



Janus Snapshots

Where you practise affects what you do

Table 1. Main work setting

MAIN WORK SETTING	FAMILY PHYSICIANS SPENDING AT LEAST 50% OF THEIR TIME IN ONE AREA OF PRACTICE					
	PALLIATIVE CARE (%)	CARE OF THE ELDERLY (%)	SPORTS MEDICINE (%)	PSYCHOTHERAPY (%)	HOSPITALIST CARE (%)	ALL FAMILY PHYSICIANS (%)
Private office or clinic	4	32	84	85	3	62
Emergency department	1	0	0	1	0	8
Community clinic or community health centre	4	10	0	3	0	7
Community hospital	24	15	0	2	80	6
Academic health sciences centre	39	11	8	2	13	4
Other	25	29*	8	5	3	12
Setting not specified	3	3	0	2	1	1
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

*19 in nursing homes.

In the 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS), 62% of all family physicians indicated

that their main work settings were their private offices or clinics. Another 8% worked mainly in emergency departments, 7% in community clinics, and 6% in community hospitals. **Table 1** shows that the main work settings differ considerably among family physicians who spend at least 50% of their time in one area of practice (eg, palliative care, care of the elderly, sports medicine, psychotherapy, and hospitalist care). These findings carry implications regarding practice style, remuneration, and other aspects of practice that warrant further study.

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 analyses of the 2004 NPS results are available on the NPS website at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca.

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