

2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) – MEDICAL STUDENTS: NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Source of Data:

The Medical Student component of the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) was carried out as a self-reported survey, sent to all medical students in Canada from February to April 2007. The NPS email list was generated through the undergraduate departments at each of the 17 Canadian medical schools. To protect privacy and confidentiality, correspondence relating to the NPS was forwarded through the undergraduate departments to all current medical students within their school, including the requests for students to log on to the online NPS questionnaire.

Level of detail at which Medical Student results from the National Physician Survey will be released:

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

Medical Student NPS results will be posted to the NPS website by year of training at the national level.

Medical Student Response Rates:

TOTAL POPULATION – For the Total Population column, information was provided by the undergraduate department at each of the 17 Canadian medical schools.

MEDICAL SCHOOL – For the Total Population column, 'medical school' was extracted from the counts provided by the undergraduate departments at each medical school. For the NPS Respondents column, the NPS questionnaire asked: at which university are you currently doing your medical training.

YEAR OF TRAINING – For the Total Population column, 'year of training' was extracted from the counts provided by the undergraduate departments at each medical school. For the NPS Respondents column, the NPS questionnaire asked: please indicate your current status (1st year student, 2nd year student, 3rd year student, 4th year student, other)

Student Demographics by Medical School:

Medical Students					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Pop'n	
	%	n	Col %	N	Col %
Total	30.8%	2819	100.0%	9162	100.0%
Medical School					
University of British Columbia	5.5%	43	1.5%	782	8.5%
University of Calgary	19.4%	68	2.4%	351	3.8%
University of Alberta	30.4%	160	5.7%	527	5.8%
University of Saskatchewan	34.0%	83	2.9%	244	2.7%
University of Manitoba	42.7%	158	5.6%	370	4.0%
University of Western Ontario	37.9%	203	7.2%	536	5.9%
McMaster University	24.9%	109	3.9%	437	4.8%
University of Toronto	37.8%	311	11.0%	823	9.0%
Northern Ontario School of Medicine	30.9%	34	1.2%	110	1.2%
University of Ottawa	36.5%	209	7.4%	573	6.3%
Queen's University	21.8%	87	3.1%	399	4.4%
Université de Sherbrooke	52.5%	341	12.1%	649	7.1%
Université de Montréal	38.0%	437	15.5%	1150	12.6%
McGill University	6.3%	42	1.5%	669	7.3%
Université Laval	28.2%	256	9.1%	909	9.9%
Dalhousie University	36.5%	143	5.1%	392	4.3%
Memorial University of Newfoundland	39.8%	96	3.4%	241	2.6%
Unknown	N/A	39	1.4%	N/A	N/A

N/A = Not Applicable

National level estimates based on the NPS Medical Student study results are considered accurate within +/-1.8%, 19 times out of 20.

Student Demographics by Medical School by Year of Training:

Medical Students in First Year Studies and Année Préparatoire					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Pop'n	
	%	n	Col %	N	Col %
Total	33.8%	895	100.0%	2647	100.0%
Medical School					
University of British Columbia	4.9%	11	1.2%	223	8.4%
University of Calgary	0.0%	0	0.0%	139	5.3%
University of Alberta	44.8%	60	6.7%	134	5.1%
University of Saskatchewan	42.6%	26	2.9%	61	2.3%
University of Manitoba	42.6%	43	4.8%	101	3.8%
University of Western Ontario	48.9%	68	7.6%	139	5.3%
McMaster University	31.8%	47	5.3%	148	5.6%
University of Toronto	47.7%	104	11.6%	218	8.2%
Northern Ontario School of Medicine	37.0%	20	2.2%	54	2.0%
University of Ottawa	40.1%	61	6.8%	152	5.7%
Queen's University	22.0%	22	2.5%	100	3.8%
Université de Sherbrooke	52.3%	102	11.4%	195	7.4%
Université de Montréal	41.1%	184	20.6%	448	16.9%
McGill University	6.4%	11	1.2%	172	6.5%
Université Laval	32.7%	68	7.6%	208	7.9%
Dalhousie University	38.3%	36	4.0%	94	3.6%
Memorial University of Newfoundland	32.8%	20	2.2%	61	2.3%
Unknown	N/A	12	1.3%	N/A	N/A

* Université de Montréal includes first year medical students and students in année préparatoire

N/A = Not Applicable

2007 Medical Student NPS study results among first year medical students are considered accurate within +/-3.3%, 19 times out of 20.

Second Year Medical Students					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Pop'n	
	%	n	Col %	N	Col %
Total	30.9%	781	100.0%	2531	100.0%
Medical School					
University of British Columbia	7.9%	18	2.3%	227	9.0%
University of Calgary	12.0%	13	1.7%	108	4.3%
University of Alberta	40.3%	52	6.7%	129	5.1%
University of Saskatchewan	55.7%	34	4.4%	61	2.4%
University of Manitoba	44.8%	43	5.5%	96	3.8%
University of Western Ontario	44.8%	60	7.7%	134	5.3%
McMaster University	21.7%	33	4.2%	152	6.0%
University of Toronto	36.2%	75	9.6%	207	8.2%
Northern Ontario School of Medicine	25.0%	14	1.8%	56	2.2%
University of Ottawa	32.9%	50	6.4%	152	6.0%
Queen's University	29.7%	30	3.8%	101	4.0%
Université de Sherbrooke	55.1%	92	11.8%	167	6.6%
Université de Montréal	42.3%	110	14.1%	260	10.3%
McGill University	3.5%	6	0.8%	170	6.7%
Université Laval	22.4%	80	10.2%	357	14.1%
Dalhousie University	37.4%	34	4.4%	91	3.6%
Memorial University of Newfoundland	41.3%	26	3.3%	63	2.5%
Unknown	N/A	11	1.4%	N/A	N/A

N/A = Not Applicable

2007 Medical Student NPS study results among second year medical students are considered accurate within +/-3.5%, 19 times out of 20.

Third Year Medical Students					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Pop'n	
	%	n	Col %	N	Col %
Total	26.0%	564	100.0%	2166	100.0%
Medical School					
University of British Columbia	4.3%	9	1.6%	207	9.6%
University of Calgary	51.0%	53	9.4%	104	4.8%
University of Alberta	29.5%	38	6.7%	129	6.0%
University of Saskatchewan	13.8%	8	1.4%	58	2.7%
University of Manitoba	38.4%	33	5.9%	86	4.0%
University of Western Ontario	22.9%	30	5.3%	131	6.0%
McMaster University	19.7%	27	4.8%	137	6.3%
University of Toronto	25.6%	50	8.9%	195	9.0%
Northem Ontario School of Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
University of Ottawa	19.4%	26	4.6%	134	6.2%
Queen's University	22.8%	23	4.1%	101	4.7%
Université de Sherbrooke	52.7%	78	13.8%	148	6.8%
Université de Montréal	28.9%	69	12.2%	239	11.0%
McGill University	5.9%	10	1.8%	170	7.8%
Université Laval	26.2%	43	7.6%	164	7.6%
Dalhousie University	31.7%	33	5.9%	104	4.8%
Memorial University of Newfoundland	45.8%	27	4.8%	59	2.7%
Unknown	N/A	7	1.2%	N/A	N/A

N/A = Not Applicable

2007 Medical Student NPS study results among third year medical students are considered accurate within +/-4.1%, 19 times out of 20.

