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Patients attending consultation, do they consult any medical item on the internet?

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Objective: Knowing if patients coming to our clinic consult medical topics on the internet and if there are differences by age and / or sex.

Material and Methods: The sample was obtained from patients presenting to four medical consultations of a Urban-Rural Health Center from Monday to Friday. Was studied day of the week, age, gender, morning or afternoon consultation schedule and whether or not consulted on Internet. Student's t test and chi-square is statistically applied.

Results: The sample included 617 individuals 404 males 213 females, consulted internet 315 and 302 no consulted internet, 477 came in morning and 140 in the afternoon.

The average (X) age of the sample was 50.3030, with a standard deviation (SD) = 18.2026 and with a confidence interval (CI) = ± 1.4394 being significant ($p < 0.05$) the difference in the average age between male sex: 52.6056 and female: 49.0891 and age average in those that consulted internet $x = 43.6667$ and those who did not $x = 57.2252$.

Also significant was the age difference from the morning (X = 51.891) or afternoon (X = 44.8927) consultation schedule.

Studied the qualitative variables, it was found a relation between come Friday and consult internet and go in the afternoon on Mondays.

Conclusions: The Internet is a tool that is available to all, as we see in our study sample, there are more patients consulting medical items on the net than those that don't do it ; with this study we can open doors for others, as there are age brackets consulting more than others and will be added every day more; and know how it can affect us in our daily practice.