

Resource format preferences across the medical curriculum

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Table 1

Summary of quantitative survey responses

	First-year medical students		Third-year medical students entering clinical clerkships		Residents	
Total attending	184		212		140	
Total surveys collected	183	99.46%	143	67.45%	105	75.00%
Q1: In general, how do you prefer to read <i>books</i> ?						
Print	147	80.33%	102	71.33%	59	56.19%
Electronic	16	8.74%	18	12.59%	29	27.62%
No preference	20	10.93%	23	16.08%	17	16.19%
Q2: If both formats are freely available and access is not an issue, how would you prefer to read <i>medical textbooks required in the curriculum</i> ?						
Print	143	78.14%	102	71.33%	59	56.19%
Electronic	27	14.75%	26	18.18%	34	32.38%
No preference	13	7.10%	15	10.49%	12	11.43%
Q3: If both formats are freely available and access is not an issue, how would you prefer to read <i>articles and/or book chapters that are under ten (10) pages long</i> ?						
Print	67	36.61%	39	27.27%	38	36.19%
Electronic	100	54.64%	92	64.34%	58	55.24%
No preference	16	8.74%	12	8.39%	9	8.57%
Q4: If both formats are freely available and access is not an issue, how would you prefer to read <i>articles and/or book chapters that are ten (10) pages or longer</i> ?						
Print	127	69.40%	86	60.14%	61	58.10%
Electronic	40	21.86%	36	25.17%	38	36.19%
No preference	16	8.74%	21	14.69%	6	5.71%



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Q5: If you were giving a colleague an article or book chapter to read that is <i>critical to the care of a particular patient</i> , what format would you give him/her?						
Print	88	48.09%	62	43.36%	36	34.29%
Electronic	71	38.80%	60	41.96%	61	58.10%
No preference	24	13.11%	21	14.69%	8	7.62%
Print exclusive	30	16.39%	14	9.79%	9	8.57%
Electronic exclusive	3	1.64%	8	5.59%	8	7.62%
No preference exclusive	1	0.55%	0	—	2	1.90%