



Janus Snapshots



The Janus Project
Family physicians
meeting the needs of
tomorrow's society

Le Projet Janus
Aider les médecins de famille à
répondre aux besoins de la
société de demain

Availability of CME and CPD

Seventy-four percent of FPs across Canada indicated on the 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS) that they were satisfied with the availability of continuing medical education (CME) and continuing professional development (CPD) opportunities. Fifteen percent of FPs indicated that they use on-line CME or CPD programs and courses. This was true of a greater proportion of male FPs than female FPs (18% vs 12%); however, there was no difference in use by age of physician. Use of these on-line programs was greater among FPs serving rural patients than among FPs serving urban or suburban patients (17% vs 14%).

Thirty-three percent of FPs spend 2 or more weeks per year away from practice for CME or CPD. This is the case for a greater proportion of male FPs than female FPs (37% vs 34%) and a greater proportion of FPs under the age of 35 than FPs over the age of 35 (44% vs 34%). The proportion of FPs spending 2 or more weeks per

year away from practice for CME or CPD also varied by primary population served (Figure 1).

The 2004 NPS is a unique collaborative project of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Canadian Medical Association, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. National-level estimates based on family physician results are considered accurate within $\pm 0.9\%$, 19 times out of 20. Detailed national and regional analyses of the 2004 NPS results are available on the NPS website at www.nps-snm.ca.

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Figure 1. Family physicians spending 2 or more weeks yearly away from practice for CME or CPD by primary patient population served

