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Soriano Sánchez et al. performed an internet-based [survey](#) of the presidents of the [societies](#) of the [FLANC](#) to obtain the neurosurgical workforce characteristics and demographics in their countries. They coded and blindly analyzed the information for dispersion measures and graphics using [SPSS](#), version 25, and Microsoft [Excel](#) for map density building. They obtained ratios for the number of [neurosurgeons](#)/100,000 inhabitants and the inverse ratio (the number of inhabitants/1 neurosurgeon).

They obtained information from 19 countries. The population totaled 650,008,765 inhabitants. The workforce included 9100 neurosurgeons for a composite within the FLANC of 1.4 neurosurgeons/100,000 inhabitants. The mean ratio among individual countries was 1.17, with as many as 9 countries having a ratio of <1 neurosurgeon/100,000 inhabitants. The proportion of female neurosurgeons in the FLANC was 9.54%. Seven countries had no neurosurgeons in a range of subspecialty fields.

The FLANC has significant disparities in neurosurgical workforce ratios among the member countries. Central American countries probably have the greatest needs. Gender equity should also be improved among the training institutions. We encourage readers to develop future research into the local geographical distribution of neurosurgeons among the countries to better understand their needs and barriers to providing high-quality standards of care ¹⁾.

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