

## **Opportunity for Access to Record-Level National Physician Survey Data:**

At the discretion of the National Physician Survey (NPS) Technical Advisory Committee, a non-publishable database may be provided for “independent, scientific study” only, as defined and applied by the Technical Advisory Committee. Where a specific research question exists, the related data fields may be provided to external researchers in SPSS 17.0 format.

### **Databases available:**

Databases may contain responses for specific provinces, specialties, age groups etc. as they relate to the following NPS questionnaires:

#### **2010 NPS questionnaires:**

- Family physician responses to the 2010 NPS  
[http://nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2010\\_Survey/methods/pdf/en/NPS2010fpgp-e.pdf](http://nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2010_Survey/methods/pdf/en/NPS2010fpgp-e.pdf)
- Other specialist physician responses to the 2010 NPS  
[http://nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2010\\_Survey/methods/pdf/en/NPS2010sp-e.pdf](http://nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2010_Survey/methods/pdf/en/NPS2010sp-e.pdf)

#### **2007 NPS questionnaires:**

- Family physician responses to the 2007 NPS  
<http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-Q/fp-e-5.pdf>
- Other specialist physician responses to the 2007 NPS  
<http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-Q/sp-e-5.pdf>
- PGY2 responses to the 2007 NPS  
Family Medicine: [http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-Q/FM\\_residents%20\\_2007Questionnaire\\_e.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-Q/FM_residents%20_2007Questionnaire_e.pdf)  
Other Specialties: [http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-Q/Specialty%20Resident\\_2007Questionnaire\\_e.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-Q/Specialty%20Resident_2007Questionnaire_e.pdf)
- Medical student responses to the 2007 NPS  
[http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-/Student\\_Questionnaire\\_2007\\_e.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/2007-/Student_Questionnaire_2007_e.pdf)

#### **2004 NPS questionnaires:**

- Family physician responses to the 2004 NPS  
[http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/FP/Questionnaire/NPS\\_FP\\_questionnaire-04.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/FP/Questionnaire/NPS_FP_questionnaire-04.pdf)
- Other Specialist responses to the 2004 NPS  
[http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/SP/Questionnaire/NPS\\_Spec\\_questionnaire-04.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/SP/Questionnaire/NPS_Spec_questionnaire-04.pdf)
- PGY2 responses to the 2004 NPS  
Family Medicine: [http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/PGY2/Questionnaire/FM%20residents%20\\_Questionnaire%202004.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/PGY2/Questionnaire/FM%20residents%20_Questionnaire%202004.pdf)  
Other Specialties: [http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/PGY2/Questionnaire/Specialty\\_Resident\\_Questionnaire2004.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/PGY2/Questionnaire/Specialty_Resident_Questionnaire2004.pdf)
- Medical student responses to the 2004 NPS  
[http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/Student/Questionnaire/Student\\_Questionnaire2004.pdf](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/results/PDF-e/Student/Questionnaire/Student_Questionnaire2004.pdf)

## Who is Eligible

- CMA Divisions, CFPC Chapters, affiliated societies/ national specialty societies, committees of the National Physician Survey Co-leader organizations (CFPC, CMA, Royal College), university medical departments, government, provincial governments, licensing authorities, regional health authorities, researchers/research groups and individual physicians.
- Medical students, medical residents, graduate students - proposals may be considered if the requested record-level data is needed for thesis or dissertation work in a related area. Please refer to the specific details in 'Access to Partial database Policy\_students.doc'.

## Cost

As with the cost-recovery arrangement outlined in the Data Release Policy for completing NPS data requests, requests for access to NPS databases may also be subject to similar charges:

**The CFPC, CMA, and Royal College may charge for access to partial NPS databases and completing data requests on a cost-recovery basis. Depending on the nature of the request, limited information may be available at no cost. However, if the request is more in-depth, a base administration fee of \$300 and a \$120/hr analyst cost-recovery fee may be charged. (the base administration fee will be charged only once in relation to each project/request)**

## Information requirements

Please send the following information to Artem Safarov, National Physician Survey Project Manager, at [artem@cfpc.ca](mailto:artem@cfpc.ca):

- a. Description of research project
  - Project title
  - Project description
  - Data elements being requested (please refer to the questionnaires –links provided above- for the specific question numbers)
  - Data analyses to be conducted
  - Ethics review – If an ethics review body has approved this project, attach a copy of the approval. If not, please explain why. [Note that the 2007 and the 2004 National Physician Surveys received ethical approval from the University of British Columbia Behavioural Research Ethics Board for the conduct of the surveys and the use of the results in secondary analyses. In 2010 NPS received this approval from the Dalhousie University Research Ethics Board.]
- b. Location/facility where analysis will be conducted
- c. Listing of individuals requiring access to the requested database:
  - Salutation (e.g. Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr)
  - Name
  - Position/Title
  - Organization/Affiliation
  - Mailing address
  - Daytime phone number
  - E-mail address
- d. Duration of the proposed research

e. Personal qualifications

- Brief explanation of how requestor's academic preparation, work experience and/or skills will enable him/her to undertake this research.

**Details on Release of Data**

All data releases must comply with the following Privacy and Confidentiality of Information parameters:

Please note the following restrictions to the usage/distribution of NPS databases:

- Access to a NPS database and the ensuing results are not available for commercial, marketing, or for-profit purposes.
- Redistribution of raw or tabular data from NPS databases to any third parties by the requestor, or by anyone else associated with their project is strictly forbidden.
- No linkages of the NPS database with other research databases (electronic, probabilistic, or otherwise) will be permitted.
- The database provided under the terms of the contractual agreement between the NPS and the requestor, shall not be used for any purposes other than those delineated in the contractual agreement and the associated research activity identified in the proposal, without the express consent of the NPS project coordinator.
- For statistical accuracy purposes, data will not be published or disclosed where the group/cohort of interest has fewer than 30 respondents. For respondent confidentiality purposes, for aggregate data where the cell size is from 1 to 4, or such other number which could, in the reasonable opinion of the disclosing Party, result in the disclosure of Confidential Personal Information, analyses will be flagged, and the decision of whether to suppress the data or not be based on the nature of the data and whether it could compromise Confidential Personal Information.

It is understood that:

- The NPS database will be kept and used in the location/facility agreed to by the requestor and the NPS project coordinator.
- The NPS database will be used only by the individuals agreed to by the requestor and the NPS project coordinator.
- The NPS database will be kept by the requestor for the time period agreed to by the requestor and the NPS project coordinator and then destroyed/returned as appropriately determined.

NPS databases may only be provided after the signing of a detailed contractual agreement between the parties wishing such access (requestor) and the CFPC, the CMA, and the Royal College, over the signature of the CFPC's Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, the CMA's Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer, and the Royal College's Chief Executive Officer. The contractual agreement will specify that the party receiving the non-publishable database will adhere to the provisions for the preservation and protection of physician confidentiality and personal information.

### **Mandatory Reporting Requirements**

Requestors must provide the NPS project manager with a copy of the final research results, and any resulting publications. Any publications of data or analyses resulting from research using the NPS data must cite the National Physician Survey as the source of the data (see <http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/nps/resources/datarelease-e.asp#d> for appropriate acknowledgements) and must indicate that the results or views expressed are those of the author(s).

### **Timeline**

The time it takes to process the request will depend on the nature of the request, the time to secure external consent for data release (where applicable) and the volume of other data requests.

### **For More Information**

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