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Results from the CMA's 2001 Physician Resource Questionnaire

Personal Computer Use

Do you personally use a computer? If no, do you plan to do so in the next 12 months?

| | Personal Computer Use | | | | | % of the NOs who plan to do so in the next 12 months |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|---|
| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | No response | Total | |
| Overall | 3246 | 88.3% | 11.2% | 0.5% | 100% | 41.4% |
| Female | 992 | 86.3% | 13.2% | 0.5% | 100% | 43.5% |
| Male | 2254 | 89.2% | 10.4% | 0.4% | 100% | 40.2% |
| < 35 | 284 | 92.3% | 7.4% | 0.4% | 100% | 52.4% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 93.1% | 6.9% | 0.0% | 100% | 45.2% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 89.5% | 10.3% | 0.3% | 100% | 44.2% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 84.8% | 14.4% | 0.8% | 100% | 37.2% |
| 65+ | 305 | 73.4% | 24.6% | 2.0% | 100% | 36.0% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 84.9% | 14.5% | 0.6% | 100% | 37.2% |
| Medical Specialist | 1203 | 91.8% | 7.9% | 0.3% | 100% | 44.2% |
| Surgical Specialist | 451 | 91.1% | 8.6% | 0.2% | 100% | 59.0% |
| Rural | 283 | 86.2% | 13.4% | 0.4% | 100% | 47.4% |
| Urban | 2963 | 88.5% | 11.0% | 0.5% | 100% | 40.7% |

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Computer Use by Activity

Proportion of physicians who personally use a computer for various purposes

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 3246 | 992 | 2254 | 284 | 903 | 1101 | 653 | 305 | 1592 | 1203 | 451 | 283 | 2963 |
| Electronic billing | 14.0% | 10.4% | 15.7% | 12.3% | 12.2% | 16.9% | 14.2% | 10.5% | 12.9% | 14.5% | 17.1% | 9.9% | 14.4% |
| Electronic patient records | 13.8% | 11.8% | 14.7% | 16.5% | 14.8% | 14.4% | 12.1% | 9.8% | 10.8% | 18.1% | 12.9% | 12.0% | 14.0% |
| General office management (e.g. word processing) | 28.8% | 24.3% | 30.8% | 29.6% | 32.7% | 31.4% | 24.3% | 17.0% | 26.1% | 34.2% | 23.9% | 24.0% | 29.3% |
| Decision aids in patient management (e.g. checking for drug interactions) | 25.4% | 22.4% | 26.8% | 32.4% | 27.4% | 25.8% | 23.6% | 16.1% | 23.7% | 29.3% | 21.3% | 23.7% | 25.6% |
| Electronic mail | 70.6% | 69.0% | 71.4% | 83.8% | 77.5% | 70.9% | 66.0% | 46.9% | 64.2% | 79.1% | 70.7% | 64.7% | 71.2% |
| CD ROM professional resources (all types) | 47.6% | 37.3% | 52.1% | 47.2% | 52.0% | 50.0% | 44.3% | 32.8% | 39.6% | 55.8% | 53.9% | 42.4% | 48.1% |
| CME on diskette or CD-ROM | 41.3% | 33.1% | 45.0% | 38.7% | 43.9% | 41.7% | 41.7% | 34.4% | 30.4% | 51.9% | 51.9% | 33.6% | 42.1% |

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Personal Digital Assistant Use

Do you use a personal digital assistant or wireless device (e.g. Palm Pilot) in clinical practice?

| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | Don't Know | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 3246 | 19.3% | 78.6% | 0.8% | 1.3% | 100% |
| Female | 992 | 15.4% | 82.1% | 1.4% | 1.1% | 100% |
| Male | 2254 | 21.0% | 77.1% | 0.5% | 1.4% | 100% |
| < 35 | 284 | 26.8% | 69.7% | 2.1% | 1.4% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 20.8% | 78.3% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 19.6% | 78.7% | 0.5% | 1.3% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 17.5% | 80.1% | 0.8% | 1.7% | 100% |
| 65+ | 305 | 10.8% | 84.3% | 1.6% | 3.3% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 15.7% | 81.5% | 1.3% | 1.6% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 1203 | 22.9% | 75.6% | 0.2% | 1.2% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 451 | 22.4% | 76.3% | 0.4% | 0.9% | 100% |
| Rural | 283 | 13.4% | 83.0% | 1.4% | 2.1% | 100% |
| Urban | 2963 | 19.9% | 78.2% | 0.7% | 1.2% | 100% |

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Personal Internet Use

Do you personally use the Internet? If no, do you plan to do so in the next 12 months?

| | Personal Internet Use | | | | | % of the NOs who plan to do so in the next 12 months |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|---|
| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | No response | Total | |
| Overall | 3246 | 83.6% | 15.9% | 0.5% | 100% | 42.9% |
| Female | 992 | 81.3% | 18.5% | 0.2% | 100% | 47.3% |
| Male | 2254 | 84.7% | 14.7% | 0.6% | 100% | 40.5% |
| < 35 | 284 | 92.3% | 7.4% | 0.4% | 100% | 57.1% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 88.5% | 11.5% | 0.0% | 100% | 53.8% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 85.1% | 14.6% | 0.3% | 100% | 40.4% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 79.9% | 19.0% | 1.1% | 100% | 41.9% |
| 65+ | 305 | 63.9% | 34.4% | 1.6% | 100% | 34.3% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 78.4% | 21.2% | 0.4% | 100% | 42.3% |
| Medical Specialist | 1203 | 89.1% | 10.1% | 0.7% | 100% | 41.0% |
| Surgical Specialist | 451 | 87.6% | 12.2% | 0.2% | 100% | 50.9% |
| Rural | 283 | 81.3% | 18.4% | 0.4% | 100% | 38.5% |
| Urban | 2963 | 83.9% | 15.6% | 0.5% | 100% | 43.4% |

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Internet Use by Activity, All Locations

Physicians who use the Internet for various activities, all locations combined (including home), as a proportion of all respondents