Fourth Year Medical Students					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Pop'n	
	%	n	Col %	N	Col %
Total	30.0%	545	100.0%	1818	100.0%
Medical School					
University of British Columbia	4.0%	5	0.9%	125	6.9%
University of Calgary	N/A	2	0.4%	N/A	N/A
University of Alberta	7.4%	10	1.8%	135	7.4%
University of Saskatchewan	23.4%	15	2.8%	64	3.5%
University of Manitoba	44.8%	39	7.2%	87	4.8%
University of Western Ontario	34.1%	45	8.3%	132	7.3%
McMaster University	N/A	2	0.4%	N/A	N/A
University of Toronto	38.9%	79	14.5%	203	11.2%
Northern Ontario School of Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
University of Ottawa	53.3%	72	13.2%	135	7.4%
Queen's University	12.4%	12	2.2%	97	5.3%
Université de Sherbrooke	48.2%	67	12.3%	139	7.6%
Université de Montréal	36.5%	74	13.6%	203	11.2%
McGill University	7.6%	12	2.2%	157	8.6%
Université Laval	21.7%	39	7.2%	180	9.9%
Dalhousie University	38.8%	40	7.3%	103	5.7%
Memorial University of Newfoundland	39.7%	23	4.2%	58	3.2%
Unknown	N/A	9	1.7%	N/A	N/A

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Note that an additional 34 students did not indicate their year of training.

2007 Medical Student NPS study results among fourth year medical students are considered accurate within +/-4.2%, 19 times out of 20.

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Q1. Mean age.

		Age (in years)					
		Count	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Standard Deviation	Median
Year of medical school study	1st year or année préparatoire	892	23.63	19.00	43.00	3.32	23.00
	2nd year	777	24.94	19.00	50.00	3.63	24.00
	3rd or 4th year	1093	26.83	21.00	50.00	3.66	26.00
	All students	2794	25.26	19.00	50.00	3.78	25.00

Values in years.

The 'total' column includes 32 students who indicated 'Other' or did not indicate their current year of study.

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Q2. Sex.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Sex	Male	36.6%	37.0%	32.9%	35.0%
	Female	63.2%	62.9%	67.0%	64.8%
	NR	.2%	.1%	.1%	.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR=No Response.

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Q3a. Marital status.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Marital status	Married/living with partner	14.4%	19.3%	30.2%	22.1%
	Single	85.4%	80.2%	69.3%	77.5%
	Separated	.0%	.3%	.4%	.2%
	Divorced	.0%	.0%	.2%	.1%
	NR	.2%	.3%	.0%	.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR=No Response.

Q3b. Please specify the profession of your spouse/partner.

Among respondents who indicated that they were married/living with a partner, the professions of their spouses that were most frequently specified include: medical student or resident or physician (11.9%); student (unspecified major) (11.4%); teacher or professor (8.7%); scientist or researcher (6.1%); business or accounting or real estate or finances-related (5.6%).

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Q4a1. Do you have children?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Have children	Yes	2.5%	4.4%	6.5%	4.5%
	No	97.3%	95.6%	93.2%	95.3%
	NR	.2%	.0%	.3%	.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR=No Response.

Q4a2. Mean age of youngest child.

		Age of youngest child (in years)					
		Count	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Standard Deviation	Median
Year of medical school study	1st year or année préparatoire	22	**	**	**	**	**
	2nd year	30	4.1	.5	23.0	5.2	2.0
	3rd or 4th year	68	4.1	.5	22.0	4.9	2.0
	All students	120	3.9	.5	23.0	4.6	2.0

Results apply only to respondents who indicated the age of their youngest child.

Note: Values in years.

** Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

Q4b. Are you or your partner currently expecting a child?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Expecting a child	Yes	.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
	No	97.3%	97.2%	97.4%	97.3%
	NR	2.2%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q5. Select the one statement which best describes the environment in which you grew up.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Environment prior to university	Exclusively/ predominantly rural	14.0%	14.1%	11.3%	13.0%
	Exclusively/ predominantly small town	24.9%	23.2%	26.7%	25.0%
	Exclusively/ predominantly urban	53.2%	57.1%	55.6%	55.2%
	Mixture of environments	7.8%	5.5%	6.1%	6.5%
	NR	.1%	.1%	.3%	.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

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Q6. In which province(s) or territories did you grow up prior to going to university?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All Students n=2819
		%	%	%	%
Province in which you grew up	BC	3.7%	6.0%	6.8%	5.5%
	AB	9.1%	9.5%	10.9%	9.8%
	SK	2.8%	5.4%	3.0%	3.5%
	MB	5.4%	7.2%	6.7%	6.3%
	ON	34.3%	31.8%	32.7%	32.7%
	QC	39.9%	37.1%	34.6%	37.6%
	NB	4.9%	4.7%	5.3%	5.0%
	NS	3.0%	3.2%	5.0%	3.8%
	PE	.4%	.4%	1.1%	.7%
	NL	2.9%	2.3%	3.5%	2.9%
	NT	.2%	.1%	.2%	.2%
	Outside of Canada	7.8%	7.8%	6.3%	7.1%
NR	.4%	.4%	.2%	.3%	

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

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Q7. Are you....?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All Students n=2819
		%	%	%	%
Ethnicity	Caucasian	78.3%	76.7%	81.3%	79.3%
	Aboriginal	2.0%	2.3%	.9%	1.6%
	Chinese	9.1%	9.2%	7.8%	8.5%
	South Asian	5.8%	5.8%	5.4%	5.6%
	Black	.4%	.6%	1.0%	.7%
	Filipino	.3%	.1%	.5%	.3%
	Latin American	.7%	.5%	.2%	.4%
	Southeast Asian	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%
	Arab	2.9%	1.9%	1.1%	1.9%
	West Asian	.7%	.4%	.5%	.5%
	Japanese	.2%	.4%	.3%	.3%
	Korean	.8%	.9%	.5%	.7%
	Other ethnicity	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%
	Prefer not to provide ethnicity information	.6%	1.2%	1.0%	.9%
	NR	.2%	.5%	.3%	.3%

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

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Q8a. Were you born in Canada?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Born in Canada	Yes	85.3%	86.8%	88.3%	87.0%
	No	14.4%	13.2%	11.6%	12.9%
	NR	.3%	.0%	.1%	.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q8b. Status in Canada if not born in Canada.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=129	2nd year n=103	3rd or 4th year n=129	All students n = 363
		%	%	%	%
Status if not born in Canada	Canadian citizen	93.8%	88.3%	89.9%	90.9%
	Permanent resident (landed immigrant)	4.7%	8.7%	4.7%	5.8%
	Other	.8%	1.9%	4.7%	2.5%
	NR	.8%	1.0%	.8%	.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Results apply only to respondents who indicated that they were not born in Canada.

NR=No Response.

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Q9. How many years of post-secondary education did you complete before beginning medical school?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Years of post-secondary completed	0	25.1%	23.6%	19.3%	22.8%
	1	2.9%	2.3%	3.7%	3.1%
	2	6.0%	4.0%	4.5%	4.9%
	3	14.4%	14.7%	12.4%	13.7%
	4	30.3%	27.7%	30.1%	29.3%
	5	8.2%	12.5%	11.2%	10.5%
	6	7.5%	7.6%	8.2%	7.7%
	7	3.3%	3.3%	5.5%	4.2%
	8	1.1%	2.9%	2.7%	2.2%
	9	.8%	.9%	1.8%	1.2%
	NR	.3%	.5%	.5%	.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR= No Response.

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Q10. Beyond secondary school, what degrees/diplomas did you complete prior to entering medical school?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Degrees/diplomas completed prior to medical school	No diploma/ degree	8.8%	7.9%	6.1%	7.6%
	CEGEP	34.8%	30.0%	26.7%	30.6%
	Bachelor's	58.6%	63.3%	67.2%	62.8%
	Master's	10.6%	11.4%	12.2%	11.3%
	Doctorate	1.8%	1.9%	3.4%	2.4%
	Other degrees/ diplomas	6.6%	5.9%	6.3%	6.2%
	NR	.0%	.3%	.2%	.1%

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.
NR=No Response.

Q10. Please specify field/discipline of your Master's degree.

Among respondents who indicated that they had a Master's degree, the most frequently specified fields/disciplines included: sciences/medical sciences (66.4%); public health/epidemiology/health policy/biostatistics (11.0%); engineering (8.2%).

