

## National Physician Survey, 2007: Results for Medical Students

**Q22. Please indicate the languages that you could comfortably speak with your future patients.**

|                                      |         | Year of medical school study                  |                   |                              |                             |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                      |         | 1st year or<br>année<br>préparatoire<br>n=897 | 2nd year<br>n=781 | 3rd or<br>4th year<br>n=1109 | All<br>students<br>n = 2819 |
|                                      |         | %   | %                 | %                            | %                           |
| Languages<br>spoken with<br>patients | English | 86.6%   | 85.8%             | 90.6%                        | 87.8%                       |
|                                      | French  | 50.1%   | 48.0%             | 47.7%                        | 49.0%                       |
|                                      | Other   | 17.4%   | 14.5%             | 14.2%                        | 15.2%                       |
|                                      | NR      | 5.0%  | 5.2%              | 4.0%                         | 4.7%                        |

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

NR=No Response.

**Q22. Please specify other languages that you could comfortably speak with your future patients.**

4.6% of respondents indicated that they could speak Spanish; 1.4% Cantonese;  
1.1% Hindi; 1.1% Mandarin.

The 'total' column includes 32 students who indicated 'Other' or did not indicate their current year of study.

Source: 2007 National Physician Survey: Medical Student Questionnaire. The College of Family Physicians of Canada, Canadian Medical Association, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.