

# An opinion survey among readers of Revista Médica de Chile ¿Qué opinan sus lectores de la Revista Médica de Chile?

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**Background:** A few objective indicators support the relevance of articles published in medical journals, such, as the ISI Impact Factor and Citation indices. However, a feedback from the readers can help to improve a journal. **Aim:** To report the results of an opinion survey addressed to readers of Revista Médica de Chile, in June-August 2007. **Material and methods:** A survey was devised and distributed electronically or by mail, among all subscribers. It requested information about gender, age, site of work, proportion of time dedicated to clinical practice, teaching or research, plus their opinion about the contents and format of the journal, inviting them to propose improvements.

**Results:** The survey was distributed to 1274 subscribers (98.7% physicians, most, living in Chile) and was responded by 309 (24%). Those who responded were practicing medicine for a mean of  $24 \pm 13$  (SD) years and did not differ in gender, age or years of medical practice from those that did not respond. Sixty three