

Table 3 The required numbers of general practitioners (GPs) and specialists for primary health care (PHC) centres providing core as well as core and supplementary services, Oman, 2014

Catchment population	Expected annual outpatient attendance for PHC core services	Total hours per year ^a	GPs required	
			Min (1.2) ^b	Max (1.3) ^b
Centres providing core services				
≤ 5000	13 514	3604	3.0	3.0
5001–10 000	27 029	7208	6.0	6.0
10 001–15 000	40 543	10 811	8.0	9.0
Centres providing core & supplementary services				
≤ 5 000	56 886	16 443	8.0	5.0
5001–10 000	68 264	19 731	9.0	6.0
10 001–15 000	79 641	23 020	11.0	7.0

^aThis was used to calculate the total number of doctors needed to carry out the expected workload per catchment area population.

^bCategory allowance factor.