

Table 2 Practice characteristics of respondents to a survey of physicians practising in Lebanon in 2007–2008 (n = 546)

Variable	No. ^a	%	Mean (SD) % worktime
Type of activity^b			
Inpatient care	464	85.0	44.0 (28.7)
Outpatient care	461	84.4	48.9 (44.0)
Teaching	81	14.8	1.3 (6.9)
Research	43	7.9	2.4 (6.8)
Administration	20	3.7	1.2 (8.1)
Field of practice^c			
Medical subspecialty	135	24.7	-
Surgical specialty	130	23.8	-
Primary care specialty	146	26.7	-
General practice	77	14.1	-
Other	55	10.1	-
Primary type of practice^b			
Solo practice	403	73.8	-
Partner in medical group	14	2.6	-
Public hospital	131	24.0	-
Private hospital	330	60.4	-
Private university	16	2.9	-
Other	33	6.1	-
Primary location of practice			
City	392	71.8	-
Suburbs	62	11.4	-
Town	63	11.5	-
Village	28	5.1	-

^aMissing observations in some categories. Cross-tabulation revealed that 2 of 132 who reported surgical training reported practising as a general practitioner.

^bRespondents could choose more than 1 option.

^cPrimary care refers to residency training in internal medicine, family medicine, paediatrics or obstetrics and gynaecology. General practice refers to physicians who completed no residency training.

SD = standard deviation.