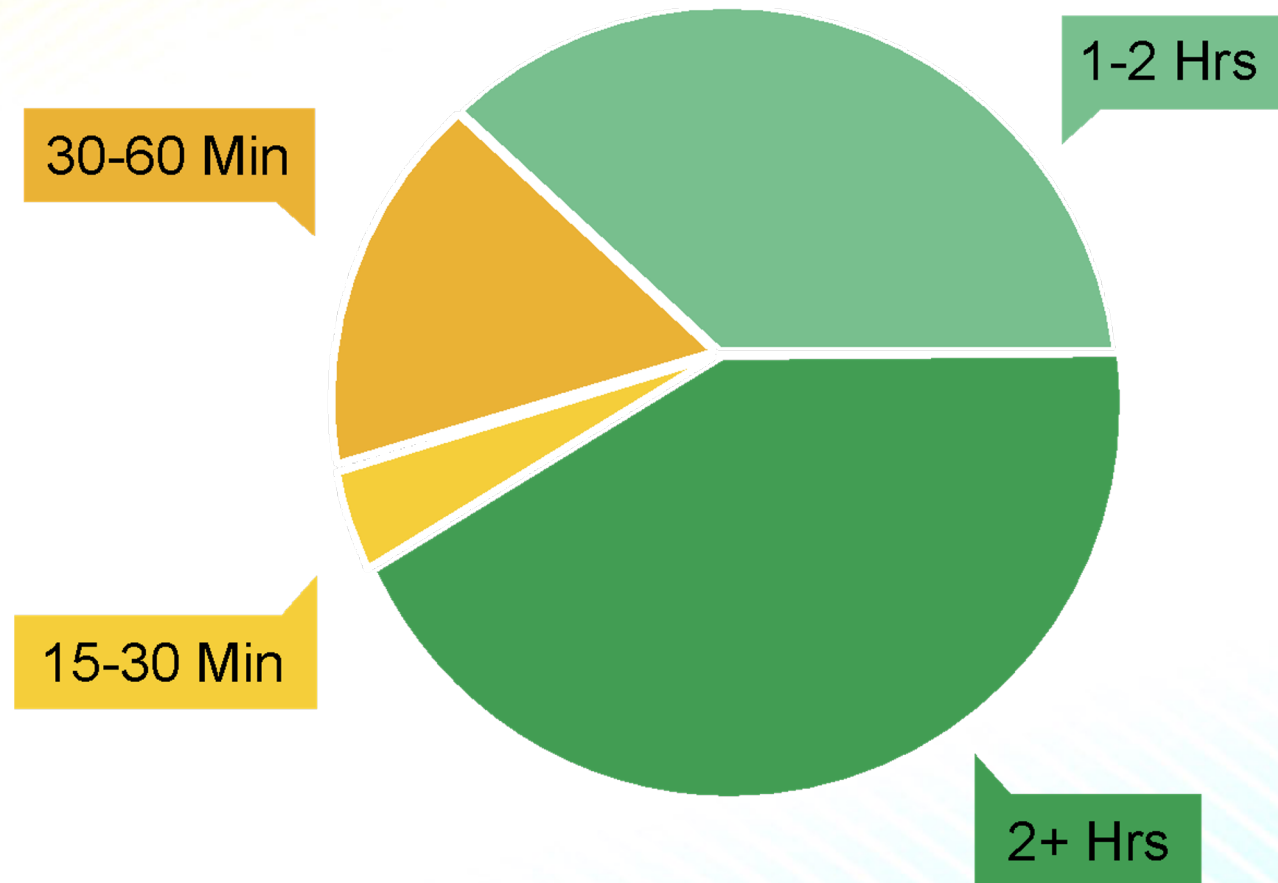
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