

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): DEMOGRAPHICS FOR ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGISTS

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Release of NPS results by specialty:

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Physician Demographics by Province/Territory, Age Group, Sex:

2004 National Physician Survey Response Rates					
Anatomical Pathologists					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	30.9%	215	100.0%	695	100.0%
Province					
NL	41.2%	7	3.26%	17	2.45%
PE	50.0%	1	0.47%	2	0.29%
NS	22.2%	6	2.79%	27	3.88%
NB	37.5%	6	2.79%	16	2.30%
PQ	23.5%	44	20.47%	187	26.91%
ON	34.2%	89	41.40%	260	37.41%
MB	19.2%	5	2.33%	26	3.74%
SK	53.3%	8	3.72%	15	2.16%
AB	34.8%	23	10.70%	66	9.50%
BC	32.9%	26	12.09%	79	11.37%
NT/YT/NU	na	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Age Group					
34 and under	15.2%	5	2.33%	33	4.75%
35 - 44	27.2%	49	22.79%	180	25.90%
45 - 54	27.0%	72	33.49%	267	38.42%
55 - 64	34.6%	55	25.58%	159	22.88%
65 and over	23.9%	11	5.12%	46	6.62%
Not known	na	na	na	10	1.44%
No response	na	23	10.70%	na	na
Sex					
Male	27.9%	122	56.74%	437	62.88%
Female	27.9%	72	33.5%	258	37.12%
No response	na	21	9.8%	na	na

2004 NPS study results for anatomic pathologists are considered accurate within +/- 6.7%, 19 times out of 20.

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): DEMOGRAPHICS FOR MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTS

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Physician Demographics by Province/Territory, Age Group, Sex:

2004 National Physician Survey Response Rates					
Medical Biochemists					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	37.5%	30	100.0%	80	100.0%
Province					
NL	na	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
PE	na	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NS	50.0%	1	3.33%	2	2.50%
NB	n/a	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
PQ	33.3%	15	50.00%	45	56.25%
ON	41.2%	7	23.33%	17	21.25%
MB	n/a	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
SK	33.3%	1	3.33%	3	3.75%
AB	0.0%	0	0.00%	1	1.25%
BC	50.0%	6	20.00%	12	15.00%
NT/YT/NU	na	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Age Group					
34 and under	0.0%	0	0.00%	1	1.25%
35 - 44	33.3%	4	13.33%	12	15.00%
45 - 54	46.9%	15	50.00%	32	40.00%
55 - 64	30.8%	8	26.67%	26	32.50%
65 and over	28.6%	2	6.67%	7	8.75%
Not known	na	na	na	2	2.50%
No response	na	1	3.33%	na	na
Sex					
Male	37.1%	23	76.67%	62	77.50%
Female	33.3%	6	20.0%	18	22.50%
No response	na	1	3.3%	na	na

2004 NPS study results for medical biochemists are considered accurate within +/- 18.0%, 19 times out of 20.

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): DEMOGRAPHICS GENERAL PATHOLOGISTS

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Physician Demographics by Province/Territory, Age Group, Sex:

2004 National Physician Survey Response Rates					
General Pathologists					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	37.5%	115	100.0%	307	100.0%
Province					
NL	28.6%	2	1.74%	7	2.28%
PE	50.0%	1	0.87%	2	0.65%
NS	33.3%	2	1.74%	6	1.95%
NB	16.7%	1	0.87%	6	1.95%
PQ	0.0%	0	0.00%	4	1.30%
ON	41.1%	53	46.09%	129	42.02%
MB	27.3%	3	2.61%	11	3.58%
SK	62.5%	5	4.35%	8	2.61%
AB	36.4%	16	13.91%	44	14.33%
BC	35.6%	32	27.83%	90	29.32%
NT/YT/NU	na	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Age Group					
34 and under	21.4%	3	2.61%	14	4.56%
35 - 44	28.1%	18	15.65%	64	20.85%
45 - 54	26.5%	22	19.13%	83	27.04%
55 - 64	34.2%	25	21.74%	73	23.78%
65 and over	46.6%	34	29.57%	73	23.78%
Not known	na	na	na	0	0.00%
No response	na	13	11.30%	na	na
Sex					
Male	33.3%	80	69.57%	240	78.18%
Female	31.3%	21	18.3%	67	21.82%
No response	na	14	12.2%	na	na

2004 NPS study results for general pathologists are considered accurate within +/- 9.1%, 19 times out of 20.

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): DEMOGRAPHICS FOR MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS & INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALISTS

Source of Data:

TOTAL POPULATION - The 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS) was carried out as a self-reported survey, sent to all licensed physicians in Canada. [Note: all 2nd year medical residents and all medical students in Canada were surveyed as well and these results have been reported separately]. The NPS mail and email list was generated from the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Masterfile. The CMA Masterfile includes all physicians in Canada holding a medical license and is compiled and updated on a daily basis with information received from provincial licensing bodies, associations, The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and the Collège des Médecins du Québec (CMQ) membership listings, and individual physicians.

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2004 National Physician Survey Response Rates					
Medical Microbiologists & Infectious Disease Specialists					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	30.7%	121	100.0%	394	100.0%
Province					
NL	0.0%	0	0.00%	3	0.76%
PE	0.0%	0	0.00%	1	0.25%
NS	62.5%	5	4.13%	8	2.03%
NB	50.0%	3	2.48%	6	1.52%
PQ	31.3%	50	41.32%	160	40.61%
ON	38.9%	42	34.71%	108	27.41%
MB	18.8%	3	2.48%	16	4.06%
SK	25.0%	2	1.65%	8	2.03%
AB	23.3%	10	8.26%	43	10.91%
BC	14.6%	6	4.96%	41	10.41%
NT/YT/NU	na	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Age Group					
34 and under	32.4%	12	9.92%	37	9.39%
35 - 44	24.2%	30	24.79%	124	31.47%
45 - 54	31.7%	45	37.19%	142	36.04%
55 - 64	26.8%	19	15.70%	71	18.02%
65 and over	33.3%	6	4.96%	18	4.57%
Not known	na	na	na	2	0.51%
No response	na	9	7.44%	na	na
Sex					
Male	29.6%	71	58.68%	240	60.91%
Female	29.2%	45	37.2%	154	39.09%
No response	na	5	4.1%	na	na

2004 NPS study results for medical microbiologists & infectious disease specialists are considered accurate within +/- 8.9%, 19 times out of 20.

National Physician Survey, 2004. Results for Laboratory Specialists

Q1: The following is a list of work settings. Check the category(ies) which best describe(s) the setting(s) where you work.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Category(ies) which best describe work setting(s)	Private office/ clinic (excluding free standing walk-in clinics)	1.9%	30.0%	6.1%	10.7%
	Community clinic/ Community health centre	1.4%	.0%	1.7%	7.4%
	Free-standing walk-in clinic	.0%	3.3%	.9%	3.3%
	Academic health sciences centre	51.6%	63.3%	25.2%	59.5%
	Community hospital	46.0%	40.0%	73.0%	36.4%
	Emergency department	.9%	3.3%	.0%	5.0%
	Nursing home/ Home for the aged	.0%	3.3%	.0%	.8%
	Administrative office	4.7%	10.0%	9.6%	9.9%
	Research unit	3.3%	6.7%	1.7%	15.7%
	Free-standing laboratory/ Diagnostic clinic	14.0%	6.7%	23.5%	9.1%
	Other	1.9%	3.3%	3.5%	7.4%
	No response	.5%	.0%	.9%	1.7%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q2A: Please indicate which of the above work settings is your MAIN work setting (i.e. the setting where you spend most of your work time).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Main work setting (i.e. setting where most of work time is spent)	a. Private office/ clinic	1.4%	13.3%	5.2%	4.1%
	b. Community clinic/ Community health centre	.5%	.0%	.0%	2.5%
	c. Free-standing walk-in clinic	.0%	3.3%	.0%	.0%
	d. Academic health science centre	44.7%	60.0%	16.5%	50.4%
	e. Community hospital	43.7%	16.7%	64.3%	24.8%
	f. Emergency department	.0%	.0%	1.7%	.8%
	h. Administrative office	1.9%	3.3%	1.7%	2.5%
	i. Research unit	.0%	.0%	.0%	3.3%
	j. Free-standing laboratory/ Diagnostic clinic	1.9%	.0%	5.2%	1.7%
	k. Other	4.7%	3.3%	4.3%	6.6%
	NR	1.4%	.0%	.9%	3.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

