

# Appendix 2: GP characteristics questionnaire for 2003-04



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at Westmead Hospital

**General Practice Statistics and Classification Unit**  
Family Medicine Research Centre

Doctor Identification Number

Please write your QA No. here

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**Please fill in boxes or circle answers where appropriate**

1. Sex ..... Male / Female
2. Age .....
3. How many years have you spent in general practice? .....
4. How many GPs work with you at this practice? ..  
(Practice = shared medical records)
5. Postcode of major practice address..
6. Year of graduation .....
7. Place of graduation (primary medical degree):
  - Aust ..... 1
  - NZ ..... 2
  - Asia ..... 3
  - UK / Ireland ..... 4
  - Other:(specify) ..... 5
8. Do you conduct any of your consultations in a language other than English?
  - No ..... 1
  - Yes - <25% ..... 2
  - Yes - 25 to 50% ..... 3
  - Yes - >50% ..... 4
9. Are you currently a GP registrar? ..... Yes / No
10. Are you DVA registered? ..... Yes / No
11. Do you hold FRACGP ? ..... Yes / No
12. Is this practice accredited ? ..... Yes / No
13. Number of general practice sessions you usually work per week?  
(1 session = ~4 hrs eg a morning session) ....
14. Do you bulk bill?
  - Yes - all patients ..... 1
  - Yes - Pension/Healthcare Card only ..... 2
  - Yes - selected mixture of patients ..... 3
  - No ..... 4

15. Direct patient care hours worked per week?  
(Include hours of direct patient care, instructions, counselling etc and other services such as referrals, prescriptions, phone calls etc.) .....
16. Over the past four weeks have you provided any patient care ....(Please circle as many as apply)
  - As a locum ..... 1
  - In a deputising service ..... 2
  - In a residential aged care facility ..... 3
  - As a salaried/sessional hospital medical officer ..... 4
17. To what extent are computers used at your major practice address? (Circle as many as apply)
  - Not at all ..... 1
  - Billing ..... 2
  - Prescribing ..... 3
  - Medical Records ..... 4
  - Other Admin ..... 5
  - Internet / Email ..... 6
18. What are the normal after-hours arrangements for your practice? (Circle as many as apply)
  - Practice does its own ..... 1
  - Co-operative with other practices ..... 2
  - Deputising service ..... 3
  - Referral to other service (eg A&E) ..... 4
  - Other ..... 5
  - None ..... 6
19. Is your major practice site a teaching practice?
  - for undergraduates ..... 1
  - for GP registrars ..... 2
  - No ..... 3
20. Is there a practice nurse at your major practice?
  - No ..... 1
  - Yes - full time ..... 2
  - Yes - part time - \_\_\_\_ days per week ..... 3
21. Did any of your BEACH consultations take place in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS)?
  - No ..... 1
  - Yes - all ..... 2
  - Yes - some (which dates?) ..... 3

*Thank you for participating in the BEACH PROGRAM.*