

**Table 3**

**Relationship between Storage Media Profile and Categorical Data Relating to Factors That Affect Record Retention (Fisher's exact test)**

Record Retention Factors	<i>p</i> -value*
State record retention laws	.962
Other state laws	.745
Medicare Conditions of Participation	.150
Other federal laws	.914
Statutes of limitations	.687
Joint Commission and other accreditation standards	.769
AHIMA recommended retention standards	.935
Facility operational needs generally	.008
Facility research needs	.010
Facility educational needs	.054
Cost of retaining records	.558
More convenient not to purge	.033
Other needs or reasons	.879

\*Significance attained at  $p < .05$  level