

PEDIATRICIAN LIFE AND CAREER EXPERIENCE STUDY

MESSAGE FROM THE PLACES RESEARCH TEAM

Welcome to the spring 2014 issue of the AAP PLACES newsletter. This issue provides you, PLACES participants, with a first look at data highlights from PLACES. Thanks for your continued participation in the study! PLACES data will be presented at the 2014 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. For more information, visit www2.aap.org/research/places.htm.

The 3rd annual spring survey is currently being conducted. Thank you in advance for taking time from your busy schedule to complete the survey and contribute to the success of this project!

We will continue to send you project updates and findings by sharing the “GOING PLACES” newsletter with you. Please let us know what you think about PLACES data and this newsletter on the last page of the spring survey. Take a look at page 4 to see the lucky PLACES participant who won an iPad!



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ABOUT PLACES

PLACES is a longitudinal study that tracks the experiences and opinions of 1,804 early career pediatricians over time

- There are 2 important cohorts
 - 1) Recent Residency Graduates
Most graduated in 2009-2011
 - 2) Early Career
Most graduated in 2002-2004
- 93% of PLACES participants responded to the 2nd annual survey (2013); the 3rd annual survey is currently being conducted
- Strengths of PLACES
 - ✓ Longitudinal design
 - ✓ Inclusion of both AAP members and non-members
 - ✓ Range of content (work, satisfaction, personal dimension)
 - ✓ Commitment of participants, like you!

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RESULTS FROM THE 2ND YEAR OF PLACES (2013)

~ 75% of PLACES participants completed the 2-page fall 2013 survey that focused on Health Reform

The majority of these pediatricians (60%) reported poor or fair understanding of the Health Reform Law (Figure 1)

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Figure 1. PLACES pediatrician understanding of the Health Reform Law

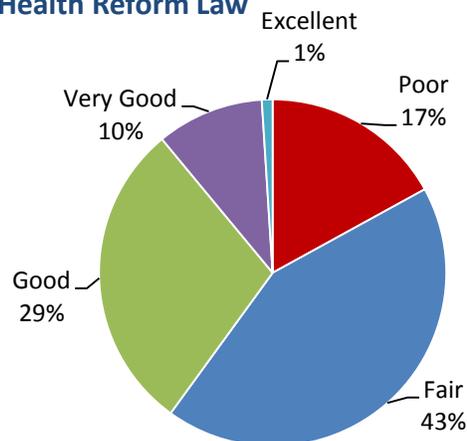
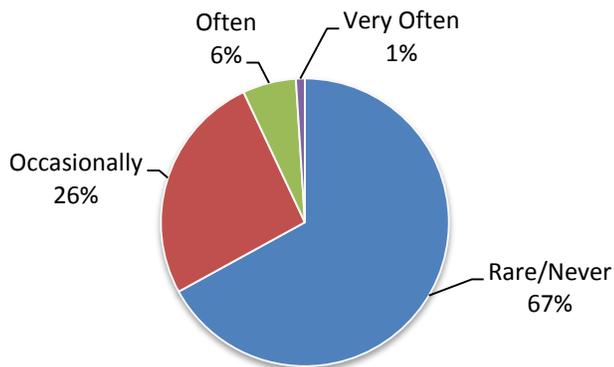


Figure 2. Frequency that PLACES pediatricians are asked questions by patients/parents on health care reform



Over two-thirds of PLACES pediatricians say they rarely are asked questions about health care reform (Figure 2)

Of the PLACES participants who are asked questions about health care reform at least occasionally (33%), 63% do not feel prepared to answer questions.

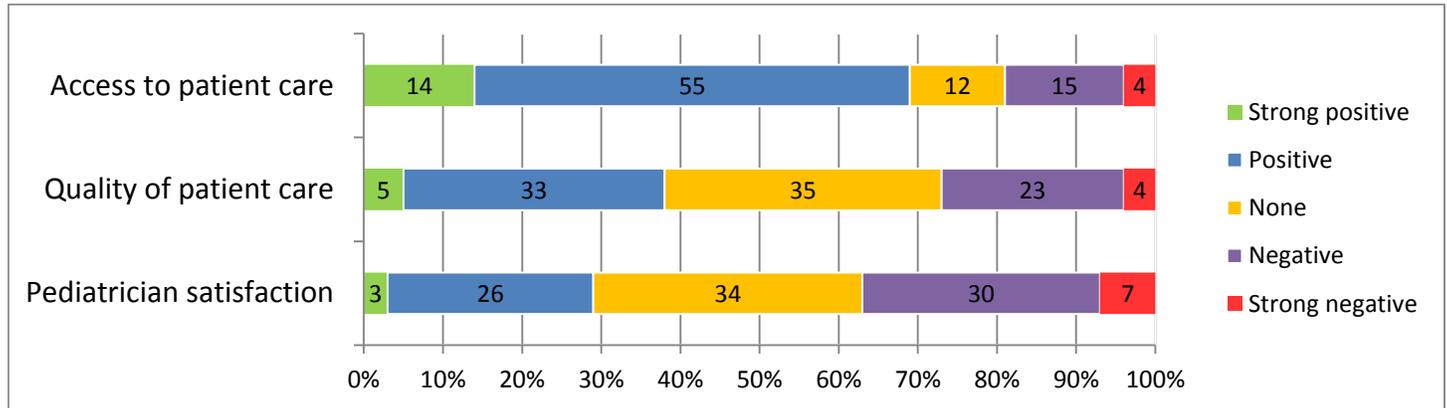
For information on health care reform to use with families, see these resources from the AAP:

