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Results from the CMA's 2003 Physician Resource Questionnaire

Incentives to the use of the Internet in clinical practice

Factors that would encourage non-users to start using the Internet as a tool or source of information in clinical practice

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 717 | 265 | 452 | 40 | 162 | 232 | 178 | 105 | 478 | 151 | 88 | 71 | 646 |
| Financial incentives | 28.7% | 24.5% | 31.2% | 22.5% | 29.6% | 34.5% | 24.7% | 23.8% | 33.5% | 13.9% | 28.4% | 32.4% | 28.3% |
| Remuneration for Web-based clinical activities | 19.8% | 18.1% | 20.8% | 22.5% | 21.0% | 25.0% | 16.9% | 10.5% | 21.3% | 15.9% | 18.2% | 15.5% | 20.3% |
| Information relevant to my practice | 44.5% | 44.5% | 44.5% | 52.5% | 52.5% | 49.1% | 36.5% | 32.4% | 44.8% | 37.7% | 54.5% | 40.8% | 44.9% |
| Access to tools that help me in my practice | 40.4% | 44.5% | 38.1% | 55.0% | 52.5% | 46.6% | 29.2% | 21.9% | 46.0% | 23.8% | 38.6% | 45.1% | 39.9% |
| Ability to evaluate the effectiveness of using the tool | 15.9% | 15.5% | 16.2% | 12.5% | 16.0% | 18.5% | 12.9% | 16.2% | 17.4% | 9.3% | 19.3% | 15.5% | 15.9% |
| Recommendations from credible source(s) | 33.8% | 39.2% | 30.5% | 55.0% | 48.1% | 36.6% | 21.3% | 18.1% | 36.8% | 23.2% | 35.2% | 38.0% | 33.3% |
| Links to CME | 30.8% | 33.2% | 29.4% | 30.0% | 37.0% | 35.8% | 26.4% | 18.1% | 30.3% | 29.1% | 36.4% | 33.8% | 30.5% |
| Training | 37.7% | 44.9% | 33.4% | 42.5% | 36.4% | 40.1% | 36.5% | 34.3% | 38.3% | 37.7% | 34.1% | 42.3% | 37.2% |
| Technical support | 28.2% | 30.6% | 26.8% | 27.5% | 29.6% | 30.2% | 26.4% | 24.8% | 29.3% | 19.2% | 37.5% | 35.2% | 27.4% |
| Help Desk services to facilitate online searches | 22.2% | 29.4% | 17.9% | 35.0% | 24.7% | 28.4% | 15.2% | 11.4% | 22.0% | 19.2% | 28.4% | 28.2% | 21.5% |
| Nothing will encourage me to use the Internet in clinical practice | 12.7% | 8.3% | 15.3% | 5.0% | 5.6% | 9.5% | 16.9% | 26.7% | 11.5% | 15.9% | 13.6% | 15.5% | 12.4% |

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