

National Physician Survey, 2007. National Results by FP/GP or Other Specialist, Sex, Age, and All Physicians

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

		FP/GP or Other Specialist		Sex			Age Groups						All Physicians
		FP/GP n=9930 N=29434	Other Spec n=8544 N=26136	Male n=11306 N=35865	Female n=6798 N=18596	NR n=370 N=1109	<35 n=1432 N=4248	35-44 n=4419 N=14026	45-54 n=5900 N=18448	55-64 n=4413 N=12799	65+ n=2107 N=5454	NR n=203 N=595	Total n=18474 N=55570
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Impediments to your delivery of care to your patients	System funding	52.0%	61.1%	57.5%	54.5%	50.2%	61.0%	60.1%	58.6%	53.9%	41.1%	54.9%	56.3%
	Payment mechanisms	26.3%	22.6%	24.7%	24.4%	20.9%	28.6%	26.3%	25.9%	23.0%	16.5%	19.9%	24.5%
	Paperwork	56.9%	33.5%	43.6%	50.2%	46.5%	52.2%	47.4%	46.4%	44.4%	38.1%	48.2%	45.9%
	Bureaucracy	47.1%	42.4%	46.4%	42.1%	41.9%	46.6%	44.4%	44.7%	47.0%	40.2%	47.9%	44.9%
	Availability of personnel	42.5%	53.1%	46.7%	49.2%	45.2%	52.3%	53.5%	50.6%	43.4%	28.0%	39.9%	47.5%
	External demands on your time	39.0%	36.8%	36.4%	41.1%	34.6%	37.9%	43.9%	40.6%	33.8%	22.9%	41.5%	38.0%
	Availability of test results	17.4%	12.8%	14.8%	16.1%	15.0%	16.6%	16.7%	15.3%	14.3%	12.2%	17.3%	15.2%
	Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	20.5%	20.3%	19.5%	22.3%	19.7%	25.4%	22.9%	20.8%	17.7%	15.5%	18.2%	20.4%
	Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	21.4%	17.3%	20.1%	18.2%	20.2%	21.4%	21.1%	21.3%	18.1%	10.6%	22.1%	19.5%
	Lack of evidence-based clinical information	4.5%	5.3%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.8%	4.6%	5.2%	4.3%	4.4%	8.7%	4.8%
	Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	44.9%	30.2%	36.8%	40.6%	33.4%	41.2%	37.6%	39.4%	39.2%	29.2%	34.0%	38.0%
	Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	4.1%	6.2%	5.1%	5.2%	5.4%	6.8%	6.3%	4.7%	4.1%	4.3%	5.7%	5.1%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	19.6%	6.4%	11.6%	16.8%	14.3%	15.9%	14.2%	13.6%	12.6%	10.3%	14.9%	13.4%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	6.5%	3.5%	4.7%	5.7%	5.4%	6.3%	5.4%	5.0%	4.7%	4.2%	4.9%	5.1%
Other impediments	13.5%	13.4%	12.9%	14.6%	13.1%	11.0%	13.5%	14.4%	14.1%	11.1%	10.1%	13.5%	
NR	3.7%	5.8%	4.9%	4.3%	5.4%	3.1%	3.3%	3.9%	4.9%	11.7%	6.4%	4.7%	

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.