



# Janus Snapshots



**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

## International medical graduates

Nineteen percent of the 11041 family physician respondents to the 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS) did their undergraduate medical training outside of Canada. (According to the Canadian Institute for Health Information report "Supply, Distribution and Migration of Canadian Physicians, 2004," 23% of Canada's family physicians were trained outside the country.)

Countries where international medical graduates most frequently did their undergraduate medical training include the United Kingdom (29%), South Africa (23%), Asia (15%), and central Europe (7%).

Patterns of participation in professional activities were similar in most areas. There were a few activities in which more foreign-trained family physicians participated and other activities in which more Canada-trained family physicians participated.

- Similar proportions of Canadian- and foreign-trained family physicians participated in the following areas of professional activity ( $P > .05$ ): pediatrics, obstetrics, cancer care, emergency medicine, addiction medicine, pain management, surgical assisting, preventive medicine, occupational and industrial medicine, alternative and complementary medicine, nutrition counseling, administration, and research.

- More foreign-trained FPs than Canadian-trained FPs participated in the following areas of professional activity ( $P < .05$ ): anesthesia, community medicine, surgery, international medicine, and travel and tropical medicine.
- More Canadian-trained FPs than foreign-trained FPs participated in the following areas of professional activity ( $P < .05$ ): gynecology, geriatrics, adolescent medicine, palliative care, chronic disease management, home care, women's health care, psychotherapy, and teaching.

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 family physician results are considered accurate within  $\pm 0.9\%$ , 19 times out of 20. Detailed national, provincial, and territorial 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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