# TOP 5 MEDICAL/SURGICAL JOURNALS.

**RANKED BY AD REVENUE. FIRST HALF OF 2015** 



ad pages ▲ 36.5% vs. first half 2014

New England Journal



ad pages ▼ 19.7% vs. first half 2014

Journal of the American Medical Association



ad pages ▼ 12.8% vs. first half 2014

Medical Economics



ad pages ▲ 10.3% vs. first half 2014

Journal of Clinical Oncology





American Family Physician

# STAYING POWER

Print has been written off so often as being obsolete and unwieldy that it seems a wonder that it is still with us. So why does Kantar Media data for the first half of 2015 suggest that print remains vital? Rebecca **Mayer Knutsen** breaks down the numbers and through the conventional wisdom

he digital channel raced into the hearts and minds of pharma marketers with its eve-catching bells and whistles and endless possibilities. As it continues to gain favor among younger generations, predictions abound that digital will bury good ol' print before too long.

Yet print remains very much afloat in the healthcare pool: According to data compiled by Kantar Media, advertising in medical/ surgical journals increased 1.8% over the year-ago period, to \$168.9 million, during the first six months of 2015 (with a 3.8% increase in ad pages). This comes on the heels of a more robust 9.5% spend/4.1% page increase during the same period last year. The overall medical/surgical market is down from its 2011 high of \$201 million, but still—by definition, two straight years of first-half gains belie the print-is-dying narrative.

At this half-year juncture, headliners include the oncology space (with companies playing within it making big print investments), Johnson & FIRST HALF Johnson (again the top advertiser) and biotech companies (more bullish on print than expected). As they have in the past several years, the results suggest that digital and print need to learn to play together nicely, **JOURNALS** at least for the foreseeable future.

**PROFESSIONAL AD REPORT OF 2015** MEDICAL/ **SURGICAL** 

Kantar Media's data reveal that top advertisers often buy into both print and online outlets. Six of the top ten print advertiser companies are also among the top ten online.

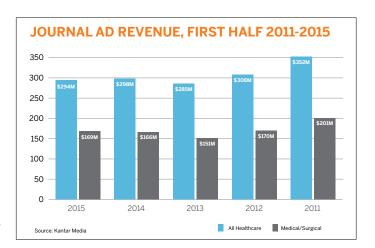
Publicis Health Media president Matt McNally says digital and print serve as an effective one-two messaging punch. The two channels can work well together if marketers learn to orchestrate the balance appropriately. "We're seeing strong digital campaigns that use print materials to close the gap," he explains. "Each lever plays a role in the big picture."

While print is still generally acknowledged as the most-used source for physicians, CMI/Compas SVP Nicole Woodland-De Van senses a shift on the horizon. "Those in medical school now are leveraging apps and other digital tools as part of their everyday practice, so print will need to explore the interactive component users today crave," she says.

A CMI/Compas survey found print ads rival their digital counterparts in attracting physician interest. The survey found that 37% of physicians pause to read pharma/device ads in print, with 29% then visiting a product's website. When it comes to online ads, 26% are somewhat to highly likely to click through, 5% do so frequently and 1% always.

"Journals remain at the top of the list of physicians' information sources, and journal readership in print and digital formats is as strong as ever," says Dave Emery, VP/general manager, healthcare research at Kantar Media. One challenge for advertisers, he cautions, is to avoid the trap of equating a circulation list with readership. Ad exposure only happens when a doctor actually reads a journal.

To fend off flagging numbers down the line, publishers need to get to work. Relevancy will be the number one key to survival. Paul Walsh of Walsh Medical Media, publisher of Clinical Schizophrenia & Related Psychoses, mentions the time publishers have invested



in developing strong relationships with advertisers and mining excellent content. "Now they need to leverage those resources to create custom, value-added services, be it print or digital," he says. Many experts cast a strong vote in favor of optimizing the digital



# **MOST ADVERTISED CATEGORY**

In the first half of 2013, antineoplastic agents were the most advertised category in medical journals. In the first half of 2014, ditto. In the first half of 2015 ... take a guess. Marketers again pumped more dollars-\$31.8 million, up 41.5% over the year-ago period—into these journals than any others. They almost equaled spending by brands in the next three top-spending categories combined (anticoagulants/oral with \$12.3 million, diabetes/oral with \$10.6 million and diabetes/insulin with \$9.6 million).

