

Cardiologists' Views, June 2004

1. What is the single biggest barrier to professional satisfaction in practice?
 - a. Not enough time to spend with patients 7%
 - b. Not enough time to keep up with the professional literature 9%
 - c. Reimbursement is too low 13%
 - d. Expenses are too high 4%
 - e. Fear of malpractice lawsuits 17%
 - f. Too much administrative nonsense 50%
2. Does your practice formally use CPGS? No 71%
3. Does your practice use documentation templates based on diagnoses? No 85%
4. Thinking about how you relate to the organized medical staff five years ago and today, do the concerns of the medical staff interest you today:
 - a. More than five years ago 30%
 - b. Less than five years ago 43%
 - c. About the same 20%
5. If you heard there was something you could do in your practice that would save you time, would you do it?
 - a. Yes 70%
 - b. No 0%
 - c. I'm skeptical 30%
6. Other than fee for service, how do you get paid?
 - a. Capitation 30%
 - b. Contact capitation 13%
 - c. Case rates 30%
 - d. Pay for performance 13%
 - e. Percent of premium 6%

9. Evidence-based medicine is
 - a. The way for cardiologists to survive in the future 55%
 - b. A euphemism for cookbook medicine 25%
 - c. A communist plot 9%

10. In addition, one of the other presenters asked what physicians were planning on doing to increase revenues. The answers
 - a. Increase technical component billing (diagnostic testing, etc) 74%
 - b. See more patients per physician 23%