

**Table 5****Permanent v. Nonpermanent Retention of Secondary Data**

| Secondary Data          | # of Responses | Retention Periods           |   |                                   |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|                         |                | Permanently<br><i>f</i> (%) | Specified<br># of Years<br><i>f</i> (%) | Other<br>Response<br><i>f</i> (%) |
| Diagnostic images/films | 64             | 15 (23.4)                   | 45 (70.3)                               | 4 (6.3)                           |
| Fetal heart monitors    | 74             | 36 (48.6)                   | 30 (40.5)                               | 8 (10.8)                          |
| Master patient index    | 73             | 72 (98.6)                   | 1 (1.4)                                 | 0 (0.0)                           |
| Disease index           | 69             | 54 (78.3)                   | 11 (15.9)                               | 4 (5.8)                           |
| Operative index         | 70             | 55 (78.6)                   | 12 (17.1)                               | 3 (4.3)                           |
| Physician index         | 67             | 52 (77.6)                   | 10 (14.9)                               | 5 (7.5)                           |
| Register of births      | 71             | 60 (84.5)                   | 3 (4.2)                                 | 8 (11.3)                          |
| Register of deaths      | 67             | 58 (86.6)                   | 5 (7.5)                                 | 4 (5.9)                           |
| Register of surgeries   | 68             | 58 (85.3)                   | 5 (7.4)                                 | 5 (7.4)                           |