National Physician Survey, 2004. Results for Laboratory Specialists

Q2B: Please indicate which of the above work settings is your MAIN patient care setting (i.e. the setting where you spend the most time providing patient care).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Main patient care setting (i.e. setting where most of time providing patient care is spent)	a. Private office/ clinic	1.4%	16.7%	4.3%	4.1%
	b. Community clinic/ Community health centre	.0%	.0%	.9%	4.1%
	c. Free-standing walk-in clinic	.5%	3.3%	.0%	.8%
	d. Academic health science centre	37.7%	50.0%	12.2%	47.9%
	e. Community hospital	33.0%	13.3%	44.3%	28.1%
	f. Emergency department	.5%	.0%	1.7%	1.7%
	h. Administrative office	.5%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	j. Free-standing laboratory/ Diagnostic clinic	.5%	.0%	4.3%	.8%
	k. Other	1.9%	.0%	2.6%	.8%
	n/a. Not applicable	21.4%	13.3%	26.1%	8.3%
	NR	2.8%	3.3%	3.5%	3.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NR = No response.

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Q3A1: With respect to your MAIN patient care setting specified in 2b), indicate how that setting is organized.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Category(ies) which best describe work setting(s)	Solo practice	4.7%	46.7%	8.7%	19.8%
	Group practice	60.5%	30.0%	51.3%	51.2%
	Practice network	1.4%	.0%	3.5%	5.0%
	Other	10.2%	3.3%	9.6%	8.3%
	Not applicable	15.3%	10.0%	13.0%	11.6%
	No response	9.3%	13.3%	17.4%	7.4%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

Q3A2: Indicate which of the following, if any, you share with other physicians

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Shared with other physicians	Share office space	45.1%	50.0%	48.7%	43.8%
	Share equipment	60.9%	60.0%	56.5%	49.6%
	Share expenses	28.8%	16.7%	26.1%	23.1%
	Share patient records	54.9%	50.0%	44.3%	49.6%
	Share staff	66.0%	63.3%	60.9%	54.5%
	Share on-call duties	66.5%	53.3%	56.5%	72.7%
	Share Other	4.7%	.0%	6.1%	5.8%
	No response	19.5%	26.7%	23.5%	13.2%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q3B: Indicate the type of health care providers with whom you share patient care within your MAIN patient care setting.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Health care providers with whom patient care is shared in main setting	family physicians	24.2%	33.3%	27.0%	42.1%
	specialist physicians	67.4%	66.7%	66.1%	81.0%
	nurse practitioners	7.0%	13.3%	9.6%	36.4%
	nurses (e.g. RN, LPN, RPN)	14.9%	30.0%	9.6%	67.8%
	dietitians/nutritionists	9.8%	40.0%	6.1%	49.6%
	psychologists	6.5%	13.3%	2.6%	27.3%
	occupational therapists	7.9%	16.7%	2.6%	38.0%
	physiotherapists	9.3%	16.7%	3.5%	40.5%
	social workers	10.2%	10.0%	3.5%	55.4%
	pharmacists	9.3%	33.3%	8.7%	57.9%
	technicians/technologists	49.8%	43.3%	40.0%	47.9%
	midwives	1.4%	3.3%	3.5%	1.7%
	Other #1	1.4%	6.7%	2.6%	2.5%
	Other #2	.5%	.0%	.0%	.8%
No response	15.8%	30.0%	24.3%	13.2%	

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

Q3C: Is your MAIN patient care setting wheelchair accessible?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Wheelchair accessibility of main patient care setting	Yes	57.2%	83.3%	63.5%	85.1%
	No	3.3%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	N/A	26.0%	3.3%	16.5%	4.1%
	NR	13.5%	13.3%	19.1%	9.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q4A: Describe the population PRIMARILY served by you in your practice.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Primary population served by practice	a. Inner City	12.6%	13.3%	3.5%	16.5%
	b. Urban/ suburban	47.0%	50.0%	56.5%	58.7%
	c. Small town	12.6%	10.0%	10.4%	5.0%
	d. Rural	1.9%	.0%	1.7%	.0%
	e. Geographically isolated/ remote	.0%	.0%	.0%	2.5%
	f. Other	7.9%	10.0%	7.8%	5.0%
	g. Cannot identify a primary population	7.0%	6.7%	4.3%	5.0%
	NR	11.2%	10.0%	15.7%	7.4%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

Q4B: IF there is a secondary population that you also serve, please indicate which it is.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Secondary population served by practice	a. Inner City	4.7%	6.7%	7.0%	6.6%
	b. Urban/ suburban	7.0%	3.3%	2.6%	6.6%
	c. Small town	8.4%	3.3%	7.0%	9.1%
	d. Rural	19.1%	3.3%	24.3%	8.3%
	e. Geographically isolated/ remote	1.9%	.0%	3.5%	5.0%
	f. Other	3.3%	3.3%	.9%	3.3%
	n/a. Not Applicable	17.2%	20.0%	22.6%	18.2%
	NR	38.6%	60.0%	32.2%	43.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q5: Do any of the following groups represent more than 10% of your practice population?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Groups representing >10% of practice population	HIV/AIDS patients	1.9%	3.3%	1.7%	33.9%
	Patients with chronic mental illness	.9%	.0%	1.7%	5.8%
	Patients with permanent physical disabilities	2.8%	3.3%	.0%	9.9%
	Patients with addictions	.9%	6.7%	2.6%	16.5%
	Homeless/ "street" people	1.4%	.0%	2.6%	6.6%
	Transient/ seasonal populations	.5%	.0%	3.5%	1.7%
	People living in poverty	4.2%	6.7%	4.3%	20.7%
	Aboriginal peoples	4.2%	6.7%	6.1%	9.1%
	Recent immigrants	6.0%	13.3%	2.6%	19.8%
	Cultural minorities	7.9%	26.7%	6.1%	20.7%
	Other	4.2%	6.7%	3.5%	5.8%
No response	75.3%	63.3%	77.4%	35.5%	

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q10A: EXCLUDING ON-CALL ACTIVITIES, how many HOURS PER WEEK do you usually spend on the following activities?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=193	Biochem n=29	GenPath n=103	MicInfect n=108
direct patient care without a teaching component	Mean	23.03	--	22.29	16.14
direct patient care with a teaching component	Mean	5.20	--	2.75	7.34
teaching/education	Mean	2.70	--	1.38	3.35
indirect patient care	Mean	4.95	--	5.87	4.71
health facility committees	Mean	1.11	--	1.13	2.25
managing practice	Mean	1.15	--	1.32	1.94
research	Mean	2.76	--	.48	5.44
administration	Mean	3.39	--	4.43	6.55
CME/CPD	Mean	3.06	--	2.98	4.62
Other	Mean	1.33	--	1.55	2.91
Total Hours worked/week	Mean	48.68	--	44.15	55.25

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q11A: Describe your on-call activity

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Describe on-call activity	Do NOT do on-call	12.6%	20.0%	19.1%	7.4%
	Do obstetrical on-call	.9%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	Do on-call for hospital in-patients	40.0%	40.0%	33.0%	69.4%
	Do on-call for non-hospitalized patients - telephone availability only	2.8%	20.0%	12.2%	21.5%
	Do on-call for non-hospitalized patients - telephone availability and see patients as required	6.0%	10.0%	6.1%	42.1%
	Do emergency room on-call	1.4%	.0%	.9%	11.6%
	Do nursing home/LTC facility on-call	.0%	3.3%	.0%	3.3%
	Other	39.5%	33.3%	36.5%	18.2%
No response		10.2%	6.7%	12.2%	5.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

Q11B: Average total number of on-call work hours per month.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=167	Biochem n=22	GenPath n=80	MicInfect n=106
		%	%	%	%
Total call hours per month (grouped)	Up to 120 hours per month	76.0%	--	68.8%	47.2%
	121 to 180 hours per month	12.0%	--	17.5%	16.0%
	181 to 240 hours per month	1.8%	--	5.0%	9.4%
	> 240 hours per month	2.4%	--	5.0%	19.8%
	Not stated / Zero value	7.8%	--	3.8%	7.5%
	Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Includes only those physicians who take call.

