

Community Practice Profile Survey 2014

In 2014, the North Shore Division of Family Practice invited all North Shore family physicians to participate in a survey, and 116 physicians (about 60%) responded. Here are some of the things we learned about our members.

Rates of professional satisfaction are generally high.

- 92% for relationships with patients
- 90% for professional relations and interactions with other family physicians
- 89% are satisfied with the quality of care they are able to provide
- 86% for professional lives
- 85% are satisfied with the sense of meaning and purpose in their work
- 84% for respect people show them at work
- 84% for professional relations and interactions with specialists
- 82% for relations with non-physician health care providers (e.g. nurses, social workers, home care workers)



Our members are cosmopolitan.

- 35% are fluent in a second language, most commonly French (14%) or Farsi (10%)
- 30% have practiced medicine outside Canada



Scope of practice varies significantly from physician to physician.

- 64% have hospital privileges and 34% regularly provide in-patient care
- 59% do home visits, primarily for patients who are elderly, are palliative or have disabilities
- 44% do residential care
- 43% are involved in teaching students and/or residents
- 31% practice part-time
- 28% do prenatal obstetrics and 9% do deliveries
- 25% work in multidisciplinary teams
- 16% do sports medicine



Most family physicians share office space with colleagues.

Primary location of practice:

- 65% group office
- 22% solo office
- 5% walk-in clinic
- 2% care facility
- 2% health authority primary care clinic



There are opportunities for additional physicians to join existing practices.

- 26% have capacity for another physician to join their office
- 6% have capacity for more than one additional physician to join their office

80% of our members use electronic medical records (EMRs).

Of these EMR users:

- 79% have been using EMRs for at least five years
- 33% use Wolf from Telus
- 26% use OSCAR
- 23% use Profile from Intrahealth