Q10. Please specify field/discipline of your Doctorate degree.

Among respondents who indicated that they had a Doctorate degree, the most frequently specified fields/disciplines included: science or chemistry or biology or molecular biology or biochemistry (14.5%); neurophysiology or neurosciences or neuropharmacology (11.6%); nutrition or genetics (11.6%); immunology or microbiology (11.6%).

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Q11. At which university are you currently doing your medical training?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Current medical university	University of British Columbia	1.2%	2.3%	1.3%	1.5%
	University of Calgary	.0%	1.7%	5.0%	2.4%
	University of Alberta	6.7%	6.7%	4.3%	5.7%
	University of Saskatchewan	2.9%	4.4%	2.1%	2.9%
	University of Manitoba	4.8%	5.5%	6.5%	5.6%
	University of Western Ontario	7.6%	7.7%	6.8%	7.2%
	McMaster University	5.2%	4.2%	2.6%	3.9%
	University of Toronto	11.6%	9.6%	11.6%	11.0%
	Northern Ontario School of Medicine	2.2%	1.8%	.0%	1.2%
	University of Ottawa	6.8%	6.4%	8.8%	7.4%
	Queen's University	2.5%	3.8%	3.2%	3.1%
	Université de Sherbrooke	11.4%	11.8%	13.1%	12.1%
	Université de Montréal	20.4%	14.1%	12.9%	15.5%
	McGill University	1.6%	.8%	2.0%	1.5%
	Université Laval	7.6%	10.2%	7.4%	9.1%
	Dalhousie University	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%	5.1%
	Memorial University of Newfoundland	2.2%	3.3%	4.5%	3.4%
NR	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR= No Response.

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Q12. Of all of the possible careers, what led you to select medicine?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Reasons for selecting medicine	Intellectual stimulation/ challenge	91.9%	91.0%	94.4%	92.7%
	Doctor-patient relationship	84.3%	84.3%	81.2%	83.2%
	Influence of mentor	18.8%	19.7%	18.3%	18.8%
	Influence of family	24.3%	26.6%	22.3%	24.1%
	Prestige	24.9%	26.9%	27.1%	26.4%
	Earning potential	40.9%	41.9%	41.8%	41.8%
	Research opportunities	24.1%	19.6%	19.0%	20.8%
	Teaching opportunities	40.8%	38.8%	40.2%	40.0%
	Other, factors to select medicine	11.0%	12.3%	10.6%	11.2%
NR	.0%	.1%	.0%	.0%	

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.
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Q13. When did you decide that you would like to be a doctor?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
When I decided to become doctor	Before high school	19.6%	20.5%	19.3%	19.7%
	During high school	35.8%	31.4%	32.0%	33.1%
	During undergraduate college/ university studies	35.3%	37.9%	35.3%	36.1%
	After completing an undergraduate degree/ college diploma	7.2%	8.1%	10.4%	8.7%
	Other	2.0%	2.2%	2.9%	2.4%
	NR	.0%	.0%	.1%	.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q14. Please indicate your overall sense of satisfaction with your current medical education program.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Satisfaction with current medical education program	Very dissatisfied	1.3%	.9%	.5%	.9%
	Dissatisfied	2.1%	3.7%	3.0%	2.9%
	Neutral	8.4%	10.4%	6.3%	8.1%
	Satisfied	51.7%	56.1%	57.3%	55.3%
	Very satisfied	30.0%	22.7%	27.6%	26.9%
	NR	6.5%	6.3%	5.3%	6.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q15a. Please indicate if any of the following are an area of interest for you.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Family Medicine rotations	Yes	77.0%	76.7%	73.4%	75.5%
	No	17.1%	19.1%	20.9%	19.2%
	NR	5.9%	4.2%	5.7%	5.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Aboriginal health care	Yes	33.3%	33.5%	32.7%	33.1%
	No	56.7%	59.0%	59.3%	58.5%
	NR	9.9%	7.4%	7.9%	8.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Collaborative/interdisciplinary care	Yes	72.0%	66.6%	69.6%	69.6%
	No	20.1%	26.0%	22.8%	22.7%
	NR	7.9%	7.4%	7.6%	7.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Communication skills	Yes	77.9%	77.6%	82.2%	79.7%
	No	13.5%	15.0%	10.7%	12.7%
	NR	8.6%	7.4%	7.0%	7.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Coronary care unit (CCU) care	Yes	51.6%	49.2%	46.8%	48.9%
	No	38.4%	43.1%	44.3%	42.2%
	NR	10.0%	7.7%	8.9%	8.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Computer skills/ clinical information retrieval	Yes	29.7%	36.4%	44.2%	37.4%
	No	59.2%	54.9%	47.2%	53.2%
	NR	11.1%	8.7%	8.6%	9.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Critical appraisal skills	Yes	59.9%	63.0%	65.2%	63.0%
	No	30.2%	29.7%	26.8%	28.6%
	NR	9.9%	7.3%	8.0%	8.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Ear, nose and throat (ENT) care	Yes	34.9%	35.2%	32.9%	34.2%
	No	54.7%	56.3%	57.7%	56.4%
	NR	10.4%	8.5%	9.4%	9.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Emergency room surgery	Yes	65.0%	60.7%	57.4%	60.8%
	No	28.0%	32.4%	34.7%	32.0%
	NR	7.0%	6.9%	7.8%	7.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
End of life issues	Yes	58.5%	63.4%	63.6%	61.9%
	No	31.7%	29.2%	28.1%	29.5%
	NR	9.8%	7.4%	8.3%	8.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q15a. Please indicate if any of the following are an area of interest for you. (continued).

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Ethics and professionalism	Yes	68.8%	68.0%	70.2%	69.1%
	No	21.4%	24.6%	21.6%	22.4%
	NR	9.8%	7.4%	8.1%	8.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Evidence-based medicine	Yes	59.0%	63.0%	70.2%	64.7%
	No	30.2%	28.6%	21.3%	26.0%
	NR	10.8%	8.5%	8.6%	9.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Intensive care unit (ICU) care	Yes	65.9%	63.9%	59.6%	62.8%
	No	24.9%	28.7%	32.5%	29.0%
	NR	9.3%	7.4%	7.9%	8.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Internal medicine	Yes	73.8%	71.1%	66.9%	70.2%
	No	17.9%	22.5%	25.6%	22.3%
	NR	8.2%	6.4%	7.5%	7.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Minor surgery	Yes	63.8%	64.4%	68.6%	66.0%
	No	27.8%	28.0%	23.9%	26.2%
	NR	8.5%	7.6%	7.5%	7.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Office procedures	Yes	47.5%	62.2%	69.8%	60.7%
	No	41.2%	30.7%	22.8%	30.8%
	NR	11.3%	7.0%	7.4%	8.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Orthopedics	Yes	38.2%	40.2%	35.5%	37.7%
	No	51.6%	52.1%	55.5%	53.4%
	NR	10.1%	7.7%	9.0%	8.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hands on research experience	Yes	43.0%	40.5%	46.2%	43.5%
	No	46.6%	51.6%	45.6%	47.7%
	NR	10.4%	7.9%	8.2%	8.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hands on teaching experience	Yes	64.8%	66.1%	76.6%	70.0%
	No	26.5%	26.6%	16.2%	22.3%
	NR	8.7%	7.3%	7.1%	7.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Working in a health care system	Yes	81.8%	82.8%	80.4%	81.6%
	No	9.1%	10.0%	11.9%	10.5%
	NR	9.0%	7.2%	7.7%	8.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q15b. Please indicate if the topics below have already been covered during your medical training.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Family Medicine rotations	Yes	34.2%	43.8%	80.2%	55.4%
	No	55.6%	50.1%	14.2%	37.4%
	NR	10.1%	6.1%	5.6%	7.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Aboriginal health care	Yes	17.8%	37.3%	39.0%	31.6%
	No	69.0%	52.9%	52.2%	57.9%
	NR	13.2%	9.9%	8.7%	10.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Collaborative/interdisciplinary care	Yes	53.7%	67.0%	78.5%	67.4%
	No	35.3%	24.1%	13.5%	23.4%
	NR	10.9%	9.0%	7.9%	9.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Communication skills	Yes	73.5%	84.4%	85.6%	81.3%
	No	16.3%	8.1%	6.9%	10.3%
	NR	10.3%	7.6%	7.5%	8.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Coronary care unit (CCU) care	Yes	18.6%	26.8%	38.3%	28.7%
	No	68.0%	63.0%	52.9%	60.6%
	NR	13.4%	10.2%	8.7%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Computer skills/ clinical information retrieval	Yes	31.3%	42.9%	64.3%	47.5%
	No	55.4%	47.9%	26.7%	42.0%
	NR	13.3%	9.2%	9.0%	10.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Critical appraisal skills	Yes	39.5%	61.5%	75.5%	60.0%
	No	47.9%	30.1%	16.4%	30.4%
	NR	12.6%	8.5%	8.1%	9.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Ear, nose and throat (ENT) care	Yes	20.6%	53.6%	61.7%	46.4%
	No	66.7%	36.9%	28.9%	43.1%
	NR	12.7%	9.5%	9.5%	10.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Emergency room surgery	Yes	6.4%	8.2%	39.9%	20.4%
	No	82.6%	82.8%	51.8%	70.2%
	NR	11.0%	9.0%	8.4%	9.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
End of life issues	Yes	53.0%	70.6%	76.0%	67.0%
	No	35.2%	21.8%	15.8%	23.8%
	NR	11.8%	7.7%	8.2%	9.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q15b. Please indicate if the topics below have already been covered during your medical training. (continued).

