

Survey sent to 12053 subscribing members of RCP working in the four UK nations prior to EGM

Survey responses = 2141 (response rate 17.8%)

Grade	Number	%
Consultant	884	41.29%
Specialty trainee (registrar)	634	29.61%
Internal medicine trainee	294	13.73%
SAS	92	4.30%
Locally employed doctor (eg clinical fellow)	99	4.62%
Foundation	23	1.07%
Currently in research	18	0.84%
Currently not in clinical practice	14	0.65%
GP	40	1.87%
Retired	25	1.17%
Other please specify	18	0.84%
Total	2141	100.00%

Nation	Number	%
England	1957	91.41%
Northern Ireland	40	1.87%
Scotland	19	0.89%
Wales	125	5.84%
Total	2141	100.00%

Location	Frequency	%
Acute Hospital	1970	92.01%
Community or Rehabilitation Hospital	70	3.27%
Primary Care Setting	59	2.76%
Not in clinical practice	42	1.96%
Total	2141	100.00%

Working with a physician associate/s	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	781	36.48%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	994	46.43%
I have not worked with a physician associate	366	17.09%
Total	2141	100.00%

Specialty (where >10 responses)	Frequency	%
Acute Internal Medicine	274	12.80%
Geriatric Medicine	257	12.00%
Respiratory Medicine	206	9.62%
General Internal Medicine	198	9.25%
Cardiology	177	8.27%
Gastroenterology	140	6.54%
Endocrinology And/or Diabetes Mellitus	92	4.30%
Palliative Medicine	79	3.69%
Renal Medicine	75	3.50%
Neurology	65	3.04%
Rheumatology	63	2.94%
Infectious Diseases	56	2.62%
General Practice	53	2.48%
Intensive Care Medicine	53	2.48%
Dermatology	48	2.24%
Haematology	46	2.15%
Other (please Specify)	40	1.87%
Medical Oncology	35	1.63%
Genito-urinary Medicine	25	1.17%
Stroke Medicine	25	1.17%
Rehabilitation Medicine	24	1.12%
Not Relevant	21	0.98%
Clinical Oncology	15	0.70%
Clinical Genetics	12	0.56%
Hepatology	11	0.51%
TOTAL	2090	

Does having a physician associate on your team impact on training opportunities for you?

ALL GRADES		Frequency	%	
5	PAs enable	184	8.59%	13.22%
4		99	4.62%	
3	neutral	327	15.27%	15.27%
2	PAs limit	261	12.19%	44.04%
1		682	31.85%	
Unable to comment		588	27.46%	27.46%
Totals		2141	100.00%	100.00%

CONSULTANT		Frequency	%	
5	PAs enable	122	13.80%	17.87%
4		36	4.07%	
3	neutral	117	13.24%	13.24%
2	PAs limit	76	8.60%	23.08%
1		128	14.48%	
Unable to comment		405	45.81%	45.81%
Totals		884	100.00%	100.00%

SPECIALTY TRAINEE (REGISTRAR)		Frequency	%	
5	PAs enable	33	5.21%	11.51%
4		40	6.31%	
3	neutral	134	21.14%	21.14%
2	PAs limit	97	15.30%	55.52%
1		255	40.22%	
Unable to comment		75	11.83%	11.83%
Totals		634	100.00%	100.00%

INTERNAL MEDICINE TRAINEE		Frequency	%	
5	PAs enable	5	1.70%	5.44%
4		11	3.74%	
3	neutral	39	13.27%	13.27%
2	PAs limit	53	18.03%	77.21%
1		174	59.18%	
Unable to comment		12	4.08%	4.08%
Totals		294	100.00%	100.00%

SAS, LOCALLY EMPLOYED DOCTOR, FOUNDATION, GP				
Frequency			%	
5	PAs enable	20	7.87%	11.42%
4		9	3.54%	
3	neutral	30	11.81%	11.81%
2	PAs limit	26	10.24%	51.57%
1		105	41.34%	
Unable to comment		64	25.20%	25.20%
Totals		254	100.00%	100.00%

Does having a physician associate on your team impact on training opportunities for doctor colleagues in your team?

ALL GRADES		Frequency	%	
5	PAs enable	192	8.97%	13.78%
4		103	4.81%	
3	neutral	272	12.70%	12.70%
2	PAs limit	337	15.74%	58.24%
1		910	42.50%	
Unable to comment		327	15.27%	15.27%
Totals		2141	100.00%	100.00%

CONSULTANT		Frequency	%		
5	PAs enable	135	15.27%	23.08%	
4		69	7.81%		
3	neutral	125	14.14%	14.14%	
2	PAs limit	126	14.25%	42.31%	
1		248	28.05%		
Unable to comment		181	20.48%	20.48%	
Totals		884	100.00%	100.00%	

SPECIALTY TRAINEE (REGISTRAR)		Frequency	%		
5	PAs enable	24	3.79%	7.10%	
4		21	3.31%		
3	neutral	78	12.30%	12.30%	
2	PAs limit	123	19.40%	71.77%	
1		332	52.37%		
Unable to comment		56	8.83%	8.83%	
Totals		634	100.00%	100.00%	

INTERNAL MEDICINE TRAINEE		Frequency	%		
5	PAs enable	4	1.36%	3.06%	
4		5	1.70%		
3	neutral	37	12.59%	12.59%	
2	PAs limit	54	18.37%	79.59%	
1		180	61.22%		
Unable to comment		14	4.76%	4.76%	
Totals		294	100.00%	100.00%	

SAS, LOCALLY EMPLOYED DOCTOR, FOUNDATION, GP					
			Frequency	%	
5	PAs enable		25	9.84%	12.20%
4			6	2.36%	
3	neutral		25	9.84%	9.84%
2	PAs limit		23	9.06%	57.09%
1			122	48.03%	
Unable to comment			53	20.87%	20.87%
Totals			254	100.00%	100.00%

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How do you feel about physician associates being part of the multi-disciplinary team (MDT)?