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Q11C: Please estimate how many of your on-call hours each month are actually spent in direct patient care

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
On-call work hours per month spent in direct patient care	Count	108	11	49	84
	Mean	13.51	--	12.82	33.75
	Median	4.00	--	4.00	20.00
	Mode	1.00	--	2.00	10.00
	Minimum	.50	--	1.00	1.00
	Maximum	240.00	--	288.00	160.00

Note: Results apply only to respondents who indicated spending greater than zero hours per month of their on-call time in direct patient care.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

Q11C: Please estimate how many of your on-call hours each month are actually spent in direct patient care

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=108	Biochem n=11	GenPath n=49	MicInfect n=84
		%	%	%	%
On-call hours each month spent in direct patient care - GROUPED (from M11c)	up to 10 hrs/month	88.0%	--	89.8%	32.1%
	more than 10, up to 40 hrs/month	4.6%	--	6.1%	38.1%
	more than 40 hrs/month	7.4%	--	4.1%	29.8%
	Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Results apply only to respondents who indicated spending greater than zero hours per month of their on-call time in direct patient care.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q11D: Please estimate the number of patients you see on call per month.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Number of patients per month seen during on-call hours	Count	50	7	16	82
	Mean	7.03	--	--	35.61
	Median	2.00	--	--	20.00
	Mode	1.00	--	--	20.00
	Minimum	1.00	--	--	1.00
	Maximum	75.00	--	--	300.00

Note: Results apply only to respondents who indicated greater than zero patients per month while on call.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

Q11D: Please estimate the number of patients you see on call per month.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
		n=50	n=7	n=16	n=82
		%	%	%	%
Number of patients seen when on-call per month - GROUPED (from M11d)	up to 15 pts/mnth	94.0%	--	--	39.0%
	16 to 30 pts/mnth	.0%	--	--	23.2%
	31 to 45 pts/mnth	.0%	--	--	11.0%
	46 to 60 pts/mnth	2.0%	--	--	12.2%
	61+ pts/mnth	4.0%	--	--	14.6%
	Total	100.0%	--	--	100.0%

Note: Results apply only to respondents who indicated greater than zero patients per month while on call.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q12A: In a typical year, how many weeks do you spend on each of the following activities?

Weeks engaged in clinical/ medical care, administration, teaching, research, ongoing CME/CPD		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Weeks engaged in clinical/medical care, administration, teaching, research, ongoing CME/CPD	Count	195	29	101	113
	Mean	44.00	--	42.93	44.59
	Median	45.26	--	45.00	45.00
	Mode	46.00	--	44.00	46.00
	Minimum	1.00	--	1.50	10.00
	Maximum	50.00	--	52.00	52.00

Results apply only to respondents who indicated greater than zero weeks per year.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

Q12B: In a typical year, how many weeks do you spend on each of the following activities?

Weeks away from practice for CME/CPD purposes		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Weeks away from practice for CME/CPD	Count	175	24	94	103
	Mean	1.83	--	1.87	1.93
	Median	2.00	--	2.00	2.00
	Mode	2.00	--	2.00	2.00
	Minimum	.50	--	1.00	.50
	Maximum	5.50	--	4.00	5.00

Results apply only to respondents who indicated greater than zero weeks per year.

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Q12C: In a typical year, how many weeks do you spend on each of the following activities?

Weeks of vacation		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Weeks of vacation	Count	196	29	98	112
	Mean	4.95	--	4.99	4.42
	Median	5.00	--	5.00	4.00
	Mode	4.00	--	6.00	4.00
	Minimum	1.00	--	2.00	.50
	Maximum	20.00	--	12.00	9.00

Results apply only to respondents who indicated greater than zero weeks per year.

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Q12D: In a typical year, how many weeks do you spend on each of the following activities?

Weeks in other activities		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Weeks in other activities	Count	21	6	14	22
	Mean	15.95	--	11.43	5.68
	Median	2.00	--	3.50	2.00
	Mode	1.00	--	1.00	1.00
	Minimum	1.00	--	1.00	1.00
	Maximum	46.00	--	47.00	34.00

Results apply only to respondents who indicated greater than zero weeks per year.

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Q13A1: In the last year, have you been absent from work due to illness or disability?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Absent from work in last year due to illness or disability	Yes	16.7%	26.7%	20.0%	15.7%
	No	75.8%	66.7%	71.3%	80.2%
	NR	7.4%	6.7%	8.7%	4.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

Q13A2: If you have been absent from work due to illness or disability, approximately how many days were you absent in the past year?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Days absent from work	Count	34	8	23	19
	Mean	6.93	--	--	--
	Median	3.00	--	--	--
	Mode	1.00	--	--	--
	Minimum	.50	--	--	--
	Maximum	40.00	--	--	--

Note: Includes only those who indicated more than zero days absent from work in the last year.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q13A3: Was the cause of the illness/disability for which you were absent from work, work related?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=36	Biochem n=8	GenPath n=23	MicInfect n=19
		%	%	%	%
Work related illness/disability	Yes	5.6%	--	--	--
	No	91.7%	--	--	--
	NR	2.8%	--	--	--
	Total	100.0%	--	--	--

NR = No response.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q13B1: In the last year, have you taken time off work for personal reasons?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Time off work for personal reasons in the last year	Yes	9.3%	6.7%	8.7%	10.7%
	No	81.9%	83.3%	83.5%	83.5%
	NR	8.8%	10.0%	7.8%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

Q13B2: If yes, approximately how many days were you absent in the past year?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath	Biochem	GenPath	MicInfect
Days absent from work	Count	19	2	10	13
	Mean	--	--	--	--
	Median	--	--	--	--
	Mode	--	--	--	--
	Minimum	--	--	--	--
	Maximum	--	--	--	--

Note: Includes only those who indicated more than zero days absent from work in the last year.

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Q14A: In the last year, approximately what proportion of your professional income did you receive from each of the following PAYMENT METHODS?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Method of Remuneration	90+% FFS	15.8%	36.7%	11.3%	11.6%
	90+% Salary	39.5%	23.3%	31.3%	14.9%
	90+% Sessional/per diem/hourly	2.3%	6.7%	5.2%	1.7%
	90+% Service contracts	7.4%	3.3%	13.0%	2.5%
	90+% Incentives and premiums	.0%	.0%	1.7%	.0%
	90+% Other	1.9%	3.3%	.0%	1.7%
	Not 90+% of any one method	22.3%	23.3%	28.7%	58.7%
	No valid response	10.7%	3.3%	8.7%	9.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q14B: If you had a choice, how would you prefer to be paid for your services as a physician?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Preferred method of income	Fee for service only	17.2%	30.0%	25.2%	10.7%
	Salary only	27.4%	26.7%	15.7%	21.5%
	Sessional/per diem/hourly only	1.4%	3.3%	3.5%	4.1%
	Service contract only	7.9%	3.3%	8.7%	3.3%
	Blended payment	38.6%	36.7%	40.9%	54.5%
	NR	7.4%	.0%	6.1%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q14C: Please indicate which of the following FUNDING MECHANISMS contribute to your income, either directly or through financial support of your practice organization.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Funding mechanisms that contribute to income	alternative payment program	13.0%	6.7%	4.3%	19.8%
	regional health authority/board	41.4%	33.3%	48.7%	32.2%
	academic health sciences centre	31.6%	26.7%	7.8%	31.4%
	blended funding program	5.1%	.0%	7.0%	3.3%
	block funding program	4.2%	3.3%	5.2%	1.7%
	rural/northern/underserved incentives	5.6%	6.7%	6.1%	5.8%
	CMPA reimbursement	36.7%	33.3%	31.3%	42.1%
	third party pension contributions or other benefits	7.9%	3.3%	7.8%	4.1%
	other	14.4%	6.7%	18.3%	8.3%
None of the above or no response	14.4%	23.3%	13.0%	21.5%	

