

Article Reading Survey for Pediatricians

Your responses are confidential and data will be reported only in aggregate form. Because your answers are extremely important to the accuracy of our study, please return the questionnaire even if you are unable to answer all of the questions. If you have any questions, contact Michael Clarke at AAP (mclarke@aap.org) or Carol Tenopir at The University of Tennessee (ctenopir@utk.edu). Please return the completed survey within the next two weeks.

SECTION 1 – SCHOLARLY JOURNAL READING AND USE

1. In the past 30 days, approximately how many scholarly articles have you read?

Articles include those found in print or electronic journal issues, author Web sites, or separate copies such as preprints, reprints, and other electronic or paper copies. Reading is defined as going beyond the table of contents, title, and abstract to the body of the article.

Number of articles read in the past month _____

The questions in the following section refer to the scholarly article you read most recently, even if it is an article you had read previously. Please note that it does not matter how long ago this last article was read.

2. What is the title of the journal from which this last article was read or, if not from a journal, what is the topic of the article?

Approximate Journal Title: _____

General Topic of Article: _____

3. What is the year of the article you last read (e.g., 1999, 2000, 2001, etc.)? _____

4. Had you read this article prior to this particular reading? 1. Yes 2. No

5. Prior to your first reading of this article, did you know about the information reported or discussed in this article? 1. Yes 2. No

6. From what source/form did you read this article? (Choose only the one best answer.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. A personal print subscription | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. An e-print |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. A personal electronic subscription | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. A personal separate paper copy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. A library print subscription | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. A copy from a colleague, author, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. A library electronic subscription | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. An interlibrary loan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. A free Web journal | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. A document delivery service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. A paper preprint | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. An author's Web site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. A print subscription located in a shared department, unit, etc. collection | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Other (please specify): _____ |

7. In what form was the article when last read? (Choose only the one best answer.)

1. Print copy (e.g., offset print like in a journal)
2. Photocopy
3. Facsimile copy
4. Online computer screen (e.g., HTML version)
5. Previously downloaded, on computer screen
6. Downloaded and printed, paper copy (e.g., printed PDF)
7. Other (please specify): _____

8. Indicate your best estimate of the time in minutes that you spent reading this article the most recent time.

_____ Minutes

9. How did you initially find out about this last article? (Choose only the one best answer.)

A. Found while browsing in:

- 1. A personal print subscription
- 2. A personal electronic subscription
- 3. A library print subscription
- 4. A library electronic subscription
- 5. A print subscription copy in a department collection
- 6. Other digital collection (please specify): _____

B. From a citation in:

- 7. A print journal
- 8. An electronic journal or other digital resource

C. Found while I (or someone on my behalf) was searching:

- 9. A scientific indexing/abstracting database (e.g., Medline/PubMed, BIOSIS, Chemical Abstracts)
- 10. A Web search engine (e.g., Yahoo, AltaVista, Excite, Google)
- 11. Online journal collections (e.g., HighWire, Ovid, ScienceDirect)
- 12. A current awareness service (e.g., Current Contents)
- 13. A preprint/ e-print service

D. Found when:

- 14. Another person (e.g., a colleague) told me about it
- 15. Other (please specify): _____

10. Where were you when you read this article?

- 1. Home
- 2. Office
- 3. A library
- 4. Hospital or clinic other than my office or library
- 5. In transit (bus, train, etc.)
- 6. Other (please specify): _____

SECTION 2 – PURPOSE & CONSEQUENCES OF THE LAST ARTICLE READING

11. For what purposes have you used, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the article you last read?

A. Principal Purpose (choose only one):

- 1. Diagnosis
- 2. Treatment
- 3. Current awareness/keeping up
- 4. Research
- 5. Teaching
- 6. Administration
- 7. Writing proposals, reports, article, etc.
- 8. Consulting, advising others
- 9. Internal or external presentations
- 10. Other (please specify): _____

B. Secondary Purpose(s)--If you read the article for more than one purpose, what were your secondary purposes for reading it? (Choose all that apply.)

- 1. Diagnosis
- 2. Treatment
- 3. Current awareness/keeping up
- 4. Research
- 5. Teaching
- 6. Administration
- 7. Writing proposals, reports, article, etc.
- 8. Consulting, advising others
- 9. Internal or external presentations
- 10. Other (please specify): _____

12. In what ways did the reading of the article affect the principal purpose? (Choose all that apply.)

- 1. It improved the result
- 2. It narrowed/ broadened/ changed the focus
- 3. It inspired new thinking/ideas
- 4. It resulted in collaboration/joint research
- 5. It resulted in faster completion
- 6. It resolved technical problems
- 7. It saved time or other resources
- 8. It wasn't helpful; it wasted my time
- 9. Other (please specify): _____

13. How important is the information contained in this article to achieving your principal purpose?

- 1. Not at all important
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Absolutely essential

SECTION 3 – DEMOGRAPHICS

(Since we are not linking your answers to your identity, please answer these questions about yourself)

14. What percentage of your work time do you spend doing the following? (The total should equal 100%.)

- _____ % 1. Teaching
- _____ % 2. Medical Practice
- _____ % 3. Research
- _____ % 4. Other (please specify): _____

15. What is your medical subspecialty? _____

16. In which state/country do you practice? _____

17. What is your practice setting? (Choose only the one best answer.)

- 1. Private Practice
- 2. Hospital
- 3. Group Practice
- 4. University
- 5. HMO
- 6. Government
- 7. Industry
- 8. Other (please specify) _____

18. Do you have access to a library with a medical collection? 1. Yes 2. No
19. Indicate advanced degrees earned (choose all that apply):
 1. MD 2. Ph.D 3. Other (please specify): _____
20. In what year did you receive your last degree? _____
21. What is your sex? 1. Male 2. Female
22. What is your age? _____
23. In the past two years, have you received any awards or special recognition for your research or other profession-related contributions? 1. Yes 2. No
24. In the past two years, how many journal articles have you published? _____
25. How many personal subscriptions to professional journals do you receive, including those obtained as a member of a professional society? *Personal subscriptions are those which are personally addressed to you at your home, office, or lab.*
- _____ 1. Subscriptions paid by myself
- _____ 2. Subscriptions purchased by grant or other source for my personal use
- _____ 3. Subscriptions purchased by grant or other source for shared use of my group or department
- _____ 4. Free subscriptions
26. Have you ever used the National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine's PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>)? 1. Yes 2. No
- If yes, approximately how many times have you used PubMed in the _____ Times
past 12 months?
- Approximately how many articles did you read as a result of this _____ Articles
use?
27. Why do you use a handheld computer (personal digital assistant or PDA) such as a Palm or Pocket PC? (Choose all that apply.)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. I don't use a PDA | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Access patient information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Download journal articles | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Appointments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Information service (e.g., ePocrates) | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Reference material (i.e., drug Information) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Personal use | |

Thank you for your help.

Return of the completed questionnaire constitutes consent to participate.

Please return the completed survey within the next two weeks in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to:

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