Methodology

• UNH Survey Center conducted a web survey of New Hampshire physicians for the New Hampshire Medical Society (NHMS).

• Email invitations were sent to 2,965 NH physicians on June 11, 2013
  • NHMS members and non-members
  • A postcard with a link was sent to physicians without an email address.

• 588 physicians completed the survey, a response rate of 20%.
Demographics

• **Membership**
  66% members of NHMS

• **Gender**
  72% male

• **Age**
  13% under 40
  21% 40-49
  49% 50-64
  17% 65 and Older

• **Practice Type**
  52% hospital or health system
  21% individual group practice
  15% self-employed.

• **Field of Medicine**
  19% internal medicine
  14% surgery
  13% family medicine

• **Practice Size**
  14% in solo practice
  21% 2 – 4 physicians
  23% 5 – 10 physicians
  13% 11 – 20 physicians
  29% more than 20 physicians

• **Party ID**
  53% Democrats
  18% Independents – lean Democrat
  16% Independent
  13% Independent – lean Republican
  31% Republican
Summary of Findings

**Top issues to concentrate NHMS legislative efforts**
- Malpractice issues/tort reform
- Improving access to mental health services
- Development of a no-fault medical liability system

**Political Issues**
Only two issues seen as important for NHMS to take a position on:
- Physician engagement in end-of-life care
- More regulations on the possession of firearms
Summary

**Education and outreach opportunities**
- Providing information on Affordable Care Act and its provisions
- Non-member education on medical malpractice screening panel system

**Electronic Health Records**
- 4 out of 5 physicians use EHRs with majorities agreeing that it improves patient care and disagreeing that it helps with efficiency.
- Younger physicians are more likely to agree with both statements about EHRs.
Medical Policy Issues Quadrant Analysis

Plots the importance of NHMS taking a position on an issue with the position of physicians on the same issue.

**Low support** but **high importance** for NHMS to take a position
- Medicaid managed care

**High support** and **high importance** for NHMS to take a position
- Malpractice/tort reform
- Mental health services
- A no fault medical liability system
- Health Information Technology
- Medicaid expansion
- Scope of practice issues

**Low support** and **low importance** for NHMS to take a position
- Restrictive or selective networks
- Drug testing healthcare workers
- Addressing health effects of climate change
- Integrating alternative medicine

**High support** but **low importance** for NHMS to take a position
- Gun violence
- Improving education
- Developing disabilities in education
- Taxes on alcohol and tobacco
- Other environmental health concerns
Non-members are more likely to feel it is very important that NHMS focuses on addressing developmental disabilities (and other disabilities) in education.
NHMS members are more likely to strongly support...
Top Three Issues

1. Malpractice issues/tort reform
   - Most Important: 45%
   - Second: 14%
   - Third: 8%

2. Improving Access to Mental Health Services
   - Most Important: 17%
   - Second: 16%
   - Third: 10%

3. The development of a no fault medical liability system
   - Most Important: 22%
   - Second: 12%
   - Third: 8%

4. Medicaid Expansion
   - Most Important: 11%
   - Second: 11%
   - Third: 12%

5. The use of Health Information Technology
   - Most Important: 11%
   - Second: 7%
   - Third: 7%

6. Medicaid Managed Care
   - Most Important: 9%
   - Second: 8%
   - Third: 3%

7. Addressing Scope of Practice Issues With Respect to...  
   - Most Important: 8%
   - Second: 8%
   - Third: 3%

8. Restrictive or selective networks
   - Most Important: 6%
   - Second: 5%
   - Third: 5%

9. Addressing Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue
   - Most Important: 5%
   - Second: 3%
   - Third: 3%

10. Taxes on Alcohol or Tobacco
    - Most Important: 5%
    - Second: 4%
    - Third: 3%

11. Improving the Overall Quality of Primary and Secondary...
    - Most Important: 3%
    - Second: 3%
    - Third: 3%

12. Addressing Other Environmental Concerns
    - Most Important: 2%
    - Second: 2%
    - Third: 2%

13. Addressing Developmental Disabilities in Education
    - Most Important: 1%
    - Second: 1%
    - Third: 1%

    - Most Important: 1%
    - Second: 1%
    - Third: 1%

15. Integrating Alternative Medicine With Traditional...
    - Most Important: 2%
    - Second: 2%
    - Third: 2%

16. Raising Awareness of Health Effects to Climate Change
    - Most Important: 2%
    - Second: 2%
    - Third: 2%
Political Issues Quadrant Analysis

Plots the importance of NHMS taking a position on a particular issue against the position of physicians on the same issue.

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More gun regulations

Engagement in end of life care

Physician assisted suicide

Medical Marijuana

State-based single payor system in NH

More gun regulations

Legalized gambling

Life in prison instead of death penalty

Importance NHMS Taking a Position

Physician Support
Affordable Care Act

How prepared are you to implement the Affordable Care Act in 2014?

Overall
Members
Non-members

Very Prepared: 14% 15%

Somewhat Prepared: 39% 41% 35%

Not Very Prepared: 12% 14% 10%

Not At All Prepared: 9% 10% 8%

Don't Know: 26% 21% 36%
Affordable Care Act

Do you have access to all of the information you need to navigate the changing healthcare regulation associated with the Affordable Care Act?

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Blue=Democrats, Red=Republicans

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*How familiar are you with New Hampshire’s medical malpractice screening panel system?*

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*Overall results:* 18% Very Familiar, 24% Somewhat Familiar, 25% Not Very Familiar, 24% Not At All Familiar.
Medical Malpractice Screening

*Do you support or oppose the current medical malpractice screening panel system?*

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Electronic Health Records

Does your practice have an Electronic Health Record system?

Overall: 84%
Members: 83%
Non-members: 86%

Yes: 84%
No: 16%

Overall: 17%
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Electronic Health Records

**Do you agree or disagree with statements about EHR?**

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**Legend:**
- Green: Strongly Agree
- Light Green: Agree Somewhat
- Pink: Disagree Somewhat
- Red: Strongly Disagree
I find my direct patient care activities deeply satisfying

Paperwork and other administrative issues interfere with my ability to serve patients well.

I find the practice of medicine deeply satisfying.

EHR related work interferes with my ability to serve patients well.

My work schedule leaves me enough time for my personal/family life.

My practice EHR improves patient care/quality.

My practice EHR allows me to better manage my overall patient panel/population and thus...

I find my administrative care activities deeply satisfying.
Medical Practice

How Satisfied Are You With Your Practice?

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Medical Practice

What percentage of your work time is spent in (average percentages)

- **Clinical Practice**
  - Overall: 76%
  - Member: 77%
  - Non-Member: 72%

- **Formal Administrative Position**
  - Overall: 4%
  - Member: 11%
  - Non-Member: 11%

- **Teaching**
  - Overall: 5%
  - Member: 4%
  - Non-Member: 4%

- **Policy and Advocacy Work**
  - Overall: 1%
  - Member: 2%
  - Non-Member: 1%

- **Research**
  - Overall: 2%
  - Member: 1%
  - Non-Member: 1%

- **Other**
  - Overall: 2%
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QUESTIONS?