

Prevalence of and factors associated with patient nondisclosure of medically relevant information to clinicians.

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[Diagnostic errors](#) and delays may occur when patients fail to disclose medically relevant information. This study analyzed online survey responses from 4510 patients and found that about 70% reported not disclosing information. Disagreement with a clinician's recommendation or failure to [understand](#) a clinician's instructions were common. Patients most often did not disclose because they feared judgment from the clinician or felt embarrassed.