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Ethics and professionalism	Yes	81.7%	86.8%	90.0%	86.4%
	No	7.7%	5.9%	2.3%	5.0%
	NR	10.6%	7.3%	7.8%	8.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Evidence-based medicine	Yes	55.9%	72.7%	84.2%	71.9%
	No	31.7%	18.4%	6.7%	18.0%
	NR	12.5%	8.8%	9.1%	10.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Intensive care unit (ICU) care	Yes	8.8%	14.2%	36.3%	21.4%
	No	78.6%	76.3%	55.8%	68.8%
	NR	12.6%	9.5%	7.8%	9.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Internal medicine	Yes	17.2%	51.7%	83.7%	53.7%
	No	71.6%	39.9%	8.9%	37.4%
	NR	11.3%	8.3%	7.4%	8.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Minor surgery	Yes	8.6%	19.1%	65.5%	34.4%
	No	79.3%	71.4%	26.8%	56.0%
	NR	12.2%	9.5%	7.8%	9.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Office procedures	Yes	9.3%	16.0%	51.8%	28.1%
	No	77.3%	75.2%	40.0%	61.9%
	NR	13.5%	8.8%	8.1%	10.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Orthopedics	Yes	10.5%	46.9%	62.1%	41.2%
	No	76.7%	43.9%	28.9%	48.5%
	NR	12.8%	9.2%	9.0%	10.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hands on research experience	Yes	15.5%	29.2%	43.0%	30.3%
	No	71.3%	61.5%	48.8%	59.6%
	NR	13.2%	9.3%	8.2%	10.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hands on teaching experience	Yes	11.6%	14.5%	30.1%	20.0%
	No	76.4%	77.0%	62.2%	70.7%
	NR	12.0%	8.6%	7.7%	9.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Working in a health care system	Yes	42.3%	44.7%	71.6%	54.9%
	No	45.8%	46.4%	20.6%	35.7%
	NR	11.9%	9.0%	7.8%	9.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q16. Please indicate your level of familiarity with the work carried out by the following health care providers.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Family physicians	Not at all familiar	1.7%	.9%	.6%	1.0%
	Somewhat familiar	48.0%	41.5%	23.5%	36.4%
	Very familiar	45.9%	54.0%	72.8%	58.9%
	NR	4.3%	3.6%	3.1%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Psychiatric specialists	Not at all familiar	44.1%	20.2%	9.5%	23.4%
	Somewhat familiar	43.6%	58.4%	39.8%	46.3%
	Very familiar	8.0%	17.8%	47.5%	26.6%
	NR	4.2%	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Pediatric specialists	Not at all familiar	25.1%	20.5%	8.6%	17.1%
	Somewhat familiar	60.4%	59.9%	40.0%	52.0%
	Very familiar	10.4%	15.9%	48.2%	27.2%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Obstetrical/gynecological specialists	Not at all familiar	31.4%	16.6%	7.0%	17.4%
	Somewhat familiar	54.6%	57.7%	31.8%	46.4%
	Very familiar	9.8%	21.9%	57.9%	32.5%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Internal specialists	Not at all familiar	38.5%	18.3%	5.0%	19.3%
	Somewhat familiar	48.5%	58.4%	34.5%	45.5%
	Very familiar	9.0%	19.6%	57.1%	31.5%
	NR	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Surgical specialists	Not at all familiar	28.8%	16.8%	7.3%	16.7%
	Somewhat familiar	55.4%	59.4%	35.5%	48.6%
	Very familiar	11.5%	20.2%	53.7%	30.9%
	NR	4.3%	3.6%	3.4%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Nurse practitioners	Not at all familiar	46.4%	45.6%	33.1%	41.1%
	Somewhat familiar	42.1%	44.6%	53.7%	47.3%
	Very familiar	7.1%	6.3%	9.8%	7.9%
	NR	4.3%	3.6%	3.3%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q16. Please indicate your level of familiarity with the work carried out by the following health care providers. (continued).

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Psychiatric nurses	Not at all familiar	76.1%	73.9%	34.0%	58.4%
	Somewhat familiar	16.2%	19.2%	47.6%	30.0%
	Very familiar	3.5%	3.3%	15.1%	8.0%
	NR	4.2%	3.6%	3.3%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other nurses (RN, LPN, RPN)	Not at all familiar	31.7%	32.8%	13.8%	24.8%
	Somewhat familiar	52.1%	52.1%	61.8%	55.9%
	Very familiar	12.0%	11.1%	21.1%	15.5%
	NR	4.2%	4.0%	3.3%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Physician assistants	Not at all familiar	79.5%	78.1%	65.6%	73.7%
	Somewhat familiar	15.1%	16.4%	27.1%	20.1%
	Very familiar	1.2%	1.8%	3.8%	2.4%
	NR	4.2%	3.7%	3.5%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Dietitians/nutritionists	Not at all familiar	22.5%	16.9%	10.2%	16.0%
	Somewhat familiar	60.2%	65.6%	68.8%	65.2%
	Very familiar	13.2%	13.7%	17.6%	15.0%
	NR	4.1%	3.8%	3.4%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Occupational therapists	Not at all familiar	26.6%	20.4%	9.7%	18.0%
	Somewhat familiar	55.7%	60.8%	63.8%	60.4%
	Very familiar	13.2%	15.2%	22.9%	17.7%
	NR	4.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Physiotherapists	Not at all familiar	13.2%	9.6%	6.1%	9.3%
	Somewhat familiar	59.9%	63.9%	61.3%	61.6%
	Very familiar	22.9%	22.8%	29.1%	25.4%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chiropractors	Not at all familiar	35.7%	32.0%	40.3%	36.6%
	Somewhat familiar	49.5%	53.1%	46.1%	49.1%
	Very familiar	10.7%	11.1%	10.0%	10.4%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Psychologists	Not at all familiar	25.6%	21.8%	17.0%	21.1%
	Somewhat familiar	55.1%	59.5%	62.3%	59.3%
	Very familiar	15.2%	15.0%	17.3%	15.9%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.
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Q16. Please indicate your level of familiarity with the work carried out by the following health care providers. (continued).

