

Table VI.13a
Medicare Physician and Other Practitioner Registry by Specialty
July 2008

Specialty	Specialty Code	Number	Percent
All practitioners		1,087,845	100.0
All Physician Specialties (PHYSSTAT=1)		667,340	61.3
Primary Care		246,314	22.6
General Practice	01	20,414	1.9
Family Practice	08	86,131	7.9
Internal Medicine	11	105,550	9.7
Pediatrics	37	34,219	3.1
Medical		108,694	10.0
Allergy/Immunology	03	3,445	0.3
Cardiology (Cardiovascular Disease)	06	22,266	2.0
Dermatology	07	10,269	0.9
Interventional Pain Management	09	543	0.0
Gastroenterology	10	10,942	1.0
Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy	12	841	0.1
Neurology	13	12,913	1.2
Pulmonary Disease	29	8,048	0.7
Physical Med and Rehab	25	7,370	0.7
Geriatrics	38	1,409	0.1
Nephrology	39	6,153	0.6
Infectious Disease	44	4,136	0.4
Endocrinology	46	3,997	0.4
Rheumatology	66	3,533	0.3
Single/multi-Specialty Clinic/Group Practice	70	83	0.0
Pain Management	72	705	0.1
Periph. Vascular Disease	76	129	0.0
Addiction Medicine	79	152	0.0
Critical Care Intensivists	81	1,536	0.1
Hematology	82	762	0.1
Hematology/Oncology	83	6,513	0.6
Preventive Medicine	84	549	0.1
Medical Oncology	90	2,400	0.2
Surgical		108,031	9.9
General Surgery	02	25,865	2.4
Otolaryngology (ENT)	04	9,707	0.9
Neurosurgery	14	4,745	0.4
Ophthalmology	18	18,943	1.7
Orthopedic Surgery	20	23,409	2.2
Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery	24	5,803	0.5
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	28	1,022	0.1
Thoracic Surgery	33	2,791	0.3
Urology	34	10,136	0.9
Hand Surgery	40	734	0.1
Vascular Surgery	77	2,102	0.2
Cardiac Surgery	78	1,880	0.2
Maxillofacial Surgery	85	333	0.0
Surgical Oncology	91	561	0.1

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Specialty	Specialty Code	Number	Percent
Emergency Medicine	93	36,644	3.4
Anesthesiology	05	38,358	3.5
Radiology		37,595	3.5
Radiology	30	32,099	3.0
Nuclear Medicine	36	786	0.1
Radiation Oncology	92	3,799	0.3
Interventional Radiology	94	911	0.1
Pathology	22	13,984	1.3
Obstetrics-Gynecology		38,515	3.5
Obstetrics Gynecology	16	37,834	3.5
Gynecology/Oncology	98	681	0.1
Psychiatry		38,921	3.6
Psychiatry	26	38,780	3.6
Neuropsychiatrist	86	141	0.0
Other and Unknown		284	0.0
Limited Licensed Practitioners (PHYSSTAT=2)		126,006	11.6
Optometry	41	34,660	3.2
Oral Surgery/Dentists only	19	12,526	1.2
Maxillofacial Surgery	85	1,425	0.1
Podiatry	48	16,201	1.5
Chiropractor	35	61,027	5.6
Other/Unknown		167	0.0
Non-Physician Practitioners (PHYSSTAT=3)		294,499	27.1
Certified Nurse Midwife	42	4,179	0.4
Anesthesia Assistant	32	440	0.0
CRNA	43	31,148	2.9
Nurse Practitioner	50	57,226	5.3
Psychologist/billing independently	62	1,622	0.1
Audiologist/billing independently	64	5,149	0.5
Physical Therapist	65	38,452	3.5
Occupational Therapist	67	6,541	0.6
Clinical Psychology	68	39,422	3.6
Dietitian/Nutritionist	71	9,486	0.9
Clinical Social Worker	80	53,671	4.9
Certified Clinical Nurse	89	3,594	0.3
Physician Assistant	97	43,532	4.0
Other and Unknown		37	0.0

NOTES: PHYSSTAT refers to the name of the variable in the Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN) database that is used to group practitioners by his or her medical credentials. Specialty code is self-reported and may not correspond to actual board certification. Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components.

SOURCES: CMS/OFM's and CMM's Unique Physician Identification Number database/
classification by ORD.

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