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Time survey report in the mail

A list of preliminary service times for visits and procedures for all OHIP specialties has been circulated to each of the OMA Clinical Sections for review and feedback. Sections have been asked to respond in writing with respect to the specific service times for their specialty and the times of other specialties' services with which their specialty has familiarity.

The preliminary service times were arrived at largely on the basis of an extensive survey the Commission conducted of Ontario physicians.

Following consideration of the written comments from each Section, the Commission will review the data again, and, if necessary, refer times still in question to the Expert Evaluation Panel for its review and advice. Following this, the Commission will finalize all times for application to the new relative value schedule.

Analysis and results of the time survey

The report presents analysis and results of the time survey. For the vast majority of the codes, the distribution of the survey responses was very good.

The survey data were then examined relative to applicable secondary data.

A copy of the full report and the service time lists will be available within the next 2 weeks on the Commission's Web site (www.rbrvs.on.ca).

Intensity Evaluations

The Commission is now in the process of a second smaller intensity survey of 10 specialties to ensure a comprehensive sampling of codes from all OHIP specialties.

As in the previous process, the Angus Reid Group will manage the recruitment and supervise the evaluation sessions. Angus Reid is conducting a random recruitment of physicians from across the province.

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