

Physician Assistants Project Summary - CAPA
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## Vast majority of Canadians comfortable with receiving care from Physician Assistants

A new survey by Nanos Research for the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants suggests Canadians have a favourable impression of Physician Assistants (PAs) and that the impression increases the more they are informed about the role and training of PAs. The key research highlights include:

- More than four in ten Canadians (43\%) have heard of a PA but only $10 \%$ of Canadians have received care from a Physician Assistant.
- Three in ten (29\%) Canadians who had heard of a PA described their role as providing support/assistance to doctors. One in four (24\%) Canadians believed PA's can prescribe medication.
- Among those Canadians that have received care, more than nine in ten were satisfied (75\%) or somewhat satisfied (18\%) with the experience.
- About two of three Canadians have a favourable (27\%) or somewhat favourable (38\%) impression of PAs, however, once informed of the training and scope of health care they can help provide favourability increases significantly. One read a statement about PAs favourability increased to more than eight in ten Canadians (favourable 54\%, somewhat favourable 30\%).
- Key favourable drivers included the belief PA's reduced physician's workloads (23\%) and that they improved the efficiency of the healthcare system (14\%). Key drivers for unfavourable impressions were the diminutive impression their title implies (20\%) and resondents being unsure of their role (18\%).
- More than eight in ten Canadians support (56\%) or somewhat support (26\%) a greater role for PA and a similar proportion are comfortable (53\%) or somewhat comfortable (28\%) receiving primary care from a PA under a physician's supervision.


## PA Awareness

$-5.6$


| Subgroups | Heard |
| :--- | :--- |
| Atlantic $(n=100)$ | $53.1 \%$ |
| Quebec $(n=250)$ | $35.9 \%$ |
| Ontario $(n=300)$ | $46.4 \%$ |
| Prairies $(n=200)$ | $46.6 \%$ |
| British Columbia $(n=150)$ | $34.6 \%$ |
| Male ( $n=503)$ | $37.3 \%$ |
| Female $(n=497)$ | $48.2 \%$ |
| 18 to $29(n=206)$ | $33.9 \%$ |
| 30 to $39(n=169)$ | $36.9 \%$ |
| 40 to $49(n=208)$ | $47.3 \%$ |
| 50 to $59(n=178)$ | $45.8 \%$ |
| 60 plus $(n=239)$ | $48.2 \%$ |

*Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding

QUESTION - Prior to today, have you heard or not heard of a type of health care professional known as a Physician Assistant?

## PA Work Scope

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

| PA Work Scope and Duties ( $\mathrm{n}=427$ ) | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: |
| Provides support to MD/physician | 29.0 |
| Can prescribe medication | 23.6 |
| Performs preliminary health assessment/first contact with patient | 18.2 |
| Similar to nurse practitioner/RN | 8.4 |
| Works under supervision of physician | 7.3 |
| Can prescribe medication | 3.9 |
| Other | 3.2 |
| Can reduce workload of physicians | 1.9 |
| Unsure | 4.5 |
| Total | 100.0 |

QUESTION - [Heard only] What, in your opinion, does a Physician Assistant do? [Open-ended]

## Received Health Care Services

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

Net Score
.0


| Subgroups | Received |
| :--- | :---: |
| Atlantic $(n=100)$ | $15.7 \%$ |
| Quebec $(n=250)$ | $12.4 \%$ |
| Ontario $(n=300)$ | $9.9 \%$ |
| Prairies ( $n=200$ ) | $10.2 \%$ |
| British Columbia ( $n=150$ ) | $4.1 \%$ |
| Male ( $n=503$ ) | $8.4 \%$ |
| Female $(n=497)$ | $12.2 \%$ |
| 18 to $29(n=206)$ | $7.0 \%$ |
| 30 to $39(n=169)$ | $9.7 \%$ |
| 40 to $49(n=208)$ | $9.5 \%$ |
| 50 to $59(n=178)$ | $9.7 \%$ |
| 60 plus $(n=239)$ | $14.7 \%$ |

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QUESTION - Have you ever received or not received health care services from a Physician Assistant?