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 3246 | 992 | 2254 | 284 | 903 | 1101 | 653 | 305 | 1592 | 1203 | 451 | 283 | 2963 |
| Email | 80.6% | 77.6% | 81.9% | 90.5% | 85.2% | 82.3% | 76.4% | 60.3% | 75.2% | 86.3% | 84.3% | 76.3% | 81.0% |
| Worldwide web | 76.8% | 71.9% | 79.0% | 87.3% | 83.7% | 78.7% | 70.4% | 53.4% | 71.2% | 82.8% | 80.7% | 74.2% | 77.1% |
| Discussion Groups | 15.3% | 11.9% | 16.9% | 13.4% | 16.2% | 16.7% | 15.9% | 8.5% | 12.9% | 17.2% | 19.1% | 14.5% | 15.4% |
| Ordering documents, books | 36.8% | 27.5% | 40.9% | 41.2% | 41.3% | 38.1% | 33.2% | 23.0% | 32.0% | 41.6% | 41.2% | 36.0% | 36.9% |
| MEDLINE searching | 66.5% | 62.2% | 68.5% | 77.1% | 69.8% | 67.4% | 63.7% | 50.2% | 55.7% | 77.5% | 75.6% | 60.8% | 67.1% |
| Browsing or reading online medical journals | 54.6% | 45.6% | 58.6% | 59.9% | 57.7% | 54.9% | 53.1% | 42.6% | 47.0% | 63.2% | 58.5% | 50.2% | 55.0% |
| CME courses online | 23.3% | 17.4% | 25.8% | 21.1% | 23.1% | 24.2% | 24.8% | 19.0% | 18.1% | 28.6% | 27.3% | 20.8% | 23.5% |
| CMA Online | 29.6% | 21.7% | 33.1% | 34.2% | 31.3% | 29.5% | 27.6% | 24.6% | 29.3% | 30.3% | 28.6% | 36.0% | 29.0% |
| CMA CPG Infobase | 16.3% | 12.4% | 18.0% | 19.7% | 17.4% | 16.7% | 13.3% | 14.4% | 17.1% | 16.0% | 14.2% | 17.3% | 16.2% |
| Classified ads, placements | 9.5% | 7.4% | 10.4% | 14.1% | 11.2% | 9.5% | 7.4% | 4.6% | 9.3% | 9.5% | 10.2% | 10.2% | 9.4% |
| Other physician-oriented web sites | 42.1% | 36.1% | 44.8% | 53.5% | 46.3% | 44.8% | 35.8% | 23.0% | 38.6% | 45.8% | 44.6% | 42.8% | 42.1% |
| News in medicine, health care | 34.0% | 28.3% | 36.6% | 34.5% | 33.9% | 35.8% | 32.8% | 30.5% | 31.6% | 36.7% | 35.7% | 31.8% | 34.3% |
| Patient-oriented web sites | 21.2% | 21.1% | 21.2% | 22.9% | 22.8% | 23.4% | 18.4% | 12.5% | 20.9% | 22.4% | 18.8% | 22.3% | 21.1% |
| Financial activities | 40.3% | 32.6% | 43.7% | 56.3% | 44.5% | 40.2% | 34.0% | 26.2% | 38.4% | 41.1% | 44.8% | 39.9% | 40.3% |

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Internet Use by Activity, Professional Location

Physicians who use the Internet for various activities at a professional location (excluding home), as a proportion of all respondents

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|--|---------|--------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Number of respondents | 3246 | 992 | 2254 | 284 | 903 | 1101 | 653 | 305 | 1592 | 1203 | 451 | 283 | 2963 |
| Email | 39.0% | 32.7% | 41.8% | 38.7% | 41.6% | 43.3% | 34.6% | 25.2% | 27.4% | 53.8% | 40.4% | 30.4% | 39.8% |
| Worldwide web | 37.2% | 29.9% | 40.5% | 45.4% | 41.5% | 40.2% | 31.2% | 19.0% | 26.5% | 51.4% | 37.5% | 32.9% | 37.7% |
| Discussion Groups | 6.0% | 5.1% | 6.3% | 4.2% | 6.0% | 6.8% | 6.1% | 4.3% | 4.0% | 8.4% | 6.4% | 5.3% | 6.0% |
| Ordering documents, books | 13.6% | 7.8% | 16.2% | 10.9% | 15.2% | 15.3% | 12.3% | 8.9% | 8.6% | 19.6% | 15.5% | 11.3% | 13.9% |
| MEDLINE searching | 37.6% | 32.3% | 40.0% | 45.4% | 42.1% | 39.3% | 33.8% | 19.3% | 25.4% | 53.1% | 39.5% | 31.4% | 38.2% |
| Browsing or reading online medical journals | 26.0% | 20.4% | 28.5% | 28.2% | 27.5% | 28.7% | 24.0% | 14.1% | 17.1% | 39.0% | 22.6% | 18.0% | 26.8% |
| CME courses online | 8.2% | 5.9% | 9.2% | 6.7% | 7.8% | 9.6% | 8.7% | 4.6% | 4.6% | 12.6% | 9.1% | 4.6% | 8.5% |
| CMA Online | 11.1% | 7.3% | 12.7% | 11.6% | 11.7% | 12.1% | 9.6% | 7.9% | 9.8% | 13.6% | 8.6% | 11.7% | 11.0% |
| CMA CPG Infobase | 7.0% | 4.7% | 8.0% | 6.7% | 7.3% | 8.0% | 5.2% | 6.9% | 6.5% | 8.2% | 5.5% | 7.1% | 7.0% |
| Classified ads, placements | 3.7% | 2.4% | 4.2% | 6.0% | 4.0% | 3.5% | 2.9% | 2.6% | 3.1% | 4.3% | 3.8% | 3.9% | 3.6% |
| Other physician-oriented web sites | 18.7% | 15.2% | 20.2% | 26.1% | 21.0% | 20.5% | 14.1% | 7.9% | 14.1% | 25.4% | 16.6% | 17.0% | 18.8% |
| News in medicine, health care | 14.1% | 9.9% | 16.0% | 12.7% | 14.0% | 16.6% | 12.7% | 9.8% | 10.3% | 19.9% | 12.2% | 12.0% | 14.3% |
| Patient-oriented web sites | 10.1% | 7.8% | 11.1% | 12.0% | 10.1% | 11.5% | 8.6% | 6.6% | 8.3% | 13.5% | 7.5% | 9.9% | 10.1% |
| Financial activities | 7.3% | 3.2% | 9.1% | 7.7% | 7.2% | 7.8% | 7.5% | 4.9% | 4.9% | 9.6% | 9.5% | 7.1% | 7.3% |

