

National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Laboratory Specialists.

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

		Laboratory Specialists				Total n=333 N=1035
		AnaPath n=140 N=439	Biochem n=23 N=73	GenPath n=53 N=164	Mic Infect n=117 N=358	
		%	%	%	%	
Impediments to your delivery of care to your patients	System funding	41.9%	**	40.4%	56.0%	45.7%
	Payment mechanisms	13.7%	**	12.1%	25.8%	17.9%
	Paperwork	9.3%	**	12.8%	30.7%	18.0%
	Bureaucracy	27.2%	**	21.2%	41.2%	32.1%
	Availability of personnel	39.7%	**	24.6%	48.3%	40.6%
	External demands on your time	23.1%	**	19.4%	49.9%	32.7%
	Availability of test results	1.3%	**	5.5%	17.3%	8.6%
	Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	13.4%	**	9.7%	21.1%	16.1%
	Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	11.3%	**	18.3%	28.0%	18.6%
	Lack of evidence-based clinical information	7.0%	**	5.5%	3.1%	5.3%
	Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	7.0%	**	.0%	18.7%	9.9%
	Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	1.3%	**	.0%	7.7%	3.6%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	5.1%	**	.0%	6.1%	4.9%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	3.0%	**	.0%	5.2%	3.1%
Other impediments	4.7%	**	.0%	6.1%	5.0%	
NR	36.4%	**	44.6%	4.8%	25.6%	

Notes:

Includes only respondents who provide patient care.

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

NR=No Response.

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

** Results are suppressed when there are fewer than 30 respondents.