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Mental health counselors	Not at all familiar	55.5%	52.6%	43.1%	50.2%
	Somewhat familiar	36.1%	37.5%	43.9%	39.3%
	Very familiar	4.2%	6.1%	9.6%	6.8%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Addiction counselors	Not at all familiar	45.5%	39.9%	39.0%	41.7%
	Somewhat familiar	44.9%	48.8%	48.2%	47.1%
	Very familiar	5.4%	7.7%	9.2%	7.4%
	NR	4.2%	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Social workers	Not at all familiar	22.6%	21.1%	8.2%	16.3%
	Somewhat familiar	60.9%	62.1%	63.5%	62.3%
	Very familiar	12.3%	13.2%	25.0%	17.7%
	NR	4.2%	3.6%	3.3%	3.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Pharmacists	Not at all familiar	10.4%	9.2%	3.4%	7.2%
	Somewhat familiar	57.0%	56.3%	49.7%	54.0%
	Very familiar	28.4%	30.7%	43.4%	35.0%
	NR	4.2%	3.7%	3.5%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Midwives	Not at all familiar	42.4%	37.6%	37.6%	39.5%
	Somewhat familiar	45.7%	47.9%	45.5%	46.0%
	Very familiar	7.4%	10.8%	13.4%	10.6%
	NR	4.6%	3.7%	3.4%	3.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Speech-language pathologists	Not at all familiar	36.1%	33.0%	27.0%	31.6%
	Somewhat familiar	50.7%	52.1%	53.7%	52.4%
	Very familiar	8.6%	10.9%	15.9%	12.0%
	NR	4.6%	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chiropodists	Not at all familiar	72.2%	72.3%	72.0%	72.2%
	Somewhat familiar	20.5%	21.5%	22.0%	21.4%
	Very familiar	2.3%	2.4%	2.6%	2.4%
	NR	4.9%	3.7%	3.4%	4.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Complementary/ alternative medicine providers	Not at all familiar	50.6%	36.4%	46.9%	45.2%
	Somewhat familiar	40.5%	52.2%	44.4%	45.3%
	Very familiar	4.3%	7.3%	5.1%	5.5%
	NR	4.6%	4.1%	3.6%	4.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q17. To this point in your medical education, please indicate your satisfaction with the exposure you have received to the different medical specialties.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Satisfaction with exposure to medical specialties	Very dissatisfied	2.3%	1.7%	.7%	1.5%
	Dissatisfied	12.9%	12.9%	5.5%	9.9%
	Neutral	38.9%	29.4%	17.1%	27.4%
	Satisfied	36.8%	47.4%	60.1%	49.4%
	Very satisfied	4.9%	4.9%	13.3%	8.1%
	NR	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	3.7%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q18. To what extent do you agree that your medical training program has prepared you (or will prepare you) to select a residency training program?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Medical training program prepared you (or will prepare you) for residency selection	Strongly agree	10.4%	6.7%	14.0%	10.7%
	Agree	37.6%	42.6%	46.9%	42.9%
	Neutral	38.7%	30.9%	21.1%	29.3%
	Disagree	7.2%	14.1%	12.4%	11.2%
	Strongly disagree	2.2%	2.0%	2.6%	2.3%
	NR	3.9%	3.7%	3.1%	3.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

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Q19a. At this time, which area of specialty do you hope to enter?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Area of specialty you hope to enter	Family Medicine	21.4%	24.5%	28.4%	25.0%
	Family Medicine AND 1 or 2 other specialties	5.2%	5.2%	1.4%	3.7%
	Other specialty (other than family medicine)	63.0%	61.2%	63.8%	63.0%
	2 or more other specialties (other than family medicine)	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	1.3%
	Undecided	3.7%	2.7%	.7%	2.2%
	NR	5.4%	5.4%	4.1%	4.9%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q19b. Please specify the specialty that you hope to enter.

Among all respondents, 11.2% indicated that they hoped to enter internal medicine, 7.3% pediatrics, 5.4% emergency medicine, 4.9% obstetrics and gynecology, 4.4% general surgery, 3.9% orthopedic surgery, 3.7% psychiatry, 3.1% anesthesiology, 2.7% diagnostic radiology, 1.8% neurology, 1.7% ophthalmology, 1.5% cardiology, 1.3% otolaryngology.

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Q20. At this time, in which of the following do you hope to be involved?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Patient care	Yes	92.9%	93.0%	94.0%	93.3%
	No	.6%	.4%	.8%	.6%
	Unsure	1.7%	1.3%	1.1%	1.3%
	NR	4.9%	5.4%	4.1%	4.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Research	Yes	28.8%	25.0%	40.1%	32.2%
	No	38.5%	41.1%	29.9%	35.7%
	Unsure	26.3%	27.4%	24.6%	26.0%
	NR	6.5%	6.5%	5.3%	6.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Teaching	Yes	57.1%	59.7%	76.6%	65.7%
	No	8.9%	8.3%	3.7%	6.6%
	Unsure	28.5%	25.9%	14.9%	22.2%
	NR	5.5%	6.1%	4.9%	5.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Administration	Yes	15.7%	15.6%	18.1%	16.6%
	No	46.5%	48.9%	44.9%	46.4%
	Unsure	31.2%	28.6%	31.7%	30.8%
	NR	6.6%	6.9%	5.3%	6.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Public health	Yes	28.7%	24.7%	24.3%	25.6%
	No	30.2%	36.1%	40.8%	36.2%
	Unsure	34.9%	32.5%	29.3%	32.1%
	NR	6.2%	6.7%	5.5%	6.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other area you hope to be involved in	Yes	3.2%	3.5%	5.3%	4.1%
	No	5.5%	6.5%	5.1%	5.7%
	Unsure	5.6%	3.8%	3.4%	4.2%
	NR	85.7%	86.2%	86.1%	86.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q20f. Please specify any Other activities you hope to be involved in.

Among respondents who indicated that they hoped to be involved in 'Other', over half (54%) specified international/humanitarian medicine.

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Q21. At this time, do your future medical career plans include any of the following?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Practicing within same province/territory in which currently training - during residency	Yes	68.0%	63.9%	68.1%	67.1%
	No	4.2%	7.3%	12.2%	8.2%
	Unsure	23.0%	23.6%	15.8%	20.1%
	NR	4.8%	5.2%	4.0%	4.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Practicing in another province/territory in Canada - during residency	Yes	23.1%	23.8%	28.7%	25.3%
	No	29.8%	33.0%	40.4%	35.4%
	Unsure	41.9%	37.8%	26.5%	34.3%
	NR	5.2%	5.4%	4.4%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Leaving Canada to practice in another country - during residency	Yes	10.5%	7.4%	8.1%	8.7%
	No	59.9%	71.8%	75.9%	69.8%
	Unsure	24.5%	15.2%	11.4%	16.5%
	NR	5.1%	5.5%	4.6%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Serving an under-served community - during residency	Yes	31.7%	29.8%	28.8%	29.8%
	No	18.8%	23.4%	34.8%	26.8%
	Unsure	44.4%	41.4%	31.7%	38.4%
	NR	5.1%	5.4%	4.7%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Practicing within same province/territory in which currently training - after residency	Yes	64.3%	61.6%	63.8%	63.5%
	No	4.9%	6.8%	8.1%	6.7%
	Unsure	25.1%	25.9%	23.8%	24.6%
	NR	5.7%	5.8%	4.3%	5.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Practicing in another province/territory in Canada - after residency	Yes	15.4%	18.2%	19.7%	17.8%
	No	32.3%	33.2%	35.4%	34.1%
	Unsure	46.0%	42.5%	40.2%	42.5%
	NR	6.2%	6.1%	4.7%	5.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Leaving Canada to practice in another country - after residency	Yes	9.4%	10.0%	11.3%	10.3%
	No	55.2%	63.1%	62.4%	60.3%
	Unsure	29.7%	20.5%	20.8%	23.5%
	NR	5.8%	6.4%	5.5%	5.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Serving an under-served community - after residency	Yes	30.2%	29.1%	29.5%	29.4%
	No	16.3%	22.5%	24.7%	21.5%
	Unsure	47.7%	41.9%	40.9%	43.4%
	NR	5.8%	6.5%	4.9%	5.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q22. Please indicate the languages that you could comfortably speak with your future patients.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Languages spoken with patients	English	86.6%	85.8%	90.6%	87.8%
	French	50.1%	48.0%	47.7%	49.0%
	Other	17.4%	14.5%	14.2%	15.2%
	NR	5.0%	5.2%	4.0%	4.7%

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

NR=No Response.

