# What Do You Need to Know About Information Technology?

*The results of this survey will help us to better meet your needs.*

Keeping up with technology trends and innovations or learning to better use the technology you have can be difficult for anyone, especially a busy family physician. One of the goals of *Family Practice Management* is to make that task as easy as we can for you. You can help us by taking a few minutes to fill out this survey. The survey can be completed online at http://www.aafp.org/fpm/20040500/62what.html or by faxing your completed survey back to us at 913-906-6010.

### FPM COMPUTER ARTICLES

"Online Communication With Patients: Making It Work." April 2004, page 73.

"Communicating With Your Patients Online." March 2004, page 93.

"A Primer on Wireless Networks." February 2004, page 69.

"Creating an Electronic Filing Cabinet." January 2004, page 65.

"Open-Source Software: Just What the Doctor Ordered?" June 2003, page 65.

"Evidence-Based-Medicine Tools for Your Palm-Top Computer." May 2003, page 73.

"An Introduction to Online CME." March 2003, page 59.

"10 Quick Tips for a More User-Friendly PDA." January 2003, page 70.

"Good Medicine: E-Prescribing." October 2002, page 63.

"Security Software for Hand-Held Computers." June 2002, page 59.

"How Much Will That EMR System Really Cost?" April 2002, page 57.

**1.** How well do you think the Computers department has been doing in each of the following areas? (A list of the Computers articles published in the last couple of years is included below as a reference. If you haven't read the department enough to rate it, please select "don't know.")

|  | Don't know | Poorly | Adequately | Very well |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Covering topics that are important to me | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Covering the latest trends and innovations | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Presenting information that's tailored to my level of expertise | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

**2.** In general, how could we make Computers articles more useful to you?

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**3.** Please rate your level of knowledge of each of the following topics, and then indicate which topics you would be interested in reading about in the Computers department:

|  | Please indicate your level of knowledge of each topic | | | Please check all topics you would want to read about |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Very little | Some | More than most |  |
| Using personal digital assistants (PDAs) in your practice | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Useful software for your PDA | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Getting started with electronic prescribing | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Choosing practice management software | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Getting started with electronic claims submissions | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Creating a patient registry | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Choosing an electronic medical records (EMR) system | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| The pros and cons of document management systems and EMRs | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| EMR workstations: desktop, laptop or tablet | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

| | Please indicate your level of knowledge of each topic | | | Please check all topics you would want to read about |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Very little | Some | More than most | |
| Implementing an EMR system | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Training users of an EMR system | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Internet application service provider (ASP) software vs. stand-alone software | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Using a scanner to incorporate documents into EMRs | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Using a scanner for forms completion | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Improving your presentations with presentation software | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Using spreadsheet software in your practice | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Making word-processing software work for your practice | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Deciding whether you should be dictating into a computer | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Selecting a voice-recognition system | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Keeping your practice network secure | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Deciding whether your practice should have a wireless network | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Creating a practice Web site | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| E-mail communication with patients | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Useful e-mail discussion lists you can join | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Sources for CME online | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Getting the most out of search engines and online directories | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
| Reviews of useful Web sites | N/A | | | ❍ |

**4.** Please suggest other topics you would like to see in the Computers department.

| | Please indicate your level of knowledge of each topic | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Very little | Some | More than most |
| | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
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| | ❍ | ❍ | ❍ |
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## We're looking for authors and reviewers too.

If you are interested in writing or reviewing articles for the Computers department, please e-mail Olivia Maresh, associate editor, at omaresh@aafp.org. (Alternatively, you can reach her by fax at 913-906-6010 by mail at *Family Practice Management,* 11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Leawood, KS 66211.)

*Thank you for your time!* **FPM**