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Results from the CMA's 2003 Physician Resource Questionnaire

**Barriers to the use of the Internet in clinical practice**

Reasons for not currently using the Internet as a tool or source of information in clinical practice

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>&lt; 35</b>	<b>35 - 44</b>	<b>45 - 54</b>	<b>55 - 64</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>GP/FP</b>	<b>Med Spec</b>	<b>Surg Spec</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>
<b>Number of respondents</b>	717	265	452	40	162	232	178	105	478	151	88	71	646
<b>Novice or inexperienced user</b>	45.3%	55.1%	39.6%	42.5%	40.1%	48.3%	47.8%	43.8%	46.7%	42.4%	43.2%	49.3%	44.9%
<b>Not aware of any good sites</b>	16.0%	20.8%	13.3%	40.0%	18.5%	18.1%	11.8%	5.7%	15.7%	14.6%	20.5%	8.5%	16.9%
<b>No valuable content available on the Web</b>	3.2%	2.3%	3.8%	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%	3.9%	1.0%	1.9%	5.3%	6.8%	1.4%	3.4%
<b>Too slow/disruptive to practice</b>	34.4%	30.9%	36.5%	47.5%	36.4%	39.7%	32.0%	19.0%	40.2%	22.5%	23.9%	42.3%	33.6%
<b>No computers in examining rooms</b>	35.6%	39.6%	33.2%	40.0%	36.4%	40.5%	32.0%	27.6%	41.4%	21.9%	27.3%	38.0%	35.3%
<b>Costs outweigh benefits</b>	15.8%	16.6%	15.3%	10.0%	13.6%	22.0%	12.4%	13.3%	19.5%	7.3%	10.2%	18.3%	15.5%
<b>No access to Internet at clinical practice</b>	34.3%	38.1%	32.1%	40.0%	39.5%	32.3%	30.3%	35.2%	38.5%	25.8%	26.1%	35.2%	34.2%

Note: includes only those who say they do not currently use the Internet as a tool or source of information in clinical practice