Q22. Please specify other languages that you could comfortably speak with your future patients.

4.6% of respondents indicated that they could speak Spanish; 1.4% Cantonese;
1.1% Hindi; 1.1% Mandarin.

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Q23a. For you, what factors do you think will be most important in having a satisfying and successful medical practice?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Factors important to a satisfying and successful medical career	A specific type of practice environment	44.4%	43.3%	50.7%	46.5%
	Ability to achieve balance between work and personal life	92.8%	91.9%	94.1%	93.0%
	Flexible work hours	64.9%	68.6%	72.5%	68.9%
	Sufficient medical competence to respond to health care needs	91.6%	90.0%	91.1%	91.0%
	Availability of continuing education resources	68.1%	70.2%	71.1%	69.9%
	Opportunities for research	26.1%	23.4%	31.7%	27.5%
	Opportunities for teaching	46.4%	48.4%	62.5%	53.6%
	Ability to achieve desired income	47.9%	50.4%	54.1%	50.9%
	Availability of medical support systems/resources	67.6%	71.8%	67.0%	68.6%
	Availability of relevant patient information at point of care	68.1%	65.3%	61.9%	64.9%
	Ability to access appropriate care facilities for my patients	78.3%	80.4%	74.6%	77.4%
	Other, factor for satisfying and successful practice	4.6%	5.0%	5.8%	5.2%
	NR	4.9%	5.2%	3.8%	4.6%

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.
NR= No Response.

Q23a. Please specify the specific type of practice environment.

Among respondents who indicated that a specific type of practice environment would be important to having a satisfying and successful medical practice, 24% described that environment as a group practice or UMG (Unité de Médecine Générale); 24% used the words multidisciplinary or team or collaborative to describe the environment; 11% indicated a strong support staff or the availability of competent nurses; 7% indicated supportive/collegial/positive co-workers as important.

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Q23b. For you, what is the one most important factor in having a satisfying and successful medical practice?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
One most important factor to satisfying and successful practice (from 23a)	Specific type of practice environment	3.8%	4.4%	5.6%	4.6%
	Ability to achieve balance between work and personal life	57.0%	57.9%	62.9%	59.7%
	Flexible work hours	.9%	2.4%	1.3%	1.5%
	Sufficient medical competence to respond to patients' health care needs	24.5%	22.9%	19.5%	22.0%
	Availability of continuing education resources	.2%	.0%	.4%	.2%
	Opportunities for research	.8%	.4%	.6%	.6%
	Opportunities for teaching	.0%	.5%	.5%	.3%
	Ability to achieve desired income	1.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
	Availability of medical support systems/ resources	2.7%	2.2%	1.5%	2.1%
	Availability of relevant patient information at point of case	.2%	.0%	.4%	.2%
	Ability to access appropriate care facilities for patients	2.1%	1.8%	.6%	1.5%
	Other	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%
	NR	5.1%	5.2%	4.2%	4.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Q24. The following statements address the role of alternative/ complementary medicine in health services. Please indicate the category which best describes your opinion for each of the following:

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Alternative/ complementary medicine includes ideas and methods from which conventional medicine could benefit	Strongly agree	20.1%	18.6%	16.6%	18.2%
	Agree	51.4%	51.9%	52.0%	51.9%
	Neutral	19.6%	19.5%	23.0%	20.9%
	Disagree	3.1%	3.5%	3.7%	3.4%
	Strongly disagree	.9%	1.3%	.8%	1.0%
	NR	4.9%	5.4%	3.9%	4.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Treatments not tested in a scientifically recognized manner should be discouraged	Strongly agree	7.0%	7.3%	5.5%	6.5%
	Agree	25.1%	22.3%	21.4%	22.8%
	Neutral	38.9%	38.3%	42.3%	40.2%
	Disagree	21.5%	24.1%	24.3%	23.2%
	Strongly disagree	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%
	NR	4.9%	5.4%	4.0%	4.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Alternative/complementary medicine is a threat to public health	Strongly agree	.6%	.8%	.5%	.6%
	Agree	5.1%	6.8%	4.3%	5.3%
	Neutral	18.1%	19.8%	23.5%	20.7%
	Disagree	51.8%	46.6%	51.7%	50.4%
	Strongly disagree	19.5%	20.5%	16.0%	18.3%
	NR	4.9%	5.5%	4.1%	4.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

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Q25a. If you had a choice, how would you prefer to be paid for your services as a physician?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Preferred method of payment	Unsure	43.1%	41.7%	34.4%	39.2%
	Fee-for-service only	8.0%	7.9%	8.2%	8.1%
	Salary only	15.1%	15.2%	14.2%	14.7%
	Capitation only	.3%	.8%	.6%	.6%
	Sessional/per diem/hourly payments only	2.7%	1.9%	1.3%	1.9%
	Service contract only	.8%	.6%	.5%	.6%
	Blended payment	25.4%	26.5%	37.0%	30.4%
	NR	4.6%	5.2%	3.8%	4.5%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q25b. If you indicated that you would prefer to be paid by blended payment, what components would you want included in a blended payment method?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=228	2nd year n=207	3rd or 4th year n=410	All students n = 857
		%	%	%	%
Components included in blended payment method	Fee-for-service	72.4%	74.4%	75.6%	74.6%
	Salary	66.7%	67.6%	69.0%	67.9%
	Capitation	12.3%	11.6%	9.8%	10.9%
	Sessional/ per diem/ hourly payments	18.4%	20.3%	20.0%	19.8%
	Service contract	10.1%	15.5%	9.5%	11.1%
	Benefits/ pension	45.2%	45.9%	46.6%	46.0%
	On-call remuneration beyond fee-for-service	46.1%	59.9%	62.9%	57.6%
	Other, component to be included in blended payment method	2.2%	2.4%	2.9%	2.6%
	Don't know which components to include in blended payment method	12.7%	6.3%	5.9%	7.8%
	NR	12.3%	12.6%	10.0%	11.2%

Results apply only to respondents who indicated that their preferred method of payment would be blended payment. Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.
NR= No Response.

