

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH 2008 SURVEY OF PHYSICIANS:

COMPARISON OF PRIMARY CARE AND SPECIALTY CARE PHYSICIANS APRIL 2009

The following tables are cross-tabulations of all the **active** physicians who responded the 2008 MDCH physician licensure survey broken down by whether they are primary care or specialty care physicians. Primary care physicians are physicians who reported family medicine, general medicine, general internal medicine, or general pediatrics as their main practice area. Specialty care physicians are physicians who reported some other specialty as their main practice area. (A sizeable number of respondents [1,665] did not answer the survey question on practice specialty and so are not included in these cross tabulations.)

The proportions of the two physician categories vary by question since all respondents did not respond to all the questions in the survey. However, in general, 35 percent (999) of the respondents were primary care physicians and 65 percent (1,882) were specialty care physicians.

For an analysis of survey findings, please go to <http://www.michigan.gov/healthcareworkforcecenter/> and click on “licensee surveys.”

| <i>Table 1: Are you an MD or DO?</i> | <i>Primary Care Physician</i> | <i>Specialty Care Physician</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MD | 76% | 84% |
| DO | 24% | 16% |

| <i>Table 2: Are you enrolled in a Michigan graduate medical training program?</i> | <i>Primary Care Physician</i> | <i>Specialty Care Physician</i> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Yes | 5% | 8% |
| No | 96% | 92% |

| <i>Table 3: What is your gender?</i> | <i>Primary Care Physician</i> | <i>Specialty Care Physician</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Female | 33% | 25% |
| Male | 67% | 75% |

| Table 4: What is your race/ethnicity? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 1% | 0% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 18% | 16% |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 5% | 4% |
| Hispanic | 3% | 3% |
| Multiracial | 1% | 1% |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 69% | 72% |
| Other/Unknown | 5% | 4% |

| Table 5: Please indicate your citizenship status | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Native-born U.S. | 68% | 71% |
| Naturalized U.S. | 25% | 23% |
| Permanent Resident | 6% | 4% |
| H-1 Temporary Worker | 1% | 1% |
| J-1 Exchange Visitor | 0% | 0% |

| Table 6: Is your main practice site an outpatient or inpatient site? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Outpatient | 95% | 71% |
| Inpatient | 5% | 29% |

| Table 7: How many hours per week do you spend providing direct patient care? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mean | 38 hours | 41 hours |

| Table 8: Do you have hospital admitting privileges? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Yes | 80% | 71% |
| No | 20% | 29% |

| Table 9: Are you involved in any of the following professional activities? (Please mark all that apply.) | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Research | 8% | 17% |
| Teaching | 36% | 38% |
| Administration in a private practice | 26% | 16% |
| Administration in medical school, hospital, health plan, or nursing home | 11% | 11% |
| Emergency room care | 5% | 13% |
| Medical Examiner | 1% | 1% |
| Patient care in a nursing home | 14% | 3% |

| Table 10: Which best describes your patient care practice capacity? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| My practice is full; I cannot accept any new/additional patients | 12% | 11% |
| My practice is nearly full; I can accept a few new patients | 53% | 49% |
| My practice is far from full; I can accept many more patients | 34% | 40% |

| Table 11: Are you currently providing care to (those who answered "Yes") | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Medicaid patients | 84% | 85% |
| New Medicaid patients | 58% | 77% |
| Medicare patients | 86% | 93% |
| New Medicare patients | 76% | 90% |
| Patients from other publicly funded programs | 61% | 76% |

| Table 12: What percentage of your direct patient care time is spent with patients insured by Medicaid? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mean | 21% | 20% |

| Table 13: What percentage of your direct patient care time is spent with patients paying on a sliding fee scale, in which the fee varies with patient income? | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mean | 9% | 8% |

| Table 14: In your medical practice, does someone use a computer or computer-like device (e.g. PDA) to receive or transmit ... (Mark all that apply.) | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lab results, x-rays, or hospital records | 69% | 67% |
| Prescriptions | 35% | 26% |
| Claims information | 65% | 55% |
| Electronic health records | 30% | 43% |
| Communication with your patients | 16% | 18% |
| Information about treatment alternatives | 31% | 23% |
| Continuing medical education (CME) credits | 53% | 52% |

| Table 15: How would you describe the area where you grew up? (Please mark an answer in both sections A & B) | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SECTION A | | |
| Rural/small town | 27% | 24% |
| Suburban | 41% | 41% |
| Urban | 32% | 35% |
| SECTION B | | |
| Michigan | 54% | 49% |
| Other U.S. state | 20% | 29% |
| Other country | 26% | 24% |

| Table 16: Please indicate where you attended medical school. | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. | | |
| Michigan | 41% | 39% |
| Other U.S. state | 29% | 35% |
| Canada | 1% | 1% |
| Caribbean | 2% | 2% |
| Other country | 27% | 24% |
| | | |
| B. If in Michigan, please specify the school. | | |
| Michigan State University College of Human Medicine | 17% | 11% |
| Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine | 22% | 16% |
| University of Michigan Medical School | 20% | 29% |
| Wayne State University School of Medicine | 40% | 45% |

| Table 17: If you did a residency or fellowship, was it an ... (Mark all that apply) | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| in-state residency | 67% | 60% |
| in-state fellowship | 7% | 21% |
| out-of-state residency | 26% | 39% |
| out-of-state fellowship | 5% | 19% |

| Table 18: To assist us in projecting the supply of physician in the future, please tell us how much longer you plan to practice medicine. | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1–5 years | 21% | 22% |
| 5–10 years | 22% | 25% |
| 11–15 years | 18% | 19% |
| 16–20 years | 17% | 15% |
| 21–30 years | 15% | 14% |
| More than 30 years | 6% | 6% |

| Table 19: In the next 3 years, I plan to... (Mark all that apply.) | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| maintain my practice as is | 72% | 70% |
| increase patient care hours | 12% | 10% |
| significantly reduce patient care hours | 7% | 9% |
| move my practice to another Michigan location | 3% | 2% |
| move my practice out of state | 3% | 6% |
| retire | 7% | 7% |

| Table 20: If you are retiring or reducing your patient care hours, what are the factors that led to this decision? (Mark all that apply.) | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Age | 64% | 64% |
| General lack of job satisfaction | 18% | 18% |
| Childbearing/childrearing | 4% | 3% |
| Lifestyle changes | 24% | 28% |
| Medical malpractice insurance cost | 22% | 27% |
| Personal or family health concerns | 12% | 16% |
| Increasing administrative/regulatory burden | 43% | 37% |
| Employer/employee conflict | 4% | 4% |
| Inadequate reimbursement for services | 37% | 36% |
| Moved to management/consulting/teaching/research | 8% | 8% |
| Other | 1% | 0% |

| Table 21: Age Groups | Primary Care Physician | Specialty Care Physician |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 25 to 34 | 6% | 7% |
| 35 to 44 | 20% | 18% |
| 45 to 54 | 28% | 29% |
| 55 to 64 | 28% | 28% |
| 65 or more | 18% | 18% |