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q15A: What arrangements do you have for care of your patients outside of usual office hours?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	Mic Infect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Arrangements for patient care outside of office hours	physician available	38.6%	40.0%	26.1%	54.5%
	individualized medical telephone advice	8.8%	23.3%	9.6%	31.4%
	instructions to go to the emergency department	1.4%	30.0%	2.6%	37.2%
	instructions to go to a walk-in clinic/after hours clinic	.0%	6.7%	.9%	9.1%
	instructions to call a housecall service	.0%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	Other	14.9%	6.7%	18.3%	11.6%
	Patient care during non-office hours - no direction	12.1%	16.7%	11.3%	9.9%
	None of the above or no response	32.1%	13.3%	40.9%	11.6%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q15B: Who provides individualized medical telephone advice outside of usual office hours?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=19	Biochem n=7	GenPath n=11	MicInfect n=38
		%	%	%	%
a physician associated with your practice?	Yes, advice provided is from a physician	--	--	--	78.9%
	No, advice provided is not from a physician	--	--	--	7.9%
	No detail about source of telephone advice	--	--	--	13.2%
	Total	--	--	--	100.0%
a nurse/health care team member associated with your practice?	Yes, advice provided is from a nurse or other team member	--	--	--	7.9%
	No, advice provided is not from a nurse or team member	--	--	--	78.9%
	No detail about source of telephone advice	--	--	--	13.2%
	Total	--	--	--	100.0%
an external agency?	Yes, advice provided is from an external agency	--	--	--	5.3%
	No, advice provided is not from an external agency	--	--	--	81.6%
	No detail about source of telephone advice	--	--	--	13.2%
	Total	--	--	--	100.0%
Other?	Yes, advice provided is from other source	--	--	--	7.9%
	No, advice provided is not from other source	--	--	--	78.9%
	No detail about source of telephone advice	--	--	--	13.2%
	Total	--	--	--	100.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses. Includes only those who arrange for telephone advice

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Q16: Please rate accessibility to the following for your patients.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
family physicians	Excellent	.5%	3.3%	2.6%	5.8%
	Very Good	5.1%	20.0%	3.5%	11.6%
	Good	5.6%	13.3%	4.3%	18.2%
	Fair	5.1%	30.0%	4.3%	17.4%
	Poor	6.0%	10.0%	4.3%	24.8%
	N/A	38.6%	6.7%	41.7%	13.2%
	NR	39.1%	16.7%	39.1%	9.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
specialist medical care	Excellent	2.8%	13.3%	5.2%	9.1%
	Very Good	8.4%	16.7%	8.7%	26.4%
	Good	10.7%	33.3%	2.6%	27.3%
	Fair	4.2%	13.3%	7.0%	14.0%
	Poor	2.3%	.0%	1.7%	4.1%
	N/A	34.0%	6.7%	37.4%	9.1%
	NR	37.7%	16.7%	37.4%	9.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
referral to tertiary care & academic institutions	Excellent	7.4%	6.7%	3.5%	12.4%
	Very Good	4.7%	20.0%	3.5%	24.8%
	Good	9.3%	26.7%	5.2%	24.0%
	Fair	6.0%	16.7%	7.8%	7.4%
	Poor	.5%	.0%	.9%	6.6%
	N/A	32.1%	13.3%	36.5%	14.0%
	NR	40.0%	16.7%	42.6%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
emergency room services	Excellent	2.8%	13.3%	.9%	14.0%
	Very Good	5.6%	13.3%	5.2%	28.1%
	Good	8.4%	30.0%	6.1%	23.1%
	Fair	4.2%	13.3%	1.7%	12.4%
	Poor	1.4%	6.7%	.9%	.8%
	N/A	37.7%	6.7%	42.6%	10.7%
	NR	40.0%	16.7%	42.6%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q16: Please rate accessibility to the following for your patients (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
palliative care	Excellent	1.9%	10.0%	.0%	7.4%
	Very Good	5.1%	16.7%	2.6%	21.5%
	Good	6.5%	20.0%	7.0%	25.6%
	Fair	3.7%	10.0%	2.6%	6.6%
	Poor	2.3%	3.3%	1.7%	5.8%
	N/A	39.5%	20.0%	43.5%	19.8%
	NR	40.9%	20.0%	42.6%	13.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
hospital in-patient care on urgent basis	Excellent	2.3%	10.0%	1.7%	19.8%
	Very Good	5.1%	30.0%	5.2%	33.9%
	Good	9.8%	23.3%	6.1%	14.0%
	Fair	2.3%	6.7%	4.3%	9.1%
	Poor	1.9%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	N/A	36.7%	13.3%	40.0%	10.7%
	NR	41.9%	16.7%	42.6%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
hospital care for elective procedures	Excellent	.9%	.0%	1.7%	1.7%
	Very Good	4.7%	16.7%	1.7%	9.1%
	Good	7.4%	16.7%	4.3%	29.8%
	Fair	7.4%	26.7%	6.1%	25.6%
	Poor	2.8%	6.7%	2.6%	7.4%
	N/A	36.3%	13.3%	41.7%	14.9%
	NR	40.5%	20.0%	41.7%	11.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
highly specialized services	Excellent	2.3%	3.3%	.0%	10.7%
	Very Good	4.2%	30.0%	2.6%	26.4%
	Good	9.3%	33.3%	7.0%	21.5%
	Fair	2.8%	3.3%	3.5%	8.3%
	Poor	2.8%	.0%	.9%	2.5%
	N/A	37.7%	13.3%	42.6%	20.7%
	NR	40.9%	16.7%	43.5%	9.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q16: Please rate accessibility to the following for your patients (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
long-term care beds	Excellent	.9%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	Very Good	.9%	3.3%	1.7%	2.5%
	Good	4.2%	20.0%	.9%	14.9%
	Fair	7.9%	33.3%	4.3%	19.8%
	Poor	4.2%	6.7%	4.3%	26.4%
	N/A	39.1%	16.7%	45.2%	24.8%
	NR	42.8%	20.0%	43.5%	11.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
routine diagnostic services	Excellent	9.8%	23.3%	11.3%	16.5%
	Very Good	8.4%	36.7%	10.4%	25.6%
	Good	11.6%	16.7%	7.8%	23.1%
	Fair	4.2%	3.3%	1.7%	10.7%
	Poor	.9%	.0%	.9%	5.0%
	N/A	27.9%	3.3%	29.6%	8.3%
	NR	37.2%	16.7%	38.3%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
advanced diagnostic services	Excellent	2.8%	6.7%	2.6%	7.4%
	Very Good	4.7%	6.7%	6.1%	9.9%
	Good	8.4%	33.3%	.0%	24.0%
	Fair	6.0%	16.7%	3.5%	19.0%
	Poor	4.2%	6.7%	6.1%	16.5%
	N/A	33.5%	10.0%	40.0%	11.6%
	NR	40.5%	20.0%	41.7%	11.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
drugs & appliances	Excellent	.5%	10.0%	2.6%	5.8%
	Very Good	3.7%	20.0%	2.6%	26.4%
	Good	11.6%	33.3%	5.2%	31.4%
	Fair	3.7%	10.0%	3.5%	14.0%
	Poor	.5%	3.3%	.9%	1.7%
	N/A	38.1%	6.7%	43.5%	9.9%
	NR	41.9%	16.7%	41.7%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q16: Please rate accessibility to the following for your patients (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
community nursing services	Excellent	.5%	.0%	.0%	2.5%
	Very Good	2.8%	20.0%	3.5%	16.5%
	Good	7.0%	30.0%	3.5%	33.9%
	Fair	6.0%	10.0%	2.6%	17.4%
	Poor	1.4%	.0%	2.6%	5.0%
	N/A	40.0%	23.3%	45.2%	14.0%
	NR	42.3%	16.7%	42.6%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
homemaking services	Excellent	.9%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	Very Good	.9%	10.0%	3.5%	7.4%
	Good	6.5%	20.0%	3.5%	23.1%
	Fair	4.2%	23.3%	2.6%	17.4%
	Poor	2.3%	.0%	2.6%	9.1%
	N/A	42.3%	26.7%	45.2%	27.3%
	NR	42.8%	20.0%	42.6%	14.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
occupational therapy services	Excellent	.9%	3.3%	.0%	3.3%
	Very Good	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	9.9%
	Good	7.9%	33.3%	3.5%	28.1%
	Fair	4.7%	13.3%	3.5%	16.5%
	Poor	.9%	3.3%	1.7%	3.3%
	N/A	40.0%	23.3%	45.2%	25.6%
	NR	42.3%	20.0%	42.6%	13.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
physiotherapy services	Excellent	.9%	3.3%	.0%	3.3%
	Very Good	3.3%	6.7%	3.5%	16.5%
	Good	8.8%	30.0%	4.3%	29.8%
	Fair	4.2%	16.7%	2.6%	9.1%
	Poor	.5%	6.7%	1.7%	6.6%
	N/A	40.0%	20.0%	45.2%	21.5%
	NR	42.3%	16.7%	42.6%	13.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q16: Please rate accessibility to the following for your patients (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
psychosocial support services	Excellent	.9%	3.3%	.0%	5.8%
	Very Good	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	12.4%
	Good	7.4%	26.7%	3.5%	29.8%
	Fair	4.7%	16.7%	2.6%	14.9%
	Poor	2.3%	6.7%	2.6%	6.6%
	N/A	39.1%	20.0%	45.2%	18.2%
	NR	42.3%	23.3%	42.6%	12.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
health care services in patient's language/culture	Excellent	.9%	3.3%	.9%	2.5%
	Very Good	4.7%	10.0%	1.7%	12.4%
	Good	5.6%	16.7%	3.5%	19.8%
	Fair	3.3%	13.3%	7.0%	26.4%
	Poor	4.2%	13.3%	.9%	9.1%
	N/A	39.1%	20.0%	43.5%	18.2%
	NR	42.3%	23.3%	42.6%	11.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
female or male physicians as preferred by patient	Excellent	.0%	.0%	.9%	2.5%
	Very Good	3.7%	6.7%	1.7%	9.9%
	Good	6.5%	16.7%	5.2%	19.0%
	Fair	4.2%	26.7%	4.3%	20.7%
	Poor	3.3%	3.3%	1.7%	9.1%
	N/A	40.0%	23.3%	41.7%	23.1%
	NR	42.3%	23.3%	44.3%	15.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q17SP1: Typically, if your office is contacted with an urgent referral, how long would the patient wait until the first consultation with you?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Wait for urgent referral	One day or less	10.2%	6.7%	3.5%	47.1%
	More than one day, up to one week	5.1%	23.3%	3.5%	16.5%
	More than one week, up to two weeks	.0%	6.7%	.0%	.8%
	More than two weeks	.5%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	Unsure	1.4%	6.7%	.0%	1.7%
	Don't accept referrals	1.9%	6.7%	2.6%	3.3%
	N/A	60.9%	36.7%	68.7%	15.7%
	NR	20.0%	13.3%	20.9%	14.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

