

## National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Family Physicians/General Practitioners

**Q24. What do you see as major impediments to your delivery of care to your patients? Please check all that apply.**

	Sex			Age Groups						All FP/GPs
	Male n=5600 N=17728	Female n=4144 N=11158	NR n=186 N=548	<35 n=886 N=2697	35-44 n=2384 N=7529	45-54 n=3334 N=9959	55-64 n=2385 N=6722	65+ n=845 N=2246	NR n=96 N=282	Total n=9930 N=29434
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
System funding	53.3%	50.3%	46.2%	56.9%	54.9%	53.3%	49.8%	37.8%	52.1%	52.0%
Payment mechanisms	26.5%	26.1%	21.5%	30.7%	27.7%	27.6%	24.2%	17.2%	22.3%	26.3%
Paperwork	56.3%	57.5%	60.6%	61.0%	57.0%	56.9%	56.2%	53.0%	56.5%	56.9%
Bureaucracy	49.3%	43.8%	43.3%	45.0%	45.3%	46.5%	51.1%	46.0%	50.6%	47.1%
Availability of personnel	41.9%	43.8%	38.6%	47.1%	47.9%	45.3%	38.0%	22.0%	30.4%	42.5%
External demands on your time	37.8%	41.0%	33.1%	39.6%	45.0%	40.8%	34.3%	22.5%	47.7%	39.0%
Availability of test results	16.7%	18.6%	15.5%	19.5%	18.2%	18.1%	15.9%	13.1%	17.9%	17.4%
Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	19.3%	22.2%	21.7%	26.3%	22.7%	20.7%	17.1%	15.4%	18.0%	20.5%
Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	22.5%	19.5%	25.2%	24.2%	22.8%	22.6%	20.2%	12.1%	21.2%	21.4%
Lack of evidence-based clinical information	4.4%	4.5%	5.4%	5.4%	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%	7.3%	4.5%
Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	44.0%	46.6%	40.3%	47.9%	43.3%	46.2%	46.1%	37.2%	46.6%	44.9%
Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	4.1%	4.1%	6.3%	5.6%	5.5%	3.5%	3.2%	3.5%	4.5%	4.1%
Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	17.4%	23.0%	22.9%	20.8%	20.1%	19.6%	19.2%	16.8%	23.7%	19.6%
Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	6.1%	7.1%	7.6%	7.3%	6.9%	6.4%	6.1%	5.3%	5.7%	6.5%
Other impediments	12.8%	14.7%	13.5%	10.8%	13.3%	14.8%	14.5%	9.1%	13.7%	13.5%
NR	3.7%	3.7%	4.4%	2.4%	2.8%	3.0%	3.8%	10.8%	4.0%	3.7%

**Notes:**

Includes only respondents who provide patient care.

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.

NR=No Response.

The responding sample (size: n) has been weighted to represent the population (size: N). Further detail available at [www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca).