

Patients' use of the Internet

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Dear Editor,

In Brazil, a country where digital inclusion at home is growing¹, there is a lack of data on the patients' use of the Internet for health information. A survey conducted among 118 patients in the Heart Valve Diseases Outpatient Clinic of InCor, resulted in the findings shown in Table 1.

The figure of 11% of active participation, albeit modest, signals the value of initiatives in communication training in the doctor-patient relationship.

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Table 1 – Profile of the patients interviewed

Female gender	65.2%
Age (above 51 years of age)	66%
Level of education: did not complete elementary school	53%
Level of education: tertiary school	5.9%
Internet access (frequently or whenever possible)	16.9%
Internet access (hardly ever)	10%
Internet access (do not use)	72%
Have already searched the Internet about their health problem	12%
Were able to find information on their problem	11%

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