Q17SP3: Typically, if your office is contacted with a non-urgent referral, how long would the patient wait until the first consultation with you?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Wait for non-urgent referral	Up to one month	11.2%	20.0%	5.2%	57.9%
	More than one month, up to 3 months	1.4%	20.0%	.9%	10.7%
	More than three months, up to six months	.0%	.0%	.9%	.0%
	More than six months	.0%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	Unsure	1.4%	6.7%	.0%	.8%
	Don't accept referrals	1.9%	6.7%	2.6%	3.3%
	N/A	60.9%	36.7%	68.7%	15.7%
	NR	23.3%	10.0%	20.9%	10.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q18A: With reference to the last two years (2002 - 2004), please check all of the following changes you have made

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Changes MADE to practice in past two years	Relocated practice within the same prov/terr	6.0%	6.7%	4.3%	5.8%
	Relocated practice to another prov/terr in Canada	5.6%	.0%	1.7%	2.5%
	Relocated to Canada from another country	2.8%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	Left Canada to practise in another country	.5%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	Moved from an urban/ suburban to a rural/ remote practice setting	1.9%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	Moved from a rural/ remote to an urban/ suburban practice setting	.5%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	Specialized in an area of medical practice	2.3%	6.7%	.9%	4.1%
	Reduced scope of practice	3.7%	13.3%	7.0%	4.1%
	Expanded scope of practice	3.3%	6.7%	1.7%	5.0%
	Reduced teaching, research &/or admin responsibilities	6.5%	6.7%	4.3%	9.1%
	Increased teaching, research &/or admin responsibilities	9.8%	16.7%	4.3%	19.8%
	Took temporary leave of absence	1.4%	.0%	1.7%	4.1%
	Reduced weekly work hours (excluding on-call)	3.7%	13.3%	11.3%	8.3%
	Increased weekly work hours (excluding on-call)	8.8%	13.3%	4.3%	10.7%
	Reduced on-call hours	2.3%	6.7%	3.5%	7.4%
	Increased on-call hours	6.0%	6.7%	.0%	4.1%
Changed from solo to group practice	1.4%	.0%	.0%	.8%	

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses. (continued).

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Q18A: With reference to the last two years (2002 - 2004), please check all of the following changes you have made (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Changes MADE to practice in past two years	Changed to a multidisciplinary practice model	.5%	3.3%	.0%	.8%
	Became part of a practice network	.5%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	Changed mode of remuneration	7.0%	3.3%	4.3%	10.7%
	Retrained within the medical field	1.9%	.0%	1.7%	2.5%
	Left active practice for reasons other than above	.5%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	Made other changes	1.9%	.0%	.0%	4.1%
	No changes were made	20.0%	13.3%	18.3%	19.8%
	No response	24.7%	33.3%	22.6%	17.4%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q18B: With reference to the next two years (2004 - 2006), please check all of the following changes you plan to make

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Changes PLANNED for next two years	Plan to relocate practice within the same prov/terr	5.6%	3.3%	.0%	2.5%
	Plan to relocate practice to another prov/terr in Canada	7.4%	.0%	2.6%	2.5%
	Plan to relocate to Canada from another country	.0%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	Plan to leave Canada to practise in another country	1.4%	.0%	2.6%	3.3%
	Plan to move from an urban/ suburban to a rural/ remote practice setting	.9%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	Plan to move from a rural/ remote to an urban/ suburban practice setting	1.9%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	Plan to specialize in an area of medical practice	2.3%	.0%	.9%	2.5%
	Plan to reduce scope of practice	4.7%	10.0%	4.3%	5.8%
	Plan to expand scope of practice	2.8%	6.7%	1.7%	5.8%
	Plan to reduce teaching, research &/or admin responsibilities	9.3%	13.3%	5.2%	10.7%
	Plan to increase teaching, research &/or admin responsibilities	16.3%	13.3%	8.7%	15.7%
	Plan to take temporary leave of absence	7.4%	10.0%	3.5%	5.0%
	Plan to reduce weekly work hours (excluding on-call)	14.4%	13.3%	20.9%	16.5%
	Plan to increase weekly work hours (excluding on-call)	3.7%	3.3%	2.6%	6.6%
Plan to reduce on-call hours	7.9%	6.7%	7.8%	8.3%	

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses. (continued).