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Internet Use by Main Location

Considering all activities on the Internet, where do you spend the most time online?
(Includes only those who use the Internet)

| | Number of respondents | Home | Office or Clinical Practice | Hospital | Other | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2715 | 77.9% | 13.7% | 5.8% | 0.6% | 2.0% | 100% |
| Female | 806 | 77.7% | 13.2% | 6.0% | 1.0% | 2.2% | 100% |
| Male | 1909 | 77.9% | 14.0% | 5.7% | 0.4% | 1.9% | 100% |
| < 35 | 262 | 81.3% | 11.1% | 6.9% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 799 | 78.8% | 14.1% | 5.5% | 0.6% | 0.9% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 937 | 76.8% | 14.5% | 5.9% | 0.3% | 2.5% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 522 | 74.7% | 13.4% | 7.1% | 1.0% | 3.8% | 100% |
| 65+ | 195 | 82.6% | 12.8% | 1.5% | 1.0% | 2.1% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1248 | 84.9% | 10.9% | 2.3% | 0.8% | 1.0% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 1072 | 70.0% | 16.0% | 10.6% | 0.3% | 3.1% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 395 | 77.0% | 16.5% | 3.5% | 0.8% | 2.3% | 100% |
| Rural | 230 | 84.3% | 12.2% | 1.7% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 100% |
| Urban | 2485 | 77.3% | 13.9% | 6.2% | 0.6% | 2.1% | 100% |

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Referring patients to medical web sites

How often do you refer patients to medical web sites?

| | Number of respondents | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Occasionally | Never | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 3246 | 3.1% | 11.2% | 3.8% | 30.3% | 48.0% | 3.6% | 100% |
| Female | 992 | 2.7% | 10.7% | 3.8% | 31.7% | 48.3% | 2.8% | 100% |
| Male | 2254 | 3.3% | 11.4% | 3.7% | 29.7% | 47.9% | 3.9% | 100% |
| < 35 | 284 | 1.4% | 10.2% | 5.3% | 35.2% | 47.2% | 0.7% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 3.7% | 11.2% | 4.9% | 32.9% | 45.3% | 2.1% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 4.3% | 12.5% | 3.8% | 28.7% | 47.3% | 3.4% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 2.0% | 11.5% | 2.8% | 29.9% | 48.4% | 5.5% | 100% |
| 65+ | 305 | 1.3% | 6.9% | 1.0% | 24.9% | 58.4% | 7.5% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 2.6% | 11.0% | 4.0% | 31.8% | 46.8% | 3.8% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 1203 | 3.3% | 10.6% | 3.5% | 29.0% | 50.0% | 3.6% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 451 | 4.4% | 13.7% | 3.5% | 28.6% | 46.8% | 2.9% | 100% |
| Rural | 283 | 1.4% | 11.0% | 3.2% | 31.8% | 49.8% | 2.8% | 100% |
| Urban | 2963 | 3.3% | 11.2% | 3.8% | 30.2% | 47.8% | 3.7% | 100% |

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Types of medical web sites to which physicians refer patients

Proportion of physicians who refer patients to particular types of Web sites

(includes only those who said they refer patients to medical Web sites at least occasionally)

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 1571 | 485 | 1086 | 148 | 475 | 543 | 301 | 104 | 786 | 558 | 227 | 134 | 1437 |
| Disease-specific sites | 77.3% | 77.7% | 77.1% | 73.6% | 80.2% | 79.6% | 71.8% | 73.1% | 76.5% | 79.9% | 73.9% | 80.6% | 77.0% |
| Government sites | 30.6% | 31.5% | 30.1% | 33.1% | 30.5% | 32.4% | 26.9% | 27.9% | 36.9% | 28.1% | 14.5% | 39.6% | 29.7% |
| Commercial health sites | 8.0% | 4.7% | 9.4% | 4.7% | 6.3% | 9.2% | 9.6% | 8.7% | 8.7% | 7.5% | 6.6% | 8.2% | 7.9% |
| Medical association sites | 19.9% | 18.1% | 20.6% | 21.6% | 19.2% | 19.9% | 17.6% | 26.9% | 18.6% | 20.4% | 22.9% | 15.7% | 20.3% |
| Consumer group sites | 20.5% | 22.5% | 19.6% | 12.2% | 16.2% | 25.6% | 24.3% | 14.4% | 20.7% | 20.3% | 20.3% | 23.1% | 20.3% |
| Other sites | 9.4% | 9.7% | 9.2% | 9.5% | 8.8% | 8.1% | 11.6% | 11.5% | 8.7% | 8.6% | 13.7% | 8.2% | 9.5% |

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Canadian versus American/international sites

Do you tend to recommend Canadian Web sites rather than American or other international Web sites?

