APPENDIX - I

LIST OF HOSPITALS IN MADRAS CITY

1. Appolo Hospital, Greams Lane, Madras-6.
2. Cancer Research Institute, Adayar, Madras.
3. Government General Hospital, Park Town, Madras-1.
5. Government Childrens Hospital, Egmore-8.
7. Government Mental Hospital, Ayanavaram.
8. Government ESI Hospital, K.K.Nagar.
10. RSRM Lying in Hospital, Royapuram.
11. ESI Hospital, Ayanavaram.
12. Royapettah Obstetric and Gynaecology Hospital, (Attached to Govt. Royapettah Hospital).
14. Raj Bhavan Hospital, Guindy.
15. Government Hospital, Saidapet, Madras-15.
16. Infectious Disease Hospital, Tondiarpet.
18. Institute of Basic Medical Science, Taramani.
20. K.J.Hospital, Research and Post Graduate Training Centre, Poonamalle High Road, Madras-84.
21. Kalyani Hospital, Dr. Radhakrishnan Road, Mylapore, Madras-4.
22. Government Dental College/Hospital, Park Town, Madras-1.
23. National Hospital, 2nd Line Beach Road, Madras-1.
24. Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Marshalls Road, Madras-8.
26. Fort Trust Hospital, Madras-1.
27. Ramachandra Medical College, Porur.
28. Railway Hospital, Ayanavaram.
29. Crescent Hospital, Dr. Beasant Road, Royapettah, Madras-14.
30. Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras-14.
31. Sankara Netralaya Eye Research Institute, College Road, Nungambakkam, Madras-6.
32. Stanley Medical College, Hospital, 8 Old Jail Road, Madras.
33. Devaki Hospital, Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Madras-4.
34. Tuberculosic Research Centre, Chetput.
35. Andhra Mahilasabha Hospital.
Dear doctor,

I hope that you are aware that the generation of new information in Medical field is at an exponential growth, and that the access to this information by medical specialists involves number of problems.

The object is to identify these problems and to design a medical information system wherein a medical specialist can have access to information about new advances in medicine.

To investigate the above, I have taken up a doctoral dissertation project entitled A CRITICAL STUDY OF INFORMATION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS IN MADRAS CITY-INDIA in the Department of Library and Information Science, S.V.University, Tirupati. I am also enclosing herewith a questionnaire which has been designed to collect data from you. I shall be highly thankful to you if you will kindly fill up this questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Please note that the data collected by way of this questionnaire will NOT be disclosed to any person and the information so collected will be exclusively used for my research work. Therefore, please give your Free and Frank Opinions.

I solicit your kind co-operation in this programme.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(T.RAJA GOPAL)

NOTE: Most of the questions need to be answered in the form of YES or NO and you are requested to tick mark '✓' in the appropriate place.
BIO-DATA

1. Name :

2. Sex : Male [ ] Female [ ]

3. Age: Number of completed years as on last birth day
   [ ] 21-25   [ ] 41-45
   [ ] 26-30   [ ] 46-50
   [ ] 31-35   [ ] 51-55
   [ ] 36-40   [ ] 61-65

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

4. Qualifications: Indian and Foreign
   (List only Medical Qualifications)

   Sl. No. Degree Indian U.K. U.S.A. Other countries

   a) Basic Prof. Degree
   b) Diploma
   c) Master's Degree
   d) Doctoral Degree/ Super Speciality
   e) Any other
      (Please specify)

5. Membership in Professional Bodies
   Local, State, National, International of which you are currently a member:

   Local

   State
6. Office, if any, held in professional organisations during the last five years:

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7. Please list below the visits to foreign countries:

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<th>Country visited</th>
<th>Period of visit</th>
<th>Purpose of visit</th>
<th>Qualifications acquired if any in the foreign country</th>
<th>Remarks if any</th>
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8. List of workshops/Conferences/Seminars/Symposia/Congress, etc. attended during last five years:

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<th>India</th>
<th>U.K.</th>
<th>U.S.A.</th>
<th>Any other country</th>
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9. ACTIVE Participation in Workshops/Conferences/Seminars/Symposia during last five years. (Please ignore mere participation as a delegate since you have already provided this information in Item No.8)

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Name of the Conference/No.</th>
<th>Congress/Seminar, etc.</th>
<th>Place</th>
<th>Type of participation such as presiding over the conference/chairing a session/delivering key note address/panel speaker/resource person/presentation of paper, etc.</th>
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SPECIALISATION

Please note for the purpose of this investigation only the following TEN specialisations are chosen.

10. Area of your specialisation (Please tick appropriate box):

1) Cardiology
2) Dermatology
3) E.N.T.
4) General Medicine
5) Gynecology
6) Neurology
7) Ophthalmology
8) Orthopedics
9) Paediatrics
10) Surgery

PRACTICE IN RELATION TO SPECIALISATION

Please mark only the present practice. If two or more types are applicable, please indicate them.