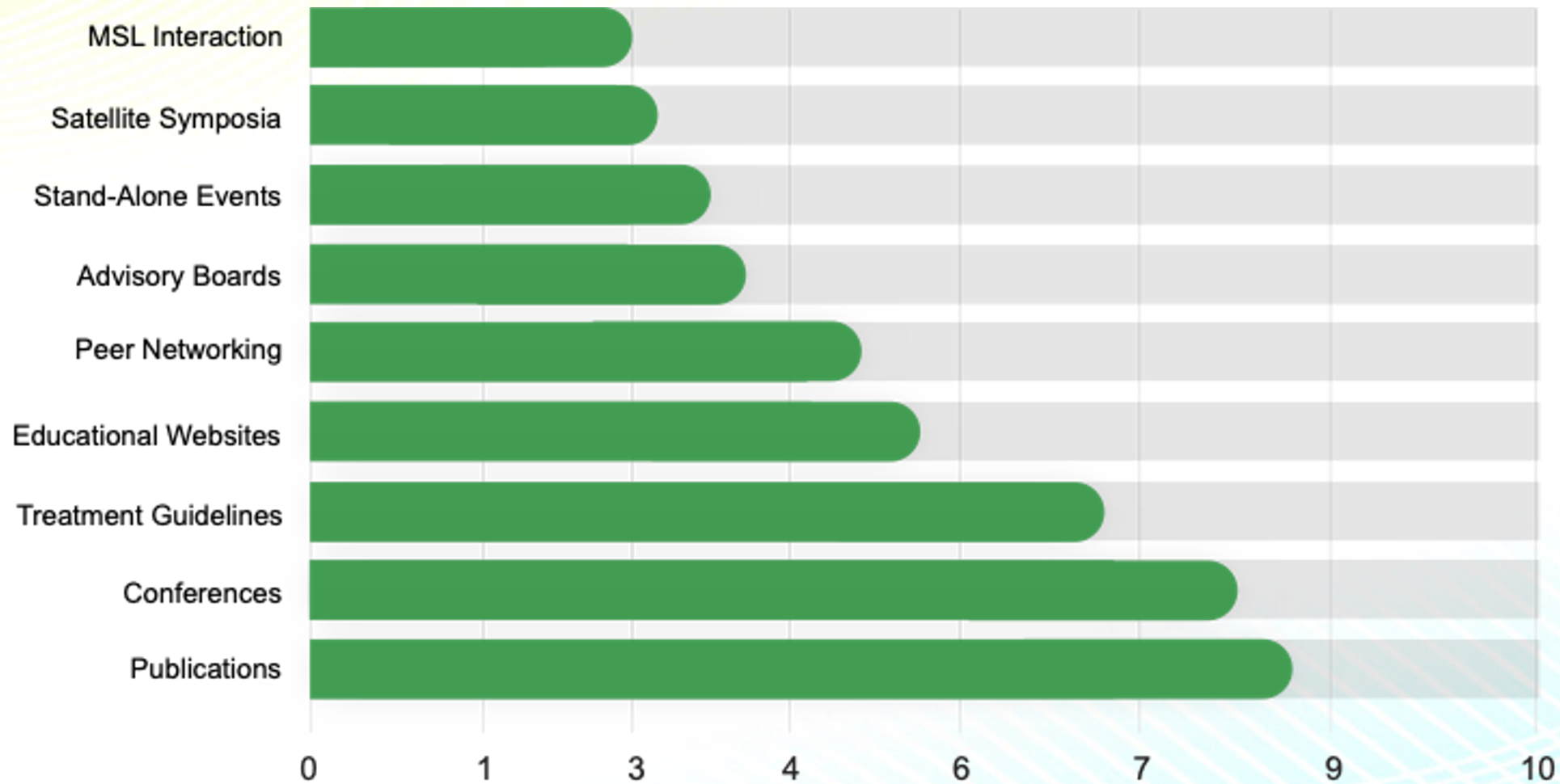
# Insights Applied