## Received Care Satisfaction

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=103$, accurate $\pm 10.0$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

## Net Score

|  | Subgroups | Satisfied/ Somewhat satisfied |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Atlantic ( $\mathrm{n}=16$ ) | 100.0\% |
|  | Quebec ( $\mathrm{n}=31$ ) | 84.1\% |
|  | Ontario ( $\mathrm{n}=30$ ) | 96.1\% |
|  | Prairies ( $\mathrm{n}=20$ ) | 96.3\% |
|  | British Columbia ( $\mathrm{n}=6$ ) | 89.6\% |
|  | Male ( $\mathrm{n}=42$ ) | 85.7\% |
|  | Female ( $\mathrm{n}=61$ ) | 97.7\% |
|  | 18 to 29 ( $\mathrm{n}=14$ ) | 88.1\% |
|  | 30 to 39 ( $\mathrm{n}=16$ ) | 83.3\% |
|  | 40 to 49 ( $\mathrm{n}=20$ ) | 100.0\% |
|  | 50 to 59 ( $\mathrm{n}=17$ ) | 94.9\% |
|  | 60 plus ( $\mathrm{n}=35$ ) | 93.9\% |

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QUESTION - [lf received only] Were you generally satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the health care you received from the Physician Assistant.

## Impressions of PAs as Healthcare Providers <br> Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

## Net Score

+47.8


| Subgroups | Favourable/ <br> Somewhat <br> favourable |
| :--- | :---: |
| Atlantic ( $n=100$ ) | $77.6 \%$ |
| Quebec $(n=250)$ | $60.5 \%$ |
| Ontario ( $n=300$ ) | $66.4 \%$ |
| Prairies ( $n=200$ ) | $63.8 \%$ |
| British Columbia ( $n=150$ ) | $62.5 \%$ |
| Male ( $n=503$ ) | $65.5 \%$ |
| Female ( $n=497$ ) | $64.3 \%$ |
| 18 to $29(n=206)$ | $61.1 \%$ |
| 30 to $39(n=169)$ | $59.2 \%$ |
| 40 to $49(n=208)$ | $60.8 \%$ |
| 50 to $59(n=178)$ | $67.3 \%$ |
| 60 plus $(n=239)$ | $74.1 \%$ |

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QUESTION - Does the phrase Physician Assistant as a health care provider leave you with a favourable, somewhat favourable, somewhat unfavourable or unfavourable impression?

## Impressions of PAs as Healthcare Providers <br> Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {st }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20

| Key PA Favourability Drivers | Positive / <br> Somewhat positive impressions ( $\mathrm{n}=648$ ) \% | Negative / <br> Somewhat negative impressions $(n=174)$ \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I don't know what they do/their qualifications | 4.8 | 17.8 |
| It can reduce healthcare costs | 3.2 | -- |
| It can help improve the accessibility/efficiency of healthcare | 13.6 | -- |
| Reduce physicians' workload/Assist with daily tasks | 23.1 | -- |
| They are competent/qualified | 9.3 | -- |
| Sounds like/similar to nurse practitioners/registered nurses | 5.9 | 8.6 |
| I prefer seeing a doctor/physician | 1.2 | 12.6 |
| They are not trained enough/as qualified as doctors/physicians | 2.3 | 11.5 |
| I have had good experiences with them | 3.2 | -- |
| Their title is confusing/not precise | 2.2 | 7.5 |

*Note: full list can be found in tabulations document appended to this report
QUESTION - Why do you have that opinion?

## Impressions of PAs

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

|  Unsure <br> $4 \%$ <br> Unfavourable $4 \%$ | Subgroups | Favourable/ Somewhat favourable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Somewhat unfavourable | Atlantic ( $\mathrm{n}=100$ ) | 89.8\% |
| 7\% | Quebec ( $\mathrm{n}=250$ ) | 87.4\% |
| - | Ontario ( $\mathrm{n}=300$ ) | 83.0\% |
|  | Prairies ( $\mathrm{n}=200$ ) | 82.2\% |
| Favourable 54\% | British Columbia ( $\mathrm{n}=150$ ) | 79.9\% |
|  | Male ( $\mathrm{n}=503$ ) | 83.5\% |
| - | Female ( $\mathrm{n}=497$ ) | 84.8\% |
| Somewhat favourable | 18 to 29 ( $\mathrm{n}=206$ ) | 87.0\% |
| 30\% | 30 to 39 ( $\mathrm{n}=169$ ) | 82.2\% |
|  | 40 to 49 ( $\mathrm{n}=208$ ) | 78.3\% |
|  | 50 to 59 ( $\mathrm{n}=178$ ) | 85.3\% |
| *Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding | 60 plus ( $\mathrm{n}=239$ ) | 87.5\% |

QUESTION - Physician Assistants are highly trained professionals and can be used for 75 percent of visits in primary care settings without referral to a physician. Typical tasks for a PA could include conducting histories and physical examinations; establishing diagnosis, prescribing, performing selected procedures and counseling patients. Working alongside physicians, PAs can improve access to care for Canadians. Knowing now how a Physician Assistant is trained and the value they provide, would you describe your impression of a Physician Assistant as favourable, somewhat favourable, somewhat unfavourable or unfavourable?

## PAs Under Physician Supervision <br> Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

Net Score
+70.6


| Subgroups | Support/ <br> Somewhat <br> support |
| :--- | :---: |
| Atlantic ( $n=100$ ) | $89.9 \%$ |
| Quebec ( $n=250$ ) | $84.8 \%$ |
| Ontario ( $n=300$ ) | $82.4 \%$ |
| Prairies ( $n=200$ ) | $79.6 \%$ |
| British Columbia ( $n=150$ ) | $78.8 \%$ |
| Male ( $n=503$ ) | $81.3 \%$ |
| Female $(n=497)$ | $84.0 \%$ |
| 18 to $29(n=206)$ | $80.4 \%$ |
| 30 to $39(n=169)$ | $82.0 \%$ |
| 40 to $49(n=208)$ | $77.9 \%$ |
| 50 to $59(n=178)$ | $84.7 \%$ |
| 60 plus $(n=239)$ | $87.7 \%$ |

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QUESTION - Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having a greater role for Physician Assistants working under a supervising physician?

## Receiving Healthcare from PAs Under Physician Supervision

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October $18^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {stt }}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=1,000$, accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20 .

Net Score
+64.6

| Subgroups | Comfortable/ <br> Somewhat <br> comfortable |
| :--- | :---: |
| Atlantic $(n=100)$ | $85.4 \%$ |
| Quebec $(n=250)$ | $83.1 \%$ |
| Ontario $(n=300)$ | $81.7 \%$ |
| Prairies $(n=200)$ | $81.2 \%$ |
| British Columbia ( $n=150$ ) | $72.2 \%$ |
| Male ( $n=503)$ | $81.1 \%$ |
| Female $(n=497)$ | $80.6 \%$ |
| 18 to $29(n=206)$ | $76.6 \%$ |
| 30 to $39(n=169)$ | $76.8 \%$ |
| 40 to $49(n=208)$ | $79.9 \%$ |
| 50 to $59(n=178)$ | $83.3 \%$ |
| 60 plus $(n=239)$ | $86.4 \%$ |

*Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding
QUESTION - Would you be comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or uncomfortable receiving primary health care from a Physician Assistant if you knew their work was supervised by a physician?


## Methodology

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,000 Canadians between October $18^{\text {th }}$ and $21^{\text {st }}, 2014$ as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey by phone or online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.
The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is $\pm 3.1$ percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants.
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Tabulations

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|  |  | Question 1 - Prior to today, have you heard or not heard of a type of health care professional known as a Physician Assistant? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Heard | Not heard | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2014-10 | 1000 | 42.7 | 48.3 | 8.9 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 53.1 | 38.1 | 8.8 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 35.9 | 57.0 | 7.1 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 46.4 | 46.8 | 6.7 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 46.6 | 44.7 | 8.7 |
|  | British Columbia | 150 | 34.6 | 48.6 | 16.8 |
| Gender | Male | 503 | 37.3 | 54.1 | 8.6 |
|  | Female | 497 | 48.2 | 42.6 | 9.2 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 206 | 33.9 | 59.3 | 6.8 |
|  | 30 to 39 | 169 | 36.9 | 53.8 | 9.3 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 47.3 | 42.1 | 10.6 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 45.8 | 47.5 | 6.7 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 48.2 | 41.1 | 10.7 |

Question 2 - What, in your opinion, does a Physician Assistant do?

|  |  | Frequency | Aggregate Percent | Decided Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Provides support to MD/physician | 124 | 12.4 | 29.0 | 29.0 |
|  | Can prescribe medication | 101 | 10.1 | 23.6 | 52.6 |
|  | Performs preliminary health assessment/first contact with patient | 78 | 7.8 | 18.2 | 70.8 |
|  | Similar to nurse practitioner/RN | 36 | 3.6 | 8.4 | 79.2 |
|  | Works under supervision of physician | 31 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 86.5 |
|  | Unsure | 19 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 90.9 |
|  | Can prescribe medication | 17 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 94.9 |
|  | Other | 14 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 98.1 |
|  | Can reduce workload of physicians | 8 | . 8 | 1.9 | 100.0 |
|  | Total | 427 | 42.7 | 100.0 |  |
|  | No answer | 572 | 57.3 |  |  |
| Total |  | 1000 | 100.0 |  |  |

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|  |  | Question 3 - Have you ever received or not received health care services from a Physician Assistant? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Received | Not received | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2014-10 | 1000 | 10.3 | 67.3 | 22.4 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 15.7 | 62.9 | 21.4 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 12.4 | 67.6 | 20.0 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 9.9 | 65.8 | 24.2 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 10.2 | 64.5 | 25.4 |
|  | British Columbia | 150 | 4.1 | 76.6 | 19.3 |
| Gender | Male | 503 | 8.4 | 66.6 | 24.9 |
|  | Female | 497 | 12.2 | 68.1 | 19.8 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 206 | 7.0 | 56.7 | 36.3 |
|  | 30 to 39 | 169 | 9.7 | 65.5 | 24.8 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 9.5 | 73.4 | 17.1 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 9.7 | 71.7 | 18.5 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 14.7 | 69.2 | 16.1 |

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|  |  | Question 4 [received only] - Were you generally satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the health care you received from the Physician Assistant. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2014-10 | 103 | 74.8 | 18.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3.0 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 16 | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
|  | Quebec | 31 | 66.6 | 17.5 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 7.9 |
|  | Ontario | 30 | 86.6 | 9.5 | . 0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
|  | Prairies | 20 | 58.0 | 38.3 | . 0 | 3.7 | . 0 |
|  | British Columbia | 6 | 49.5 | 40.1 | 10.4 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Gender | Male | 42 | 71.2 | 14.5 | 1.9 | 5.2 | 7.2 |
|  | Female | 61 | 77.3 | 20.4 | 2.3 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 14 | 50.0 | 38.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 11.9 |
|  | 30 to 39 | 16 | 61.3 | 22.0 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 3.6 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 20 | 78.8 | 21.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 17 | 84.8 | 10.1 | . 0 | 5.1 | . 0 |
|  | 60 plus | 35 | 84.0 | 9.9 | 4.0 | . 0 | 2.1 |

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Question 5 - Does the phrase Physician Assistant as a health care provider leave you with a favourable, somewhat favourable, somewhat unfavourable or unfavourable impression?

|  |  | Total | Favourable | Somewhat favourable | Somewhat unfavourable | Unfavourable | Unsure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2014-10 | 1000 | 27.4 | 37.6 | 12.6 | 4.6 | 17.8 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 32.8 | 44.8 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 14.6 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 26.2 | 34.3 | 12.9 | 4.2 | 22.5 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 27.2 | 39.2 | 14.2 | 4.4 | 14.9 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 26.6 | 37.2 | 11.3 | 6.4 | 18.5 |
|  | British Columbia | 150 | 27.0 | 35.5 | 16.2 | 4.5 | 16.8 |
| Gender | Male | 503 | 24.8 | 40.7 | 12.4 | 4.4 | 17.7 |
|  | Female | 497 | 29.9 | 34.4 | 12.9 | 4.9 | 17.9 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 206 | 18.8 | 42.3 | 15.7 | 2.8 | 20.4 |
|  | 30 to 39 | 169 | 20.6 | 38.6 | 13.7 | 3.7 | 23.4 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 24.7 | 36.1 | 14.5 | 7.4 | 17.3 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 30.8 | 36.5 | 12.6 | 4.6 | 15.6 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 39.2 | 34.9 | 7.7 | 4.6 | 13.6 |

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Question 6 - Why do you have that opinion?

|  |  |  | Question 5 - Does the phrase Physician Assistant as a health care provider leave you with a favourable, somewhat favourable, somewhat unfavourable or unfavourable impression? |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Favourable | Unfavourable | Unsure |  |
|  | I don't know what they do/their qualifications | Count | 31 $48 \%$ | 31 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 153 \\ 153 \% \end{array}$ |
|  | It can reduce healthcare costs | Count | 21 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
|  |  |  | 3.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.6\% | 2.2\% |
|  | It can help improve the accessibility/efficiency of healthcare | Count | 88 $13.6 \%$ | 0 $0.0 \%$ | 1 $0.6 \%$ | 89 $8.9 \%$ |
|  | Reduce physicians' workload/Assist with daily tasks | Count | 150 $23.1 \%$ | 0 $0.0 \%$ | 1 $0.6 \%$ | $\begin{array}{r}151 \\ 15.1 \% \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  | They are competent/qualified | Count | 60 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
|  |  |  | 9.3\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 6.0\% |
|  | Sounds like/similar to nurse practitioners/registered nurses | Count | 38 $5.9 \%$ | 15 $8.6 \%$ | 5 $2.8 \%$ | $\begin{array}{r}58 \\ 5.8 \% \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  | I prefer seeing a doctor/physician | Count | 8 | 22 | 1 | 31 |
|  |  |  | 1.2\% | 12.6\% | 0.6\% | 3.1\% |
|  | They are not trained enough/as qualified as doctors/physicians | Count | 15 $2.3 \%$ | 20 $11.5 \%$ | 0 $0.0 \%$ | $\begin{array}{r}35 \\ 3.5 \% \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  | I have had good experiences with them | Count | 21 $3.2 \%$ | 0 $0.0 \%$ | 0 $0.0 \%$ | 21 $2.1 \%$ |
|  | Their title is confusing/not precise | Count | 14 $2.2 \%$ | 13 $7.5 \%$ | 6 $3.4 \%$ | $\begin{array}{r}33 \\ 3.3 \% \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  | They are supervised by physicians | Count | 11 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
|  |  |  | 1.7\% | 1.1\% | 0.0\% | 1.3\% |
|  | Descriptive term/Inspires confidence | Count | 28 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
|  |  |  | 4.3\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 2.8\% |
|  | Diminutive term/Does not sound qualified | Count | 11 $1.7 \%$ | 34 $19.5 \%$ | 1 $0.6 \%$ | 46 $4.6 \%$ |
|  | Other | Count | 32 | 17 | 19 | 68 |
|  |  |  | 4.9\% | 9.8\% | 10.7\% | 6.8\% |
|  | Unsure | Count | 120 | 20 | 52 | 192 |
|  |  |  | 18.5\% | 11.5\% | 29.2\% | 19.2\% |
| Total |  | Count | 648 | 174 | 178 | 1000 |
|  |  |  | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |

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|  |  | Question 7 - Knowing now how a Physician Assistant is trained and the value they provide, would you describe your impression of a Physician Assistant as favourable, somewhat favourable, somewhat unfavourable or unfavourable? |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Favourable | Somewhat <br> favourable | Somewhat unfavourable | Unfavourable | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2014-10 | 1000 | 54.1 | 30.0 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 60.7 | 29.1 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 3.1 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 58.1 | 29.3 | 5.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 52.5 | 30.5 | 7.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 50.7 | 31.5 | 5.2 | 8.7 | 3.8 |
|  | British Columbia | 150 | 51.0 | 28.9 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 5.6 |
| Gender | Male | 503 | 54.5 | 29.0 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 4.0 |
|  | Female | 497 | 53.8 | 31.0 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 206 | 53.0 | 34.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
|  | 30 to 39 | 169 | 45.5 | 36.7 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 4.8 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 49.9 | 28.4 | 11.1 | 6.9 | 3.8 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 57.7 | 27.6 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 3.5 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 62.4 | 25.1 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 2.9 |


|  |  | Question 8 - Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having a greater role |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| for Physician Assistants working under a supervising physician? |  |  |

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|  |  | Question 9 - Would you be comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or uncomfortable receiving primary health care from a Physician Assistant if you knew their work was supervised by a physician? |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Comfortable | Somewhat comfortable | Somewhat uncomfortable | Uncomfortable | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2014-10 | 1000 | 53.2 | 27.7 | 9.4 | 6.9 | 2.8 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 60.9 | 24.5 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 3.8 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 55.9 | 27.2 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 3.9 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 51.7 | 30.0 | 9.5 | 6.9 | 2.0 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 51.6 | 29.6 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 1.6 |
|  | British Columbia | 150 | 48.5 | 23.7 | 17.1 | 6.8 | 3.9 |
| Gender | Male | 503 | 53.3 | 27.8 | 8.5 | 7.3 | 3.1 |
|  | Female | 497 | 53.0 | 27.6 | 10.4 | 6.4 | 2.6 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 206 | 47.7 | 28.9 | 15.8 | 5.1 | 2.5 |
|  | 30 to 39 | 169 | 45.2 | 31.6 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 3.9 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 49.6 | 30.3 | 7.5 | 10.3 | 2.4 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 56.5 | 26.8 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 3.1 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 64.1 | 22.3 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 2.7 |

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