

**Table 1 Characteristics of the participating doctors working in health care centres in Gaza compared with the total population of doctors in Gaza in 2014**

Characteristic	Study participants No. (%)	Source population N <sup>1</sup> (%)
Total	135	3809
Sex		
Male	116 (86)	3390 (89)
Female	19 (14)	419 (11)
Age (years)		
< 30	104 (77)	938 (25)
≥ 30	31 (23)	2871 (75)
Country of the last qualification		
Palestine	88 (65)	1715 (45)
Other Arab countries	36 (27)	
Europe, North America and Russia	11 (8)	2094 (55)
Specialization		
General medical practitioners	117 (87)	2481 (65)
Specialists	18 (13)	1328 (35)
Work place		
Governmental hospitals	69 (51)	2496 (66)
UNRWA	35 (26)	243 (6)
NGOs and private sector	32 (24)	1069 (28)
Highest level of qualification		
Bachelor degree	74 (55)	
Postgraduate degree (MSc or diploma)	37 (27)	
Board/Fellowship or PhD	24 (18)	

*This is the best possible estimation that we could achieve based on several sources (6,17,18, personal communication, Dr Khamis ElEssi, 2016).*

*UNRWA = United Nations Relief and Works Agency; NGO = nongovernmental organization.*