(includes only those who said they refer patients to web sites)

| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 1571 | 49.7% | 36.1% | 14.2% | 100% |
| Female | 485 | 54.8% | 27.8% | 17.3% | 100% |
| Male | 1086 | 47.4% | 39.8% | 12.8% | 100% |
| < 35 | 148 | 57.4% | 32.4% | 10.1% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 475 | 50.3% | 35.8% | 13.9% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 543 | 49.2% | 38.7% | 12.2% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 301 | 47.2% | 35.2% | 17.6% | 100% |
| 65+ | 104 | 46.2% | 31.7% | 22.1% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 786 | 57.3% | 28.9% | 13.9% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 558 | 43.4% | 42.8% | 13.8% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 227 | 39.2% | 44.5% | 16.3% | 100% |
| Rural | 134 | 56.0% | 24.6% | 19.4% | 100% |
| Urban | 1437 | 49.1% | 37.2% | 13.7% | 100% |

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Preference for Canadian medical Web sites

Reasons for recommending Canadian Web sites rather than American or other international Web sites
(includes only those who said they tend to recommend Canadian sites)

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 781 | 266 | 515 | 85 | 239 | 267 | 142 | 48 | 450 | 242 | 89 | 75 | 706 |
| Prefer sites oriented to Canadian health care environment | 88.5% | 88.3% | 88.5% | 87.1% | 88.3% | 88.8% | 88.7% | 89.6% | 88.0% | 87.2% | 94.4% | 90.7% | 88.5% |
| Prefer sites that offer information in French, or are bilingual | 27.8% | 28.6% | 27.4% | 29.4% | 24.7% | 29.2% | 33.8% | 14.6% | 29.8% | 26.0% | 22.5% | 26.7% | 27.9% |
| Canadian sites are more credible | 9.0% | 5.6% | 10.7% | 9.4% | 6.3% | 9.4% | 11.3% | 12.5% | 8.4% | 9.1% | 11.2% | 10.7% | 8.8% |
| Canadian sites have higher quality and/or more comprehensive content | 8.6% | 8.3% | 8.7% | 9.4% | 5.4% | 7.9% | 12.0% | 16.7% | 8.9% | 7.9% | 9.0% | 8.0% | 8.6% |

Note: Percents sum to more than 100% since respondents could select more than one answer

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No preference for Canadian medical web sites

Reasons for not recommending Canadian Web sites rather than American or other international Web sites
(includes only those who said they do not tend to recommend Canadian sites)

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 567 | 135 | 432 | 48 | 170 | 210 | 106 | 33 | 227 | 239 | 101 | 33 | 534 |
| American/international sites are more credible | 6.3% | 3.0% | 7.4% | 2.1% | 3.5% | 7.6% | 8.5% | 12.1% | 3.5% | 5.9% | 13.9% | 0.0% | 6.7% |
| American/international sites have higher quality and/or more comprehensive content than Canadian sites | 27.3% | 20.7% | 29.4% | 25.0% | 25.9% | 25.2% | 34.0% | 30.3% | 17.2% | 31.8% | 39.6% | 18.2% | 27.9% |
| Equivalent Canadian sites do not exist | 31.0% | 30.4% | 31.3% | 31.3% | 32.9% | 26.7% | 38.7% | 24.2% | 19.4% | 36.4% | 44.6% | 24.2% | 31.5% |
| I have not had the opportunity to search for equivalent Canadian sites | 16.9% | 17.0% | 16.9% | 14.6% | 17.1% | 16.2% | 15.1% | 30.3% | 17.6% | 18.4% | 11.9% | 18.2% | 16.9% |
| The content of American/international sites is appropriate for Canadian patients | 51.5% | 46.7% | 53.0% | 52.1% | 50.0% | 49.5% | 55.7% | 57.6% | 51.5% | 54.4% | 44.6% | 66.7% | 50.6% |
| Other | 13.8% | 20.0% | 11.8% | 16.7% | 14.1% | 16.2% | 8.5% | 9.1% | 18.1% | 13.0% | 5.9% | 9.1% | 14.0% |

Note: Percents sum to more than 100% since respondents could select more than one answer

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Continuing Medical Education

Overall, how would you rate the quality of continuing medical education you have been able to access via technology (e.g. CD-ROMs, the Internet, videos, audiotapes)?

| | Number of respondents | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2656 | 12.4% | 45.7% | 24.5% | 3.1% | 0.7% | 13.6% | 100% |
| Female | 735 | 11.0% | 48.0% | 21.4% | 1.6% | 0.5% | 17.4% | 100% |
| Male | 1921 | 12.9% | 44.9% | 25.7% | 3.7% | 0.8% | 12.1% | 100% |
| < 35 | 229 | 11.8% | 51.1% | 22.3% | 1.7% | 0.4% | 12.7% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 752 | 12.2% | 44.4% | 26.6% | 4.5% | 0.9% | 11.3% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 908 | 11.8% | 47.0% | 24.9% | 3.1% | 0.7% | 12.6% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 535 | 13.1% | 44.1% | 22.8% | 2.6% | 0.6% | 16.8% | 100% |
| 65+ | 232 | 14.2% | 43.5% | 22.0% | 1.3% | 0.9% | 18.1% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1231 | 11.0% | 45.4% | 24.8% | 2.5% | 1.0% | 15.4% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 1033 | 14.5% | 46.0% | 23.8% | 3.2% | 0.6% | 11.9% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 392 | 11.2% | 46.2% | 25.3% | 4.8% | 0.3% | 12.2% | 100% |
| Rural | 231 | 13.0% | 44.6% | 26.0% | 1.7% | 0.9% | 13.9% | 100% |
| Urban | 2425 | 12.3% | 45.9% | 24.3% | 3.3% | 0.7% | 13.5% | 100% |

Excludes those who said they had not accessed CME via technology

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Call

Do you take call and/or shared call?

| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | No response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 3246 | 74.0% | 24.5% | 1.6% | 100% |
| Female | 992 | 71.8% | 26.5% | 1.7% | 100% |
| Male | 2254 | 74.9% | 23.6% | 1.5% | 100% |
| < 35 | 284 | 76.1% | 23.2% | 0.7% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 82.6% | 16.7% | 0.7% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 77.7% | 20.5% | 1.7% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 69.8% | 28.3% | 1.8% | 100% |
| 65+ | 305 | 41.6% | 54.4% | 3.9% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 68.8% | 29.5% | 1.8% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 1203 | 76.2% | 22.2% | 1.6% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 451 | 86.3% | 12.9% | 0.9% | 100% |
| Rural | 283 | 79.9% | 19.1% | 1.1% | 100% |
| Urban | 2963 | 73.4% | 25.0% | 1.6% | 100% |