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Q18B: With reference to the next two years (2004 - 2006), please check all of the following changes you plan to make (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Changes PLANNED for next two years	Plan to increase on-call hours	1.9%	.0%	.0%	5.0%
	Plan to change from solo to group practice	.5%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	Plan to change to a multidisciplinary practice model	.0%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	Plan to become part of a practice network	1.4%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
	Plan to change mode of remuneration	10.2%	3.3%	6.1%	17.4%
	Plan to retrain within the medical field	1.9%	6.7%	1.7%	2.5%
	Plan to retire	6.0%	3.3%	20.0%	3.3%
	Plan to leave active practice for reasons other than above	.0%	3.3%	.9%	.0%
	Plan to make other changes	1.9%	3.3%	.9%	3.3%
	No changes planned	20.0%	13.3%	13.9%	19.0%
No response	24.7%	33.3%	22.6%	17.4%	

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q19A: Please indicate the most significant change you MADE in the last two years (2002 - 2004).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=77	Biochem n=14	GenPath n=33	MicInfect n=49
		%	%	%	%
Most significant change made in last 2 years	Relocated my practice within the same province/territory	10.4%	--	12.1%	6.1%
	Relocated my practice to another prov/terr in Canada	9.1%	--	6.1%	2.0%
	Relocated to Canada from another country	6.5%	--	3.0%	4.1%
	Moved from urban/suburban to a rural/remote practice setting	2.6%	--	.0%	.0%
	Specialized in an area of medical practice	3.9%	--	.0%	4.1%
	Reduced scope of practice	3.9%	--	15.2%	.0%
	Expanded scope of practice	3.9%	--	9.1%	2.0%
	Reduced teaching, research & administration responsibility	7.8%	--	3.0%	6.1%
	Increased teaching, research & administration responsibility	18.2%	--	12.1%	32.7%
	Took a temporary leave of absence	1.3%	--	.0%	4.1%
	Reduced weekly hours (excluding on call)	5.2%	--	24.2%	12.2%
	Increased weekly hours (excluding on call)	9.1%	--	12.1%	6.1%
	Reduced on-call hours	3.9%	--	.0%	2.0%
	Increased on-call hours	.0%	--	.0%	2.0%
	Changed to a multidisciplinary practice model	.0%	--	.0%	.0%
	Change in mode of remuneration	5.2%	--	.0%	6.1%
	Retrained within medical field	1.3%	--	3.0%	4.1%
	Made other change(s)	6.5%	--	.0%	6.1%
	Not stated	1.3%	--	.0%	.0%
Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%	

Includes only those who indicated that they had made changes to their practice in the last two years.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q19B: Please indicate the most significant change you plan to make in the next two years (2004 - 2006).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=95	Biochem n=14	GenPath n=63	MicInfect n=67
		%	%	%	%
Most significant change planned for the next 2 years	Relocate my practice within the same province/territory	4.2%	--	.0%	3.0%
	Relocate my practice to another province/territory in Canada	7.4%	--	4.8%	3.0%
	Leave Canada to practice in another country	.0%	--	.0%	4.5%
	Move from urban/suburban to a rural/remote practice setting	1.1%	--	.0%	.0%
	Move from rural/remote to an urban/suburban practice setting	2.1%	--	.0%	.0%
	Specialize in an area of medical practice	1.1%	--	.0%	1.5%
	Reduce scope of practice	1.1%	--	3.2%	3.0%
	Expand scope of practice	4.2%	--	3.2%	9.0%
	Reduce teaching, research & administration responsibility	8.4%	--	4.8%	7.5%
	Increase teaching, research & administration responsibility	18.9%	--	9.5%	14.9%
	Take a temporary leave of absence	3.2%	--	4.8%	3.0%
	Reduce weekly hours (excluding on call)	13.7%	--	20.6%	14.9%
	Increase weekly hours (excluding on call)	4.2%	--	3.2%	3.0%
	Reduce on-call hours	3.2%	--	4.8%	9.0%
	Change to a multidisciplinary practice model	.0%	--	.0%	1.5%
	Become part of a practice network	.0%	--	.0%	1.5%
	Change in mode of remuneration	8.4%	--	4.8%	10.4%
	Retrain within medical field	1.1%	--	.0%	1.5%
	Retire	10.5%	--	31.7%	4.5%
	Leave active practice for reason(s) other than above	.0%	--	1.6%	.0%
Other change(s)	4.2%	--	1.6%	3.0%	
Not stated	3.2%	--	1.6%	1.5%	
Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%	

Includes only those who indicated that they plan to make changes to their practice in the next two years.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q19C1: Please indicate the reason(s) for the most significant change you MADE in the past two years (2002 - 2004).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=77	Biochem n=14	GenPath n=33	MicInfect n=49
		%	%	%	%
Reason for most significant change MADE	wanted a career change	29.9%	--	18.2%	24.5%
	had health reasons	2.6%	--	12.1%	10.2%
	had family obligations	14.3%	--	3.0%	24.5%
	had financial priorities/ necessities	13.0%	--	.0%	10.2%
	wanted to meet population/community needs	22.1%	--	24.2%	28.6%
	wanted other	26.0%	--	24.2%	20.4%
	No response	13.0%	--	21.2%	8.2%

Note: Includes only those who indicated the most significant career change made in the last two years. This question allowed for multiple responses.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

Q19C2: Please indicate the reason for the most significant change you PLAN to make in the next two years (2004 - 2006).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=95	Biochem n=14	GenPath n=63	MicInfect n=67
		%	%	%	%
Reason for most significant change PLANNED	want a career change	26.3%	--	6.3%	16.4%
	health reasons	8.4%	--	17.5%	14.9%
	family obligations	13.7%	--	14.3%	19.4%
	financial priorities/necessities	12.6%	--	3.2%	13.4%
	to meet population/community needs	11.6%	--	14.3%	20.9%
	other reason	28.4%	--	44.4%	28.4%
	No response	13.7%	--	17.5%	17.9%

Note: Includes only those who indicated the one most significant practice change planned for the next two years. This question allowed for multiple responses.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q20: Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
relationship with patients	Very satisfied	10.7%	43.3%	15.7%	52.9%
	Somewhat satisfied	5.6%	26.7%	2.6%	28.1%
	Neutral	6.0%	.0%	5.2%	4.1%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	.5%	.0%	.0%	.0%
	N/A	58.1%	23.3%	53.0%	8.3%
	NR	19.1%	6.7%	23.5%	6.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
relationship with hospitals	Very satisfied	13.5%	13.3%	21.7%	14.9%
	Somewhat satisfied	33.5%	33.3%	26.1%	39.7%
	Neutral	17.2%	20.0%	24.3%	20.7%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	14.9%	13.3%	9.6%	10.7%
	Very dissatisfied	5.6%	10.0%	4.3%	5.0%
	N/A	4.2%	6.7%	1.7%	4.1%
	NR	11.2%	3.3%	12.2%	5.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
relationship with specialist physicians	Very satisfied	37.2%	33.3%	47.0%	43.0%
	Somewhat satisfied	38.1%	46.7%	30.4%	37.2%
	Neutral	6.0%	10.0%	6.1%	11.6%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	1.4%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
	Very dissatisfied	2.8%	.0%	.9%	.8%
	N/A	1.4%	6.7%	2.6%	.8%
	NR	13.0%	3.3%	12.2%	5.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Q20: Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
relationship with family physicians	Very satisfied	20.0%	23.3%	34.8%	31.4%
	Somewhat satisfied	30.2%	40.0%	29.6%	35.5%
	Neutral	11.2%	16.7%	12.2%	20.7%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	4.7%	.0%	.9%	5.0%
	Very dissatisfied	.9%	.0%	.9%	.0%
	N/A	17.7%	16.7%	9.6%	2.5%
	NR	15.3%	3.3%	12.2%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
relationship with non-physician health care workers	Very satisfied	25.1%	26.7%	40.9%	32.2%
	Somewhat satisfied	41.9%	40.0%	30.4%	43.8%
	Neutral	10.2%	20.0%	11.3%	11.6%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	2.8%	3.3%	2.6%	5.0%
	Very dissatisfied	1.9%	.0%	.9%	.0%
	N/A	5.6%	6.7%	1.7%	1.7%
	NR	12.6%	3.3%	12.2%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
availability of CME/CPD opportunities to meet needs	Very satisfied	29.3%	26.7%	43.5%	26.4%
	Somewhat satisfied	35.8%	46.7%	31.3%	46.3%
	Neutral	11.2%	6.7%	7.8%	12.4%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	6.5%	13.3%	4.3%	5.8%
	Very dissatisfied	4.7%	3.3%	2.6%	2.5%
	N/A	1.4%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
	NR	11.2%	3.3%	9.6%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q20: Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following (continued).