*Examples of how insights can shape content formats*

# HCP self study time per week

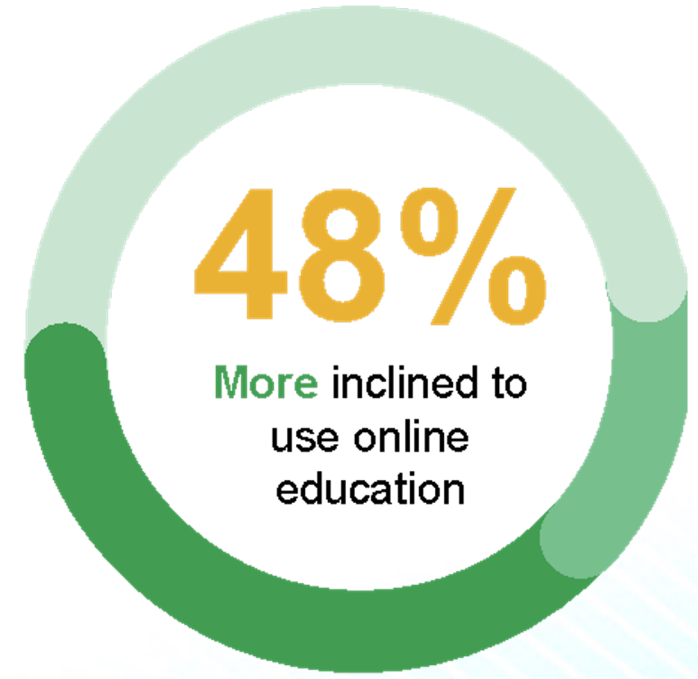


# HCPs see publications as the most effective learning tool



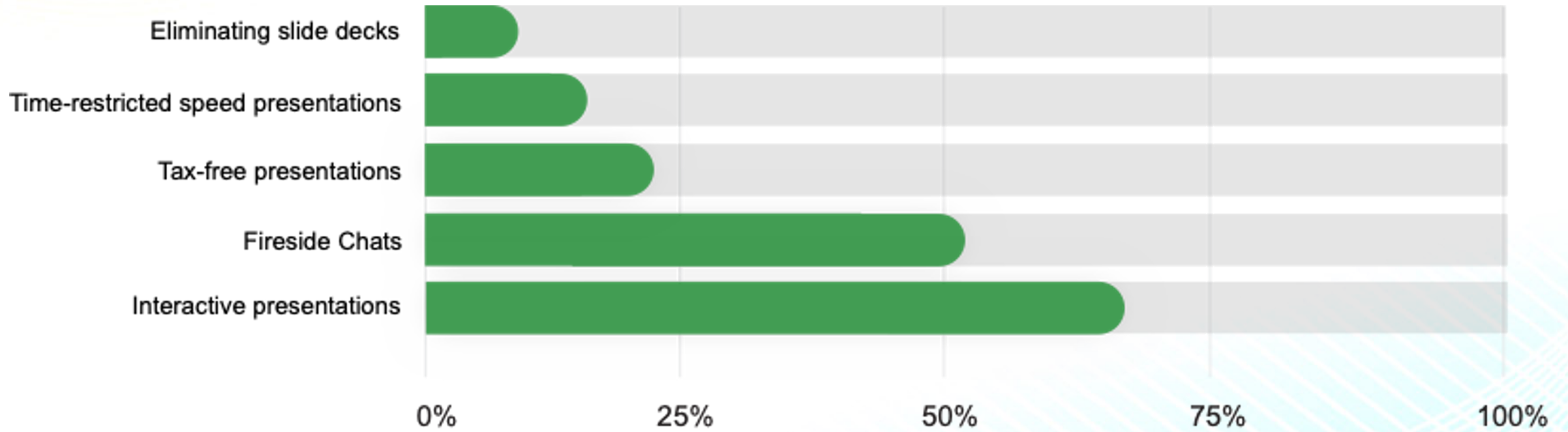


# Preference for virtual started before the pandemic



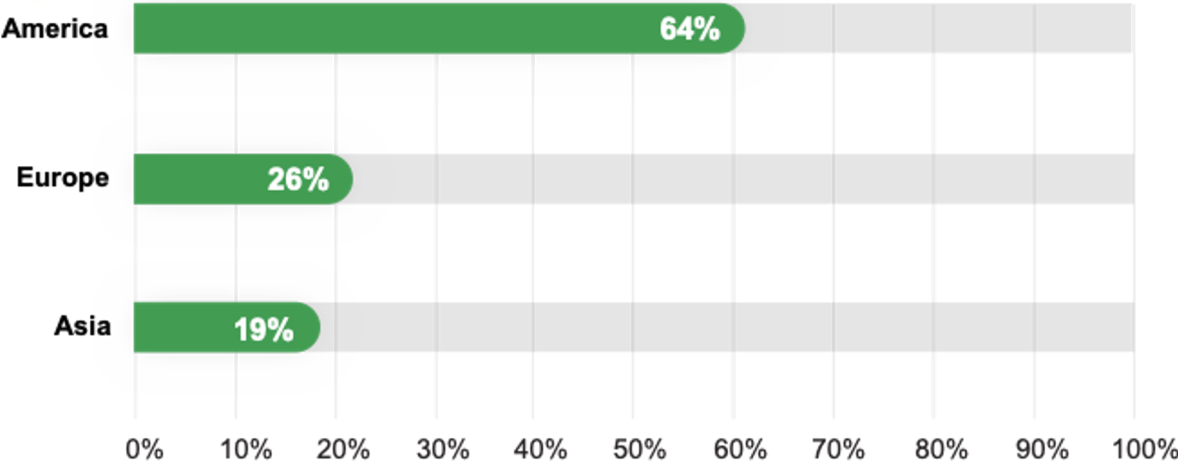
● More inclined    ● Less inclined    ● No Difference

