

National Physician Survey, 2007. Results for Surgical Specialists.

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

		Surgical Specialists									Total n=2083 N=6391
		CVTSurg n=66 N=209	Gen Surg n=459 N=1401	Neuro Surg n=66 N=208	ObGyn n=482 N=1416	Ophthal n=294 N=894	Ortho Surg n=307 N=984	Oto n=150 N=454	Plastic n=117 N=375	Uro n=142 N=450	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Impediments to your delivery of care to your patients	System funding	74.9%	66.6%	68.0%	60.5%	64.5%	69.0%	68.1%	67.7%	65.3%	65.7%
	Payment mechanisms	27.3%	18.9%	14.0%	26.8%	23.7%	22.7%	24.0%	31.5%	25.9%	23.6%
	Paperwork	30.4%	32.2%	27.9%	41.0%	36.5%	32.1%	32.5%	43.3%	39.5%	35.7%
	Bureaucracy	48.6%	53.6%	42.3%	42.9%	41.1%	46.6%	43.6%	54.4%	53.9%	47.2%
	Availability of personnel	68.3%	54.7%	51.8%	47.3%	45.0%	55.1%	42.4%	48.0%	48.3%	50.4%
	External demands on your time	27.9%	30.8%	17.8%	49.3%	37.6%	31.6%	35.3%	33.3%	26.2%	35.6%
	Availability of test results	19.8%	16.8%	13.6%	17.0%	5.2%	9.8%	15.7%	5.4%	15.7%	13.3%
	Availability of relevant patient information at the point of care	9.4%	15.0%	8.8%	18.9%	9.7%	11.9%	20.3%	10.0%	19.1%	14.6%
	Computer and communications technology that are not compatible with needs	14.8%	12.7%	10.4%	15.5%	15.5%	17.2%	15.7%	12.7%	19.1%	15.1%
	Lack of evidence-based clinical information	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%	3.4%	4.2%	4.6%	3.6%
	Lack of appropriate facilities to care for complex/ elderly/ failing patients	40.0%	37.2%	40.9%	15.8%	13.4%	36.2%	21.2%	25.5%	31.2%	27.0%
	Poor inter-personal communications with family physicians	2.7%	5.2%	7.5%	5.9%	2.8%	7.3%	7.3%	3.1%	4.3%	5.3%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other specialists	4.7%	4.0%	3.2%	5.9%	4.2%	2.8%	5.3%	2.8%	2.3%	4.2%
	Poor inter-personal communications with other allied health professionals	.0%	3.1%	1.6%	2.9%	2.8%	1.7%	5.4%	1.5%	.7%	2.5%
Other impediments	10.1%	19.1%	33.0%	13.0%	12.7%	17.7%	15.5%	24.3%	19.2%	16.8%	
NR	1.3%	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	6.4%	4.7%	4.6%	3.2%	6.1%	4.4%	

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.