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Results from CMA's 2000 Physician Resource Questionnaire

**Patients and Internet-based medical information**

	Proportion of physicians whose patients have, at least occasionally, presented medical information obtained on the Internet				Frequency at which physicians review information from the Internet presented by patients					
	Number of respondents	Yes	No	No response	Number of respondents	Always	Often	Some-times	Never	No response
Overall	2806	84.2%	11.4%	4.3%	2364	27.6%	19.6%	38.6%	13.7%	0.5%
Female	918	85.2%	10.3%	4.5%	782	28.4%	22.4%	36.3%	12.4%	0.5%
Male	1888	83.8%	12.0%	4.2%	1582	27.2%	18.3%	39.7%	14.3%	0.4%
< 35	247	86.6%	12.1%	1.2%	214	22.0%	19.6%	42.1%	15.9%	0.5%
35 - 44	905	87.7%	9.6%	2.7%	794	25.3%	20.9%	39.5%	13.7%	0.5%
45 - 54	879	86.3%	9.0%	4.7%	759	29.0%	20.8%	38.5%	11.5%	0.3%
55 - 64	532	82.3%	12.2%	5.5%	438	31.3%	15.8%	38.8%	13.5%	0.7%
65+	243	65.4%	24.7%	9.9%	159	30.2%	18.2%	28.9%	22.0%	0.6%
GP/FP	1472	87.5%	9.6%	2.9%	1288	27.0%	22.6%	38.1%	12.0%	0.2%
Med Spec	950	77.3%	15.4%	7.4%	734	28.1%	15.4%	38.6%	17.0%	1.0%
Surg Spec	384	89.1%	8.6%	2.3%	342	28.9%	17.5%	40.4%	12.9%	0.3%
Rural	253	86.2%	12.6%	1.2%	218	28.9%	23.4%	33.5%	14.2%	0.0%
Urban	2553	84.1%	11.3%	4.6%	2146	27.5%	19.2%	39.1%	13.7%	0.5%

Note: Includes only those who have had patients present medical information from the Internet

	Quality of information from the Internet presented by patients						
	Number of respondents	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No response
Overall	2029	3.4%	28.3%	45.9%	11.7%	7.0%	3.6%
Female	681	3.2%	25.4%	47.9%	11.6%	6.2%	5.7%
Male	1348	3.6%	29.7%	45.0%	11.8%	7.4%	2.5%
< 35	179	0.6%	27.9%	45.3%	16.2%	6.7%	3.4%
35 - 44	681	3.1%	25.1%	49.5%	11.2%	7.6%	3.5%
45 - 54	670	3.4%	31.0%	42.1%	11.9%	7.8%	3.7%
55 - 64	376	5.1%	28.7%	47.9%	9.8%	5.1%	3.5%
65+	123	4.9%	30.1%	42.3%	13.0%	5.7%	4.1%
GP/FP	1130	3.6%	28.3%	46.5%	11.8%	5.8%	4.1%
Med Spec	602	2.2%	28.9%	44.2%	13.0%	8.8%	3.0%
Surg Spec	297	5.4%	26.9%	47.5%	9.1%	8.1%	3.0%
Rural	187	2.7%	24.6%	48.1%	12.8%	6.4%	5.3%
Urban	1842	3.5%	28.7%	45.7%	11.6%	7.1%	3.4%

Note: Includes only those who review information from the Internet presented by patients

Patients