2007 National Physician Survey (NPS): NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Source of Data:
The 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) was carried out as a self-reported survey, sent to all licensed physicians in Canada. [Note: all 2nd year medical residents and all medical students in Canada were surveyed as well and these results will be reported separately]. The mail and email contact lists were generated from the NPS Masterfile. The NPS Masterfile was populated with information from the CMA Membership System, the CFPC membership database, and the RCPSC membership database. The CMA Membership System was used as the template as it included all physicians in Canada holding a medical license and is compiled and updated on a daily basis with information received from provincial licensing bodies, associations, CFPC and RCPSC membership listings, and individual physicians. The information provided by CFPC and RCPSC added additional information (e.g. email addresses, more recently updated mailing addresses) to the content already supplied by the CMA Membership System.
A separate database pertaining to all eligible survey respondents was developed in order to assess the comparability and representativeness of the survey respondents to the total physician population, and to develop statistical weights to be applied to each strata and age grouping within the 2007 survey results. From the NPS Masterfile, physician age, sex, province, language, and year of MD graduation were captured, along with an indication of whether or not the individual completed the questionnaire. No names or addresses were contained in this separate database.

Physician Demographics by Province/Territory:

	Family Physicians						Specialists				
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Population			Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%		%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	32,07%	10270	100,00%	32026	100,00%	Total	31,16%	8969	100,00%	28785	100,00%
Province						Province					
NL	28,75%	188	1,83%	654	2,04%	NL	25,71%	99	1,10%	385	1,34%
PE	39,42%	54	0,53%	137	0,43%	PE	43,04%	34	0,38%	79	0,27%
NS	36,92%	415	4,04%	1124	3,51%	NS	36,86%	352	3,92%	955	3,32%
NB	34,69%	290	2,82%	836	2,61%	NB	33,33%	171	1,91%	513	1,78%
QC	32,62%	2574	25,06%	7890	24,64%	QC	30,88%	2248	25,06%	7279	25,29%
ON	32,90%	3571	34,77%	10855	33,89%	ON	30,70%	3432	38,27%	11179	38,84%
MB	30,25%	350	3,41%	1157	3,61%	MB	31,35%	316	3,52%	1008	3,50%
SK	29,25%	303	2,95%	1036	3,23%	SK	33,10%	193	2,15%	583	2,03%
AB	30,97%	1033	10,06%	3335	10,41%	AB	32,10%	919	10,25%	2863	9,95%
BC	29,60%	1449	14,11%	4896	15,29%	BC	30,53%	1196	13,33%	3918	13,61%
NT, YT, NU	40,57%	43	0,42%	106	0,33%	NT, YT, NU	39,13%	9	0,10%	23	0,08%
			100,00%		100,00%				100,00%		100,00%

na= not applicable

Physician Demographics by Age Group and Sex:

	Family Physicians						Specialists				
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Population			Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%		%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	32.07%	10270	100.00%	32026	100.00%	Total	31.16%	8969	100.00%	28785	100.00%
Age Group						Age Group					
34 and under	32.47%	894	8.70%	2753	8.60%	34 and under	34.06%	515	5.74%	1512	5.25%
35 - 44	28.95%	2414	23.51%	8339	26.04%	35 - 44	27.83%	2074	23.12%	7453	25.89%
45 - 54	33.24%	3453	33.62%	10387	32.43%	45 - 54	30.00%	2691	30.00%	8969	31.16%
55 - 64	34.23%	2521	24.55%	7364	22.99%	55 - 64	32.42%	2171	24.21%	6696	23.26%
65 and over	33.25%	896	8.72%	2695	8.42%	65 and over	37.59%	1418	15.81%	3772	13.10%
Not known	18.85%	92	0.90%	488	1.52%	Not known	26.11%	100	1.11%	383	1.33%
			100.00%		100.00%				100.00%		100.00%
Sex						Sex					
Male	29.73%	5952	57.96%	20019	62.51%	Male	29.90%	6175	68.85%	20655	71.76%
Female	35.96%	4317	42.04%	12006	37.49%	Female	34.37%	2794	31.15%	8130	28.24%
Not known	na	1	0.01%	1	0.00%	Not known	na	0	na	0	na
			100.00%		100.00%				100.00%		100.00%
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