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Q26. How much did the level of tuition and other fees affect your choice of which medical school(s) to apply to?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Level of tuition and other fees affected choice of medical school(s) to apply to	Not at all important	60.4%	59.2%	62.2%	60.9%
	Slightly important	20.0%	19.7%	20.0%	19.9%
	Moderately important	9.7%	10.6%	8.0%	9.2%
	Very important	3.3%	4.4%	4.6%	4.1%
	Most important factor	1.0%	.8%	1.0%	.9%
	NR	5.6%	5.4%	4.1%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

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Q27. How much did being able to afford the cost of living in the city where the school was located affect which medical school(s) you chose to apply to?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Affordability of cost of living in city of school	Not at all important	56.0%	53.3%	58.1%	56.1%
	Slightly important	20.5%	22.5%	19.9%	21.0%
	Moderately important	10.8%	11.5%	11.0%	11.0%
	Very important	6.1%	6.7%	6.1%	6.2%
	Most important factor	1.1%	.6%	.8%	.9%
	NR	5.5%	5.4%	4.1%	4.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

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Q28a. Have you held any paying jobs during the current academic year?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Held any paying jobs during academic year	Yes	19.6%	19.0%	12.5%	16.5%
	No	75.0%	75.8%	83.3%	78.6%
	NR	5.4%	5.2%	4.1%	4.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q28b. If you held a paying job during the current academic year, approximately how many hours do you work per month?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=169	2nd year n=142	3rd or 4th year n=128	All students n = 441
		%	%	%	%
Hours per month spent working, grouped	<10 hrs/mnth	14.2%	9.9%	10.9%	11.8%
	10-19 hrs/mnth	25.4%	26.1%	25.0%	25.4%
	20-29 hrs/mnth	24.3%	23.2%	24.2%	23.8%
	30-39 hrs/mnth	11.2%	9.2%	12.5%	10.9%
	40-49 hrs/mnth	14.8%	14.1%	13.3%	14.3%
	50+ hrs/mnth	10.1%	17.6%	14.1%	13.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Results apply only to respondents who indicated the number of hours per month they spend working in a paying job.

The 'total' column includes 32 students who indicated 'Other' or did not indicate their current year of study.

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Q29a. Please indicate the amount of debt, directly related to your medical education, that you had upon entering medical school.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Debt upon entering medical school	no debt	64.7%	62.7%	64.0%	64.1%
	less than \$1,000	2.3%	3.1%	2.5%	2.6%
	\$1,001 to \$5,000	7.0%	5.5%	5.1%	5.8%
	\$5,001 to \$10,000	4.9%	5.2%	6.9%	5.7%
	\$10,001 to \$20,000	7.0%	6.3%	7.1%	6.8%
	\$20,001 to \$40,000	4.7%	6.9%	5.5%	5.6%
	\$40,001 to \$60,000	1.3%	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%
	\$60,001 to \$80,000	.2%	.6%	.4%	.4%
	\$80,001 to \$100,000	.1%	.1%	.3%	.2%
	\$100,001 to \$120,000	.3%	.0%	.2%	.2%
	\$120,001 to \$140,000	.0%	.1%	.2%	.1%
	\$140,001 to \$160,000	.0%	.0%	.1%	.0%
	Over \$160,000	.2%	.3%	.2%	.2%
	I prefer not to provide this information	1.4%	1.3%	.5%	1.0%
	NR	5.7%	5.6%	4.7%	5.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Q29b. Please indicate the amount of debt that you currently have, directly related to your medical education.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Current debt	no debt	33.1%	20.7%	12.3%	21.2%
	less than \$1,000	1.8%	1.2%	.7%	1.2%
	\$1,001 to \$5,000	9.1%	4.1%	3.0%	5.3%
	\$5,001 to \$10,000	11.4%	6.5%	4.2%	7.2%
	\$10,001 to \$20,000	16.5%	11.0%	8.5%	11.9%
	\$20,001 to \$40,000	14.8%	20.0%	15.2%	16.5%
	\$40,001 to \$60,000	3.5%	14.9%	13.6%	10.7%
	\$60,001 to \$80,000	1.3%	8.1%	12.5%	7.6%
	\$80,001 to \$100,000	.3%	4.1%	8.1%	4.5%
	\$100,001 to \$120,000	.1%	1.5%	6.2%	2.9%
	\$120,001 to \$140,000	.2%	.6%	4.9%	2.2%
	\$140,001 to \$160,000	.0%	.1%	3.1%	1.2%
	Over \$160,000	.2%	.3%	2.4%	1.1%
	I prefer not to provide this information	2.0%	1.5%	.6%	1.3%
	NR	5.6%	5.4%	4.6%	5.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Q29c. Please indicate the amount of debt, directly related to your medical education, that you expect to have upon completion of medical school.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Expected debt upon completion of medical school	no debt	11.9%	9.3%	10.0%	10.4%
	less than \$1,000	.1%	.6%	.4%	.4%
	\$1,001 to \$5,000	3.0%	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%
	\$5,001 to \$10,000	5.4%	4.4%	3.2%	4.3%
	\$10,001 to \$20,000	8.9%	6.1%	6.0%	7.2%
	\$20,001 to \$40,000	11.3%	11.8%	12.4%	12.0%
	\$40,001 to \$60,000	10.4%	10.8%	11.7%	11.0%
	\$60,001 to \$80,000	7.9%	9.7%	10.4%	9.4%
	\$80,001 to \$100,000	8.6%	10.9%	12.4%	10.6%
	\$100,001 to \$120,000	10.5%	11.1%	8.7%	9.9%
	\$120,001 to \$140,000	4.6%	5.5%	5.7%	5.2%
	\$140,001 to \$160,000	5.9%	5.5%	6.1%	5.9%
	Over \$160,000	2.7%	4.6%	5.5%	4.3%
	I prefer not to provide this information	3.1%	1.8%	.7%	1.8%
	NR	5.8%	5.5%	4.5%	5.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR= No Response.

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Q29d. If you indicated that you expect to have debt upon completion of medical school, do you intend to do any of the following to pay off these debts?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=710	2nd year n=651	3rd or 4th year n=940	All students n = 2328
		%	%	%	%
To pay off debts	Select a short residency program	13.1%	17.8%	16.2%	15.6%
	Select a specialty I believe will have high earning potential	20.1%	23.2%	24.1%	22.6%
	Fulfill a return of service obligation	10.8%	11.2%	12.0%	11.3%
	Practice in the United States	3.9%	4.3%	3.4%	3.9%
	Practice as a locum tenens	16.9%	19.8%	25.7%	21.3%
	Practice where I am offered a financial recruitment incentive	29.6%	35.6%	35.2%	33.5%
	Practice where I am offered a non-financial recruitment incentive	6.8%	10.1%	7.4%	8.0%
	I do not intend to do any of the above to pay off my debts	56.2%	47.0%	46.5%	49.8%
	NR	1.8%	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%

Results apply only to respondents who indicated that they expected to have debt directly related to being in medical school when they complete medical school.

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Q30. To what extent do you believe that the amount of financial assistance available to you through grants and loans from either the government or university institutions, meets your actual financial need?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Extent to which financial assistance available from government or university institutions meets need	Meets my financial need	12.7%	11.3%	14.0%	12.9%
	Partially meets my financial need	37.1%	38.5%	41.8%	39.5%
	Does not meet my financial need	28.3%	31.8%	30.8%	30.1%
	I have no need for financial assistance	16.3%	12.8%	8.7%	12.3%
	NR	5.6%	5.6%	4.6%	5.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q31. Which of the following best describes your financial situation?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Best description of financial situation	Not stressful – my financial situation is not a problem for me	17.5%	10.9%	12.3%	13.9%
	Minimally stressful (I think about it occasionally)	43.3%	42.6%	39.3%	41.4%
	Fairly stressful (I think about it quite a bit and have to consciously mind what I buy)	24.7%	30.1%	29.9%	28.1%
	Very stressful (I worry about it frequently)	6.2%	7.0%	10.3%	8.1%
	Extremely stressful (I worry about it constantly – this is a major source of stress in my life)	2.9%	4.0%	4.0%	3.6%
	NR	5.4%	5.4%	4.2%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q32a. Have you sought financial counseling through your medical school?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Have sought financial counseling?	Yes	33.4%	42.1%	44.5%	40.4%
	No	61.2%	52.6%	51.3%	54.7%
	NR	5.4%	5.2%	4.2%	4.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q32b. Do you plan to seek financial counseling through your medical school?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Plan to seek financial counseling?	Yes	53.1%	51.5%	55.5%	53.8%
	No	16.5%	21.9%	27.4%	22.2%
	Don't know	24.3%	20.2%	12.1%	18.2%
	NR	6.1%	6.4%	5.0%	5.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q33a. What certificates, diplomas, or degrees did your father obtain?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Certificates, diplomas or degrees - father	No certificates, diplomas or degrees	9.4%	8.7%	8.6%	8.8%
	High school graduate or equivalent	45.3%	41.1%	37.5%	41.0%
	Trades certificate or diploma	13.4%	12.3%	14.3%	13.5%
	Other non-university certificate or diploma	9.1%	8.8%	9.5%	9.2%
	University certificate or diploma, below Bachelor's degree level	5.9%	5.1%	5.4%	5.5%
	Bachelor's degree(s)	40.6%	38.4%	34.5%	37.5%
	University certificate or diploma above Bachelor's degree level	9.5%	7.3%	9.6%	8.9%
	Master's degree(s)	18.7%	17.7%	15.4%	17.1%
	Graduate degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	8.7%	10.1%	10.5%	9.8%
	Doctorate	7.7%	9.3%	6.9%	7.8%
	I prefer not to provide this educational information	.4%	1.2%	.7%	.8%
	I don't know this educational information	.7%	1.5%	.8%	1.0%
	NR	6.2%	5.6%	4.3%	5.3%

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.
NR=No Response.

