

National Physician Survey, 2007. National Results by Province and Canada

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

		Province											Canada
		NL n=276 N=933	PE n=85 N=200	NS n=734 N=1887	NB n=442 N=1252	QC n=4546 N=13449	ON n=6761 N=20339	MB n=646 N=1997	SK n=483 N=1465	AB n=1894 N=5778	BC n=2558 N=8162	NT/ YT/NU n= 49 N=108	Total n=18474 N=55570
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Impediments to your delivery of care to your patients	System funding	44.6%	46.0%	54.1%	43.5%	61.6%	54.1%	44.7%	44.6%	57.3%	61.6%	42.5%	56.3%
	Payment mechanisms	18.6%	15.4%	23.1%	16.1%	30.2%	23.5%	17.0%	11.0%	24.9%	24.6%	18.6%	24.5%
	Paperwork	50.0%	42.4%	46.5%	46.7%	36.9%	51.6%	44.8%	43.9%	45.5%	46.1%	58.0%	45.9%
	Bureaucracy	38.4%	39.3%	41.8%	45.8%	52.6%	40.9%	44.3%	42.3%	42.3%	45.7%	54.1%	44.9%
	Availability of personnel	45.6%	47.4%	46.5%	49.3%	54.8%	41.7%	46.3%	44.9%	57.6%	43.7%	44.8%	47.5%
	External demands on your time	30.6%	35.1%	34.3%	35.1%	39.1%	38.7%	39.3%	37.2%	41.6%	33.4%	47.1%	38.0%
	Availability of test results	23.6%	37.9%	15.4%	12.2%	17.3%	15.5%	21.4%	17.2%	10.2%	11.6%	25.9%	15.2%
	Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	16.8%	29.0%	19.7%	20.3%	20.5%	21.3%	26.0%	24.0%	18.1%	18.0%	27.3%	20.4%
	Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	20.0%	16.5%	21.3%	17.7%	17.9%	19.3%	21.5%	22.3%	19.8%	21.1%	27.3%	19.5%
	Lack of evidence-based clinical information	6.5%	7.9%	7.1%	4.9%	4.4%	4.6%	7.3%	5.5%	5.0%	4.4%	3.4%	4.8%
	Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	30.7%	27.4%	42.9%	46.2%	38.6%	35.9%	32.1%	33.8%	35.2%	45.0%	44.1%	38.0%
	Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	2.9%	.0%	4.4%	3.5%	6.2%	5.5%	4.2%	5.7%	4.5%	3.8%	.0%	5.1%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	7.9%	6.6%	12.9%	10.2%	16.2%	13.8%	9.3%	12.8%	13.6%	10.2%	8.5%	13.4%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	6.7%	5.9%	4.3%	5.3%	6.3%	4.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.8%	4.5%	7.0%	5.1%
Other impediments	12.7%	11.1%	12.9%	12.2%	11.9%	13.6%	13.8%	12.9%	15.0%	15.3%	8.6%	13.5%	
NR	8.4%	8.1%	4.9%	5.1%	3.4%	4.9%	5.1%	7.7%	5.5%	4.5%	2.6%	4.7%	

Notes:

Includes only respondents who provide patient care.

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

Source: 2007 National Physician Survey. The College of Family Physicians of Canada, Canadian Medical Association, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.