Connect Search Console

Connect your domain to Google Search Console once, the right way: a practice-owned account, a Domain property, one DNS record that stays in place, and a sitemap that says “Success.”

BEFORE **Two quick decisions**

Use a Google account your practice controls and will keep. Not a personal account, and not your web designer’s.

Examples: Domain settings usually live where you pay for your domain each year, or in Squarespace or Wix

Google account that will own it _____

Where my domain’s settings live _____

1 · ADD **Add a Domain property**

Click “Add a website,” choose Domain, and type just the domain name. No https, no www, no slash.

Examples: harborpractice.com

Domain I entered _____

2 · VERIFY **Prove you own it**

Use the one-click option if Google offers it. Otherwise add a TXT record: Name @ (or blank), Value = the google-site-verification text. Don’t change other records. Never delete this one.

Method used (one-click / TXT record) _____

Date I saw “Ownership verified” _____

3 · SUBMIT **Submit your sitemap**

Indexing → Sitemaps. Usually sitemap.xml (sitemap_index.xml on WordPress with Yoast). “Couldn’t fetch” on day one is common; check again tomorrow.

Sitemap address _____

Date it said “Success” · discovered pages _____

HELPERS **Add users instead of sharing passwords**

Settings → Users and permissions → Add user → Full. You stay the owner.

Who I added, and when _____

CHECK **In a few days**

Performance report shows searches and clicks (date checked) _____

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