

**2007 National Physician Survey (NPS):
DEMOGRAPHICS FOR CLINICAL SPECIALISTS - INTERNAL MEDICINE**

Source of Data:

The 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) was carried out as a self-reported survey, sent to all licensed physicians in Canada. [Note: all 2nd year medical residents and all medical students in Canada were surveyed as well and these results will be reported separately]. The mail and email contact lists were generated from the NPS Masterfile. The NPS Masterfile was populated with information from the CMA Membership System, the CFPC membership database, and the RCPSC membership database. The CMA Membership System was used as the template as it included all physicians in Canada holding a medical license and is compiled and updated on a daily basis with information received from provincial licensing bodies, associations, CFPC and RCPSC membership listings, and individual physicians. The information provided by CFPC and RCPSC added additional information (e.g. email addresses, more recently updated mailing addresses) to the content already supplied by the CMA Membership System.

A separate database pertaining to all eligible survey respondents was developed in order to assess the comparability and representativeness of the survey respondents to the total physician population, and to develop statistical weights to be applied to each strata and age grouping within the 2007 survey results. From the NPS Masterfile, physician age, sex, province, language, and year of MD graduation were captured, along with an indication of whether or not the individual completed the questionnaire. No names or addresses were contained in this separate database.

Release of NPS results by specialty:

To ensure the release of valid and stable results that protect respondent confidentiality, results will only be released where the group/cohort of interest has a minimum of 30 respondents.

Physician Demographics by Specialty:

	Response Rate (%)	NPS Respondents (n)	Total Population (N)	95% Confidence Interval*
Internal Medicine Specialists				
Cardiologists	23.00%	221	961	6.59%
Specialists in Endocrinology/Metabolism	28.73%	102	355	9.70%
Gastroenterologists	28.25%	137	485	8.37%
Geriatric Medicine Specialists	36.10%	74	205	11.39%
Hematologists	30.00%	84	280	10.69%
Clinical Immunologists/Allergists	27.61%	37	134	16.11%
General Internists	27.02%	589	2180	4.04%
Medical Oncologists	27.38%	92	336	10.22%
Nephrologists	29.26%	127	434	8.70%
Respirologists	34.20%	184	538	7.22%
Rheumatologists	32.69%	101	309	9.75%

* 95% Confidence Interval = estimates are considered accurate within +/-x%, 19 times out of 20.