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Shared Call Hours

Estimate total hours of shared call only (i.e. call that includes patients other than your own) in an average month

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 2402 | 712 | 1690 | 216 | 746 | 857 | 456 | 127 | 1096 | 917 | 389 | 226 | 2176 |
| Up to 120 hours/month | 52.9% | 55.3% | 51.8% | 53.7% | 52.4% | 54.4% | 52.4% | 45.7% | 57.9% | 52.9% | 38.6% | 44.2% | 53.8% |
| 121 to 180 hours/month | 21.3% | 19.7% | 22.0% | 20.8% | 24.5% | 20.9% | 18.9% | 15.0% | 18.1% | 21.2% | 30.8% | 23.5% | 21.1% |
| 181 to 240 hours/month | 9.7% | 7.7% | 10.5% | 13.4% | 8.0% | 9.6% | 10.7% | 9.4% | 7.7% | 9.1% | 16.7% | 14.6% | 9.1% |
| More than 240 hours/month | 5.7% | 4.4% | 6.3% | 5.6% | 5.1% | 6.0% | 5.9% | 7.9% | 5.5% | 5.0% | 8.2% | 8.4% | 5.5% |
| Missing/Zero Value | 10.4% | 12.9% | 9.3% | 6.5% | 9.9% | 9.2% | 12.1% | 22.0% | 10.9% | 11.9% | 5.7% | 9.3% | 10.5% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Note: Includes only those who take call

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Shared Call Type

Shared call responsibilities

| | Number of respondents | Defined group of physicians only | Hospital or other health care facility only | Other only | Combination | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2207 | 24.9% | 44.7% | 2.0% | 21.3% | 7.0% | 100% |
| Female | 641 | 29.6% | 38.4% | 3.3% | 21.1% | 7.6% | 100% |
| Male | 1566 | 23.0% | 47.3% | 1.5% | 21.5% | 6.7% | 100% |
| < 35 | 205 | 26.3% | 42.0% | 1.0% | 23.4% | 7.3% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 696 | 23.9% | 45.4% | 2.2% | 21.8% | 6.8% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 793 | 24.7% | 45.8% | 2.0% | 21.4% | 6.1% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 410 | 25.4% | 42.9% | 2.2% | 21.5% | 8.0% | 100% |
| 65+ | 103 | 29.1% | 44.7% | 2.9% | 12.6% | 10.7% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 993 | 35.6% | 28.1% | 2.8% | 26.9% | 6.5% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 840 | 16.7% | 61.9% | 1.7% | 14.4% | 5.4% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 374 | 15.0% | 50.3% | 0.8% | 22.2% | 11.8% | 100% |
| Rural | 209 | 22.0% | 48.8% | 4.3% | 14.4% | 10.5% | 100% |
| Urban | 1998 | 25.2% | 44.3% | 1.8% | 22.1% | 6.6% | 100% |

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Nature of Call Responsibilities

Proportion of physicians who provide specific call responsibilities

| | Number of respondents | Remaining within area & carrying phone or pager | | | Scheduled on-site, on-call duty | | | Checking with answering service or voice mail | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|---|-------|-------------|
| | | Yes | No | No Response | Yes | No | No Response | Yes | No | No Response |
| Overall | 2402 | 82.5% | 10.5% | 7.0% | 33.6% | 59.4% | 7.0% | 5.7% | 87.3% | 7.0% |
| Female | 712 | 81.0% | 10.8% | 8.1% | 34.0% | 57.9% | 8.1% | 5.2% | 86.7% | 8.1% |
| Male | 1690 | 83.1% | 10.4% | 6.5% | 33.5% | 60.0% | 6.5% | 5.9% | 87.6% | 6.5% |
| < 35 | 216 | 84.3% | 10.2% | 5.6% | 35.6% | 58.8% | 5.6% | 5.1% | 89.4% | 5.6% |
| 35 - 44 | 746 | 83.4% | 11.4% | 5.2% | 39.1% | 55.6% | 5.2% | 4.2% | 90.6% | 5.2% |
| 45 - 54 | 857 | 82.1% | 10.2% | 7.7% | 33.3% | 59.0% | 7.7% | 4.7% | 87.6% | 7.7% |
| 55 - 64 | 456 | 82.9% | 9.2% | 7.9% | 28.9% | 63.2% | 7.9% | 9.4% | 82.7% | 7.9% |
| 65+ | 127 | 74.8% | 13.4% | 11.8% | 17.3% | 70.9% | 11.8% | 8.7% | 79.5% | 11.8% |
| GP/FP | 1096 | 81.3% | 11.6% | 7.1% | 32.7% | 60.2% | 7.1% | 6.7% | 86.2% | 7.1% |
| Medical Specialist | 917 | 82.6% | 10.8% | 6.7% | 40.3% | 53.0% | 6.7% | 5.1% | 88.2% | 6.7% |
| Surgical Specialist | 389 | 85.6% | 6.9% | 7.5% | 20.6% | 72.0% | 7.5% | 4.1% | 88.4% | 7.5% |
| Rural | 226 | 78.3% | 17.3% | 4.4% | 36.7% | 58.8% | 4.4% | 4.9% | 90.7% | 4.4% |
| Urban | 2176 | 82.9% | 9.8% | 7.3% | 33.3% | 59.4% | 7.3% | 5.7% | 87.0% | 7.3% |

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Compensation for on-call duties