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
ability to find locum tenens coverage	Very satisfied	6.5%	6.7%	6.1%	5.0%
	Somewhat satisfied	14.0%	6.7%	8.7%	6.6%
	Neutral	5.1%	20.0%	11.3%	9.1%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	10.2%	10.0%	9.6%	9.1%
	Very dissatisfied	14.9%	10.0%	8.7%	5.0%
	N/A	35.3%	36.7%	38.3%	57.0%
	NR	14.0%	10.0%	17.4%	8.3%
current professional life	Very satisfied	20.9%	20.0%	35.7%	28.1%
	Somewhat satisfied	42.3%	43.3%	33.9%	43.8%
	Neutral	12.1%	16.7%	12.2%	12.4%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	8.8%	10.0%	7.0%	8.3%
	Very dissatisfied	4.7%	6.7%	2.6%	2.5%
	NR	11.2%	3.3%	8.7%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
balance between personal and professional commitments	Very satisfied	17.7%	6.7%	31.3%	18.2%
	Somewhat satisfied	33.0%	33.3%	30.4%	31.4%
	Neutral	13.0%	30.0%	10.4%	14.0%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	18.6%	10.0%	11.3%	24.8%
	Very dissatisfied	7.4%	16.7%	7.0%	5.8%
	NR	10.2%	3.3%	9.6%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q22: What type of access do you have to the Internet in your main patient care setting?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Type of internet access in main patient care setting	none	2.8%	13.3%	2.6%	5.0%
	dial-up	1.9%	10.0%	5.2%	5.8%
	high-speed (cable, DSL)	75.8%	70.0%	73.9%	75.2%
	Don't know what type	7.4%	.0%	7.8%	7.4%
	NR	12.1%	6.7%	10.4%	6.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q23_1: Please indicate which of the following you have in your MAIN patient care setting.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Physician has technology in main patient care setting	Have electronic patient health records	60.5%	20.0%	59.1%	24.8%
	Have electronic patient appointment/scheduling system	14.4%	26.7%	8.7%	37.2%
	Have electronic reminder systems for recommended patient care	12.1%	.0%	2.6%	7.4%
	Have electronic interface to external pharmacy/ pharmacist	6.0%	3.3%	2.6%	3.3%
	Have electronic interface to external laboratory/ diagnostic imaging	46.5%	43.3%	32.2%	45.5%
	Have electronic interface to other external systems for accessing or sharing patient info	20.9%	13.3%	20.0%	14.9%
	Have electronic warning systems for adverse prescribing and/or drug interactions	3.3%	3.3%	2.6%	8.3%
	Have electronic decision aids	4.2%	.0%	5.2%	9.1%
	Have telemedicine/webcasting/ videoconferencing	32.1%	16.7%	36.5%	32.2%
	Have online access to journals, CPGs, medical databases	73.5%	66.7%	69.6%	81.0%
	Have online CME/CPD courses/programs	43.7%	43.3%	47.8%	33.9%
	No response	18.1%	26.7%	18.3%	14.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q23_2: Please indicate which of the following you use in your MAIN patient care setting.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Physician uses technology in main patient care setting	Use electronic patient health records	49.8%	13.3%	47.8%	20.7%
	Use Electronic patient appointment/scheduling system	5.1%	16.7%	5.2%	27.3%
	Use electronic reminder systems for recommended patient care	5.6%	.0%	2.6%	5.0%
	Use electronic interface to external pharmacy/ pharmacist	.9%	.0%	1.7%	2.5%
	Use electronic interface to external laboratory/ diagnostic imaging	36.7%	36.7%	25.2%	39.7%
	Use electronic interface to other external systems for accessing or sharing patient info	16.3%	10.0%	11.3%	13.2%
	Use electronic warning systems for adverse prescribing and/or drug interactions	1.4%	3.3%	.9%	6.6%
	Use electronic decision aids	2.8%	.0%	5.2%	9.1%
	Use telemedicine/webcasting/ videoconferencing	20.9%	16.7%	24.3%	19.0%
	Use online access to journals, CPGs, medical databases	59.1%	63.3%	53.9%	68.6%
	Use online CME/CPD courses/programs	26.5%	40.0%	27.0%	21.5%
	No response	18.1%	26.7%	18.3%	14.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q23_3: Please indicate which of the following you have on a PDA.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Physician has technology on PDA	PDA has electronic patient health records	1.4%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	PDA has electronic patient appointment/ scheduling system	.9%	.0%	1.7%	3.3%
	PDA has electronic reminder systems for recommended patient care	.0%	.0%	.9%	2.5%
	PDA has electronic interface to external pharmacy/ pharmacist	.0%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	PDA has electronic interface to external laboratory/ diagnostic imaging	.0%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	PDA has electronic interface to other external systems for accessing or sharing patient information	.0%	.0%	.0%	.8%
	PDA has electronic warning systems for adverse prescribing and/or drug interactions	.9%	3.3%	.9%	5.0%
	PDA has telemedicine/webcasting/ videoconferencing	.9%	.0%	1.7%	5.8%
	PDA has electronic decision aids	.0%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
	PDA has online access to journals, CPGs, medical databases	1.4%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
	No response	18.1%	26.7%	18.3%	14.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q24A: Where did you complete your medical training?

	Laboratory Specialists			
	AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
	%	%	%	%
Memorial University of Newfoundland	1.4%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
Dalhousie University	3.3%	.0%	3.5%	4.1%
Université de Laval	6.5%	26.7%	.9%	10.7%
Université de Sherbrooke	1.4%	.0%	.0%	5.0%
Université de Montreal	6.5%	13.3%	.0%	10.7%
McGill University	3.7%	6.7%	3.5%	12.4%
University of Ottawa	2.8%	.0%	2.6%	5.8%
Queen's University	.9%	.0%	6.1%	1.7%
University of Toronto	9.8%	3.3%	8.7%	9.9%
McMaster University	1.4%	.0%	2.6%	4.1%
University of Western Ontario	2.8%	6.7%	1.7%	4.1%
University of Manitoba	1.9%	.0%	3.5%	3.3%
University of Saskatchewan	4.2%	.0%	7.0%	1.7%
University of Alberta	6.0%	.0%	12.2%	4.1%
University of Calgary	1.4%	.0%	2.6%	2.5%
University of British Columbia	1.9%	10.0%	7.0%	.0%
Canadian grad; school not known	.5%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Sub-Total Canadian Schools	56.3%	66.7%	62.6%	81.8%
United States	.9%	.0%	1.7%	.0%
UK	5.6%	3.3%	6.1%	4.1%
Central America & Caribbean	.5%	.0%	.0%	.8%
Western Europe	1.9%	3.3%	1.7%	.8%
Central Europe	4.7%	10.0%	.9%	2.5%
Africa (excluding South Africa)	2.8%	3.3%	2.6%	.0%
South Africa	3.3%	3.3%	.9%	.8%
Middle East	.9%	.0%	.9%	.0%
Asia	7.9%	3.3%	8.7%	1.7%
Australia & New Zealand	.0%	.0%	2.6%	.8%
South America	.9%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Sub-Total non-Canadian schools	29.3%	26.7%	26.1%	11.6%
Not stated	14.4%	6.7%	11.3%	6.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q24A: When did you complete your medical training?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Year of undergraduate graduation	1940s	.0%	.0%	.9%	.0%
	1950s	1.9%	3.3%	15.7%	1.7%
	1960s	14.0%	16.7%	19.1%	9.9%
	1970s	30.2%	30.0%	13.9%	27.3%
	1980s	24.7%	40.0%	29.6%	31.4%
	1990s	15.3%	3.3%	9.6%	21.5%
	NR	14.0%	6.7%	11.3%	8.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q25A: Marital Status

