

Table 4

Frequency Distribution of Reasons for Deficiencies in Laws in the Field of Health Information Based on Content-oriented Classification of the Opinions of 24 Top Managers and Policy Makers

General Reasons	Detailed Reasons	Frequency	Percentage
Characteristics of managers and policy makers in the health field	Lack of belief in a comprehensive information system for proper management	18	42.9
	Lack of proper understanding of responsibilities in both lawmakers and executives		
	Presence of a large number of people around the managers and inattention to subtle and important points		
	Short-term management periods and selection of inexperienced managers		
	Preoccupation of managers with repeated daily routines, leading to deviation from making necessary laws in different aspects		
	Unawareness of some managers of laws		
	Inadequate awareness of managers and lawmakers of the role of information in providing community health		
	Absence of long-term planning in majority of fields		
	Lack of opportunity for middle and low-level managers to give suggestions		
	Lack of any role for middle and low-level managers in promotion of healthcare services		
	Inattention to new international definitions of the principles of global trading		
	Absence of plan-oriented evaluation of needs		
	Absence of clarification of law-making authorities and centers in some departments, leading to parallel actions and interference		
Cultural conditions of the community	Lack of the culture for decision making based on evidence, statistics, and previous data	10	23.8
	Inadequate attention to data, information, and, on the whole, to software and brain ware		
	Insufficient attention to human dignity		
	Inadequate law-abiding qualities		
Status of health information system	Lack of integrity of the health information system	8	19.0
	Absence of a definite guardian for health information system		
	Absence of a clear definition of health information		
	Absence of a proper undertaking of information as an interdisciplinary component and a feeling that it does not need any laws		
Awareness level of public beneficiaries about laws	Lack of awareness resulting in no demands for rights	6	14.3
	Inadequate knowledge of the beneficiaries of laws in this respect		