

# Medical Labour Force Survey – Northern Territory, 2004

The information collected in this survey will be used only to compile statistical aggregates for the purpose of national, State and regional workforce planning. Your cooperation in completing this form will greatly contribute to making these statistics accurate and reliable.

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Please return your completed form to the Northern Territory Medical Board.

**1a Sex** Male  1 Female  2

**1b Year of birth**

**1c Is your name on the latest register in another State or Territory?** Yes  1 No  2

If **Yes**, please tick all the other States in which you are registered.

NSW  1 Vic  2 QLD  3 SA  4  
 WA  5 TAS  6 ACT  7

**2 Where do you currently reside?** Australian postcode     Overseas  1

**3 Are you an Australian citizen?** Yes  1 No  2

If **No**, do you have permanent resident status in Australia? Yes  1 No  2

**4 Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?** Yes  1 No  2

**5 Which of the following describes your current work status?**

**Working in medicine**

'Working in medicine' includes the practice of medicine, or work that is principally concerned with the discipline of medicine, eg: medicine research, administration, or teaching of medicine.  
 'Working in medicine' includes those normally engaged in medicine but currently on leave.

- working **only** in the Northern Territory  1 → Go to Question **6**.
- working **mainly** in other State(s) but **also** working in the Northern Territory  2 → Go to Question **6** but answer all further questions only in respect of your work in the Northern Territory.
- working **mainly** in the Northern Territory but **also** working in other State(s)  3 → Go to Question **6** but answer all further questions only in respect of your work in the Northern Territory.
- working **only** in other States  4 → No further questions, thank you.
- working in medicine **overseas**  5 → No further questions, thank you.

**On extended leave from working in medicine**

- working in the Northern Territory but currently **on leave for three months or longer** (eg. maternity, study, long service leave)  6 → Go to Question **6** but answer all further questions only in respect of your work in the Northern Territory prior to leave.

**Not working in medicine**

- retired from regular work  7 → Go to Question **6** if you have worked in medicine in the last 4 weeks. **Otherwise, no further questions, thank you.**
- currently not working  8 → Are you looking for work in medicine?
- currently working, not in medicine  9 → Are you looking for work in medicine?

Yes  1 No  2

Full time  1 Other than full time  2

No further questions, thank you.

Please fill in the remainder of the questionnaire with specific reference to your usual working arrangements over the **LAST FOUR WEEKS**.

**6** During the last 4 weeks how many hours PER WEEK did you usually work in medical practice?  
 (Exclude time spent on travel between work locations, but include travel to home visits or other calls out. Exclude time spent on professional voluntary activities. Please estimate where exact figures are not known.)

Total hours actually worked PER WEEK  (Excluding hours on call not worked. Should be less than 100 hours.)  
 Hours PER WEEK in direct contact with patients  (Include hours in scheduled patient sessions and other face to face or telephone consultations.)  
 Hours on call not worked PER WEEK

**7** How many hours per week did you work in each field of medicine?  
 (A clinician is a person mainly involved in the area of clinical practice, ie diagnosis and/or treatment including recommending preventive action to patients.) (Average total hours per week during last 4 weeks.)

Clinician   
 Administrator   
 Teacher or educator   
 Researcher   
 Public health physician   
 Occupational health physician   
 Other (please specify)   
 Total hours (should equal Total hours in Question 6)

**8** How many hours per week over the last 4 weeks did you work in each of the following settings?  
 (Should equal Total Hours in Question 6.) (Hours per week in each setting)

	Publicly operated	Privately operated
Private medical practitioner's rooms or surgery (other than in work settings below)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ambulatory centre, day surgery, community health centre, outpatient clinic (non-residential health facilities)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
24-hour or other medical centre not included above	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Aboriginal health service	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Hospital (including psychiatric hospital)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other residential health care facility (eg: nursing home, hospice)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tertiary education institution	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Defence forces	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Government department or agency (eg: laboratory, research organisation)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (please specify) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**9** What are the three main locations where you have worked over the last 4 weeks?  
 (Include outreach services.)

