

**Table 5****Factors Influencing Record Retention Practices**

Factor	<i>f</i>	%
<i>(n = 81, respondents selected all applicable options)</i>		
State record retention laws	73	90.1
Medicare Conditions of Participation	49	60.5
Facility operational needs	41	50.6
Research	20	24.7
Costs of retaining records	19	23.5
Education	12	14.8
More convenient not to purge	10	12.3
Other needs or reasons	7	8.6
AHIMA recommended retention standards	40	49.4
Statute of limitations for lawsuits	38	46.9
Joint Commission or other accrediting bodies	37	45.7
Other federal laws	12	14.8
Other state laws	6	7.4