Rank	Rank		\$ ad spending in thousands			% change		
2015	2014	Category	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013	
1	1	Antineoplastic agents	\$31,845	\$22.503	\$23,082	41.5%	-2.5%	
2	3	Anticoagulants oral	\$12,321	\$10,462	\$15,183	17.8%	-31.1%	
3	2	Diabetes oral	\$10,577	\$12,664	\$6,912	-16.5%	83.2%	
4	10	Diabetes insulin	\$9,564	\$4,455	\$5,697	114.7%	-21.8%	
5	6	Anti-virals/other	\$9,466	\$5,147	\$1,276	83.9%	303.3%	
6	29	Psychotherapeutic drugs	\$4,842	\$1,360	\$1,505	256.0%	-9.6%	
7	7	Antipsychotics	\$4,800	\$5,125	\$3,519	-6.3%	45.6%	
8	11	Biological response modifiers	\$4,704	\$3,895	\$3,051	20.8%	27.7%	
9	14	Interferon	\$4,197	\$3,186	\$2,749	31.7%	15.9%	
LO	5	Seizure disorders	\$4,107	\$5,151	\$3,723	-20.3%	38.3%	
1	60	Monoclonal antibodies	\$2,801	\$503	\$156	456.6%	223.6%	
2	22	Immune system adjuncts	\$2,691	\$2,073	\$204	29.8%	914.6%	
.3	19	Dermatological	\$2,615	\$2,238	\$1,870	16.8%	19.7%	
4	12	Non-specific promotion	\$2,427	\$3,851	\$2,587	-37.0%	48.8%	
.5	N/R	Anti-virals	\$2,090	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
.6	15	Immunologic agent	\$1,832	\$3,086	\$2,861	-40.6%	7.9%	
L7	63	Inhaled steroid, nasal	\$1,666	\$486	\$1,092	242.4%	-55.5%	
18	21	Codeine and comb non-inject	\$1,640	\$2,084	\$1,798	-21.3%	16.0%	
19	N/R	Gout-specific preparations	\$1,434	N/A	\$597	N/A	N/A	
20	16	Beta agon, aerosol	\$1,375	\$2,817	\$897	-51.2%	214.2%	
21	4	Antidepressants	\$1,373	\$6,801	N/A	-79.8%	N/A	
22	96	Antibiotics, broad and medium	\$1,339	\$211	\$146	533.4%	44.5%	
23	23	HIV-reverse transcriptase inhibito	or \$1,323	\$2,069	\$1,437	-36.1%	44.1%	
24	9	Steroids, inhaled bronch	\$1,317	\$4,623	\$453	-71.5%	920.6%	
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\$1,250 \$2,309

**TOP 25 ADVERTISED CATEGORIES. FIRST HALF 2015** 

Influenza vaccine

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# **MOST ADVERTISED BRAND**

Janssen's Invokana outspent all other brands in medical journals during the first half of 2015 but decreased sharply versus the same period in 2014 (\$5.7 million, down 50.5%). Lilly's Trulicity, approved by the FDA in September 2014, claimed the second spot with \$5.5 million. Rounding out the top five were Janssen's Xarelto (\$4.7 million, down 4.7% over the first half of 2014), Shire's Vyvanse (\$4.0 million, up 245.1%) and Gilead's Harvoni (\$3.6 million in its first year on the market).

space, instead of pitting print and digital against each other in competition. "Digital, digital, digital—that's where the market has been heading and will be headed," Walsh says. "Physicians' eyeballs are increasingly found in digital."

### Oncology, diabetes surge

Marketers in the oncology space, for example, may lean toward digital ads but they use print to drill down the specific categories. Not surprisingly, oncology was the biggest dollar gainer for the period, with a \$6.5 million (25%) increase in ad investment.

McNally notes that certain specialties always index high, even when digital performs well. "Cardio and oncology are tech-savvy specialties but their reliance on journals hasn't waned," he explains. "One channel doesn't replace the other."

