

National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Surgical Specialists.

Q12a. Please rate the availability and effectiveness of each of the continuing professional education methods:

Accreditation conferences/courses		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of accredited conferences/courses	Not at all	**	.0%	**	.0%	.4%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.1%
	Poor	**	2.3%	**	2.2%	1.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.0%	1.1%	1.7%
	Fair	**	5.5%	**	4.6%	.6%	6.4%	6.2%	5.6%	4.1%	4.6%
	Good	**	22.6%	**	13.4%	12.7%	19.1%	19.9%	14.5%	10.6%	17.5%
	Very good	**	37.3%	**	43.7%	35.0%	29.7%	30.5%	27.0%	43.0%	36.4%
	Excellent	**	27.5%	**	33.9%	49.2%	41.8%	41.5%	51.9%	35.9%	37.5%
	Don't use	**	.4%	**	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.1%
	NR	**	4.4%	**	2.2%	1.1%	1.2%	.0%	.0%	5.2%	2.2%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Effectiveness of accredited conferences/courses	Not at all	**	.0%	**	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	Poor	**	.0%	**	1.5%	.0%	.0%	.0%	2.6%	.0%	.6%
	Fair	**	1.3%	**	2.6%	1.7%	3.2%	4.9%	3.9%	.0%	2.3%
	Good	**	18.6%	**	16.3%	5.3%	17.8%	15.9%	11.2%	11.5%	15.4%
	Very good	**	40.5%	**	48.2%	36.3%	39.9%	41.5%	31.5%	50.7%	42.1%
	Excellent	**	31.3%	**	24.8%	45.1%	29.9%	22.3%	45.4%	30.4%	31.2%
	Don't use	**	.4%	**	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	2.9%	.0%	.2%
	NR	**	7.9%	**	6.6%	11.6%	9.1%	15.3%	2.5%	7.3%	8.2%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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<i>Unaccredited educational dinners/ lunches sponsored by pharmaceutical companies.</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of unaccredited educational dinners/ lunches sponsored by pharmaceutical companies	Not at all	**	2.9%	**	1.2%	.4%	3.6%	4.8%	4.4%	1.9%	2.3%
	Poor	**	9.1%	**	4.4%	1.8%	10.1%	13.0%	14.2%	5.6%	7.2%
	Fair	**	12.0%	**	14.7%	4.9%	11.9%	19.4%	14.9%	6.9%	12.2%
	Good	**	29.5%	**	24.1%	20.0%	21.0%	18.4%	29.7%	18.9%	23.7%
	Very good	**	25.6%	**	29.2%	36.0%	21.9%	25.3%	15.4%	37.5%	27.5%
	Excellent	**	9.5%	**	19.2%	27.0%	11.3%	12.2%	2.9%	22.6%	14.8%
	Don't use	**	6.8%	**	5.7%	5.4%	14.6%	6.8%	17.2%	1.5%	8.8%
	NR	**	4.7%	**	1.5%	4.4%	5.4%	.0%	1.2%	5.2%	3.5%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of unaccredited educational dinners/ lunches sponsored by pharmaceutical companies	Not at all	**	3.2%	**	2.3%	.4%	3.9%	1.2%	5.4%	.0%	2.3%
	Poor	**	9.4%	**	4.0%	5.8%	7.3%	2.1%	9.0%	12.2%	6.8%
	Fair	**	11.4%	**	17.6%	7.4%	19.3%	19.0%	13.1%	16.9%	14.7%
