

# Characteristics of the public posts in pediatrics of primary care in Spanish land. Results of a broad national survey.

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## Introduction and objectives

Get to know the situation of pediatricians and primary care pediatrics (PCP) through the direct opinion of the professionals that practice it in the public sector in Spain.

## Methods

By means of an online survey got across through e-mail to the professionals of the work posts of PCP in the Spanish public sector. Answers were collected from the 4th of June to the 5th of July of 2012.

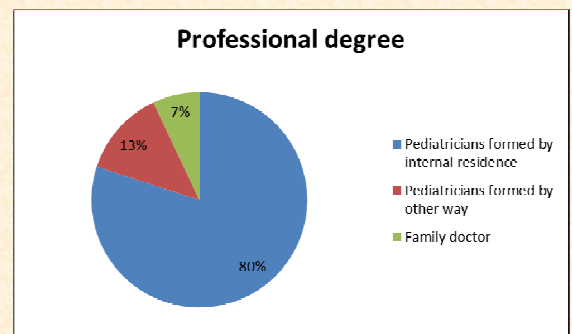
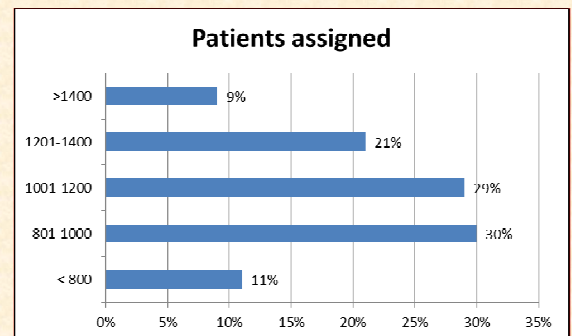
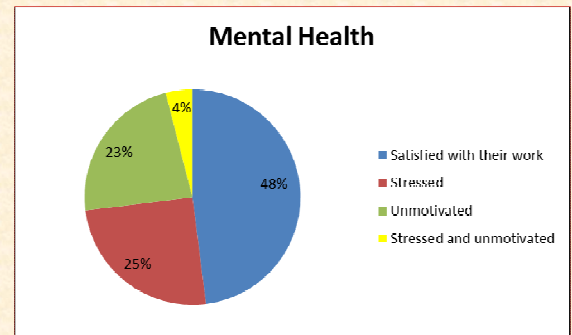
## Results

1540 answered (25% of the total 6258 PCP posts). See details in the table below. 80% were pediatricians formed by internal residence. A 48% are satisfied with their work, a 25% feel stressed, a 23% feels unmotivated and and 4% suffer both problems. A 6% needs to take medication due to his work.

A 99% have an electronic Medical History and an 89% have institutional e-mail. 59% of the work posts have more than a thousand patients assigned and 42% of the professionals see more than 30 patients a day.

A 93% have internet access. Through telematics means a 96 % can access the results of the laboratory analysis, an 84% can access the radiological studies and a 77% can access the hospitals reports.

To do with nursing, a 67% of the pediatric quota is attended by just one nursing professional, only 39 % in an exclusively way. Other quota have nurses that also attend children of another quota and in a 24% these nurses also attends adults.



Answers	Men	Women	<40 years	From 41 to 50 years	From 51 to 60 years	Urban posts	Rural posts	Mixed post	Average patients per day
1540	24%	76%	20%	34%	41%	66%	22%	12%	20 to 40

## Conclusions

Although there are aspects which could be improved, we can conclude that public PC pediatrics is practiced in Spain by a mature collective, mostly feminine and which, in general, has sufficient means for the practice of quality PC pediatrics.

A reduction in the number of assigned patients, the number of children seen per day and the nursing personnel are the possible improvements.