# It's all about interaction

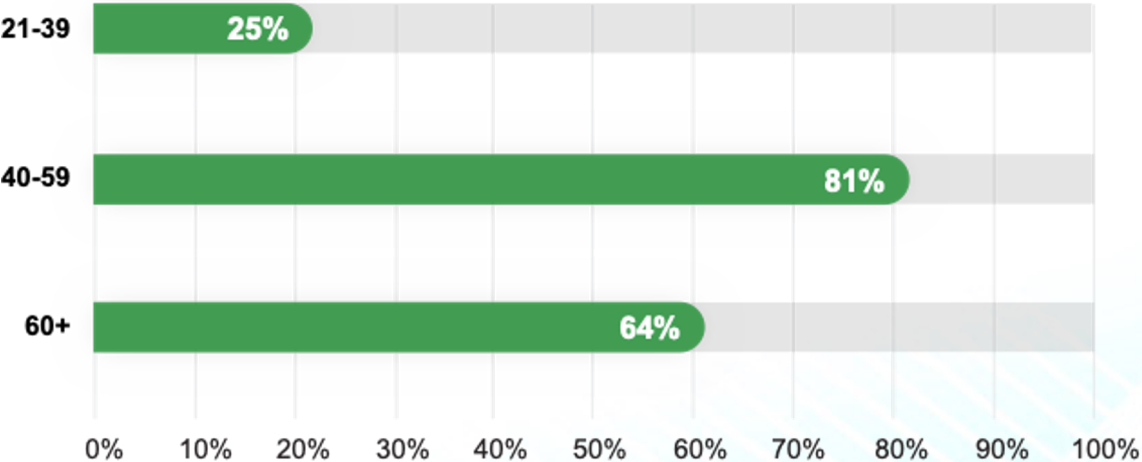


# One size fits nobody

Respondents' frequency of reading scientific publications 'printed in a journal' by continent



Respondents from North America that refer to sources that are 'printed in a journal' by age





# Polling Question

In your organization, are content consumption insights considered when planning MedComms deliverables?