- <http://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/Pages/State-Health-Insurance.aspx>
- <http://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/Documents/Map/Universal.pdf>

PERCEPTIONS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

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Figure 3. PLACES pediatrician anticipated impact of health care reform on access to patient care, quality of patient care, and pediatrician satisfaction



PLACES participants anticipate health care reform will have a positive impact on access to patient care (69%) (Figure 3). Fewer expect a positive impact on quality of patient care (38%) or pediatrician satisfaction (29%)

PLACES Participants and Medicaid Patients

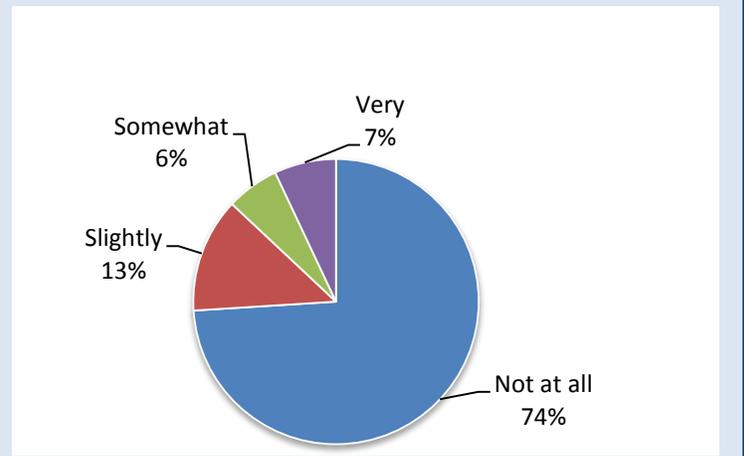
69% of PLACES participants currently accept all Medicaid patients who contact them; 79% accept all privately insured patients

Subspecialists are more likely than generalists to report they are currently accepting Medicaid patients (83% and 55%, respectively)

Of the PLACES participants who care for Medicaid patients and provide primary care and/or immunizations, most (77%) were unsure if they received a higher rate of payment for Medicaid compared to a year ago; 16% said yes and 7% said no

The majority of PLACES participants (74%) are not involved in making decisions about organizational and financial issues, such as participation in new plans and taking new Medicaid patients (Figure 4)

Figure 4. PLACES pediatrician involvement in making decisions about organizational and financial issues at work



Has PLACES been reviewed by an institutional review board (IRB)? PLACES was initially approved in November, 2011 by the AAP IRB, and each year the IRB reviews the protocol, the PLACES surveys, and any changes to the study

How is my data protected? The IRB-approved procedures to protect your data and keep it confidential and secure include:

- ✓ Identifying your data with a number and not your name
- ✓ Storing data on password protected computers in password protected files, or in locked file cabinets with limited access
- ✓ Using a secure online data collection system that complies with U.S. frameworks set by the Department of Commerce
- ✓ Releasing only aggregate statistics

Have any measures been taken to enhance the protection of my data? Yes! We recently sought and received a Certificate of Confidentiality for PLACES from the federal government to further protect your data. This means we cannot be forced to disclose information you provide us that may identify you, even by a court subpoena, unless you request the disclosure

The only time we can be forced to disclose your information, without your consent, is if you reported to us that you committed child abuse or intended to hurt yourself or others

Whom do I contact if I have questions about PLACES or the confidentiality of the data?

Mary Pat Frintner: mfrintner@aap.org; 1-800-433-9016, ext. 7664

Fall Survey and Congratulations to Dr. Jess Chen

Over 75% of participants completed the second fall survey with only 2-3 requests – thank you! Participants who returned the survey by December 27, 2013 were included in a drawing for an iPad

Dr. Jess Chen (pictured with her two daughters) is a pediatric emergency medicine physician practicing in Akron, Ohio. She was randomly selected as our iPad winner from the 1,357 participants who completed the fall survey

The fall survey, much shorter than the annual survey, provides an opportunity to make sure we have your current contact information and to share results via the *GOING PLACES* newsletter

PLACES 2014 IPAD WINNER



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