

**Table 2 Relationship between physician variables and mean consultation time (n = 620)**

Variable	No. of consultations	%	Consultation time (min.) Mean (SD)	P-value
<i>Physician's sex</i>				
Male	460	74.2	6.9 (2.5)	> 0.5
Female	160	25.8	6.9 (2.6)	
<i>Practice location</i>				
Urban	500	80.6	6.7 (2.6)	< 0.001
Rural	120	19.4	7.5 (2.0)	
<i>Knew patient's medical history</i>				
Yes	173	27.9	5.3 (2.2)	< 0.001
No	447	72.1	7.5 (2.4)	
<i>Diagnosis</i>				
Psychological	8	1.3	12.8 (3.2)	< 0.001
Somatic	541	87.3	6.5 (2.0)	
Requirement for laboratory tests	36	5.8	5.5 (1.4)	
<i>Took medical and drug history</i>				
Yes	568	91.6	7.1 (2.5)	< 0.001
No	52	8.4	4.5 (2.1)	

SD = standard deviation.