Think like a plastic surgeon:
Combine price transparency with lead generation!

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DISCLAIMER

Founder/CEO of BuildMyBod Health, a price transparency platform
Audience Participation

1. Do you provide pricing on your website?

Yes or No
FMMA understands why pricing is important

...but
...there’s an extra piece to the puzzle
BACKGROUND

As more healthcare services are being paid out-of-pocket due to an increasing number of high deductible health plans...
Patients are more price sensitive
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This has been the plastic surgeon’s “reality” for years
BENEFITS

Use online price transparency as a tool for generating leads
Patients receive pricing information they’re searching for.
A Patients receive pricing information they’re searching for

B Providers receive contact information for follow up
Patients receive pricing information they’re searching for

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Passively build a huge database of cash-pay patients
A. Patients receive pricing information they’re searching for
B. Providers receive contact information for follow ups
C. Passively build a huge database of cash-pay patients
• Practiced for 6 years in Baton Rouge, LA
• Moved to San Francisco 4 years ago
• Took over an existing eponymous practice with only 200 email addresses and a website, but no discernible SEO traction
• After 4 years, grew database to over 7,000 email addresses

…so how did I do it?
Building your email database through new leads

- Don’t purchase a list
- You want consumers who are genuinely interested in your services
What will be your “carrot” to generate as many leads as possible for your practice?
Pricing Information

There is no stronger incentive for a consumer to provide their contact info than the promise of pricing information.
A procedure pricing ‘widget’ containing a list of offered services was integrated into my website.
What’s a widget?
What's a widget?
Thank you for your wishlist submission! From Pacific Heights Plastic Surgery

Joe Patient

You have expressed interest in:
- Brazilian Butt Lift with Tummy Tuck - $12,500
- Juvederm®/Belotero®/Restylane® for Lip Augmentation - $650
- [Procedure Detail Video] [Buy Now Price: $618 - 5% off]

Total OR time: 4.5 hours
Total MD fees: $13,150
Total OR/anesthesia cost: $4,450
Total garment costs: $300

Total estimated cost with fees: $17,900

If you have any questions or to set up an appointment please contact our offices at:
(415) 749-9191 | info@pacificheightsplasticsurgery.com

Enjoy!
Pacific Heights Plastic Surgery Team

*You may be contacted via email at joe@gmail.com or by phone at
(504) 555-1212 regarding your wishlist.

Learn more about Pacific Heights Plastic Surgery - Dr. Kaplan by clicking here
Don’t just engage... re-engage!
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HEAD & NECK

Juvederm®, Belotero®, Restylane® for Lip Augmentation

Injection of Juvederm®, Belotero®, or Restylane® to enhance the volume or shape of the lips. Total cost depends on the amount of product used, but this is a common cost for most patients with moderate volume deficiency.

This procedure is available for online purchase. Click below to view!

PROMO AVAILABLE

Videos

Filler to the lip after a dental block
• Generate a lead when patients submit a wishlist to check pricing
• Generate a lead when a patient schedules a consultation through the Price Estimator
• Generate a lead (and dollars) when patients make an online purchase…
  and

Generate a lead when a patient “abandons” their cart
Dear [Patient Name],

We noticed you left the following items in your BuildMyBod Health Promo Cart:

- Botox®/Dysport®/Xeomin® Injection - Forehead and Between Eyebrows - $285! Click Here to be taken directly to this procedure to purchase.
- Selfie Makeover (Las Vegas - Good Morning America) - $250. Click Here to be taken directly to this procedure to purchase.

If you have further questions about these services, Dr. Kaplan can be contacted at frontdesk@pacificheightsplasticsurgery.com, or by calling (714) 923-3005. You will be contacted via email at [email address] by phone at (555) 123-4567 regarding your cart. You can visit Dr. Kaplan online at https://www.pacificheightsplasticsurgery.com.

Happy Pricing!

