

# List of 100 Marketing Ideas

## Internal Marketing Ideas

- 1. Purchase branded lip balm, water bottles, etc. to hand out to patients.
- 2. Send out birthday cards to patients.
- 3. Send thank you cards to patients who refer others to the practice.
- 4. Send welcome cards to new patients.
- 5. Create an in-office slideshow for the televisions in the reception area to highlight special offers or services you wish to promote.
- 6. Call patients the night before a large procedure to help ease their anxieties and fears.
- 7. Call patients to check in the day after large procedures.
- 8. Put a magnetic sign for your practice on your car to spread awareness.
- 9. Create an in-office point system and give away prizes for younger patients who are cavity free.
- 10. Create an in-office point system and give away prizes for older patients (free Sonicare toothbrush, free teeth whitening, etc.) when they show up for their appointments.
- 11. Surprise young patients with a free gift for different milestones (no cavities, good grades, new tooth, etc.).
- 12. Have patients put their business cards in a bowl at the front desk and draw a winner quarterly.

# Referral Marketing Ideas

- 13. Anytime a patient compliments the practice, remind them that you are accepting new patients and welcome their referral.
- 14. Encourage your staff to ask for referrals on a daily basis.
- 15. Run a monthly or quarterly internal giveaway based on the number of referrals each staff member produces.
- 16. Create a "brag box" in the staff room, where staff can anonymously brag about another staff member asking for a referral.
- 17. Email a reminder to your practice database to make a referral.
- 18. Enter each patient that makes a referral into a monthly or quarterly giveaway.
- 19. If you are a specialist, create branded referral sheets with your practice information and map to hand out to referring doctors.
- 20. If you are a specialist, visit with referring doctors on a quarterly or twice yearly basis.

### Online Reviews Ideas

- 21. Ask every single patient you see to write you a Google+ review until you have at least 20 5-star reviews.
- 22. Respond to all online reviews your practice receives.
- 23. Email a reminder to your practice database to write a review.
- 24. Enter each patient that writes a review into a monthly or quarterly giveaway.
- 25. Hand out a postcard with instructions on how to write an online review to patients.



#### Facebook/Social Media Ideas

- 26. Post to your practice Facebook page 1-2 times per week.
- 27. Share your practice's Facebook posts on your personal page.
- 28. Invite all your Facebook friends to like your practice Facebook page.
- 29. Create scripts for your team to use as a guide in promoting your page.
- 30. Post practice updates, anniversaries, birthdays and milestones on your practice Facebook page.
- 31. Post on Facebook once per month that you are currently accepting new patients.
- 32. Promote all of your raffles, drawings and giveaways on social media.
- 33. Post about popular industry-wide topics on your social media profiles.
- 34. Post on Facebook about any philanthropic campaigns you take part in, such as hosting a food drive or providing free toothbrushes to a shelter.
- 35. Put up signs in the office asking patients to like your practice Facebook page.

# Content Marketing Ideas

- 36. Write a series of content (200-500 words per piece) answering your patients' burning questions and post them as blog entries on your practice website.
- 37. Email the pieces of content to your patient database.
- 38. Use these pieces of content as a way to educate and ease patients toward those higherticket services.
- 39. Add a visual element to each piece of content.
- 40. Have your staff guest-write a piece of content focusing on their specialty or expertise.
- 41. Create video content explaining larger, more complex procedures to feature on your website, share with patients through email and post on your practice Facebook page.
- 42. Recycle your content pieces by repurposing them into videos or podcasts.

## Website Ideas

- 43. Add "Accepting New Patients" to the pages of your website.
- 44. Create a form on your website where patients can easily refer others to your practice.
- 45. Update your website with new photos, staff members and information annually.
- 46. Hire a professional photographer to take after shots of your patients to post on your website or use in other marketing materials.
- 47. Make sure before and after photos are all full-face photos, since the smile comes through as much in the eyes as it does in the mouth.
- 48. Highlight awards, achievements and accolades on your website.
- 49. Feature a 24/7 scheduling tool on your website so that patients can set up an appointment any day, any time.
- 50. Create a web page targeting people looking for "No Insurance Dentistry".
- 51. Make sure your website is responsive to all mobile devices.
- 52. Compile FAQs into a webpage to increase traffic from people who need answers before they book an appointment.
- 53. Whenever another website mentions your website, make sure they provide a link to your website.
- 54. Offer your knowledge to local resources by guest-blogging on their website.
- 55. Optimize your website for search engines.



### Print Marketing Ideas

- 56. Develop a brochure for your reception area and new patient packets.
- 57. Pass out business cards to the local businesses surrounding your practice.
- 58. Print business cards for everyone on the staff and have them distribute five per month.

# Online Advertising Ideas

- 59. Run a Google AdWords campaign.
- 60. Reengage with people who have been on your website with a Google Remarketing campaign.
- 61. Run an online ad for people looking for "No Insurance Dentistry".
- 62. Gain awareness from your target market for certain services by running a Google Display Ad on related websites.
- 63. Tell a story about your brand with a Facebook carousal ad.
- 64. Create an interactive experience with a canvas ad on Facebook.
- 65. If your practice is new to the community, run a Facebook campaign to generate new likes for your page so that you have an audience to communicate your services to on social media.
- 66. Run a YouTube advertising camping.
- 67. Run a Yelp advertising campaign.
- 68. Run a LinkedIn ad targeting people from major local corporations.
- 69. Run a LinkedIn ad targeting individuals with higher incomes.

#### Other Traditional Marketing Ideas

- 70. Run a radio advertisement.
- 71. Run a television commercial.
- 72. Run a direct mail campaign.
- 73. Target new move-ins with a "welcome" mailer.
- 74. Target new movers with a direct mail campaign.

#### Community Outreach Ideas

- 75. Volunteer at a local school to teach young children about building good oral hygiene habits.
- 76. Volunteer at a church or community center to teach young children about building good oral hygiene habits.
- 77. Sponsor a local sports team by donating water bottles or jerseys.
- 78. Advertise on the scoreboards of local gyms or recreation centers.
- 79. Network at your local Chamber of Commerce.
- 80. Develop partnerships with other related industries for co-promotion.
- 81. Donate to charities.
- 82. Submit any philanthropy work you do to local newspapers via a press release.
- 83. Hold a candy buy back program at Halloween.
- 84. Participate in a local event or 5k and give away toothbrushes/business cards to spread your name throughout the community.



#### **Event Ideas**

- 85. Hold an open house or holiday party to reintroduce patients to the practice.
- 86. If you are a specialist, hold a lunch and learn among referring doctors.
- 87. Hold a client appreciation event at a movie theater, zoo or other family-friendly venue.
- 88. Attend local and industry-wide networking events.
- 89. Create your own networking event with other local dentists and specialists.

### Special Promotion Ideas

- 90. Offer a military special.
- 91. Offer a senior citizen special.
- 92. Offer free consultations for certain services.
- 93. Offer seasonal specials (teeth whitening for bridal parties in the summer or teeth whitening for teens before prom or graduation).

#### Other Ideas

- 94. Appoint one person on your team to spearhead all marketing efforts.
- 95. Track exactly where patients are coming from so you know which marketing tactics are working and which are not.
- 96. Survey your patients to learn more about what could be improved upon the practice. Implement those suggestions.
- 97. Determine your vision for the practice and coach your staff on how, as a team, you can make this vision a reality.
- 98. Apply online for Business Awards to boost credibility and increase new patient awareness.
- 99. Hold a creative brainstorm with your team to come up with more ideas to implement into your marketing strategy.
- Read Kaboom! if you are overwhelmed by marketing. 100.