Healthy Technology

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Mobile and digital information technology can help health care providers and patients in many ways. In addition to making the health care system more efficient, it can help doctors diagnose health problems sooner, reduce medical errors and provide care at lower costs. Our June 2012 survey asked readers to weigh in on how they use health-related technology and how comfortable they are with the idea of sharing their medical information electronically.

68% would use a website to store and update their health information
86% would use a website to check for drug interactions

Have you ever used a health-related mobile phone application?
74% - Yes
26% - No

Have you ever requested an electronic copy of your personal medical records?
23% - Yes
77% - No

92% of readers have Internet access
91% of readers own a mobile phone
49% of readers own a smartphone

Have you ever filled or renewed a prescription online?
41% - Yes
59% - No

87% have searched online for information about HIV/AIDS
46% have searched online for information about an HIV/AIDS doctor

How concerned are you about the privacy of your personal medical records?
60% - Very Concerned
32% - Somewhat concerned
8% - Not concerned

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