

GrassRoots Medical Marketing Strengthens SEO Leadership to Navigate AI's Disruption of Patient Search

With AI changing how patients search for care, GrassRoots Medical Marketing helps private practices stay visible and competitive as the SEO landscape evolves.

TAMPA, FL, UNITED STATES, November 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [GrassRoots Medical Marketing](#), the Tampa-based medical marketing agency tailored to private medical practices, announced the appointment of Darrell Davis as Director of SEO & Digital Media, further advancing its mission to equip independent providers with the digital infrastructure required to compete, and be found, in today's online-first patient landscape.

This leadership expansion comes at a critical moment for private healthcare. Since 2019, nearly 80,000 independent

physicians have left private practice. At the same time, for those who remain independent, the complexity of digital visibility — from ever-evolving Google search algorithms to the nonstop demands of social media and reputation management — has made it increasingly difficult to stay visible while prioritizing patient care. For many providers, the lack of digital visibility has directly impacted patient acquisition and long-term sustainability.

"In today's healthcare environment, trust begins online long before a patient ever sets foot in a practice," said Darrell Davis, Director of SEO & Digital Media. "Search has changed more in the last 18 months than in the previous decade. While Google remains the dominant player, AI platforms like ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini are rapidly capturing more 'search-like' behavior. People are no longer just typing into a search bar; they're asking conversational questions and



Darrell Davis, Director of SEO & Digital Media at GrassRoots Medical Marketing

expecting personalized, credible answers. That shift means doctors must optimize not only for Google but for how AI understands, summarizes, and recommends their practice online.”

AI's influence has reshaped how patients find and evaluate providers. Google's AI Overviews now generate summarized answers directly on the search results page, often pulling from multiple sources, meaning fewer users click through to websites. This change has forced businesses, including medical practices, to focus on authority, content quality, and credibility signals that help algorithms and AI tools identify them as trustworthy sources of care.

“When my own family urgently needed care, I spent hours online searching, scrolling, second-guessing, hoping I was choosing the right physician,” said Laura Woodard, Founder and CEO of GrassRoots Medical Marketing. “I knew exceptional doctors existed, but far too many were nearly invisible online. That experience became the foundation of GrassRoots Medical Marketing. We're here so the right patients can find the right doctor when they're searching for care online.”

Darrell Davis brings more than a decade of experience leading digital strategy across healthcare, finance, real estate, and e-commerce, with expertise spanning local search, content performance, technical SEO, AI-enhanced optimization, conversion strategy, and digital PR. In his role, he will lead GrassRoots' search and digital media strategy, ensuring clients stay visible, competitive, and patient-connected in an increasingly online-driven healthcare ecosystem. This appointment follows the recent addition of Alicia Boyd as Director of Marketing, reinforcing GrassRoots' momentum and commitment to building a senior leadership team equipped to guide physicians through the next era of digital patient acquisition.

“The growth we're experiencing is a clear sign of how deeply this need exists in the market,” added Laura Woodard, Founder and CEO of GrassRoots Medical Marketing. “Private practices aren't looking for generic marketing. They need strategic partners who understand the nuances of patient trust, local search, and reputation in healthcare. The growth of GrassRoots is a direct response to that demand.”

Backed by more than 30 years of marketing and healthcare insights, the agency leverages its proprietary G.R.A.S.S.™ Five-Step Formula for Practice Growth designed to simplify strategy, strengthen visibility, and deliver measurable results.

GrassRoots Medical Marketing provides a comprehensive suite of services tailored exclusively to private practices, including:

- Website development and redesign
- Local and technical SEO strategies
- Online review and reputation management
- Social media strategy and management
- Patient-focused content and blogging
- Video testimonials and provider spotlights
- Provider, staff, and practice branding

- Graphic design and branding assets
- Custom campaign landing pages

At GrassRoots Medical Marketing, our mission is to empower physicians and surgeons to thrive in a corporatized healthcare world through bold, strategic, and purpose-driven marketing. Born from a deeply personal journey – helping loved ones find trusted specialists, and witnessing firsthand how even the most talented doctors struggle to stand out – we are committed to giving independent physicians the tools they need to compete, connect, and grow without compromising their values. GrassRoots is now accepting new clients and offers a free online quiz to assess your current marketing health at <https://grassrootsmedicalmarketing.com/>.

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