- A. Always
- B. Often
- C. Sometimes
- D. Rarely

# Omnichannel approach



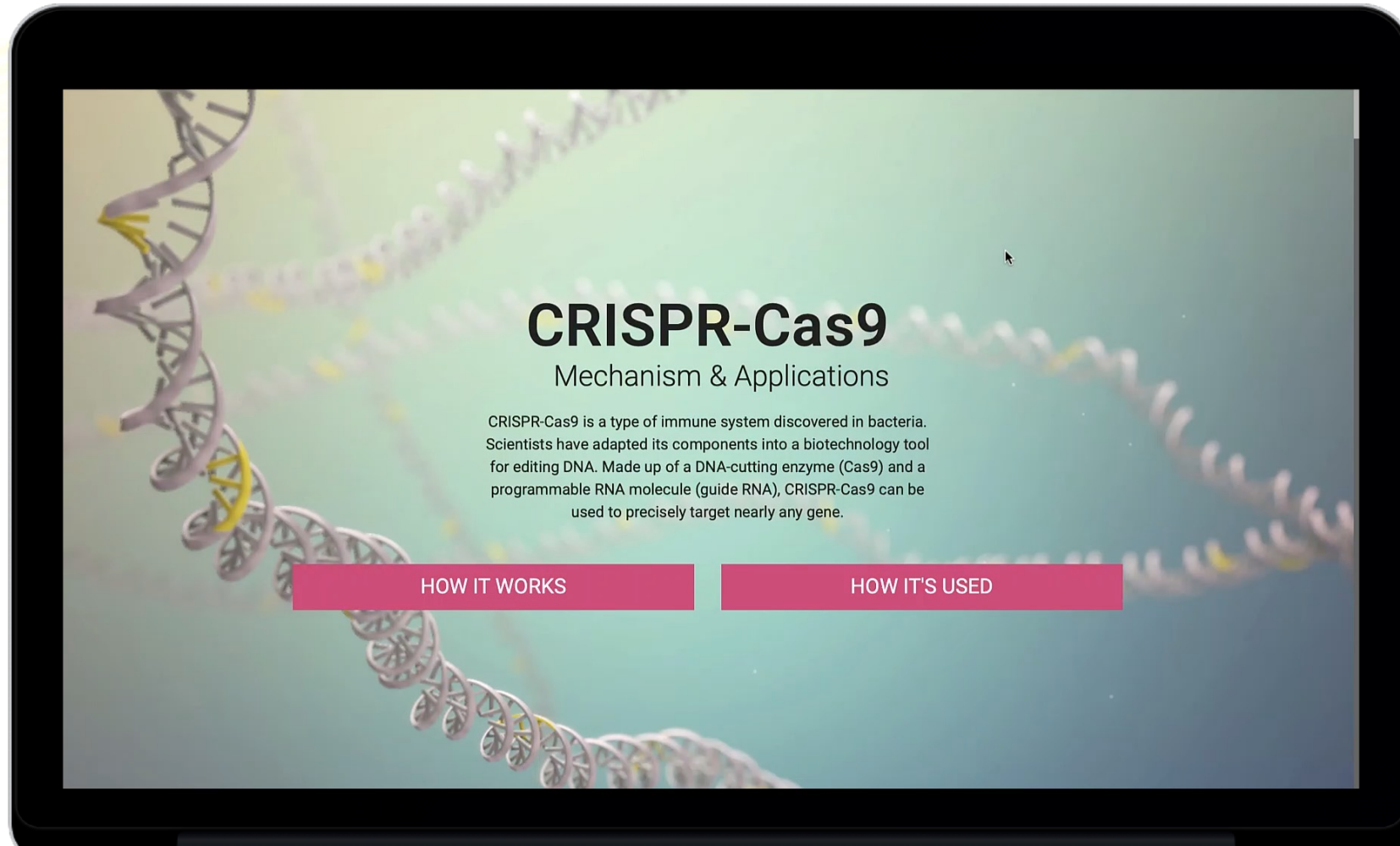
# Facilitating easy content consumption

## **REAL-WORLD DATA**

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# Catering to the need for interactivity



# Humanizing the online event experience

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- Switch to the other poster session
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- Your camera feed
- Look up which floor each poster is on
- Change your profile info
- Poster number for this table
- Jump to a different table by double-clicking it
- Control your camera and microphone
- Send chat messages
- View the Whiteboard for your table (presenters upload their poster here)