Q33b. What certificates, diplomas, or degrees did your mother obtain?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Certificates, diplomas or degrees - mother	No certificates, diplomas or degrees	7.4%	7.4%	8.1%	7.7%
	High school graduate or equivalent	47.6%	40.7%	40.2%	42.8%
	Trades certificate or diploma	10.5%	11.8%	10.6%	10.9%
	Other non-university certificate or diploma	13.8%	13.8%	15.0%	14.3%
	University certificate or diploma, below Bachelor's degree level	8.9%	9.9%	9.6%	9.5%
	Bachelor's degree(s)	36.7%	39.2%	34.1%	36.2%
	University certificate or diploma above Bachelor's degree level	8.0%	7.9%	8.6%	8.1%
	Master's degree(s)	12.8%	12.2%	11.5%	12.2%
	Graduate degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	5.1%	5.5%	4.0%	4.8%
	Doctorate	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%
	I prefer not to provide this educational information	.6%	1.0%	.8%	.8%
	I don't know this educational information	.9%	.9%	.3%	.6%
	NR	6.0%	5.8%	4.5%	5.4%

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Q34a. Please indicate the category that best applies to your father's occupation.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Father's occupation	Manual laborer	8.8%	5.6%	8.6%	7.8%
	Farmer or farm laborer	3.8%	3.7%	1.8%	3.0%
	Skilled craft, trade, clerical, sales or service	9.3%	10.2%	10.5%	10.0%
	Foreman/woman, supervisor, or middle manager	4.8%	6.7%	5.1%	5.4%
	Technician or semi-professional	5.9%	8.2%	6.0%	6.6%
	High-level management	13.4%	15.0%	15.5%	14.8%
	Employed professional	30.9%	26.4%	27.9%	28.4%
	Self-employed professional	20.3%	19.6%	21.9%	20.6%
	Not applicable	2.6%	2.4%	1.9%	2.2%
	I prefer not to provide this occupational information	2.9%	2.6%	2.4%	2.6%
	NR	5.9%	5.6%	4.3%	5.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR= No Response.

Q34b. Please indicate the category that best applies to your mother's occupation.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Mother's occupation	Manual laborer	3.1%	2.6%	3.5%	3.1%
	Farmer or farm laborer	1.8%	1.5%	1.1%	1.5%
	Skilled craft, trade, clerical, sales or service	16.9%	16.6%	16.1%	16.6%
	Foreman/woman, supervisor, or middle manager	3.3%	3.8%	2.8%	3.2%
	Technician or semi-professional	8.5%	7.2%	7.9%	8.0%
	High-level management	5.9%	6.1%	5.3%	5.7%
	Employed professional	36.7%	34.1%	34.3%	34.8%
	Self-employed professional	9.0%	10.1%	10.8%	10.0%
	Not applicable	9.1%	12.0%	12.5%	11.3%
	I prefer not to provide this occupational information	3.0%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%
	NR	6.7%	6.0%	5.0%	5.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR= No Response.

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Q35a. Are any of your immediate family members working in medically related jobs?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
One or more of my immediate family members works in a medically related job	Yes	37.6%	36.1%	38.4%	37.5%
	No	53.0%	55.7%	53.6%	54.0%
	NR	9.5%	8.2%	8.0%	8.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR= No Response.

Q35b. Father's job.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Father is a health care professional	Medical doctor	7.7%	11.3%	10.5%	9.8%
	Nurse	1.0%	.3%	.6%	.6%
	Pharmacist	.7%	.9%	.8%	.8%
	Dentist	1.6%	.6%	1.1%	1.1%
	Optician	.0%	.0%	.2%	.1%
	Chiropractor	.2%	.4%	.1%	.2%
	Other healthcare professional	2.7%	1.5%	2.1%	2.1%
	NR/NA	86.2%	85.0%	84.7%	85.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR/NA= No Response/Not Applicable.

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Q35c. Mother's job.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Mother is a health care professional	Medical doctor	4.8%	4.6%	3.6%	4.4%
	Nurse	8.7%	10.9%	12.7%	10.8%
	Pharmacist	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	1.2%
	Dentist	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%
	Optician	.0%	.1%	.1%	.1%
	Chiropractor	.1%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	Other healthcare professional	8.7%	5.8%	6.2%	6.9%
	NR/NA	75.9%	77.0%	75.6%	76.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR/NA= No Response/Not Applicable.

Q35d. Sibling(s)'s job.

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Sibling is a health care professional	Medical doctor	4.7%	6.5%	5.6%	5.6%
	Nurse	2.7%	1.9%	3.3%	2.7%
	Pharmacist	2.0%	2.2%	.9%	1.6%
	Dentist	.8%	.3%	1.2%	.8%
	Optician	.0%	.3%	.2%	.1%
	Chiropractor	.3%	.0%	.4%	.2%
	Other healthcare professional	4.6%	4.1%	5.2%	4.7%
	NR/NA	87.1%	86.4%	85.1%	86.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR/NA= No Response/Not Applicable.

The 'total' column includes 32 students who indicated 'Other' or did not indicate their current year of study.

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Q36. What is your best estimate of the total income, before taxes and deductions, of your parental household in the last 12 months?

		Year of medical school study			
		1st year or année préparatoire n=897	2nd year n=781	3rd or 4th year n=1109	All students n = 2819
		%	%	%	%
Best estimate of total income	\$zero	.6%	.6%	1.0%	.7%
	less than \$10,000	1.0%	.6%	.6%	.7%
	\$10,000 - \$19,999	1.3%	1.9%	1.6%	1.6%
	\$20,000 - \$39,999	6.8%	6.4%	5.8%	6.2%
	\$40,000 - \$59,999	8.7%	9.6%	11.1%	10.0%
	\$60,000 - \$79,999	12.7%	12.2%	13.0%	12.7%
	\$80,000 - \$99,999	11.3%	8.3%	12.8%	11.0%
	\$100,000 - \$119,999	9.3%	9.6%	8.2%	9.0%
	\$120,000 - \$139,999	5.7%	4.6%	5.9%	5.5%
	\$140,000 - \$159,999	4.9%	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%
	\$160,000 - \$179,999	2.8%	2.9%	2.3%	2.7%
	\$180,000 - \$219,999	3.8%	3.7%	4.7%	4.2%
	\$220,000 - \$259,999	2.2%	1.8%	2.1%	2.0%
	\$260,000 - \$299,999	1.9%	1.8%	1.4%	1.7%
	More than \$300,000	4.0%	4.6%	4.8%	4.5%
	I prefer not to provide this information	7.0%	7.0%	5.4%	6.3%
	I don't know	9.5%	11.8%	7.8%	9.4%
NR	6.6%	7.2%	6.1%	6.6%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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