Antineoplastic agents, oral anticoagulants and oral diabetes drugs were again the top three advertised drug classes. They comprised 18.2% of the market spend, a 15% jump from the same period last year. The top ten drug classes contribute nearly 33% of the total ad spend.

Oncology is universally hot because of long-term revenue potential. Pharma companies with long histories in oncology are tangling with new firms trying to pry their way into the space.

Diabetes is currently one of the most competitive spaces. McNally says diabetes marketers follow a strategic ad plan. According to Kantar Media, Lilly's type 2 diabetes drug Trulicity and Gilead's hepatitis-C medication Harvoni comprise 15% of the online ad units, shooting the

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Rank	Rank			\$ ad spending in thousands			% change		
2015	2014	Product	Manufacturer	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013	
1	1	Invokana	Janssen	\$5,667	\$11,455	\$4,764	-50.5%	140.5%	
2	-	Trulicity	Eli Lilly	\$5,490	-	-	N/A	N/A	
3	4	Xarelto tablets	Janssen	\$4,659	\$4,450	\$8,896	4.7%	-50.0%	
4	26	Vyvanse	Shire	\$4,038	\$1,170	-	245.1%	N/A	
5	-	Harvoni tablets	Gilead	\$3,610	-	-	N/A	N/A	
6	8	Eliquis tablets	BMS/Pfizer	\$2,486	\$2,327	\$1,854	6.8%	25.5%	
7	-	Jardiance tablets	Boehringer	\$2,378	-	-	N/A	N/A	
8	13	Lyrica capsules	Pfizer	\$2,373	\$1,766	\$2,403	34.4%	-26.5%	
9	-	Keytruda for injection	Merck	\$2,302	-	-	N/A	N/A	
10	25	Gazyva Obinutuzumab injection	Genentech	\$2,130	\$1,176	-	81.1%	N/A	
11	-	Viekira Pak	AbbVie	\$2,090	-	-	N/A	N/A	
12	-	Tanzeum injection	GlaxoSmithKline	\$1,847	-	-	N/A	N/A	
13	-	Harvoni NB	Gilead	\$1,812	-	-	N/A	N/A	
14	16	Humira	AbbVie	\$1,794	\$1,487	\$2,176	20.7%	-31.7%	
15	7	Latuda	Sunovion	\$1,760	\$2,380	\$1,607	-26.0%	48.1%	
16	29	Zytiga	Janssen	\$1,733	\$1,144	\$2,838	51.4%	-59.7%	
17	253	Cyramza injection	Eli Lilly	\$1,558	\$108	-	1345.4%	N/A	
18	9	Abilify injection	Otsuka	\$1,541	\$2,160	\$1,132	-28.6%	90.8%	
19	-	Evotaz tablet	BMS	\$1,461	-	-	N/A	N/A	
20	-	Hysingla ER tablets	Purdue	\$1,378	-	-	N/A	N/A	
21	12	Symbicort	AstraZeneca	\$1,375	\$1,798	\$257	-23.5%	598.6%	
22	2	Brintellix tablets	Takeda	\$1,373	\$6,801	-	-79.8%	N/A	
23	22	Granix injection	Teva	\$1,356	\$1,338	-	1.4%	N/A	
24	-	Lynparza	AstraZeneca	\$1,224	-	-	N/A	N/A	
25	19	Brilinta Ticagrelor tablets	AstraZeneca	\$1,185	\$1,400	\$2,134	-15.3%	-34.4%	

**TOP 10 ONLINE BRANDS, FIRST HALF 2015** 

Brands ranked by frequency of ad occurrences

Rank	Brand (Manufacturer)	% of online occurrences				
1	Trulicity (Eli Lilly)	8.1%				
2	Harvoni (Gilead)	6.3%				
3	Jardiance (Boehringer)	3.0%				
4	Glyxambi (Boehringer)	2.7%				
5	Otezla (Celgene)	2.5%				
6	Xgeva (Amgen)	2.3%				
7	Neulasta (Amgen)	2.2%				
8	Zyvox (Pfizer)	2.1%				
9	Savaysa (Daiichi-Sankyo)	1.8%				
10	Zytiga (Janssen)	1.7%				
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**TOP 10 ONLINE BRANDS, FIRST HALF 2015** 