	Good	**	32.1%	**	32.0%	28.8%	28.0%	30.7%	25.7%	21.6%	29.0%
	Very good	**	24.5%	**	25.7%	22.4%	10.8%	17.5%	17.2%	23.4%	21.2%
	Excellent	**	3.1%	**	7.6%	18.7%	4.6%	5.6%	8.3%	13.6%	8.0%
	Don't use	**	8.8%	**	3.8%	5.2%	17.1%	7.0%	15.2%	3.2%	9.2%
	NR	**	7.5%	**	6.8%	11.3%	8.9%	16.8%	6.1%	9.2%	8.8%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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<i>Peer-reviewed journals</i>		Surgical Specialists									
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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of peer-reviewed journals	Not at all	**	.7%	**	.4%	2.0%	1.7%	3.5%	3.9%	.0%	1.2%
	Poor	**	3.1%	**	2.4%	1.1%	2.5%	3.6%	2.3%	1.3%	2.2%
	Fair	**	8.7%	**	3.9%	5.2%	2.3%	.9%	1.0%	6.5%	4.7%
	Good	**	11.9%	**	18.7%	11.7%	10.6%	20.2%	8.1%	11.1%	13.4%
	Very good	**	33.7%	**	26.7%	27.7%	29.8%	36.7%	32.0%	18.5%	28.8%
	Excellent	**	33.1%	**	45.3%	48.2%	48.9%	32.3%	47.5%	55.9%	44.9%
	Don't use	**	4.3%	**	1.1%	2.7%	1.7%	2.7%	5.3%	1.5%	2.5%
	NR	**	4.4%	**	1.5%	1.4%	2.6%	.0%	.0%	5.2%	2.3%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Effectiveness of peer-reviewed journals	Not at all	**	.4%	**	.0%	.0%	.7%	.0%	3.9%	.0%	.4%
	Poor	**	2.3%	**	3.0%	1.3%	1.4%	.0%	.0%	1.3%	1.7%
	Fair	**	5.6%	**	6.6%	5.2%	1.7%	2.8%	1.0%	3.3%	4.2%
	Good	**	20.3%	**	22.6%	16.7%	23.2%	26.0%	18.4%	22.9%	21.1%
	Very good	**	42.2%	**	32.7%	37.7%	32.2%	43.8%	37.8%	28.5%	36.4%
	Excellent	**	16.2%	**	26.4%	27.1%	28.3%	5.9%	28.3%	34.3%	24.7%
	Don't use	**	4.7%	**	1.6%	1.2%	1.7%	2.7%	5.4%	2.3%	2.5%
	NR	**	8.3%	**	7.1%	10.9%	10.9%	18.9%	5.3%	7.3%	9.0%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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<i>Non-peer-reviewed medical publications</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of non-peer-reviewed medical publications	Not at all	**	.7%	**	.3%	1.7%	2.7%	4.6%	.0%	.0%	1.3%
	Poor	**	4.2%	**	4.9%	1.1%	6.6%	5.3%	4.6%	3.5%	4.4%
	Fair	**	10.1%	**	4.9%	6.7%	7.0%	7.2%	7.5%	7.8%	7.4%
	Good	**	14.6%	**	21.1%	19.3%	22.9%	22.9%	20.1%	19.2%	19.4%
	Very good	**	26.8%	**	20.3%	25.3%	19.3%	24.2%	29.5%	26.6%	23.2%
	Excellent	**	23.1%	**	31.6%	34.0%	22.4%	17.7%	23.1%	32.6%	26.5%
	Don't use	**	14.2%	**	12.7%	9.6%	16.2%	17.5%	12.0%	2.6%	13.7%
	NR	**	6.2%	**	4.1%	2.2%	2.9%	.6%	3.3%	7.7%	4.1%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Effectiveness of non-peer-reviewed medical publications	Not at all	**	2.9%	**	2.2%	1.3%	2.6%	1.0%	2.7%	.0%	2.0%
	Poor	**	10.3%	**	11.5%	5.5%	8.2%	5.8%	11.7%	18.9%	10.2%
	Fair	**	16.8%	**	26.5%	23.3%	24.3%	21.6%	24.5%	21.1%	22.7%
