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Results from the CMA's 2001 Physician Resource Questionnaire

Computer Use by Activity

Proportion of physicians who personally use a computer for various purposes

	Overall	Female	Male	< 35	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	GP/FP	Med Spec	Surg Spec	Rural	Urban
Number of respondents	3246	992	2254	284	903	1101	653	305	1592	1203	451	283	2963
Electronic billing	14.0%	10.4%	15.7%	12.3%	12.2%	16.9%	14.2%	10.5%	12.9%	14.5%	17.1%	9.9%	14.4%
Electronic patient records	13.8%	11.8%	14.7%	16.5%	14.8%	14.4%	12.1%	9.8%	10.8%	18.1%	12.9%	12.0%	14.0%
General office management (e.g. word processing)	28.8%	24.3%	30.8%	29.6%	32.7%	31.4%	24.3%	17.0%	26.1%	34.2%	23.9%	24.0%	29.3%
Decision aids in patient management (e.g. checking for drug interactions)	25.4%	22.4%	26.8%	32.4%	27.4%	25.8%	23.6%	16.1%	23.7%	29.3%	21.3%	23.7%	25.6%
Electronic mail	70.6%	69.0%	71.4%	83.8%	77.5%	70.9%	66.0%	46.9%	64.2%	79.1%	70.7%	64.7%	71.2%
CD ROM professional resources (all types)	47.6%	37.3%	52.1%	47.2%	52.0%	50.0%	44.3%	32.8%	39.6%	55.8%	53.9%	42.4%	48.1%
CME on diskette or CD-ROM	41.3%	33.1%	45.0%	38.7%	43.9%	41.7%	41.7%	34.4%	30.4%	51.9%	51.9%	33.6%	42.1%