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Family physicians' weekly work hours *In the 2001 CFPC National Family Physician Workforce Survey, family physicians were asked:*

"Please indicate how much time you spend on each of the professional activities listed below in an *average week* (excluding on-call time)." Their answers apply to 1 through 13 below.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY	WORK HOURS WEEKLY (MEAN)
1. Direct patient care in the office or clinic	28.5
2. Indirect patient care (eg, phone calls, reviewing laboratory work and consultation reports, requests for consultations)	4.9
3. Housecalls	1.3
4. Emergency room as physician on duty	4.7
5. Emergency room to manage own patients only	0.4
6. Hospital inpatient care	4.0
7. Inpatient care in other types of institutions (eg, nursing home, rehabilitation facility)	1.3
8. Managing practice (eg, supervising staff, non-clinical work)	1.5
9. Continuing medical education (eg, courses, journal reading, videotapes, and audiotapes)	2.7
10. Teaching (eg, teaching medical students)	1.0
11. Research-related activities	0.4
12. Administration activities (eg, hospital committees, management of university program)	1.2
13. Other professional activities (eg, involvement with professional organizations, public health)	0.9
14. Total hours of direct patient care (sum of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7)	40.3
15. Total work hours (excluding on-call duty) (sum of 1 through 13)	52.7

Source: College of Family Physicians of Canada. *2001 CFPC National Family Physician Workforce Survey* [Part of the Janus Project: Family physicians meeting the needs of tomorrow's society]. Mississauga, Ont: College of Family Physicians of Canada; 2001. Response rate for this mailed census survey was 51.2% (N = 13 088). Data were weighted to represent all Canadian practising family physicians and general practitioners.

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