	Postcode	Total hours worked in each locality	Locality (Only write down the locality if the postcode is not known)
First location (suburb, town, etc)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Second location (suburb, town, etc)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Third location (suburb, town, etc)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**10** In the last year, how many weeks did your work involve scheduled sessions for patient care?  
 (Average number of weeks worked per year in direct patient care is an important workforce planning determinant.)

**11** How many more years do you intend to remain in the medical workforce?

**12** Please complete ONE of the following which best describes the area in which you primarily practise.

1 **GP/primary care practitioner**

1. Do you work **mainly** in:

General practice  1

A specialist interest area  2  
(please specify)

2. Are you currently a:

Vocationally registered (VR)  1

Holder of fellowship of RACGP  2

An RACGP trainee  3

Other?  4

3. Are you currently working:

as a locum?  1

through a deputising service?  2

as a locum and in a deputising service?  3

as none of these?  4

4. How many primary care medical practitioners work at your main practice location?

One  1

Two  2

Three  3

Four  4

Five or more  5

2 **Non-specialist hospital (salaried)**

1. What is your salaried position:

Intern  1

RMO Yr 1  2

RMO Yr 2  3

RMO Yr 3  4

CMO  5

Other hospital medical officer?  6

2. Are you currently a:

GP trainee  1

Vocationally registered GP  2

Other medical practitioner  3

3. Are you awaiting entry to a specialist training course?

Yes  1 No  2

4. How many years do you expect to be working mainly as a hospital non-specialist?

Less than one  1

One  2

Two  3

Three or more  4

5. Do you have the right of private practise?

Yes  1 No  2

3 **Specialist \* # (incl private and hospital)**

From the **Specialty List** below please write the codes for your specialist qualifications and the specialties in which you practise:

1. Specialist qualifications:

Code	If <b>OTHER</b> specify
Main	<input type="text"/>
2nd	<input type="text"/>
3rd	<input type="text"/>

2. Specialities in which you practise:

Code	If <b>OTHER</b> specify
Main	<input type="text"/>
2nd	<input type="text"/>
3rd	<input type="text"/>

4 **Specialist-in-training \* # (eg: Registrar)**

1. Please indicate the specialty in which you are training by writing in the code boxes the corresponding code from the **Specialty List** provided below:

Code	If <b>OTHER</b> specify
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

2. In what year do you expect to complete your specialist training?

\* A specialist is a person who holds a qualification awarded by, or equivalent to that awarded by, the relevant specialist professional college in Australia.

# A speciality is an area of work for which you are qualified for recognition under the *Health Insurance Act*.

**Specialty and subspecialty areas**

**Internal medicine**

- 01 Cardiology
- 47 Clinical genetics
- 02 Clinical haematology
- 03 Clinical immunology (incl Allergy)
- 04 Clinical pharmacology
- 05 Endocrinology
- 06 Gastroenterology
- 07 General medicine
- 08 Geriatrics
- 09 Infectious diseases
- 48 Intensive care – internal medicine
- 10 Medical oncology
- 11 Neurology
- 12 Nuclear medicine
- 13 Paediatric medicine
- 14 Renal medicine
- 15 Rheumatology
- 16 Thoracic medicine

**Pathology**

- 17 General pathology
- 18 Anatomical pathology
- 19 Clinical chemistry
- 20 Cytopathology
- 21 Forensic pathology
- 22 Haematology
- 23 Immunology
- 24 Microbiology
- Surgery**
- 25 General surgery
- 26 Cardiothoracic surgery
- 27 Neurosurgery
- 28 Orthopaedic surgery
- 42 Otolaryngology
- 29 Paediatric surgery
- 30 Plastic/reconstructive surgery
- 31 Urology
- 32 Vascular surgery

**Other specialties**

- 33 Anaesthesia (excl intensive care)
- 34 Dermatology
- 35 Diagnostic radiology (incl ultrasound)
- 36 Emergency medicine
- 49 Intensive care – anaesthesia
- 38 Medical administration
- 39 Obstetrics and gynaecology (incl Gynaecological oncology)
- 40 Occupational medicine
- 41 Ophthalmology
- 43 Psychiatry
- 44 Public health medicine
- 45 Radiation oncology
- 46 Rehabilitation medicine
- 98 OTHER** (not listed above)

**No further questions. Thank you for your time.**

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