



The Janus Project

Family physicians  
meeting the needs of  
tomorrow's society

Le Projet Janus

Aider les médecins de famille à  
répondre aux besoins de la  
société de demain

## Janus Snapshots

### Who is providing palliative care?

*Care now and in the future*

#### Now

The 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS) asked family physicians whether palliative care was part of their practice. Thirty-six percent said yes. Although there is some variation by region (31% of FPs in Prince Edward Island and the Territories do palliative care, while 45% or more of the FPs in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan do palliative care), there is no difference by sex of the physician. The percentage of FPs providing palliative care by age also remains quite consistent (37% of FPs younger than 35 years, 39% of FPs aged 35 to 44 years, 39% of FPs aged 45 to 54 years, 34% of FPs aged 55 to 64 years, and 26% of FPs 65 years and older).

#### In the future

Fifty-seven percent of second-year family medicine residents in Canada indicated that they intended to include palliative care as part of their practice (66% of female family medicine residents and 54% of male family medicine residents).

The 2004 NPS is a unique collaborative project of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Canadian Medical Association, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. National-level estimates based on 2004 NPS results are considered accurate within  $\pm 0.9\%$  and  $\pm 6.5\%$ , 19 times of 20 for practising family physicians and second-year family medicine residents, respectively. Detailed national and regional analyses of the 2004 NPS results are available on the NPS website at [www.nps-snm.ca](http://www.nps-snm.ca).

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