	Good	**	25.5%	**	21.6%	33.7%	26.3%	21.4%	15.9%	26.5%	24.2%
	Very good	**	17.9%	**	12.5%	13.0%	11.4%	15.0%	14.2%	8.8%	13.6%
	Excellent	**	3.2%	**	4.0%	4.6%	2.5%	3.4%	14.4%	8.2%	4.3%
	Don't use	**	13.5%	**	12.1%	6.9%	15.0%	14.9%	8.1%	6.7%	12.8%
	NR	**	10.0%	**	9.7%	11.7%	9.7%	16.8%	8.6%	9.8%	10.2%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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<i>Evidence-based resources (e.g., clinical practice guidelines, data repositories)</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of evidence-based resources (e.g., clinical practice guidelines, data repositories)	Not at all	**	.0%	**	.0%	1.6%	.0%	1.0%	2.1%	.0%	.4%
	Poor	**	5.2%	**	.0%	4.5%	5.1%	5.4%	7.8%	6.7%	4.0%
	Fair	**	14.9%	**	6.9%	10.9%	14.8%	14.9%	21.2%	14.9%	12.4%
	Good	**	26.8%	**	13.1%	26.3%	33.8%	31.1%	24.7%	29.3%	25.4%
	Very good	**	28.4%	**	37.2%	25.2%	23.4%	27.2%	25.1%	31.2%	29.0%
	Excellent	**	17.3%	**	40.5%	20.3%	11.3%	8.9%	5.5%	7.1%	20.4%
	Don't use	**	3.2%	**	.7%	7.2%	7.4%	6.5%	12.3%	5.5%	4.9%
	NR	**	4.1%	**	1.7%	3.9%	4.1%	5.0%	1.2%	5.2%	3.5%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of evidence-based resources (e.g., clinical practice guidelines, data repositories)	Not at all	**	.9%	**	.0%	.7%	.0%	1.0%	2.1%	1.1%	.6%
	Poor	**	4.3%	**	3.1%	1.1%	1.7%	2.0%	16.3%	4.7%	3.6%
	Fair	**	6.7%	**	3.0%	9.6%	8.7%	15.8%	9.9%	5.9%	7.1%
	Good	**	24.3%	**	15.7%	27.8%	22.7%	26.6%	18.5%	22.2%	22.4%
	Very good	**	34.8%	**	30.9%	25.3%	35.6%	26.6%	23.7%	30.1%	30.6%
	Excellent	**	19.1%	**	40.6%	13.3%	11.4%	.0%	13.5%	23.2%	21.2%
	Don't use	**	2.9%	**	.2%	6.6%	8.0%	4.3%	6.5%	5.5%	4.3%
	NR	**	7.0%	**	6.5%	15.6%	11.9%	23.7%	9.5%	7.3%	10.3%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q12a. Please rate the availability and effectiveness of each of the continuing professional education methods:

Online education courses		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of online education courses	Not at all	**	2.4%	**	2.1%	4.7%	1.2%	1.0%	2.1%	2.8%	2.3%
	Poor	**	12.7%	**	3.0%	4.7%	12.9%	8.5%	17.0%	4.3%	8.4%
	Fair	**	9.9%	**	13.4%	18.8%	12.4%	17.4%	15.6%	17.4%	13.9%
	Good	**	20.1%	**	23.6%	21.6%	18.8%	22.9%	13.1%	21.0%	20.5%
	Very good	**	16.8%	**	18.9%	10.1%	14.1%	14.1%	10.3%	17.7%	15.3%
	Excellent	**	11.4%	**	12.4%	8.4%	5.5%	7.4%	13.9%	12.0%	10.2%
	Don't use	**	20.7%	**	24.4%	27.8%	29.9%	26.7%	26.9%	19.6%	25.1%
	NR	**	6.0%	**	2.2%	4.0%	5.2%	2.0%	1.2%	5.2%	4.3%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of online education courses	Not at all	**	3.1%	**	2.3%	2.8%	1.7%	4.9%	2.1%	1.8%	2.5%
