

Recruitment Hotsheet – Physicians

In 2008, physicians and surgeons held about 661,400 jobs; approximately 12% of these were self-employed. About 53% of wage-and-salary physicians and surgeons worked in offices and 19% were employed by hospitals. Others practiced in federal, state and local governments, educational services and outpatient care centers. According to 2007 data from the American Medical Association (AMA), of the physicians in patient care, 32% were in primary care and 20.1% were in internal medicine. In 2008, 43% of all physicians and surgeons worked 50 or more hours a week, while 9% worked part-time. The AMA also found that New England and the Middle Atlantic states have the highest physician-to-population ratios, while the South Central and Mountain states have the lowest. Physicians tend to locate in urban areas, close to hospitals and education centers. AMA data for 2007 showed that approximately 75% of physicians in patient care were located in metropolitan areas, while the remaining 25% were located in rural areas.

Employment Trends

Employment of physicians and surgeons is projected to grow by 22% between 2008 and 2018—much faster than the average growth expected for all occupations—due to the continued expansion of healthcare-related industries. Also, an expanding and aging population will drive overall growth in the demand for physician services, as consumers continue to insist on high levels of care and the use of the latest technologies, diagnostic tests and therapies. Many medical schools are increasing enrollments based on these expectations.

Despite the increased demand for services, some factors will temper growth, though. For example, new technologies enable physicians to diagnose and treat more patients in the same amount of time; thereby, increasing productivity. The rising cost of healthcare may dramatically lower demand for physicians' services, however. And, physician assistants and nurse practitioners may increasingly be employed to perform many of the routine duties of physicians, since they can do so at a fraction of the cost.

Top Markets for General Internists

1. New York, NY
2. Los Angeles, CA
3. Boston, MA
4. Chicago, IL
5. Philadelphia, PA

Top Programs for General Internists

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Upcoming Events

American Medical Student Association, March 10-13, 2011 – Washington, DC
National Hispanic Medical Association, March 17-20, 2011 – Washington, DC
American Medical Association, March 21-23, 2011 – Washington, DC
American Medical Women's Association, April 1-3, 2011 – Arlington, VA
American College of Physicians, April 5-9, 2011 – San Diego, CA
American College of Physician Executives, April 8-12, 2011 – San Antonio, TX
American Hospital Association, April 10-13, 2011 – Washington, DC
Student National Medical Association, April 20-24, 2011 – Indianapolis, IN
Society of General Internal Medicine, May 4-7, 2011 – Phoenix, AZ
National Medical Association, July 23-27, 2011 – Washington, DC