

## Medicare Physician Registry by Specialty

Specialty <sup>1</sup>	April 1991		January 2001		April 2002	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
General Practice	53,658	9.2	29,118	3.4	28,162	3.2
General Surgery	28,524	4.9	27,062	3.1	27,305	3.1
Allergy/Immunology	2,461	0.4	3,160	0.4	3,203	0.4
Otolaryngology (ENT)	7,419	1.3	9,193	1.1	9,388	1.1
Anesthesiology	23,783	4.1	33,982	3.9	34,644	3.9
Cardiology	13,497	2.3	19,076	2.2	19,556	2.2
Dermatology	6,727	1.2	9,072	1.0	9,317	1.0
Family Practice	47,140	8.1	72,331	8.4	74,479	8.4
Gastroenterology	4,886	0.8	8,538	1.0	8,813	1.0
Internal Medicine	78,711	13.5	95,791	11.1	98,411	11.1
Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy	1,082	0.2	848	0.1	853	0.1
Neurology	7,542	1.3	10,960	1.3	11,274	1.3
Neurosurgery	3,500	0.6	4,413	0.5	4,461	0.5
Obstetrics-Gynecology	29,230	5.0	35,231	4.1	35,635	4.0
Ophthalmology	15,219	2.6	18,285	2.1	18,584	2.1
Oral Surgery/Dentists only	34,237	5.9	13,319	1.5	11,687	1.3
Orthopedic Surgery	16,852	2.9	21,758	2.5	22,157	2.5
Pathology	10,072	1.7	13,190	1.5	13,308	1.5
Plastic/reconstructive Surgery	3,960	0.7	5,211	0.6	5,303	0.6
Physical Med and Rehab	3,278	0.6	5,918	0.7	6,119	0.7
Psychiatry	30,505	5.2	35,433	4.1	35,183	4.0
Colorectal Surgery (proctology)	625	0.1	736	0.1	771	0.1
Pulmonary Disease	3,956	0.7	6,353	0.7	6,533	0.7
Radiology	23,269	4.0	28,749	3.3	29,361	3.3
Thoracic Surgery	3,876	0.7	3,006	0.3	3,019	0.3
Urology	8,491	1.5	9,748	1.1	9,890	1.1
Chiropractor	39,992	6.9	51,021	5.9	52,317	5.9
Nuclear Medicine	463	0.1	814	0.1	822	0.1
Pediatrics	21,965	3.8	26,079	3.0	25,793	2.9
Geriatrics	205	0.0	823	0.1	866	0.1
Nephrology	2,345	0.4	4,316	0.5	4,534	0.5
Hand Surgery	212	0.0	492	0.1	500	0.1
Optometry	22,829	3.9	29,462	3.4	29,637	3.3
Certified Nurse Midwife	--	--	2,212	0.3	2,310	0.3
CRNA, Anesthesia Assistant	--	--	23,760	2.7	24,615	2.8
Infectious Disease	353	0.1	2,639	0.3	2,753	0.3
Endocrinology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	2,510	0.3	2,586	0.3
Podiatry	14,367	2.5	15,254	1.8	15,577	1.8

# **Medicare Physician Registry by Specialty** (continued)

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ambulatory Surgical Center (formerly Misc)	897	0.2	82	0.0	74	0.0
Nurse Practitioner	--	--	26,086	3.0	29,788	3.4
Psychologist/billing independently	--	--	2,231	0.3	2,082	0.2
Audiologist/billing independently	--	--	3,160	0.4	3,398	0.4
Physical Therapist	--	--	14,204	1.6	16,917	1.9
Rheumatology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	2,386	0.3	2,463	0.3
Occupational Therapist	--	--	1,766	0.2	2,142	0.2
Clinic multispec W/O GPP	16,050	2.8	233	0.0	230	0.0
Periph. Vascular Disease <sup>2</sup>	220	0.0	204	0.0	203	0.0
Vascular Surgery <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1,353	0.2	1,412	0.2
Cardiac Surgery <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1,266	0.1	1,321	0.1
Addiction Medicine <sup>2</sup>	--	--	123	0.0	119	0.0
Clinical Social Worker	--	--	39,927	4.6	39,659	4.5
Critical Care Intensivists <sup>2</sup>	--	--	706	0.1	748	0.1
Hematology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	457	0.1	465	0.1
Hematology/Oncology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	4,138	0.5	4,264	0.5
Preventive Medicine <sup>2</sup>	--	--	320	0.0	324	0.0
Maxillofacial Surgery <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1,298	0.1	1,336	0.2
Neuropsychiatry <sup>2</sup>	249	0.0	145	0.0	140	0.0
Certified Clinical Nurse	--	--	2,305	0.3	2,375	0.3
Medical Oncology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1,675	0.2	1,784	0.2
Surgical Oncology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	292	0.0	309	0.0
Radiation Oncology <sup>2</sup>	38	0.0	2,771	0.3	2,943	0.3
Emergency Medicine <sup>2</sup>	--	--	26,341	3.0	27,786	3.1
Interventional Radiology <sup>2</sup>	--	--	639	0.1	652	0.1
Physician Assistant	--	--	18,296	2.1	21,487	2.4
Gynecology Oncology <sup>3</sup>	--	--	291	0.0	324	0.0
Clinical Psychology	--	--	32,582	3.8	32,604	3.7
Unknown Physician Specialty	535	0.1	239	0.0	153	0.0
Miscellaneous Specialties	--	--	103	0.0	5,082	0.6
Totals	583,229	100.0	865,479	100.0	888,061	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Most osteopath specialties have been combined with their appropriate specialty.

<sup>2</sup> Effective 4/92 except Hematology effective 6/92.

<sup>3</sup> Effective 10/94.

NOTES: Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components.

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