--BuildMyBod Health
**This Month**

- **Wishlist Origin**
  - BuildMyBod.com (163)
  - iOS (28)
  - Practice Website (200)
- **Profile Views**
  - BuildMyBod.com (1,199)
  - iPhone/iPad App (91)
  - Practice Website (2,272)

**Email Wishlists**

- **375 Wishlists from 206 unique visitors.**
  - View Full List
  - Total from 6/1/2017 - 6/28/2017

**Abandoned Carts**

- **10 Abandoned Carts from 206 unique visitors.**
  - Total from 6/1/2017 - 6/28/2017

**Phone Calls**

- **13 Calls**
  - Total from 6/1/2017 - 6/28/2017

**Consultation Requests**

- **6 Consulation Requests from 206 unique visitors.**
  - Total from 6/1/2017 - 6/28/2017

**Impressions**

- **5,366 impressions**
  - Total from 6/1/2017 - 6/28/2017
RESULTS

This case study follows my private practice for one year after disclosing 104 procedure prices. 1st year in a new practice in San Francisco, NO PAID MARKETING
FIGURE 1

This shows that of the 208 prospects
FIGURE 1

Price Transparency

- Submitted Contact Info: 17.8%
- Scheduled Consultations: 82.2%
23 (62.2%) booked procedures
FIGURE 2

The “Halo” Effect
2.8% of consumers that submitted a wishlist in the first year of practice, came in after that first year.
6 (100%) booked procedures for a total value of $26,702.
FIGURE 3

This compares ‘price-aware’ patients with patients who were not aware of pricing information prior to a consultation.
‘Price-aware’ patients were 41% more likely to book a procedure than ‘non-price-aware’ patients.
What if you introduce advertising into the mix?!
What do you do with all those leads?!  
(Grew from 200 email addresses to 7,000 in 4 years!)

1. Office staff follows up with everyone

2. Sync them to your email marketing database
   - MailChimp
   - Constant Contact
   - Campaign Monitor
   - MyEmma
   - MyMedLeads
   - InfusionSoft
Stats from most recent eblast:
(measured within 12 hours of eblast distribution)

- Sent to over 7,000 email addresses
- Three online bookings
- 27 wishlists submitted (22 new leads, 5 re-engaged consumers)
- No emails marked as spam
- 0.58% unsubscribed
- 20.71% open rate, 12% click rate
What do you do with all those leads?!

Own Your Marketing!

3

• Reduce your dependence on Facebook and others
What do you do with all those leads?! 

Leads through “contact submission” form on website vs wishlists submitted to automatically

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Benefits for Your Office Staff

- **Automated, instant** response to all pricing inquiries, regardless of source while capturing contact info for follow up
  - phone, email and social media
- Documentation of pricing estimates
- Avoid misquoting price estimates over the phone
- More efficient follow-up phone calls
- Stop wasting time on price shoppers
SEO Benefits

Improved Google Analytics - Visitors from search engines who arrive on the embedded Pricing Page vs the rest of the doctor’s site:

• Are twice as likely to stay and browse the site (61% vs 36%)
• Browse the site twice as long (3.43 min vs 1.63 min)
• Browse 33% more pages across the site (3.18 pages vs 2.40 pages)
• Individual procedure URL’s crawl-able by Google
## Pricing Menu vs Automated Price Estimator

### Benefits

- **Privacy**: The Privacy feature ensures your personal and sensitive information is protected.
- **Transparency**: Provides clear and understandable information about the services and prices.