	Poor	**	4.9%	**	7.5%	5.3%	7.9%	2.1%	6.6%	6.5%	6.0%
	Fair	**	11.2%	**	10.7%	10.5%	9.3%	8.5%	15.1%	14.2%	11.1%
	Good	**	21.2%	**	18.5%	22.7%	23.6%	23.0%	18.7%	21.1%	21.0%
	Very good	**	17.8%	**	18.3%	9.1%	10.2%	15.2%	16.7%	19.3%	15.4%
	Excellent	**	5.5%	**	8.8%	8.2%	6.3%	5.7%	11.8%	5.8%	7.1%
	Don't use	**	24.3%	**	25.5%	25.4%	30.6%	22.7%	20.1%	18.3%	25.1%
	NR	**	11.9%	**	8.5%	16.0%	10.4%	17.8%	8.9%	13.0%	11.8%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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<i>Rounds, journal clubs, small group activities</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of rounds, journal clubs, small group activities	Not at all	**	4.4%	**	.0%	4.9%	2.9%	.7%	1.1%	.0%	2.2%
	Poor	**	8.4%	**	7.8%	9.9%	4.6%	5.8%	2.1%	.0%	6.4%
	Fair	**	8.3%	**	8.4%	13.0%	18.3%	12.3%	11.4%	8.3%	10.8%
	Good	**	19.7%	**	22.2%	13.4%	15.7%	21.7%	28.3%	14.3%	18.8%
	Very good	**	34.0%	**	23.0%	24.7%	17.1%	19.4%	17.6%	22.2%	24.4%
	Excellent	**	18.2%	**	30.1%	23.5%	28.6%	34.6%	32.7%	46.4%	28.7%
	Don't use	**	1.9%	**	5.0%	9.0%	7.8%	1.2%	6.7%	1.5%	4.7%
	NR	**	4.9%	**	3.5%	1.4%	5.0%	4.2%	.0%	7.3%	3.9%
	Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of rounds, journal clubs, small group activities	Not at all	**	.5%	**	1.4%	1.2%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.6%
	Poor	**	3.4%	**	2.2%	4.0%	3.8%	3.5%	.0%	.0%	2.7%
	Fair	**	6.1%	**	4.7%	7.3%	6.3%	3.7%	.0%	1.1%	5.1%
	Good	**	24.8%	**	25.3%	12.0%	14.3%	26.5%	34.7%	9.0%	20.5%
	Very good	**	32.5%	**	32.0%	30.5%	38.0%	26.1%	25.0%	31.1%	31.9%
	Excellent	**	17.5%	**	21.1%	21.8%	17.1%	18.3%	30.1%	43.9%	22.8%
	Don't use	**	5.9%	**	2.9%	9.5%	6.8%	.7%	4.9%	4.1%	5.1%
	NR	**	9.4%	**	10.3%	13.8%	13.7%	21.3%	5.3%	10.7%	11.3%
	Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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<i>Self-assessment programs (e.g., Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), practice portfolios, CME logs, multi-source feedback)</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of self-assessment programs (e.g., Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), practice portfolios, CME logs, multi-source feedback)	Not at all	**	3.0%	**	3.4%	3.4%	1.3%	2.0%	3.9%	2.1%	2.7%
	Poor	**	9.5%	**	9.8%	15.8%	3.8%	9.6%	8.9%	5.8%	9.0%
	Fair	**	22.1%	**	15.6%	14.3%	16.0%	26.9%	11.7%	18.6%	17.7%
	Good	**	16.0%	**	20.0%	15.5%	26.1%	18.7%	19.4%	10.9%	19.0%
	Very good	**	16.2%	**	12.6%	21.6%	20.1%	7.4%	29.1%	29.8%	17.1%
	Excellent	**	10.6%	**	12.3%	8.9%	15.5%	10.7%	8.9%	8.1%	10.8%
	Don't use	**	17.5%	**	23.3%	16.9%	13.6%	21.8%	16.9%	18.1%	19.9%
