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Learning Objectives

• Create a professional profile on social media

• Effectively use Twitter, LinkedIn and other platforms to build his/her professional reputation, share research and/or promote his/her clinical practice.

• Understand the appropriate use of hashtags and tagging.

• Utilize best practices when/if addressing sensitive subjects (i.e. politics, current events, etc.) on social media
Choosing the Right Platform

Each #SoMe platform has a personality. Make a conscious decision about which you want to use for professional vs. personal use.
The #MedTwitter Movement

Driving new, virtual interactions with:

- Scientists
- Clinicians
- Medical students
- Residents
- Funding agencies
- Journals

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Your Professional Profile

Creating a profile others want to follow

1. Use a handle/name that helps others find you.
2. Use hashtags and @ tags to create your Bio.

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Tweets own. RT ≠ endorsement

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2. Find a cover image that represents why you are using Twitter.
Tweet Speak

Brush up on your Twitter terminology so your Tweeple think you’re an expert

Tweet
(n.): A post to Twitter that contains photos, GIFs, videos and/or text.
v.): The act of sending a Tweet. Tweets get shown in Twitter timelines or are embedded in websites and blogs.

Retweet
(n.): A tweet that you forward to your followers is known as a retweet. Often used to pass along news or other discoveries on Twitter, retweets always retain original attribution.
v.): The act of sharing another account's tweet to all of your followers by clicking or tapping on the retweet button.

Hashtag
A hashtag is a keyword or phrase immediately preceded by the # symbol. When you click or tap on a hashtag, you'll see other Tweets containing the same keyword or topic.

>>Learn more at https://help.twitter.com/en/glossary
Tweeting 101

Creating a profile others want to follow

1. Upload a professional photo (not necessarily formal) to serve as your profile image.
2. Find a cover image that represents why you are using Twitter.
3. Create a bio using hashtags and tags appropriate.
4. Then, you tweet! A tweet can contain up to 280 characters.
5. Begin populating your feed with:
   • Hot topics in your field
   • Retweeting posts from others you follow
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Being succinct in 280 characters or less

1. Use the Twitter icon to share directly from webpages or articles.
2. Tweets can’t be edited. Delete is the only option.
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Become a #SoMe Influencer

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1. Follow to be followed.
   • Funding agencies
   • #MedEd leaders - AAMC or other professional colleagues
   • Other medical schools or organizations you’re interested in
   • Other physicians, researchers or labs
   • Community groups and leaders

2. Actually tweet.

3. Use hashtags and tags in your tweets.
Tweeting for Research

Creating a profile others want to follow

1. Help people understand the “why”
2. Draw a clear connection for followers between the significance and relevance to medicine and/or mainstream health topics
3. Use visuals to draw attention to your tweets that represent your research
   Examples: Candids in the lab, models, visual abstracts
   Last resorts: Headshots or graphs
4. Tag handles for publications, presentations
5. Don’t be afraid to direct message publishers or journals to ask questions. Some respond better on Twitter than via email!
Creating a visual representation of complicated subjects helps readers understand.
Other Best Practices

Creating a profile others want to follow

1. Check hashtags before you use them. They may not mean what you think they mean!
2. Stay positive. Avoid temptations to engage in controversy. Never get into an argument on Twitter.
3. Make sure you have permission.
4. Not everything is appropriate for social media.
5. Enjoy it!
JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR PART 2!

Promoting your Program on Social Media

Thursday, Aug. 27 | Noon
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