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### Automated Price Estimator

#### Procedures

- **Vaginal Rejuvenation**: This procedure removes extra upper lid skin and can be done under general or local anesthesia... [Read more](#)
- **Lower lid lift**: Performed to remove baggy lower lids and give a more rested appearance. [Read more](#)
- **Facelift**: restores facial and neck skin to a more youthful appearance. Remember, a facelift... [Read more](#)
- **Upper lip enlargement with implants**: Gives a fuller appearance to the upper lip. Can be done under local anesthesia... [Read more](#)
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### Upper Body

- Enlargement and lift of breasts (silicone) $6,500

### Cost

- Doctor Fees $6,500
- OR Time 3 hours
- OR Cost $2,900
- Implants $1,850
- Garments $150
- Cosmetic Insurance $300

**Total Estimate** $11,700
5/29/2017

My husband & I decided to get me a breast augmentation a year ago since choosing to quit birth control was swiftly decreasing their plumpness. I've always had and been fine with my tiny boobs, 34A, on my lean athletic frame, 5'5" 120lbs. But they were now surviving off of push-up padding, so we decided it was time. My husband found Pacific Heights Plastic Surgery online and instantly liked the 'build my bod - price estimator' on their website, I liked the yelp reviews, and it's conveniently located for us in the richmond district.

Dr. Kaplan was professional, comfortable to be around, and reassured us that we'd get what we wanted. I didn't want my breast aug. to be noticeable, just wanted to re-inflate the boobs I was already blessed with. My end goal was to look naturally perky so that I could either dress them up or be modest without wearing a paper bag. That is what Dr. Kaplan gave me. During the whole decision process, as well as post-op, he made himself available for all of my questions and concerns. He usually responded within the hour! I'd recommend him to anyone. Now, one year later, we are happy with my 34B-C's, and although they are modest, they are definitely perky enough to survive and possibly improve from a pregnancy or two, if we are to be so fortunate :)

Was this review ...?

 Useful 1  Funny  Cool
RESEARCH PAPER

Price Transparency in the Online Age

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Abstract: Plastic surgeons are sometimes hesitant to provide their pricing information online, due to several concerns. However, if implemented right, price transparency can be used as a lead generation tool that provides consumers with the pricing information they want and gives the physician the consumer's contact information for follow-up. This study took place during the author's first year in private practice in a new city. An interactive price transparency platform (ie, cost estimator) was integrated into his website, allowing consumers to submit a “wishlist” of procedures to check pricing on these procedures of interest. However, the consumer must submit their credit card number to access the pricing information.

Plastic surgery represents the microcosm of changes that will soon affect the greater health care marketplace. Consumers are factoring cost into their choice of healthcare provider—one reason why health care providers and plastic surgeons have been hesitant to provide pricing information online.

Plastic surgeons have traditionally avoided providing pricing information online due to 3 major concerns: (1) patients might price shop instead of focusing on surgeon relationship, (2) patients might not understand prices are estimates subject to adjustment based on their body habitus, and (3) competitors could be comparing prices.
Online Purchasing

HEAD & NECK

Selfie Makeover (As seen on Good Morning America!)  
BUT NOW OPTION AVAILABLE

Instagram has set off a new trend in cosmetic surgery with patients asking doctors...

Botox® / Dysport® / Xeomin® injection - Forehead and Between Eyebrows
BUT NOW OPTION AVAILABLE

Botulinum to the forehead and in between the eyebrows relaxes the muscles that cause...
300+ Online Purchases

TOTAL = $100,000
Cyber Monday 2015
For 24 Hours, Various Specials Made Available for Purchase Online

TOTAL=$13,600

PRICE TRANSPARENCY
Online Purchasing
Marketing Your Price
Transparent Practice/Facility
Don’t just drive traffic to your website, give them a reason to leave their contact info

“You can’t follow a click”

1. Mention that online pricing is available in all your advertising

2. SEO “truth serum”
Marketing Your Price Transparency

- Every piece of advertisement/marketing should mention that pricing is available on your website
  - Home page of website
  - Blog posts
  - Social media
  - TV
  - Print
Marketing Your Price Transparency

- Add a “Get a quote” button within your website
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A decrease in breast augmentation? Not good for Victoria’s Secret!