	NR	**	5.0%	**	3.1%	3.7%	3.6%	2.9%	1.2%	6.7%	3.8%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of self-assessment programs (e.g., Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), practice portfolios, CME logs, multi-source feedback)	Not at all	**	3.1%	**	3.3%	.6%	.4%	1.0%	.0%	2.1%	2.0%
	Poor	**	6.7%	**	7.2%	9.5%	4.1%	7.2%	11.0%	6.6%	7.0%
	Fair	**	10.2%	**	14.8%	12.4%	13.1%	15.7%	15.3%	3.5%	12.2%
	Good	**	17.4%	**	16.8%	17.6%	31.6%	25.6%	19.4%	21.9%	20.9%
	Very good	**	19.9%	**	13.8%	20.3%	19.9%	6.8%	25.6%	21.9%	17.4%
	Excellent	**	10.1%	**	9.4%	6.8%	6.3%	6.8%	6.8%	7.1%	7.7%
	Don't use	**	20.5%	**	27.2%	16.3%	13.0%	15.2%	9.1%	29.4%	21.0%
	NR	**	12.1%	**	7.6%	16.4%	11.5%	21.7%	12.8%	7.3%	11.8%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q12a. Please rate the availability and effectiveness of each of the continuing professional education methods:

<i>Performance practice audits</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of performance practice audits	Not at all	**	5.0%	**	3.7%	8.9%	4.9%	8.3%	6.2%	7.2%	5.8%
	Poor	**	10.6%	**	11.7%	13.1%	12.4%	11.9%	12.6%	8.6%	11.7%
	Fair	**	17.2%	**	14.1%	6.8%	10.3%	13.0%	24.2%	20.3%	14.1%
	Good	**	22.8%	**	17.7%	16.3%	20.7%	19.4%	9.4%	10.4%	18.4%
	Very good	**	10.4%	**	11.3%	18.8%	7.6%	7.3%	10.6%	8.0%	11.0%
	Excellent	**	4.1%	**	7.9%	4.9%	3.7%	3.6%	6.2%	7.5%	5.3%
	Don't use	**	24.9%	**	30.4%	25.4%	35.2%	33.2%	26.7%	30.8%	29.2%
	NR	**	5.0%	**	3.1%	5.8%	5.2%	3.4%	4.1%	7.0%	4.4%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of performance practice audits	Not at all	**	3.7%	**	4.7%	2.2%	1.4%	3.4%	3.4%	2.1%	3.3%
	Poor	**	6.9%	**	7.2%	10.0%	8.0%	.8%	15.3%	4.1%	7.2%
	Fair	**	12.3%	**	12.1%	10.7%	8.5%	15.6%	15.0%	9.2%	11.7%
	Good	**	13.9%	**	13.5%	15.7%	20.6%	14.7%	7.0%	13.2%	15.1%
	Very good	**	15.2%	**	15.4%	14.7%	7.4%	8.9%	18.4%	18.9%	14.1%
	Excellent	**	8.5%	**	8.9%	2.5%	6.0%	.9%	6.2%	5.8%	6.5%
	Don't use	**	28.1%	**	29.6%	26.6%	35.0%	28.8%	21.8%	37.6%	29.7%
	NR	**	11.3%	**	8.6%	17.6%	13.1%	26.8%	12.8%	9.1%	12.5%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q12a. Please rate the availability and effectiveness of each of the continuing professional education methods:

<i>Self-directed learning methods (e.g., self learning, practice-based small group learning.)</i>		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of self-directed learning methods (e.g., self learning, practice-based small group learning)	Not at all	**	2.8%	**	1.3%	5.5%	1.3%	1.0%	.0%	3.1%	2.2%
	Poor	**	6.9%	**	6.5%	7.1%	4.0%	3.8%	2.3%	6.1%	5.9%
