

National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Clinical Specialists - Internal Medicine.

Q23aii. Typically, if a patient contacts your office or is referred to you NON-URGENTLY, how many weeks would that patient wait until the first available appointment with you or your practice?

		Internal Medicine Specialists											Total n=1713 N=5250
		Cardio n=218 N=708	EndoMet n=101 N=308	Gastro n=134 N=429	Geriat n=72 N=216	Hema n=81 N=245	Immun n=37 N=109	IntMed n=575 N=1687	MedOnc n=89 N=279	Nephro n=125 N=383	Respir n=182 N=579	Rheuma n=99 N=306	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Wait for non-urgent referral	Up to 1 week	6.0%	6.5%	1.5%	9.7%	8.3%	.0%	11.5%	15.5%	1.4%	8.4%	5.2%	8.0%
	More than 1 week, up to 2 weeks	7.4%	5.4%	2.4%	5.7%	14.0%	.0%	14.3%	27.6%	7.7%	6.0%	2.1%	9.8%
	More than 2 weeks, up to 4 weeks	21.3%	14.8%	9.7%	21.1%	31.5%	16.3%	20.8%	34.7%	10.5%	19.3%	13.0%	19.4%
	More than 4 weeks, up to 6 weeks	9.5%	7.0%	5.7%	2.7%	10.2%	4.9%	8.6%	2.3%	14.5%	11.8%	13.1%	8.8%
	More than 6 weeks, up to 2 months	11.8%	9.8%	4.4%	18.5%	4.9%	12.6%	7.2%	3.3%	11.2%	9.8%	9.2%	8.7%
	More than 2 months, up to 3 months	18.6%	19.3%	21.9%	7.0%	11.0%	30.8%	8.2%	7.7%	25.4%	14.2%	17.8%	14.4%
	More than 3 months, up to 6 months	10.4%	23.2%	25.1%	15.2%	6.0%	20.2%	7.7%	1.9%	16.2%	12.0%	23.7%	12.6%
	More than 6 months	5.3%	4.3%	21.7%	2.4%	6.7%	2.2%	2.2%	3.6%	5.8%	5.5%	11.4%	5.8%
	Unsure	2.3%	1.9%	2.5%	7.1%	1.9%	5.4%	1.8%	2.0%	1.4%	1.9%	1.8%	2.2%
	Not applicable	2.1%	4.6%	1.4%	4.8%	2.2%	3.1%	11.5%	.0%	.6%	6.9%	.9%	5.6%
	NR	5.3%	3.3%	3.6%	5.8%	3.3%	4.4%	6.1%	1.2%	5.2%	4.3%	1.7%	4.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Notes:

Includes only respondents who provide patient care.

NR=No Response.

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

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Q23aii. Mean number of weeks that a patient contacting your office non-urgently or referred to you non-urgently, will wait until the first available appointment with you or your practice.

		Internal Medicine Specialists											Total n=1495 N=4593
		Cardio n=197 N=638	Endo Met n=90 N=278	Gastro n=123 N=397	Geriat n=60 N=178	Hema n=74 N=227	Immun n=32 N=95	IntMed n=465 N=1358	Med Onc n=86 N=270	Nephro n=116 N=356	Respir n=158 N=503	Rheuma n=94 N=292	
Wait for non-urgent referral	Mean	9.66	11.70	20.75	8.33	8.27	11.70	6.97	4.79	11.74	9.33	16.55	10.14
	Median	7.00	10.00	14.00	7.50	4.00	10.00	4.00	2.50	10.00	6.00	12.00	6.00
	Mode	12.00	12.00	12.00	8.00	3.00	12.00	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
	Standard Deviation	10.09	11.29	20.27	8.28	11.23	8.58	10.24	7.53	11.33	9.75	26.47	13.58
	Minimum	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2.50	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	Maximum	60.00	78.00	150.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	120.00	52.00	60.00	52.00	200.00	200.00

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