Proportion of physicians who are compensated for specific on-call duties

| | Compensated for being available by phone or pager? | | | | |
|------------------|---|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | No response | Total |
| Overall | 1981 | 19.9% | 76.9% | 3.2% | 100% |
| Female | 577 | 21.7% | 73.8% | 4.5% | 100% |
| Male | 1404 | 19.2% | 78.2% | 2.6% | 100% |
| < 35 | 182 | 30.2% | 64.8% | 4.9% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 622 | 18.8% | 78.0% | 3.2% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 704 | 20.0% | 77.3% | 2.7% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 378 | 18.5% | 78.3% | 3.2% | 100% |
| 65+ | 95 | 11.6% | 85.3% | 3.2% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 891 | 25.0% | 71.8% | 3.1% | 100% |
| Med Spec | 757 | 17.2% | 79.3% | 3.6% | 100% |
| Surg Spec | 333 | 12.3% | 85.3% | 2.4% | 100% |
| Rural | 177 | 48.6% | 48.6% | 2.8% | 100% |
| Urban | 1804 | 17.1% | 79.7% | 3.2% | 100% |

Note: includes only those who said their call duties included being available by phone or pager

| | Compensated for being available on-site? | | | | |
|--|---|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Number of respondents | Yes | No | No response | Total |
| | 808 | 46.2% | 47.8% | 6.1% | 100% |
| | 242 | 47.9% | 43.8% | 8.3% | 100% |
| | 566 | 45.4% | 49.5% | 5.1% | 100% |
| | 77 | 59.7% | 37.7% | 2.6% | 100% |
| | 292 | 46.9% | 46.6% | 6.5% | 100% |
| | 285 | 47.0% | 47.4% | 5.6% | 100% |
| | 132 | 36.4% | 56.8% | 6.8% | 100% |
| | 22 | 36.4% | 50.0% | 13.6% | 100% |
| | 358 | 64.8% | 28.8% | 6.4% | 100% |
| | 370 | 34.6% | 59.5% | 5.9% | 100% |
| | 80 | 16.3% | 78.8% | 5.0% | 100% |
| | 83 | 73.5% | 19.3% | 7.2% | 100% |
| | 725 | 43.0% | 51.0% | 5.9% | 100% |

Note: includes only those who said their call duties included being available on-site

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Compensation for medical services provided while on call

Proportion of physicians who are compensated for the provision of medical services while on call

| | Number of respondents | Fee-for-service only | Sessional / hourly only | FFS + Premium only | Other only | Combination | No response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2402 | 51.2% | 7.9% | 9.4% | 7.7% | 12.7% | 11.0% | 100% |
| Female | 712 | 44.2% | 10.4% | 8.8% | 9.0% | 15.0% | 12.5% | 100% |
| Male | 1690 | 54.1% | 6.9% | 9.6% | 7.2% | 11.8% | 10.4% | 100% |
| < 35 | 216 | 40.3% | 12.5% | 13.9% | 8.8% | 19.0% | 5.6% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 746 | 48.4% | 8.7% | 10.5% | 7.4% | 13.1% | 11.9% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 857 | 52.2% | 7.4% | 7.9% | 8.1% | 13.8% | 10.7% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 456 | 55.5% | 6.4% | 8.1% | 8.3% | 9.6% | 12.1% | 100% |
| 65+ | 127 | 64.6% | 4.7% | 9.4% | 3.9% | 3.9% | 13.4% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1096 | 44.6% | 11.9% | 9.9% | 6.5% | 15.7% | 11.5% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 917 | 52.0% | 5.5% | 8.9% | 10.1% | 11.6% | 11.9% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 389 | 67.9% | 2.6% | 9.0% | 5.7% | 7.2% | 7.7% | 100% |
| Rural | 226 | 30.5% | 21.2% | 18.6% | 8.0% | 15.5% | 6.2% | 100% |
| Urban | 2176 | 53.4% | 6.5% | 8.4% | 7.7% | 12.5% | 11.5% | 100% |

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On-call patients

How many patients do you attend on an on-call basis in an average month?

| | Number of respondents | Up to 10 | 11 to 40 | More than 40 | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2402 | 23.3% | 36.2% | 27.4% | 13.0% | 100% |
| Female | 712 | 26.1% | 34.1% | 23.9% | 15.9% | 100% |
| Male | 1690 | 22.1% | 37.1% | 28.9% | 11.8% | 100% |
| < 35 | 216 | 25.9% | 28.2% | 37.5% | 8.3% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 746 | 22.0% | 34.7% | 29.2% | 14.1% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 857 | 23.0% | 38.0% | 26.8% | 12.1% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 456 | 21.5% | 38.8% | 23.7% | 16.0% | 100% |
| 65+ | 127 | 35.4% | 37.0% | 17.3% | 10.2% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1096 | 25.2% | 31.5% | 31.4% | 12.0% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 917 | 23.2% | 37.2% | 22.7% | 16.9% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 389 | 18.3% | 47.3% | 27.5% | 6.9% | 100% |
| Rural | 226 | 15.0% | 26.1% | 49.1% | 9.7% | 100% |
| Urban | 2176 | 24.2% | 37.3% | 25.2% | 13.4% | 100% |

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Medical services provided while on call

How many hours in an average month do you spend attending to the needs of on-call patients?

| | Number of respondents | Up to 10 | 11 to 40 | More than 40 | No Response | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2402 | 28.1% | 29.0% | 26.6% | 16.4% | 100% |
| Female | 712 | 30.5% | 28.7% | 21.8% | 19.1% | 100% |
| Male | 1690 | 27.0% | 29.2% | 28.6% | 15.2% | 100% |
| < 35 | 216 | 28.2% | 30.1% | 31.0% | 10.6% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 746 | 23.7% | 27.7% | 29.8% | 18.8% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 857 | 29.9% | 30.3% | 25.3% | 14.5% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 456 | 29.4% | 28.1% | 24.1% | 18.4% | 100% |
| 65+ | 127 | 36.2% | 29.1% | 17.3% | 17.3% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1096 | 34.1% | 27.5% | 22.9% | 15.5% | 100% |
| Medical Specialist | 917 | 25.6% | 28.9% | 26.5% | 19.0% | 100% |
| Surgical Specialist | 389 | 16.7% | 33.7% | 37.0% | 12.6% | 100% |
| Rural | 226 | 20.4% | 27.4% | 36.7% | 15.5% | 100% |
| Urban | 2176 | 28.9% | 29.2% | 25.5% | 16.5% | 100% |

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Hours worked per week

Average hours worked per week (excluding on-call)

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 3123 | 961 | 2162 | 279 | 874 | 1056 | 627 | 287 | 1539 | 1151 | 433 | 270 | 2853 |
| Direct patient care | 35.0 | 31.0 | 36.8 | 36.5 | 35.4 | 35.6 | 35.5 | 28.8 | 35.3 | 33.4 | 38.0 | 34.6 | 35.0 |
| Health facility committees | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Managing practice | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Other indirect patient care | 4.8 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Research | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.9 |
| Administration | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 2.5 |
| Teaching | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Continuing medical education | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Other | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Total | 53.4 | 49.1 | 55.3 | 51.6 | 53.8 | 55.3 | 54.9 | 43.0 | 51.1 | 54.7 | 57.7 | 49.3 | 53.7 |

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Workload

Over the last 12 months, has your workload:

| | Number of respondents | Increased | Stayed about the same | Decreased | No Response | Total |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 3246 | 53.7% | 35.3% | 8.6% | 2.4% | 100% |
| Female | 992 | 55.5% | 32.9% | 10.4% | 1.2% | 100% |
| Male | 2254 | 52.9% | 36.4% | 7.8% | 2.9% | 100% |
| < 35 | 284 | 51.1% | 36.3% | 10.6% | 2.1% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 59.8% | 30.7% | 7.1% | 2.4% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 60.2% | 32.2% | 5.3% | 2.3% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 48.7% | 41.0% | 8.4% | 1.8% | 100% |
| 65+ | 305 | 25.6% | 47.2% | 23.3% | 3.9% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 53.6% | 35.5% | 8.7% | 2.3% | 100% |
| Med Spec | 1203 | 55.9% | 33.9% | 7.5% | 2.7% | 100% |
| Surg Spec | 451 | 48.3% | 38.6% | 11.1% | 2.0% | 100% |
| Rural | 283 | 49.8% | 35.7% | 11.3% | 3.2% | 100% |
| Urban | 2963 | 54.1% | 35.3% | 8.3% | 2.3% | 100% |

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Future Plans

Proportion of physicians who, in the next two years, are highly or somewhat likely to:

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 3246 | 992 | 2254 | 284 | 903 | 1101 | 653 | 305 | 1592 | 1203 | 451 | 283 | 2963 |
| Continue practice in the same location | 83.3% | 85.1% | 82.6% | 75.7% | 82.2% | 88.1% | 86.7% | 69.5% | 81.8% | 84.4% | 85.8% | 77.4% | 83.9% |
| Relocate within province where currently practising | 7.4% | 9.3% | 6.6% | 16.5% | 11.2% | 5.3% | 4.1% | 2.3% | 8.4% | 7.2% | 4.2% | 13.1% | 6.9% |
| Relocate practice to another province | 5.3% | 5.3% | 5.3% | 12.7% | 7.5% | 4.5% | 2.6% | 0.7% | 5.4% | 5.5% | 4.7% | 7.4% | 5.1% |
| Leave Canada to practise in another country | 6.8% | 5.2% | 7.5% | 10.6% | 8.9% | 7.4% | 3.7% | 1.3% | 6.5% | 6.8% | 7.8% | 5.7% | 6.9% |
| Leave the practice of medicine | 5.6% | 5.2% | 5.8% | 3.5% | 4.0% | 4.3% | 6.6% | 15.1% | 6.5% | 4.3% | 5.8% | 6.0% | 5.6% |
| Retire | 7.7% | 4.3% | 9.2% | 1.1% | 1.2% | 2.0% | 13.2% | 42.0% | 6.8% | 7.7% | 10.6% | 9.2% | 7.6% |
| Change scope of practice | 18.8% | 19.9% | 18.3% | 20.8% | 18.6% | 19.8% | 19.0% | 13.4% | 20.7% | 18.1% | 13.7% | 21.2% | 18.6% |

Note: Percents sum to more than 100% since respondents could indicate more than one plan as being somewhat or highly likely to occur.

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Professional Stress

Proportion of physicians who strongly agreed or agreed with a series of statements on professional stress

| | Overall | Female | Male | < 35 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65+ | GP/FP | Med Spec | Surg Spec | Rural | Urban |
|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of respondents | 3246 | 992 | 2254 | 284 | 903 | 1101 | 653 | 305 | 1592 | 1203 | 451 | 283 | 2963 |
| My workload is heavier than I would like | 63.7% | 62.2% | 64.4% | 52.5% | 69.5% | 69.0% | 64.0% | 37.4% | 62.7% | 66.4% | 60.3% | 59.7% | 64.1% |
| I feel my family/ personal life has suffered because I chose medicine as a career | 58.1% | 53.5% | 60.1% | 54.9% | 60.4% | 61.6% | 56.5% | 44.9% | 55.9% | 58.0% | 65.9% | 60.1% | 57.9% |
| Patient expectations are unreasonably high | 56.8% | 56.9% | 56.8% | 62.0% | 55.9% | 58.4% | 56.5% | 49.5% | 63.6% | 48.5% | 55.0% | 54.1% | 57.1% |
| A lack of locums has affected my ability to take vacation time | 33.2% | 36.5% | 31.8% | 27.1% | 36.8% | 35.9% | 31.4% | 22.6% | 44.7% | 22.5% | 21.1% | 42.0% | 32.4% |
| My on-call responsibilities are too onerous | 29.3% | 26.0% | 30.8% | 26.4% | 33.8% | 31.6% | 28.6% | 12.1% | 26.3% | 30.2% | 37.7% | 32.9% | 29.0% |
| It is difficult to get appropriate resources on behalf of my patients | 64.1% | 65.5% | 63.4% | 71.5% | 70.5% | 65.0% | 56.0% | 51.8% | 71.7% | 52.3% | 68.7% | 70.7% | 63.4% |
| Opportunities are limited if I want to change specialty or career path | 46.2% | 42.2% | 47.9% | 47.2% | 52.3% | 49.4% | 42.4% | 23.6% | 47.2% | 45.1% | 45.7% | 44.2% | 46.4% |

