

# Are you a Fan or **Critic** of Sharing Your Cell Phone Number with Your Patients?

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# Disclosures



- I have given my cell phone number to patients and their family members on few occasions, and I have always regretted it!

# Reasons why I don't give my cell phone #

1. I like to set boundaries
2. I need to disconnect/recharge
3. I like to be in control of the relationship
4. I might not remember who you are
5. There is no way I am documenting it
6. There is nothing I can really do to help over the phone, other than answering stupid questions – which usually puts me in a bad mood
7. What if you answer after you have been drinking?

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## Surgeon Moms Group

🔒 Private group · 2.7K members



**Daniela Molena** created a poll.



February 20 at 12:12 PM · 🌐

I have to debate a very smart guy on whether or not to give your cell phone number to patients. I am not going to say if I am pros or cons because I want to hear all of you smart women about this (Linda Martin don't disclose I am enrolling such amazing support for my argument!!!). Please comment on your answer!

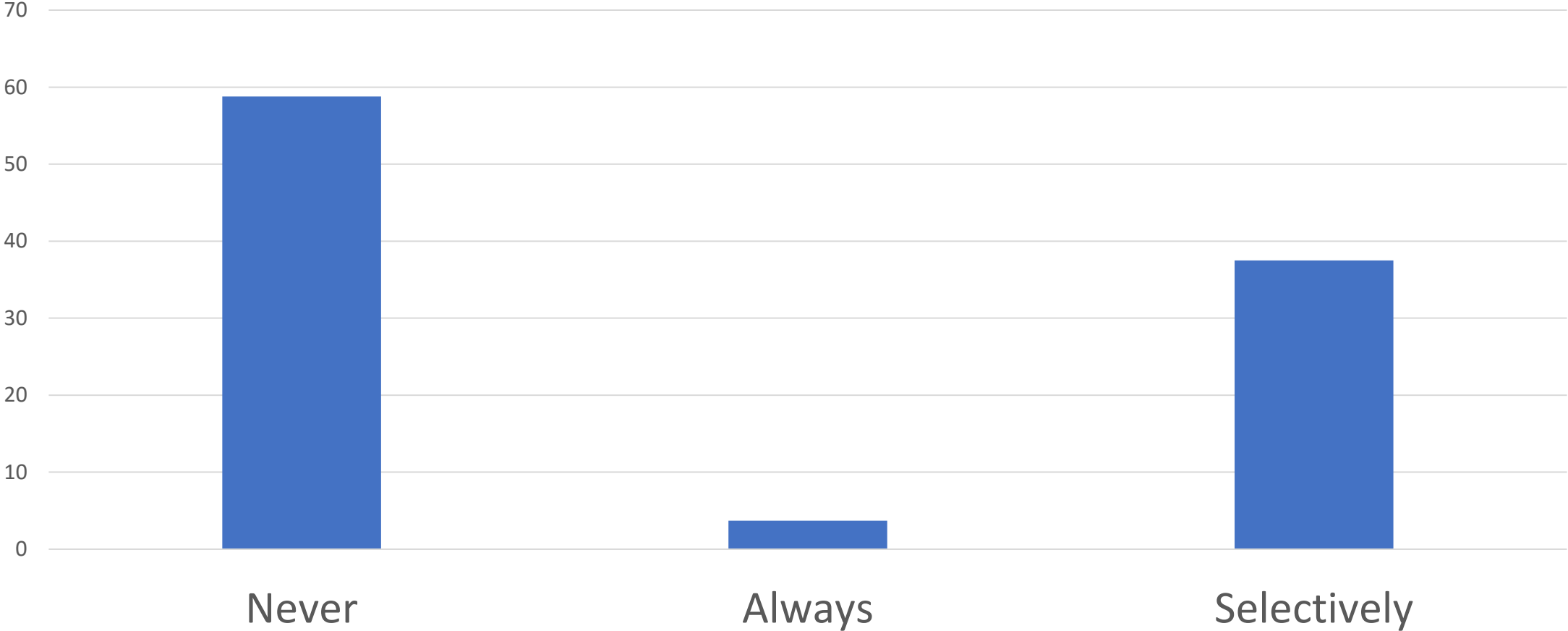
Thank you for your help 🙏



Linda Martin and 3 others

165 Comments

Total answers = 646 PSG



# Selectively

- Family members of patients with complications
- Staff/employees or family members
- Patients who struggle communicating
- Physicians (including family members who are physicians)
- If I fear a lawsuit/worrisome vibes
- Only to patients without psychiatric pathology or violent/worrisome background
- Only to patients without crazy family members

# Surgical field

Always

- Orthopedics
- Rural surgery
- Concierge docs
- Old school surgeons

Never

- Pediatric surgeons

# Other interesting comments

- I give a google # and not my real phone
- I give my work email rather than phone #
- I go hog wild with email
- People are crazy and I am in Texas





## LEGALLY

- Your current home address, its square footage, the cost of the property and the taxes you pay on it
- Your past addresses from the last decade
- The full names of your mother, father, sister and aunt
- The past phone numbers, including the landline for your parents' home
- Your previously own property, including its square footage and the mortgage taken out
- Your criminal record

## ILLEGALLY

- Reset your password for an online account by answering your security questions
- Hijack your digits — a practice called SIM swapping → break into your accounts
- Track your location
- Use your twitter account
- Sell it to marketers

10:12 ↗



Inviato come SMS

l'altro ieri 10:08 AM



Happy woman's day my beautiful beautiful friend God bless just to let you know I got coronavirus I think I'm beating yet not sure of anything anymore bad cough little fever everything else seems to be OK no taste at all Don't even want to eat macaroni that's bad love you baby have a great day

10:20 ↗



Thank you! I am "on call" for you if you have any tennis questions...seriously I love helping people with tennis so please don't hesitate to ask even if you want to send a video!



10:18 ↗



Hope you had a great thanksgiving Dr Molena - Smallest thanksgiving meal I ever had that's for sure! Anyway, continue to take steps forward. Played a little tennis for the first time last week.. hope you are doing well and all is good Hope to catch up soon - Grazie Mille

6:08 ↗



Thought you would like to see the pics from Venus and the area during Carnevale- from the Italian American Journal

# Thank you!

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