

Digital opinion leader (DOL) identification and engagement strategy

CHALLENGE

A global client recognized that DOLs -- healthcare providers (HCPs) who are online influencers -- offered a potentially valuable channel to engage with the wider HCP community, but they needed support to identify the key DOLs in their most important markets, starting with the US. The idea was to engage with these DOLs to amplify activities at an upcoming conference.



APPROACH

- Collaborated with one of our elite technology partners to deploy cutting-edge AI and machine learning technologies.
- Identified and ranked the top 10 DOLs in the U.S. using a robust 6-point evaluation framework: authority, audience, visibility, focus, influence, and engagement.
- Used graph-based clustering to map networks of influence among DOLs.
- Applied advanced topic modeling analysis (BERT) to identify key themes and topics addressed by DOLs, ensuring relevance and alignment with the client's objectives.

OUTCOME

- Delivered a cost-effective dashboard with an Excel back end, enabling efficient oversight of DOL engagement activities.
- Provided an intuitive interface for finding and evaluating target DOLs to inform strategic planning.
- Streamlined tracking of tactical activities, offering a centralized, user-friendly solution for ongoing updates and engagement management.



