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Variable (n=50)	N	%
Categorical Variables		
Age**		
18-19		8%
20-24	4	8%
25-29	4	16%
30-34	8	18%
35-39	9	4%
40-44	2	4%
45-49	2	10%
50-54	5	4%
55-59	2	6%
60-64	3	2%
65-69	1	4%
70-74	2	6%
75 plus	3	4%
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Age		
Under 40	27	54%
40 and over	23	46%
Library Division		
Science and Technology	43	86%
Social Sciences	7	14%
Gender		
Female	37	74%
Male	13	26%
Education***		
College or lower	22	44%
University or higher	27	54%
Ethnicity		
White	30	60%
Asian or South Asian	11	22%
European	4	8%
Latin American	1	2%
Black	1	2%
Aboriginal	2	4%
Not Specified	1	2%
Language spoken at home		
English	37	74%
Asian or South Asian Languages	7	14%
European Languages	2	4%
Spanish	1	2%
Income****		
Under \$10,000	4	8%
\$10,000-\$20,000	6	12%
\$20,000-\$30,000	2	4%
\$30,000-\$50,000	4	8%
\$50,000-\$70,000	5	10%
\$70,000-\$90,000	3	6%
\$90,000 or more	5	10%
Housing Ownership*****		
Rent	24	48%
Own	18	36%
Housing Type*****		
Single Detached or Duplex	21	42%
Apartment, Townhouse or Condo	26	52%
Aware of:		
BC HealthGuide Handbook	24	48%
BC HealthGuide Handbook	16	32%
Canadian Health Network	11	22%
VPL Consumer Health Website	17	34%

Canadian Government Health Website		
Mentioned in the top three most trusted sources for health information		
Doctors	31	62%
Internet	12	24%
Librarians	8	16%
Family or Friends	7	14%
Nurse	6	12%
Pharmacist	6	12%
Have you visited or do you intend to visit a doctor about the condition/issue for which you are seeking information*****		
Yes	18	36%
No	15	30%
Not applicable (i.e., searching for someone else)	5	10%
Are you on a waiting list? *****		
Yes	3	6%
No	23	46%

** 3 people did not provide their age; median was 30-34
 *** 1 person did not provide their education
 **** 21 people did not provide their income
 ***** 8 people did not provide own or rent information
 ***** 3 people did not respond to the type of housing
 ***** 12 responses missing to doctor's visit questions (composite variable of two questions)

Table 2 (Cameron Norman's Data – n=44)

Variables	Women	Men	Total	Percent
I know where to find helpful health information on the Internet* a				
Strongly Disagree	4	3	7	14%
Disagree	6	1	7	14%
Undecided	2	1	3	6%
Agree	15	7	22	44%
Strongly Agree	5	0	5	10%
I know how* b				
Strongly Disagree	4	3	7	14%
Disagree	5	0	5	10%
Undecided	1	1	2	4%
Agree	17	8	25	50%
Strongly Agree	5	0	5	10%
I can tell * c				
Strongly Disagree	3	4	7	14%
Disagree	5	1	6	12%
Undecided	6	2	8	16%
Agree	12	4	16	32%
Strongly Agree	6	1	7	14%

a, b, c 6 people did not respond
 Note: Cell too small to determine significance in this state.