

Protection of Personal Information of Private Citizens Who Provide Health Crisis Information : What Personal Information of People Providing such Information do They not Want Governmental Agencies to Disclose?

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Abstract : The general citizenry is the most important source of information concerning health crises. However, health crisis information includes information related to individuals, which must be handled with care. Judging from the results of the present study, the only personal information that can be disclosed is age, sex, and prefectural name. No difference was admitted between the results of a mail survey and the results of an Internet survey. This suggests that Internet surveys are an effective method available for surveys of health crisis information targeting the general citizenry.

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