



Janus Snapshots

Family physicians rate patients' access to care

Trends over time

When physicians are asked to rate accessibility for their patients of various health care practitioners and health care services, they are, in effect, providing a performance assessment of the health care system. By completing the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS)—coming to all physicians in Canada in January 2007—you will provide current data to update **Table 1**.

Table 1. Percentage of family physicians rating access to care for their patients as excellent or very good: All surveys use a 5-point rating scale (excellent, very good, good, fair, poor).

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OR SERVICES	FAMILY PHYSICIANS RATING AVAILABILITY AS EXCELLENT OR VERY GOOD (%)		
	2001*	2004†	2007‡
Obstetricians and gynecologists	37	34	?
Orthopedic surgeons	21	18	?
Psychiatrists	10	11	?
Anesthesia services	36	28	?
Emergency room services	51	48	?
Long-term care beds (eg, nursing home, chronic care)	6	7	?
Community nursing services	23	23	?
Occupational therapy services	15	13	?
Physiotherapy services	30	24	?

*Data from 2001 National Family Physician Workforce Survey.

†Data from 2004 National Physician Survey.

‡Data from 2007 National Physician Survey.

Detailed national, provincial, and Territorial analyses of the 2004 NPS results are available on the NPS website at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca. If you would like the opportunity to develop and write a future Janus Snapshot using the 2004 NPS results, please contact Sarah Scott, National Physician Survey and Janus Project Coordinator, College of Family Physicians of Canada; telephone 800 387-6197, extension 289; e-mail sks@cfpc.ca.



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