

Table 1 Educational characteristics of respondents to a survey of physicians practising in Lebanon in 2007–2008 (n = 546)

Variable	No. ^a	%
Region of medical school^b		
Eastern Europe	194	35.5
Lebanon	166	30.4
Western Europe	87	15.9
Northern Africa	37	6.8
Other	53	9.7
Lebanese medical school (n = 166)		
Université Saint Joseph	78	14.3
American University of Beirut	50	9.2
Lebanese University	36	6.6
Beirut Arab University	2	0.4
University of Balamand	0	0.0
Graduation year		
Before 1970	27	4.9
1970–79	73	13.4
1980–89	185	33.9
1990–99	195	35.7
After 1999	63	11.5
Region of postgraduate training		
Western Europe	170	31.1
Eastern Europe	139	25.5
Lebanon	99	18.1
North America	26	4.8
Other	29	5.3
Postgraduate training		
Medical subspecialty	133	24.4
Surgical specialty	132	24.2
Primary care specialty ^c	152	27.8
General practice (no training) ^c	67	12.3
Other	57	10.4
Training in research	183	33.5
Training in teaching	117	21.4
Training in administration	56	10.3
Higher degree		
Masters degree	53	9.7
Doctoral degree	39	7.1

^aMissing observations in some categories.

^bRegions of the world are based on the United Nations classification [8].

^cPrimary care refers to residency training in internal medicine, family medicine, paediatrics or obstetrics and gynaecology. General practice refers to physicians who completed no residency training.