Non-Direct Patient Care Physicians in North Dakota

This fact sheet is Number 29 in a series of analyses regarding physicians in North Dakota. It was developed using 2015 data from the American Medical Association Physician Masterfile.

Non-direct patient care physicians are defined as those who do not have regular contact with patients. They include physicians who teach, do research, administration, and other medical activities.

Currently there are 55 non-direct care physicians identified in North Dakota. Figure 1 shows the distribution of these physicians relative to the population of North Dakota by rural/urban status.

Forty-three (78%) are male. Nearly all (82%) of the physicians are in urban areas (which has 51% of the population).

The average age of non-direct care physicians in North Dakota is 61.5 years.

The average age is higher for small/isolated small rural areas (Figure 2).

Six non-direct patient care physicians (11%) are 50 years or younger, and 13 (24%) are 67 or older.

Twenty (36%) physicians are in administration, 21 (38%) are in teaching, 4 (7%) are in research, and 10 (18%) are in other occupations.

Conclusions

Non-direct patient care physicians in North Dakota are older and more likely to work in urban areas. Their main foci are administration and teaching. They only account for 3.3% of North Dakota’s active physicians.

Data

The physician data are from the 2015 American Medical Association Physician Masterfile.