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Group Practice

What size is your group practice? (shared patients and/or expenses)

| | Number of respondents | 2 physicians | 3-5 physicians | 6-15 physicians | > 15 physicians | No response | Total |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 1588 | 20.1% | 36.1% | 28.5% | 9.1% | 6.2% | 100% |
| Female | 563 | 22.7% | 35.5% | 26.5% | 6.0% | 9.2% | 100% |
| Male | 1025 | 18.6% | 36.4% | 29.7% | 10.7% | 4.6% | 100% |
| < 35 | 168 | 16.7% | 41.1% | 29.8% | 4.2% | 8.3% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 491 | 19.3% | 39.9% | 27.9% | 5.9% | 6.9% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 538 | 20.8% | 33.8% | 30.3% | 10.8% | 4.3% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 288 | 22.2% | 31.6% | 27.1% | 12.2% | 6.9% | 100% |
| 65+ | 103 | 19.4% | 34.0% | 24.3% | 14.6% | 7.8% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 978 | 21.2% | 38.5% | 28.9% | 4.6% | 6.7% | 100% |
| Med Spec | 421 | 13.1% | 31.4% | 29.9% | 20.0% | 5.7% | 100% |
| Surg Spec | 189 | 30.2% | 33.9% | 23.3% | 7.9% | 4.8% | 100% |
| Rural | 165 | 26.1% | 46.1% | 18.8% | 0.6% | 8.5% | 100% |
| Urban | 1423 | 19.4% | 34.9% | 29.7% | 10.0% | 6.0% | 100% |

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Change in overhead expenses

During the last 12 months, have your overhead expenses:

| | Number of Respondent | Increased | Stayed about the same | Decreased | No response | Total |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 2703 | 54.9% | 37.6% | 2.8% | 4.7% | 100% |
| Female | 740 | 52.6% | 39.7% | 2.8% | 4.9% | 100% |
| Male | 1963 | 55.8% | 36.7% | 2.8% | 4.6% | 100% |
| < 35 | 206 | 44.7% | 49.0% | 3.9% | 2.4% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 730 | 51.6% | 41.1% | 3.2% | 4.1% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 944 | 58.7% | 35.0% | 1.7% | 4.7% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 549 | 58.1% | 33.7% | 2.9% | 5.3% | 100% |
| 65+ | 274 | 52.2% | 36.1% | 4.7% | 6.9% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1348 | 59.2% | 33.6% | 2.9% | 4.3% | 100% |
| Med Spec | 933 | 44.9% | 46.4% | 2.8% | 5.9% | 100% |
| Surg Spec | 422 | 63.5% | 30.6% | 2.6% | 3.3% | 100% |
| Rural | 240 | 50.8% | 39.2% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 100% |
| Urban | 2463 | 55.3% | 37.4% | 2.6% | 4.7% | 100% |

Note: Excludes those who said they have no overhead expenses

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Change to net professional income

During the last 12 months, has your net professional income:

| | Number of Respondents | Increased | Stayed about the same | Decreased | No response | Total |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 3246 | 24.7% | 44.5% | 25.9% | 4.8% | 100% |
| Female | 992 | 25.8% | 46.7% | 23.0% | 4.5% | 100% |
| Male | 2254 | 24.2% | 43.6% | 27.2% | 5.0% | 100% |
| < 35 | 284 | 38.4% | 40.8% | 16.5% | 4.2% | 100% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 28.0% | 45.4% | 21.9% | 4.7% | 100% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 24.8% | 45.7% | 25.2% | 4.3% | 100% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 20.8% | 45.3% | 28.6% | 5.2% | 100% |
| 65+ | 305 | 10.2% | 39.3% | 43.3% | 7.2% | 100% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 22.6% | 44.1% | 28.6% | 4.7% | 100% |
| Med Spec | 1203 | 28.8% | 45.6% | 20.1% | 5.4% | 100% |
| Surg Spec | 451 | 21.1% | 43.0% | 32.2% | 3.8% | 100% |
| Rural | 283 | 27.2% | 44.5% | 24.4% | 3.9% | 100% |
| Urban | 2963 | 24.5% | 44.5% | 26.1% | 4.9% | 100% |

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Marital Status

| | Marital Status | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| | Number of respondents | Single, separated, widowed, divorced | Married, common-law, living with partner | No response |
| Overall | 3246 | 13.9% | 83.8% | 2.3% |
| Female | 992 | 20.0% | 78.7% | 1.3% |
| Male | 2254 | 11.2% | 86.0% | 2.8% |
| < 35 | 284 | 23.7% | 74.9% | 1.4% |
| 35 - 44 | 903 | 12.4% | 85.4% | 2.2% |
| 45 - 54 | 1101 | 14.2% | 83.5% | 2.4% |
| 55 - 64 | 653 | 13.6% | 83.9% | 2.5% |
| 65+ | 305 | 8.9% | 87.9% | 3.3% |
| GP/FP | 1592 | 15.2% | 82.7% | 2.1% |
| Med Spec | 1203 | 13.2% | 84.0% | 2.8% |
| Surg Spec | 451 | 11.1% | 86.9% | 2.0% |
| Rural | 283 | 12.4% | 84.8% | 2.8% |
| Urban | 2963 | 14.0% | 83.7% | 2.3% |

| Spouse or partner a physician? | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Number of respondents | Yes | No |
| 2717 | 18.7% | 81.3% |
| 780 | 31.4% | 68.6% |
| 1937 | 13.7% | 86.3% |
| 212 | 30.8% | 69.2% |
| 771 | 23.0% | 77.0% |
| 918 | 19.5% | 80.5% |
| 548 | 11.3% | 88.7% |
| 268 | 9.7% | 90.3% |
| 1315 | 17.6% | 82.4% |
| 1010 | 21.0% | 79.0% |
| 392 | 16.7% | 83.3% |
| 240 | 17.6% | 82.4% |
| 2477 | 18.9% | 81.1% |