November 11th, 2016 | Dr. Jonathan Kaplan | No Comments

Yahoo News just published this article about the changing trends in breast shape and who that affects. Apparently the day of the “boobilicious bonus” are a thing of the past! More women are going for a more natural attainable look. With less need for highly structured bras versus simple braslettes, competition is heating up for Victoria’s Secret.

The natural look and how that affects Victoria’s Secret

Based on numbers from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, breast augmentation procedures have dropped from approximately 331,000 to 279,000 over the last three years. With more women going for a more attainable look, they don’t need the same expensive bras. According to the Yahoo article, with a shift towards braslettes which are easier to make, that means more competition from other manufacturers.

Whether the Victoria’s Secret shares are dropping because of lower breast augmentation rates or more competition, is up for debate. But there’s no question women are considering different looks and options. According to Vogue UK, which you may be surprised that I don’t read, the cleavage is no longer fashionable.

In my practice, women are requesting “more natural” shaped implants as seen in the photo above. So while this more natural look may affect Victoria’s Secret, it will also affect plastic surgeons. The question is whether fewer women will continue to get breast augmentations or will they just transition from round to shaped implants for a more natural look. What would you do?
Other Uses for Deep Links

1. Blog posts
2. Google AdWords
3. Updating current "static" pricing pages
Other Uses for Deep Links

**DURING/AFTER SURGERY**

A breast reduction is performed under general anesthesia at an accredited surgical facility as an outpatient procedure. It typically takes about 2-4 hours to complete. During surgery, a drainage tube may be placed to control bleeding and swelling. For the first several weeks, patients will be directed to wear a surgical bra or compression garment. Most patients are able to return to work within 1-2 weeks, and may begin exercising by 4-6 weeks. The visible results of a breast reduction will be immediate. However, it may take 6 months or longer for nipple sensitivity to return.

**PRICING**

$ Average Cost

| $7,500 - $9,500 |

**PLAN YOUR PROCEDURE**

[Contact Us](#)
Breast Reduction - Risks and benefits of Breast Reduction

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PRICING

PLAN YOUR PROCEDURE
Social Media
TV Advertising
American Society of Plastic Surgeons

CALL FOR A NEARBY PLASTIC SURGEON YOU CAN TRUST | 1-800-514-5058

Patient Safety

Do the research, know the risks and trust a board-certified plastic surgeon to perform your cosmetic or reconstructive surgery. ASPS member surgeons have the training and experience that instill confidence.

Do Your Homework

Patient Safety
Everyone asks about price

Make it easier to answer
Capture contact info through all channels
PRICE TRANSPARENCY
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Product Selection

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Price Transparency
Capture contact info through all channels

YouTube

After the consultation, we provide the patient with an estimate and they pay with cash, check, credit card or financing through CareCredit.

Reply

Trinity Andrews 2 months ago
ohhhhhhhhh ok thx so much for the information

Reply

C Flo 2 weeks ago
How much for the mommy make over?

Reply

itsbarbiebitches24 2 days ago
When you transfer that fat to the butt check if she decide to workout will she lose that fat?

Reply

Who is C Flo?
CONCLUSION
No better “carrot” to capture complete contact info than price

1. Build your email database for future email marketing (200 to over 7,000 in 4 years!)

2. With an e-commerce platform for non-surgical services capture dollars, not just leads!
Static menus can cost “tens of thousands of dollars“* without generating leads  
*Shopping for Surgery, Outpatient Surgery Magazine, June 2015

Ask yourself...what could you do with an additional 10,000+ email addresses of cash-pay patients in your database?

If healthcare.gov can show costs, so can you!
Check this out!

Introducing...

Pricing Assistant!
Make sure you’re getting paid what you’re worth!

Carpal Tunnel

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Lumbar Epidural

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Arthroscopic ACL Repair
Make sure you’re getting paid what you’re worth!

Adult Monthly Membership Fee
DPC/Concierge Medicine
Make sure you’re getting paid what you’re worth!

Breast Augmentation
Anyone can do this with their existing website

Ask me how!
QUESTIONS

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