

National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Family Physicians/General Practitioners.

Q24. What do you see as major impediments to your delivery of care to your patients? Please check all that apply.

		Family Physicians			All FPs
		CCFP n=5317 N=15940	non-CCFP n=4613 N=13495	CCFP(EM)* n=466 N=1493	Total n=9930 N=29434
		%	%	%	%
Impediments to your delivery of care to your patients	System funding	55.0%	48.5%	68.6%	52.0%
	Payment mechanisms	29.0%	23.0%	25.7%	26.3%
	Paperwork	59.2%	54.1%	39.9%	56.9%
	Bureaucracy	46.7%	47.6%	47.9%	47.1%
	Availability of personnel	46.9%	37.4%	64.9%	42.5%
	External demands on your time	42.2%	35.1%	28.8%	39.0%
	Availability of test results	18.3%	16.3%	18.1%	17.4%
	Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	23.3%	17.2%	26.3%	20.5%
	Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	24.0%	18.4%	24.5%	21.4%
	Lack of evidence-based clinical information	4.4%	4.5%	2.6%	4.5%
	Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	47.1%	42.4%	60.2%	44.9%
	Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	4.8%	3.4%	9.8%	4.1%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	21.4%	17.4%	19.3%	19.6%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	7.0%	5.9%	5.8%	6.5%
	Other impediments	14.2%	12.7%	20.2%	13.5%
NR	2.7%	4.8%	3.2%	3.7%	

Notes:

Includes only respondents who provide patient care.

Column totals may exceed 100% as this question allowed for multiple responses.

NR=No Response.

* CCFP (EM) respondents are also included in the CCFP column . The last column showing the total number of family physicians captures these respondents once.

The responding sample (size: n) has been weighted to represent the population (size: N). Further detail available at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca .