

## Vermont Medical Society Membership Survey on Healthcare Reform Results

Total surveys received = 237

Satisfaction with Your Practice and Health Determinants	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Putting aside paperwork and administrative issues, I find the practice of medicine deeply satisfying.	124	87	15	6	0
Paperwork and administrative issues interfere with my ability to serve patients well.	89	107	21	10	3
It is difficult to achieve the right balance between my professional activities and my personal life.	55	72	44	49	11
I am actively pursuing retirement, or contemplating earlier retirement, due to my dissatisfaction with the current practice environment.	29	34	53	49	57
In an advanced medical home health, outcomes are improved when patients receive coordinated care of chronic illness.	92	91	35	3	1
The health of individuals is enormously affected by their personal choices.	151	69	4	1	0
Reimbursement levels are sufficient to sustain my practice over the next 5 years.	7	40	66	70	41

Elements of National Health Care Reform	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Assuming the availability of low income subsidies, individuals should be responsible for purchasing health insurance.	33	71	43	49	31
Employers should be required to provide health insurance to their employees or pay a percentage of payroll into a fund to pay for coverage.	23	95	51	34	31
Individuals should be able to enroll in a public plan that reimburses physicians and hospitals based on Medicare's reimbursement levels.	43	89	48	34	22
Medical liability reform is necessary in order to reduce costs associated with defensive medicine.	119	83	13	9	2
Medicare reimbursement for primary care should be increased by at least 5% with the increase paid for by additional revenue.	119	55	47	3	4
Physicians and hospitals meeting certain quality thresholds should be able to share Medicare cost-savings through Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).	56	72	93	10	6
Reform should include payment methodologies that improve chronic disease management services, care coordination and prior authorization.	95	97	35	7	3
Physicians should be paid for non face-to-face services, such as online evaluation and management services, care coordination and prior authorization.	119	81	22	7	1
Reform should place an increased focus on wellness and prevention.	112	94	17	5	2
There should be federal funding for comparative effectiveness research (CER).	97	74	47	6	0
High medical student debt should be alleviated through tuition assistance, loan deferment and loan forgiveness for service programs.	101	109	15	5	0
I support continuing Medicare's Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI).	29	53	92	35	23

Vermont Health Care Priorities	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
In order to help reduce frivolous lawsuits, Vermont should adopt pre-trial screening panels modeled on those in place in Maine and NH.	116	80	23	4	0
A system of patient compensation similar to workers' compensation would be fairer to patients and should replace the present tort system.	75	83	68	7	0
① My patients benefit when I am provided with free drug samples.	48	72	51	38	27
② I would no longer accept free drug samples if the Attorney General maintained a searchable database of the free drug samples provided to each physician.	20	67	57	52	33
I am comfortable with therapeutic substitution of prescriptions by pharmacists.	48	69	43	49	16
Continued under-reimbursement by Medicaid will force me to limit the number of Medicaid patients in my practice.	95	77	38	20	7
The state is facing a shortage of primary care physicians, which is having an effect on patients' ability to access medical care and maintain optimal health.	72	77	83	3	1
In order to improve patient outcomes and the practice environment for primary care, Vermont should expand the Patient Centered Medical Home statewide	89	99	28	9	1
Addressing childhood obesity should be a high priority.	111	101	12	9	0
The state should provide financial support for the adoption of Electronic Health Records and the creation of a health information exchange network.	80	99	29	8	8
The current economic recession is having an adverse impact on my patients.	109	100	19	2	0
Prescription drug abuse is a severe problem in Vermont.	84	95	44	11	1

**What is your age?**

Under 30	6
30 to 45	58
46 to 64	130
65 and older	36

**What is your gender?**

Female	67
Male	159

**Which of the following best describes your practice?**

Primary Care	93
Specialty Care	133

**Employment status:**

Self employed or employed by group in which you have ownership	94
Salaried by entity in which you have no significant ownership (hospital, clinic or health center)	129
Retired	10

**How many physicians are in your practice?**

Solo	52
2 to 4	63
5 to 10	50
11 to 20	12
more than 20 physicians	54