

Table VI.8

**Participation Rates as Percentage of Physicians, by Specialty  
Selected Periods**

	Jan. 2000 Dec. 2000	Jan. 2003 Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004 Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005 Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006 Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007 Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008 Dec. 2008
Percent of Physicians Participating							
Physicians (M.D.s and D.O.s):	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
General practice	80.2	84.3	84.8	84.5	88.6	89.4	91.1
General surgery*	93.3	95.6	95.5	95.2	96.2	96.7	97.3
Otolaryngology	91.8	93.9	94.5	94.1	95.1	95.3	96.2
Anesthesiology	93.7	95.5	95.4	95.1	96.8	96.8	98.0
Cardiology	95.8	96.4	96.1	96.1	97.1	97.0	97.9
Dermatology	90.8	92.4	92.9	92.6	93.8	93.9	94.9
Family practice	90.8	93.2	93.7	93.8	94.8	94.8	96.0
Internal medicine*	90.7	92.2	92.9	92.9	94.8	94.7	96.2
Neurology	92.1	93.3	94.0	93.0	94.6	94.7	96.1
Obstetrics-gynecology	86.8	88.8	89.1	89.4	91.5	91.3	92.9
Ophthalmology	93.3	95.1	95.0	94.9	96.0	96.0	96.9
Orthopedic surgery	93.8	95.5	95.8	95.6	96.1	96.5	97.6
Pathology	93.6	95.4	95.3	94.4	96.4	96.5	98.1
Psychiatry*	79.1	83.0	82.8	83.3	87.4	86.9	89.6
Radiology*	95.3	95.7	95.6	95.4	97.4	97.5	98.6
Urology	94.6	96.0	96.2	96.1	96.9	97.0	98.0
Nephrology	95.1	95.5	95.6	95.4	96.7	96.8	97.5
Clinic/other grp practice-not GPPP	91.6	93.4	92.9	91.7	82.7	95.5	100.0
Limited License Practitioners (LLPs):							
Chiropractor	59.4	65.2	70.4	70.4	68.3	69.6	71.3
Podiatry (Surgical Chiropody)	90.7	92.3	93.4	93.4	94.3	94.9	95.3
Optometrist	78.4	82.4	83.1	83.1	85.0	87.0	88.1

NOTE: Effective with the October 1, 1985 election period, carriers were instructed to count individuals only once, even if practicing in multiple settings.

\* General Surgery (General Surgery, Surgical Oncology)

\* Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Medical Oncology)

\* Psychiatry (Psychiatry, Neuropsychiatry)

\*Radiology (Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Interventional Radiology)

SOURCE: CMS/OFM

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