

Table 2. Diagnostic process in five countries with the most survey participants

Variable	Percentage (proportion)				
	Canada	France	Germany	UK	USA
Wait time ≥ 4 wks:					
To first see “thyroid specialist”	50.7% (139/274)	35.5% (77/217)	16.3% (83/510)	42.4% (117/276)	19.9% (183/919)
From first “thyroid specialist” visit to thyroid cancer diagnosis	31.2% (88/274)	29.5% (77/217)	6.3% (32/510)	26.4% (73/276)	16.2% (149/919)
First “thyroid specialist:”					
Endocrinologist	36.5% (100/274)	47.0% (102/217)	13.1% (67/510)	13.0% (36/276)	46.7% (429/919)
Nuclear medicine physician	1.1% (3/274)	7.8% (17/217)	39.6% (202/510)	0.0% (0/276)	1.4% (13/919)
General surgeon	20.1% (55/274)	12.9% (28/217)	18.8% (96/510)	42.0% (116/276)	14.1% (130/919)
Had fine needle aspiration to evaluate suspicious nodule	89.1% (244/274)	60.8% (132/217)	36.7% (187/510)	84.4% (233/276)	84.2% (774/919)
At time of diagnosis, offered:					
Support from nurse/other trained person	17.9% (49/274)	4.6% (10/217)	21.2% (108/510)	35.0% (50/276)	18.3% (168/919)
Details on patient support organization	15.0% (41/274)	0.5% (1/217)	10.8% (55/510)	31.9% (88/276)	11.6% (107/919)
Psychologist/counselor	4.7% (13/274)	4.1% (9/217)	8.2% (43/510)	8.7% (24/276)	4.1% (38/919)
Clear written information on disease/treatment	36.9% (101/274)	25.8% (56/217)	30.2% (154/510)	43.8% (121/276)	34.2% (314/919)