

National Physician Survey, 2007: Results for Medical Students

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		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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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%
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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%
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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%
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