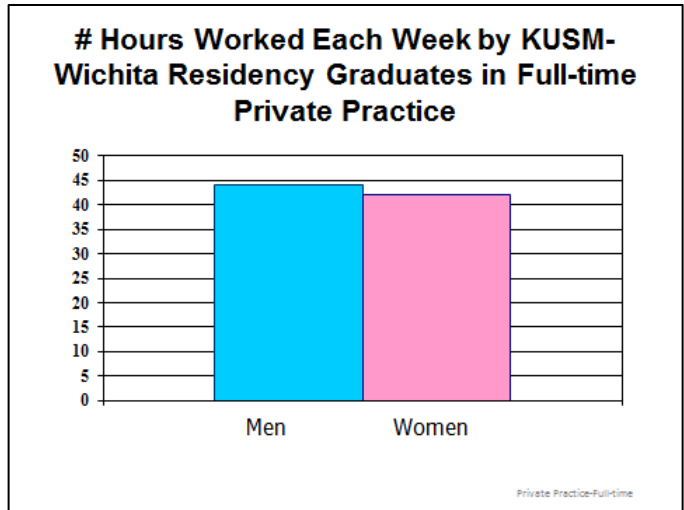
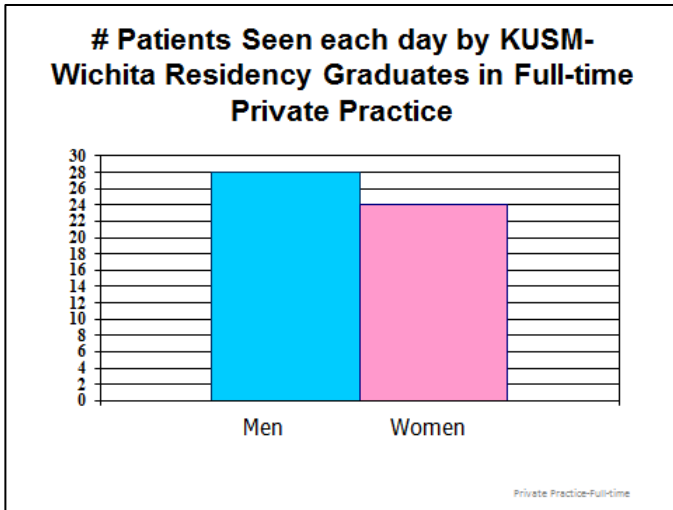


Number of Patients Seen Each Day and Work Hours of Male and Female Family Physicians

Though women family physicians are more likely than men to self-designate themselves as practicing medicine part-time¹, family physicians in full-time practice work almost the same number of hours in direct patient care regardless of gender. A 2012 survey asked KUSM-Wichita family medicine residency graduates in full-time practice how many patients they saw in a typical day and how many hours they spent each week in direct patient care.



Women family physicians in full-time practice see fewer patients each day and work slightly fewer hours each week than men in full-time practice. This finding may have implications when calculating physician workforce requirements and patient satisfaction.^{2,3}

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