

National Physician Survey, 2007: Results for Medical Students

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.

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

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

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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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