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Results from the CMA's 2003 Physician Resource Questionnaire

Internet tools and sources of information used in clinical practice

Physicians who use various Internet tools and sources of information in clinical practice, as a proportion of all respondents

	Overall	Female	Male	< 35	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	GP/FP	Med Spec	Surg Spec	Rural	Urban
Number of respondents	2251	765	1486	213	617	739	457	225	1236	739	276	203	2048
Refer to online clinical practice guidelines	40.0%	39.5%	40.2%	60.6%	47.6%	39.2%	30.4%	21.3%	40.2%	42.8%	31.5%	45.8%	39.4%
Search medical literature databases	56.0%	51.5%	58.3%	72.8%	62.4%	55.9%	48.8%	37.3%	45.1%	71.9%	62.3%	46.3%	56.9%
Refer to online drug databases	15.9%	13.3%	17.3%	18.8%	19.3%	14.6%	12.7%	15.1%	14.1%	21.2%	10.1%	15.3%	16.0%
Download patient handouts	18.0%	19.1%	17.5%	23.0%	21.9%	18.7%	14.2%	8.4%	20.6%	16.4%	10.9%	20.7%	17.8%
Visit other physicians' Web sites	5.8%	5.1%	6.2%	4.7%	7.0%	6.8%	5.3%	1.8%	5.7%	6.8%	3.6%	3.0%	6.1%
Read online medical journals	36.7%	29.4%	40.5%	46.0%	41.8%	36.5%	32.8%	22.7%	28.2%	51.8%	34.4%	29.6%	37.5%
Read online medical textbooks	23.0%	19.5%	24.8%	42.3%	25.8%	22.5%	17.9%	8.9%	21.0%	28.4%	17.4%	25.1%	22.8%
Receive secure patient-specific info	7.6%	6.5%	8.1%	7.5%	8.1%	9.6%	6.1%	2.7%	5.7%	10.4%	8.3%	3.9%	8.0%