Brands ranked by quantity of sites used

Rank 2015	Brand (Manufacturer)	# of sites used			
1	Trulicity (Eli Lilly)	48			
2	Harvoni (Gilead)	39			
3	Savaysa (Daiichi-Sankyo)	35			
4	Onexton (Valeant)	34			
5	Invokana (Janssen)	33			
6	Glyxambi (Boehringer)	32			
7	Invokamet (Janssen)	31			
8	Corlanor (Amgen)	29			
9	Spiriva Respimat (Boehringer)	27			
10	Jardiance (Boehringer)	24			
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two products to the top of the online advertising group. Trulicity is sitting pretty in the number two spot by dollar spend in print.

Emery cautions not to read into the specialty ad spend too much, as new product activity is largely responsible for investment spikes. Walsh agrees, adding that specialty journals in an active niche will continue to drive forward. The area of psychiatry his publication covers, for instance, is awaiting four drug approvals this year; he's optimistic that his publication's numbers will respond in kind.

The *New England Journal of Medicine* continues as the leading journal, driven by its ability to serve primary care/internal medicine and specialty audiences. The top ten journals remain a healthy mix of clinical and nonclinical news publications, serving specialty-specific, primary care and multispecialty audiences. The multispecialty sector, the biggest journal group in the overall healthcare market, took the biggest dollar hit, with \$5.6 million less ad spend than last year. At the same time, it's still up 1.8% in revenue since 2013.

## Big companies, big dollars

The Kantar Media data suggest a sea of change among the list of top advertisers. Johnson & Johnson remained in the top spot despite

### **SEEN ON THE MOST SITES**

Eli Lilly's diabetes drug Trulicity ranked as the most widely advertised therapy on the sites monitored by Kantar's Evaliant tool. Its marketing was featured on 48 of the nearly 300 monitored sites, ahead of Gilead's hep.-C treatment Harvoni (39 sites). Trulicity also topped the list of brands as ranked by frequency of online ad occurrences. Its ads comprised 8.1% of all online occurrences, ahead of Harvoni (6.3%) and Boehringerlngelheim's Jardiance (3.0%).

cutting print spend by \$4.1 million, but a few established players are right behind. Lilly, Gilead and Amgen round out the top four—and with Shire and AbbVie in the top ten, biotech companies are well represented on the top advertiser list.

The companies contributing ad dollars are a more diversified bunch than in years past, which has experts wondering if it's a more sustainable balance. Kantar Media found a whopping 20 companies represented in the top 25 advertised products, a drastic shift from a scene dominated by a handful of companies a short time ago. Ten of these top 25 products were new or newly advertised, while nine have been in the top 25 for at least the past three years.

"Together this bodes well for journals, with a more evenly distributed advertiser base and with more companies supporting both new launches and established brands," Emery explains.

Pharma marketers are expanding beyond doctors to snare a variety of HCPs in the ad-placement net. The trend is a conscious response to healthcare delivery shifts putting primary care services increasingly in the hands of nurse practitioners, physician assistants and pharmacists. The expanding definition of "point of care" attracts a portion of ad spend, but it shouldn't affect print ads' bottom line.

"There is space for print and other ad vehicles, because what a doctor needs from EMR is different from what she needs from print," McNally observes.

Because of the rising number of minute clinics and wider vision of what constitutes point of care, emergency medicine saw a big uptick in print ads this year, Woodland-De Van notes. Emergency medicine was among the top percentage gainers for the period, with an increase of 23% over the same time last year.

"People haven't stopped watching TV just because of the increase in digital," McNally says. "Doctors are just like consumers. They can make room for digital, print and other channels like point of care."

To stay relevant and maintain a steady stream of ad dollars, journals will need to uncover new ways to validate their audiences. "We see that as a trend for healthcare clients in general," says Woodland-De Van. "They need to foster relationships with various clinical associations, but also give pharma marketers the tools they need to analyze print's impact."

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