		Frequency	%	
5	Very supportive	336	15.69%	29.05%
4		286	13.36%	
3	Neutral	574	26.81%	26.81%
2	Not supportive	434	20.27%	40.78%
1		439	20.50%	
Unable to comment		72	3.36%	3.36%
Totals		2141	100.00%	100.00%

Within your multi-disciplinary team (MDT), how well understood is the term 'Physician Associate'?

		Frequency	%	
5	Clear	294	13.73%	24.19%
4		224	10.46%	
3	Neutral	306	14.29%	14.29%
2	Unclear	401	18.73%	55.30%
1		783	36.57%	
Unable to comment		133	6.21%	6.21%
Totals		2141	100.00%	100.00%

In secondary care, do you feel that you, or doctors you work with, are appropriately supervised and supported?

		Frequency	%	
5	Most of the time	589	27.51%	56.75%
4		626	29.24%	
3	Neutral	499	23.31%	23.31%
2	Rarely	246	11.49%	16.44%
1		106	4.95%	
Unable to comment		75	3.50%	3.50%
	Totals	2141	100.00%	100.00%

In secondary care, in your opinion, do you think physician associates are appropriately supervised and supported?

		Frequency	%	
5	Most of the time	283	13.22%	23.26%
4		215	10.04%	
3	Neutral	338	15.79%	15.79%
2	Rarely	476	22.23%	42.83%
1		441	20.60%	
Unable to comment		388	18.12%	18.12%
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	5		4		3		2		1					
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	217	27.78%	117	14.98%	182	23.30%	132	16.90%	129	16.52%	4	0.51%	781	100.00%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	86	8.65%	128	12.88%	307	30.89%	239	24.04%	219	22.03%	15	1.51%	994	100.00%
I have not worked with a physician associate	33	9.02%	41	11.20%	85	23.22%	63	17.21%	91	24.86%	53	14.48%	366	100.00%
Total	336	15.69%	286	13.36%	574	26.81%	434	20.27%	439	20.50%	72	3.36%	2141	100.00%

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	Most of the time				Neutral		Rarely				Unable to comment		Total	
	5		4		3		2		1					
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	262	33.55%	229	29.32%	154	19.72%	72	9.22%	47	6.02%	17	2.18%	781	100.00%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	227	22.84%	307	30.89%	270	27.16%	131	13.18%	47	4.73%	12	1.21%	994	100.00%
I have not worked with a physician associate	100	27.32%	90	24.59%	75	20.49%	43	11.75%	12	3.28%	46	12.57%	366	100.00%
Total	589	27.51%	626	29.24%	499	23.31%	246	11.49%	106	4.95%	75	3.50%	2141	100.00%

In secondary care, in your opinion, do you think physician associates are appropriately supervised and supported?

	Most of the time				Neutral		Rarely				Unable to comment		Total	
	5		4		3		2		1					
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	191	24.46%	104	13.32%	141	18.05%	154	19.72%	152	19.46%	39	4.99%	781	100.00%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	85	8.55%	104	10.46%	173	17.40%	267	26.86%	244	24.55%	121	12.17%	994	100.00%
I have not worked with a physician associate	7	1.91%	7	1.91%	24	6.56%	55	15.03%	45	12.30%	228	62.30%	366	100.00%
Total	283	13.22%	215	10.04%	338	15.79%	476	22.23%	441	20.60%	388	18.12%	2141	100.00%

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	PAs enable				Neutral		PAs limit				Unable to comment		Total	
	5		4		3		2		1					
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	137	17.54%	56	7.17%	138	17.67%	86	11.01%	226	28.94%	138	17.67%	781	100.00%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	39	3.92%	39	3.92%	172	17.30%	153	15.39%	394	39.64%	197	19.82%	994	100.00%
I have not worked with a physician associate	8	2.19%	4	1.09%	17	4.64%	22	6.01%	62	16.94%	253	69.13%	366	100.00%
Total	184	8.59%	99	4.62%	327	15.27%	261	12.19%	682	31.85%	588	27.46%	2141	100.00%

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	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	148	18.95%	58	7.43%	131	16.77%	114	14.60%	302	38.67%	28	3.59%	781	100.00%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	36	3.62%	40	4.02%	121	12.17%	188	18.91%	512	51.51%	97	9.76%	994	100.00%
I have not worked with a physician associate	8	2.19%	5	1.37%	20	5.46%	35	9.56%	96	26.23%	202	55.19%	366	100.00%
Total	192	8.97%	103	4.81%	272	12.70%	337	15.74%	910	42.50%	327	15.27%	2141	100.00%

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	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
I am currently working with a physician associate/s	169	21.64%	121	15.49%	123	15.75%	125	16.01%	235	30.09%	8	1.02%	781	100.00%
I have previously worked with a physician associate/s	95	9.56%	84	8.45%	150	15.09%	222	22.33%	397	39.94%	46	4.63%	994	100.00%
I have not worked with a physician associate	30	8.20%	19	5.19%	33	9.02%	54	14.75%	151	41.26%	79	21.58%	366	100.00%
Total	294	13.73%	224	10.46%	306	14.29%	401	18.73%	783	36.57%	133	6.21%	2141	100.00%