

# Navigating the Boom: Healthcare Specialties and Wait Times

The demand for top-quality specialty care in the healthcare industry is on the rise, yet so are the wait times to access these services.

Here are the top 4 specialties that are highest in demand:

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## Radiology

Although there has been a 3.7 percent increase in Radiologists in the U.S. in 2023, the average wait time to see a Radiologist is **4 weeks**. This could be enough time to see an increase in tumor size.



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## Obstetrics and Gynecology

The average wait time for an OB-GYN appointment is **31.4 days**, which is a 19% increase compared to prior years.



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## Psychiatry

Psychiatry is one of the fastest-growing specialties as of late. There is an 8.7 percent increase in the specialty, yet the average wait time to see a Psychiatrist nationwide is **25 days**.



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## Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology has always been a high demand specialty. Similar to Psychiatry, the average wait time to see a Gastroenterologist in-person is **26 days**.



Through eConsults, more than 70% of patients avoid face-to-face visits, making the wait times manageable for patients in need of specialty care.