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Marital status	Single, separated, divorced or widowed	14.0%	16.7%	9.6%	20.7%
	Married, living with partner	75.3%	76.7%	80.0%	73.6%
	NR	10.7%	6.7%	10.4%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

Q25B: Occupation of spouse or partner.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=162	Biochem n=23	GenPath n=92	MicInfect n=89
		%	%	%	%
Spouse/partner is a physician or other health care provider	physician	25.3%	--	10.9%	25.8%
	other health care provider	14.2%	--	25.0%	21.3%
	neither	58.6%	--	59.8%	48.3%
	NR	1.9%	--	4.3%	4.5%
	Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q26A: Do you have children or other dependents for whom you personally provide care/supervision?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Children/dependents requiring personal care/supervision	No	35.8%	30.0%	56.5%	32.2%
	Yes	53.5%	63.3%	33.0%	62.0%
	NR	10.7%	6.7%	10.4%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

Q26B: If yes, do you have major responsibility for the care of these individuals?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=115	Biochem n=19	GenPath n=38	MicInfect n=75
		%	%	%	%
Major responsibility for care	Yes	85.2%	--	73.7%	84.0%
	No	13.0%	--	23.7%	13.3%
	NR	1.7%	--	2.6%	2.7%
	Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Includes only those who personally provide care or supervision for children or other dependents

NR = No response.

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q26C: Age of youngest child.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=104	Biochem n=19	GenPath n=34	MicInfect n=70
		%	%	%	%
Age of youngest child grouped (from M26C)	up to 5 years old	20.2%	--	17.6%	30.0%
	between 5 and 10	26.0%	--	26.5%	21.4%
	older than 10	53.8%	--	55.9%	48.6%
	Total	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Includes only those who have major responsibility for children

-- Responses suppressed when column n is less than 30.

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Q27A: Of all the areas in medicine, what led you to select your current career?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Reason for current career choice	intellectual stimulation/challenge	80.0%	76.7%	82.6%	90.9%
	doctor-patient relationship	8.4%	30.0%	6.1%	41.3%
	workload flexibility and/or predictability	49.3%	46.7%	53.0%	42.1%
	influence of a mentor	34.0%	26.7%	35.7%	45.5%
	influence of family	13.5%	3.3%	16.5%	11.6%
	prestige	7.9%	10.0%	5.2%	8.3%
	earning potential	12.1%	23.3%	13.9%	11.6%
	research opportunities	25.1%	66.7%	13.0%	38.8%
	teaching opportunities	29.8%	36.7%	20.0%	36.4%
	ability to pursue non-work related interests	21.9%	13.3%	25.2%	13.2%
	availability of training opportunities	15.3%	13.3%	12.2%	9.9%
	other	8.4%	6.7%	7.0%	15.7%
	No response	10.2%	3.3%	8.7%	5.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q27B: Indicate the one most important factor that led to career selection.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Most important factor that led to current career choice; from Q27a	a. Intellectual stimulation/challenge	50.7%	43.3%	49.6%	62.8%
	b. Doctor-patient relationship	2.3%	6.7%	.0%	1.7%
	c. Workload flexibility and/or predictability	10.7%	13.3%	19.1%	4.1%
	d. Influence of a mentor	6.5%	3.3%	7.8%	9.9%
	e. Influence of family	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	2.5%
	f. Prestige	.0%	.0%	.9%	.0%
	g. Earning potential	.5%	3.3%	.9%	.0%
	h. Research opportunities	3.7%	20.0%	.0%	.8%
	i. Teaching opportunities	.0%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	j. Ability to pursue non-work related interests	.9%	.0%	2.6%	1.7%
	k. Availability of training opportunities	3.7%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	l. Other	5.1%	3.3%	4.3%	7.4%
	Not Answered	12.6%	3.3%	11.3%	5.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Q28: When did you decide on your current field of medical practice?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
When current field of medical practice was decided upon	Before medical school	4.2%	13.3%	4.3%	5.0%
	During medical school but prior to clerkship	19.1%	10.0%	15.7%	12.4%
	During clerkship	27.0%	23.3%	29.6%	15.7%
	During residency	18.1%	30.0%	15.7%	47.9%
	After a period of time in practice	17.2%	16.7%	22.6%	10.7%
	Other	3.3%	3.3%	2.6%	2.5%
	NR	11.2%	3.3%	9.6%	5.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q29B: Indicate the main reason(s) you selected your current practice location.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Main reason(s) for selecting current practice location	availability of medical support system/resources	8.4%	20.0%	7.8%	15.7%
	family reasons/spousal influence	41.4%	23.3%	33.0%	54.5%
	liked the area	27.9%	40.0%	47.0%	23.1%
	opportunity for affiliation with a universtiy	19.5%	46.7%	11.3%	30.6%
	community needs were a good match with my career interests	12.6%	10.0%	16.5%	18.2%
	practice opportunity was available	40.9%	30.0%	47.8%	29.8%
	religious/social/cultural reasons	5.1%	.0%	4.3%	2.5%
	financial recruitment/retention incentives	7.4%	.0%	7.8%	3.3%
	other (non-financial) recruitment/retention incentives	1.9%	3.3%	.0%	5.8%
	other	6.0%	10.0%	4.3%	8.3%
	No response	10.2%	3.3%	8.7%	5.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

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Q29D: Select the ONE statement which best describes the environment in which you grew up prior to university.

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Childhood environment prior to university	Exclusively/predominantly rural	7.4%	3.3%	10.4%	5.8%
	Exclusively/predominantly small town	15.8%	6.7%	15.7%	13.2%
	Exclusively/predominantly urban	54.9%	76.7%	51.3%	64.5%
	Mixture of environments	11.2%	10.0%	13.9%	11.6%
	NR	10.7%	3.3%	8.7%	5.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NR = No response.

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Q29E: In which province(s)/territory(ies) did you grow up prior to university?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Province(s) or territory(ies) in which physician grew up prior to university	British Columbia	3.7%	10.0%	11.3%	.8%
	Alberta	7.0%	3.3%	13.9%	7.4%
	Saskatchewan	4.2%	3.3%	8.7%	.8%
	Manitoba	1.9%	.0%	3.5%	4.1%
	Ontario	16.7%	3.3%	24.3%	28.1%
	Quebec	20.5%	43.3%	5.2%	38.8%
	New Brunswick	2.8%	.0%	.9%	1.7%
	Nova Scotia	1.4%	.0%	1.7%	4.1%
	Prince Edward Island	.5%	.0%	.0%	1.7%
	Newfoundland & Labrador	.9%	.0%	.9%	3.3%
	Outside of Canada	37.2%	36.7%	33.0%	19.8%
	No response	11.2%	6.7%	10.4%	5.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.

Q30: What languages do you speak with your patients?

		Laboratory Specialists			
		AnaPath n=215	Biochem n=30	GenPath n=115	MicInfect n=121
		%	%	%	%
Languages spoken with patients	English	67.4%	63.3%	87.0%	83.5%
	French	20.0%	53.3%	7.8%	52.9%
	Other	9.3%	23.3%	12.2%	13.2%
	No response	18.1%	3.3%	13.0%	5.0%

Note: This question allowed for multiple responses.