	Fair	**	16.1%	**	15.8%	10.1%	10.3%	16.2%	9.6%	10.3%	13.5%
	Good	**	15.2%	**	23.5%	18.3%	19.0%	25.6%	21.6%	15.3%	19.1%
	Very good	**	26.6%	**	20.3%	18.6%	21.9%	22.1%	23.5%	22.4%	22.8%
	Excellent	**	15.7%	**	17.6%	25.0%	24.7%	13.7%	26.9%	21.9%	19.9%
	Don't use	**	11.9%	**	11.5%	11.6%	14.1%	14.2%	14.4%	14.1%	12.5%
	NR	**	4.9%	**	3.5%	3.8%	4.7%	3.4%	1.6%	6.7%	4.1%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of self-directed learning methods (e.g., self learning, practice-based small group learning)	Not at all	**	2.8%	**	1.1%	.7%	.4%	1.0%	.0%	1.0%	1.3%
	Poor	**	2.7%	**	6.9%	4.9%	2.4%	.6%	.0%	1.8%	3.6%
	Fair	**	11.2%	**	8.9%	6.9%	8.3%	11.9%	5.3%	8.2%	8.8%
	Good	**	11.1%	**	21.7%	22.3%	16.3%	20.2%	21.7%	15.3%	18.3%
	Very good	**	32.6%	**	25.9%	20.9%	26.6%	15.5%	33.1%	31.2%	26.9%
	Excellent	**	18.6%	**	16.0%	19.8%	23.5%	13.8%	21.4%	18.8%	19.0%
	Don't use	**	11.9%	**	12.4%	10.3%	13.0%	14.1%	9.1%	14.9%	12.1%
	NR	**	9.2%	**	7.0%	14.1%	9.5%	22.9%	9.4%	8.8%	10.2%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q12a. Please rate the availability and effectiveness of each of the continuing professional education methods:

Simulators		Surgical Specialists									
		CVTSurg n=25 N=203	GenSurg n=173 N=1465	Neuro Surg n=24 N=179	ObGyn n=187 N=1460	Ophthal n=112 N=905	OrthoSurg n=120 N=996	Oto n=58 N=453	Plastic n=41 N=346	Uro n=57 N=470	Total n=797 N=6477
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Availability of simulators	Not at all	**	23.9%	**	14.5%	24.2%	14.3%	12.0%	15.0%	7.2%	17.0%
	Poor	**	19.1%	**	15.9%	14.7%	12.1%	17.6%	14.4%	20.5%	15.9%
	Fair	**	9.6%	**	8.6%	7.1%	8.9%	6.7%	15.6%	7.5%	8.6%
	Good	**	5.5%	**	7.8%	.8%	5.2%	8.4%	4.9%	7.7%	5.6%
	Very good	**	3.7%	**	3.6%	4.1%	6.3%	2.2%	.0%	9.6%	4.4%
	Excellent	**	3.3%	**	6.3%	.0%	.0%	.6%	.0%	2.8%	2.6%
	Don't use	**	26.8%	**	36.6%	40.9%	45.8%	41.3%	46.0%	33.8%	38.1%
	NR	**	8.3%	**	6.7%	8.4%	7.5%	11.4%	4.0%	11.0%	7.7%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Effectiveness of simulators	Not at all	**	8.9%	**	5.7%	6.5%	4.3%	3.4%	7.8%	2.4%	6.0%
	Poor	**	5.9%	**	3.3%	9.4%	3.8%	1.2%	7.8%	2.1%	4.8%
	Fair	**	3.3%	**	1.6%	3.0%	3.9%	3.1%	6.9%	3.4%	3.2%
	Good	**	9.5%	**	11.6%	3.0%	7.9%	13.7%	7.7%	12.7%	9.3%
	Very good	**	12.3%	**	11.3%	8.2%	6.8%	9.9%	11.4%	11.9%	10.2%
	Excellent	**	7.9%	**	11.8%	2.2%	11.8%	1.5%	.0%	6.0%	7.5%
	Don't use	**	38.8%	**	40.9%	45.8%	48.4%	37.8%	38.2%	48.3%	43.3%
	NR	**	13.4%	**	13.7%	21.8%	13.1%	29.4%	20.0%	13.0%	15.8%
Total	**	100.0%	**	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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