

## Appendix A. Survey Instrument

### Information Technology in Medical Practice

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Please answer the following questions:

1. What year did you graduate from medical school: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you: ( ) female ( ) male
4. About how many hours per week do you spend doing clinical work: \_\_\_\_\_
5. In your average hour at work, how many patients do you see: \_\_\_\_\_
6. About how many hours per week do you spend doing other medically related work: \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many doctors, other than yourself, work at your clinic: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you use a computer at home? ( ) Yes ( ) No
9. Finally, how would you rate your knowledge about computers in medical practice:
 

	Novice			Expert			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

10. In the section below, please indicate how often you personally use the following information technologies in your practice and how interested you are in having each of the items used in your practice. Please circle the number that best matches your response.

	Usage					Interest					
	Never	Rarely	Frequently				Extreme Disinterest	Extreme Interest			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Practice Management</b> (billing, appointments)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Word Processing</b> (to create documents)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Research</b> (stats, library)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>E-Mail</b> (sending or receiving)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Patient Records</b> (not with the patient)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Patient Encounter</b> (with the patient)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Internet</b> (world wide web)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Decision Support</b> (guidelines, protocols)	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

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