11. Type of Practice in your Specialisation

a) Treatment and Teaching
b) Teaching and Research
c) Treatment (non-surgical)
d) Surgery
e) Private Practice
f) Administration
g) Any other (specify)

EMPLOYER

12. How employed?

a) Government
b) Corporation
c) Institutions
d) Own Hospital/Clinic
e) Quasi Government
   (University, etc.)

f) Industries

f) Private Medical Establishment

h) Any other (specify)

13. Are you teaching besides practising as a Specialist?
   Yes ☐
   No ☐

   If yes, total number of years of teaching __

14. No. of years of Medical practice after qualifying as doctor

   No. of years of Medical practice after __ years.

   Before acquiring specialisation skills __ years

   After acquiring specialisation skillst __ years

AMERICAN MEDICAL INFORMATION SOURCES

15. In your opinion do you notice any marked change in your approach for seeking information after acquiring the specialisation qualification?
   Yes ☐
   No ☐

16. How many professional journals do you get/subscribe for every year (give number only):

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<th>Indian</th>
<th>U.S.A.</th>
<th>U.K.</th>
<th>Other countries</th>
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17. Do you own a personal library (Professional collection but not fiction and other literature):

Yes ☐  No ☐

If yes, please list the type of:

a) Book
b) Periodical volumes
c) Other types, if any

18. Are you aware of the following medical information sources available in your field:

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<td>b) Medline databases</td>
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<td>c) Medical trend reports</td>
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<td>d) Medical Journal Abstracts</td>
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<td>e) General Medical information sources, e.g., Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, etc.</td>
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<td>f) Any other, please specify</td>
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19. Are you aware of national medical Information Systems/Services in other countries?

Yes ☐  No ☐

a) Is there any such national/regional Medical information Centre/Service in India?

Yes ☐  No ☐

b) If yes, please name the centre/service:

1]  

2]  

3]
20. Are you aware of Research Institutes such as AIIMS, ICMR, NIMHANS, NI, Bio.Tech. etc. are generating new information in your field?

Yes ☐ No ☐

a) If yes, please state whether you are getting information from these centres?

Yes ☐ No ☐

b) Describe briefly the type of information you seek?

21. Do you feel that existing available medical information sources of your area are sufficient for your professional work?

a) Sufficient ☐ c) Less sufficient ☐

b) Moderately sufficient ☐ d) Not at all ☐

USE OF INFORMATION SYSTEM

22. How often do you go to a library for consulting/borrowing/Professional literature:

a) Every day ☐ d) Once a fortnight ☐

b) Every three days ☐ e) Once in a month ☐

c) Once in a week ☐ f) Occasionally ☐

g) Never ☐
23. What types of libraries/information centres in the community have you used within the previous year to obtain information needed for your clinical, research, teaching or administration responsibilities:

a) Institution library  

b) Department libraries  

c) Public library  

d) College/University library  

e) Special library/information centre  

f) None  

24. To find what kind of information do you usually go to the medical library:

25. Can you describe in what clinical/teaching/research or administrative responsibilities this information is useful?

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<th>S.No.</th>
<th>Responsibility</th>
<th>Use of Information</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
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<td>Teaching</td>
<td>YES/NO</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Research</td>
<td>YES/NO</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Administrative</td>
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26. What is the

a) Average number of professional books consulted per month

b) Average number of professional articles read per month

c) Average time spent in reading/consulting books and professional literature per day

27. Average time spent in a library for seeking professional information whenever you visit the library:

a) Less than half-an-hour

b) More than half-an-hour but less than one hour

c) More than one hour less than two hours

d) More than two hours

e) Any other specify

28. Do you think that there will be enough time for you to consult/read professional literature?

Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐

29. Do you think it is really necessary to seek professional information for your day-to-day professional work:

Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐

30. If you think that information seeking is essential how do you resolve the problem of lack of time and need for seeking latest information?
31. Please list out various ways, in order of preference, in which you seek information from medical literature point of view:

Informal:
- Consulting the professional colleagues
- Consulting the administrators
- Discussion with library staff
- Discussion with medical representatives
- Any other, if any

Formal:
- Consulting authoritative texts
- Consulting periodicals
- Consulting Abstracting & Indexing Services
- Consulting the literature supplied by medical firms
- Any other, if any

32. In your opinion to what extent the medical literature on new products supplied by the medical firms will be useful?

1. To a great extent
2. To some extent
3. Not at all
4. Do not know

33. Do you feel that there is an urgent need for computerised medical information service?

a) In your State
   - Yes
   - No

b) In Madras City
   - Yes
   - No
34. a) Are you willing to pay for such a computerised information service if provided:
   Yes ☐ No ☐

b) If yes, mention the amount you can spend for consultation in multiples of Rs.100 (like Rs.200, 300, 500, etc. per search)
   Rs._____

c) On an average how many computer information searches you may need per month
   1 - 5 ☐
   6 - 10 ☐
   11 - 15 ☐
   16 - 20 ☐
   21 - 25 ☐

35. What are your suggestions for effective information flow to specialists in medical profession?

NOTE: If the space provided for the answers is not sufficient, please use additional sheets.