

# Physicians frustrated by third-party interference

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In the Great American Physician Survey 2013, 1,100 physicians were surveyed about their frustrations with practicing medicine. Physicians were asked to choose one reason above all others for not becoming a physician.

The main [frustration](#) cited was too much third-party interference, which was cited by more than one-third of [respondents](#), and was the most common response for partners/co-owners (41 percent), physicians

employed by hospitals and other institutions (22 percent), and physicians employed in practices (35 percent). In addition, [stress](#) (12, 19, and 18 percent, respectively); professional or personal reward not aligning with expectations (13, 13, and 21 percent, respectively), and inadequate compensation (7, 16, and 12 percent, respectively) were commonly cited. Partners/co-owners cited declining ability to practice independently (19 percent) as a frustration, while physicians employed by hospitals and other institutions reported long hours as a key frustration more often than did those in other groups.

According to the report: "Too much third-party interference received the highest percentage of responses, with more than one-third of [the] 1,100 physician survey takers citing it as the main reason."

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