ECG offers market-leading data and information critical to provider compensation planning efforts across independent, integrated, and academic organizations. ECG delivers the only survey with access to a comprehensive data set that can be customized for region- and state-specific data, medical group size, ownership, practice type, and teaching affiliation (including faculty rank). ECG’s survey provides an in-depth review of physician and advanced practice provider (APP) market trends, including specialty-specific compensation, production, benefits, compensation plan design and incentives, recruiting efforts and signing bonuses, CPT code physician profiling, and numerous other key data points.

The 2018 ECG survey included data from over 45,000 providers across 160 physician specialties and 20 types of APPs. The typical ECG survey member has approximately 450 providers practicing in its group.

**Member Benefits**

Members of ECG’s 2019 Physician Compensation Survey receive exclusive access to reports and online benchmarking tools that provide in-depth analysis of state, regional, and national market trends, including:

- **ECG’s expert assessment of provider trends, issues, and opportunities** related to compensation, production, benefits, recruiting, and more.
- **Detailed compensation metrics** by specialty, including base, clinical, nonclinical, and value-based (quality and patient satisfaction) compensation, stipends for medical directorships, compensation for APP supervision, and total compensation.
- **Production metrics** by specialty, including net collections, net professional collections, work and total relative value units (RVUs), and compensation-to-production ratios.
- **Benefits information**, including benefits expense by specialty, benefits as a percentage of compensation, retirement expense, retirement as a percentage of compensation, and continuing medical education expense.
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Additional metrics, such as primary care panel sizes, work standards by specialty, starting salaries, signing bonuses, relocation allowances for new hires, and other operating statistics.

ECGVault, our online data portal that contains current and historical survey data and benchmarks at the market, organization, and provider level. ECGVault allows for robust organization and market trending of provider performance by specialty, custom reporting, and downloading of benchmarks and related materials. Members purchase an annual membership for access to ECGVault, which entitles them to an unlimited number of users and 24/7 access to reports and data.

Survey Methodology

ECG’s survey methodology uses clear, uniformly applied definitions and a structured data validation process to transform member responses into useful information. We calculate RVUs from CPT-level data and are thus able to eliminate the RVU data consistency issues that exist in other industry surveys. RVUs and compensation-to-RVU metrics will be calculated and published using the 2018 CMS Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. To ensure data accuracy, each provider’s clinical and nonclinical full-time equivalents are defined in detail by ECG.

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ECG’s annual provider performance surveys include the Physician Compensation Survey and the Pediatric Subspecialty Physician Compensation Survey.