

Code Preparedness in Your Hospital-June 2011



How many members of each discipline are on your Code Blue team?

Number of Members

	0	1-2	3-5	6+	Response Count	
PICU Nurses	18.2% (2)	81.8% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11	
Residents	9.1% (1)	81.8% (9)	9.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	11	
Attending Physicians	38.5% (5)	61.5% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	13	
Respiratory Therapists	7.7% (1)	84.6% (11)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (1)	13	
Other	12.5% (1)	75.0% (6)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	8	
				Other (please specify)	13	
					answered question	13
					skipped question	3

Q1. How many members of each discipline are on your Code Blue team?

1	nurse coordinator and ER nurses	Sep 2, 2011 8:27 AM
2	PICU fellow, PICU or ER nurses (2), pastoral services, nursing supervisor	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM



Q1. How many members of each discipline are on your Code Blue team?

3	Code blue team is from PICU	Jun 27, 2011 11:57 AM
4	Charge nurse from Paediatric In-pt unit and Co-ordinating Nurse from NICU	Jun 14, 2011 12:03 PM
5	Depending on who is in the facility at the time of a code	Jun 10, 2011 6:16 AM
6	Emergency department nurses who bring the travelling cart with defibrillator. They are also the nurses who chart on the cardiac arrest form (this will change with this year's policy revision)	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM
7	transport nurse	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
8	Our security provides the first response to a code blue.	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
9	in patient nurses, social workers,	Jun 3, 2011 10:08 AM
10	aneasthesia	Jun 2, 2011 4:06 PM
11	CCRT RN attends codes	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
12	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner when in building	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM
13	We are a community hospital - ED physician, ICU physician, Paediatrician if on site, ED and ICU RN, Paediatric RN, Anaesthesia	Jun 2, 2011 12:57 PM

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Do Pharmacy staff participate in a Code Blue?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes - if yes, what is their role?		12.5%	2
No		87.5%	14
	Their role?		5
answered question			16
skipped question			0

Q2. Do Pharmacy staff participate in a Code Blue?

1	all the medications for the code blue cart are prepared by the pharmacy in a sealed cart that is sent back to the pharmacy everytime it is opened.	Sep 2, 2011 8:27 AM
2	If available and on site will help with dosage and preparation/verification	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
3	We have no pharmacy staff.	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
4	Sometimes they will check medications	Jun 3, 2011 10:08 AM
5	they do however keep track of medication in the carts, replace when expired ect	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM

What is the role of the Ward Nurse(s) in a Code Blue?

	Response Count
	15
answered question	15
skipped question	1

Q3. What is the role of the Ward Nurse(s) in a Code Blue?

1	Find the patient, initiate a code call, initiate BLS. Upon arrival of the Code Team participate in compressions, charting, preparing and administering code drugs, administering required interventions (e.g. fluid administration or boluses, Iv starts, blood draws) assist with transferring patient to PICU if required	Sep 8, 2011 11:50 AM
2	taking notes	Sep 2, 2011 8:27 AM
3	Give report, on stand by in case anything needed, support parents until pastoral services arrive	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
4	Start bagging and compressions until code team arrives. Gets supplies after code team takes over. Support parent.	Jun 27, 2011 11:57 AM
5	Documentation on Code Record of "Code" care provided; assistance with pt history, gather supplies not on our code carts, crowd control	Jun 22, 2011 10:59 AM
6	The nurse caring for the patient remains in the code-first responder and provides details to the team. Ward nurse is often the recorder however we are looking into having a dedicated recorder assigned to improve practice	Jun 14, 2011 12:03 PM
7	1 chart 1 patient intervention	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
8	Responsible of the code until a physician arrives	Jun 10, 2011 6:16 AM

Q3. What is the role of the Ward Nurse(s) in a Code Blue?

9	The ward nurses are the first responders - recognize patient in trouble, call for code blue activation, start ABCs and get the ward crash cart. They also take care of the family and ensure they are supported if they wish to remain with their child. When the code team arrives the unit nurses supply relevant patient history and participate as needed (eg: CPR). This year's policy revision will also have the ward nurses charting on the cardiac arrest form.	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM
10	takes instruction from the PICU nurse. Often charts on the arrest record. Provides patient information	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
11	We have no ward nurses in our department.	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
12	Since we do not have a PICU, And are a community hospital, ward nurses are familiar with size of the patient, insertion NG tubes, confirm medication doses, assist with charting	Jun 3, 2011 10:08 AM
13	documentation	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
14	One nurse will go from NICU and One from Paeds if an ER Code Pink. If on the floor the nurses will organize themselves	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM
15	Recorder, runner, assist as required	Jun 2, 2011 12:57 PM

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Do Ward Nurses set up equipment and assist with intubation in a Code? If not, then who is responsible?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		25.0%	4
No. Please tell us who is responsible below:		75.0%	12
	Person responsible is:		14
answered question			16
skipped question			0

Q5. Do Ward Nurses set up equipment and assist with intubation in a Code? If not, then who is responsible?

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3	Respiratory Therapist	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
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9	PICU RN's and RT's	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
10	not applicable	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
11	Respiratory therapist	Jun 3, 2011 10:08 AM
12	PICU staff	Jun 2, 2011 4:06 PM
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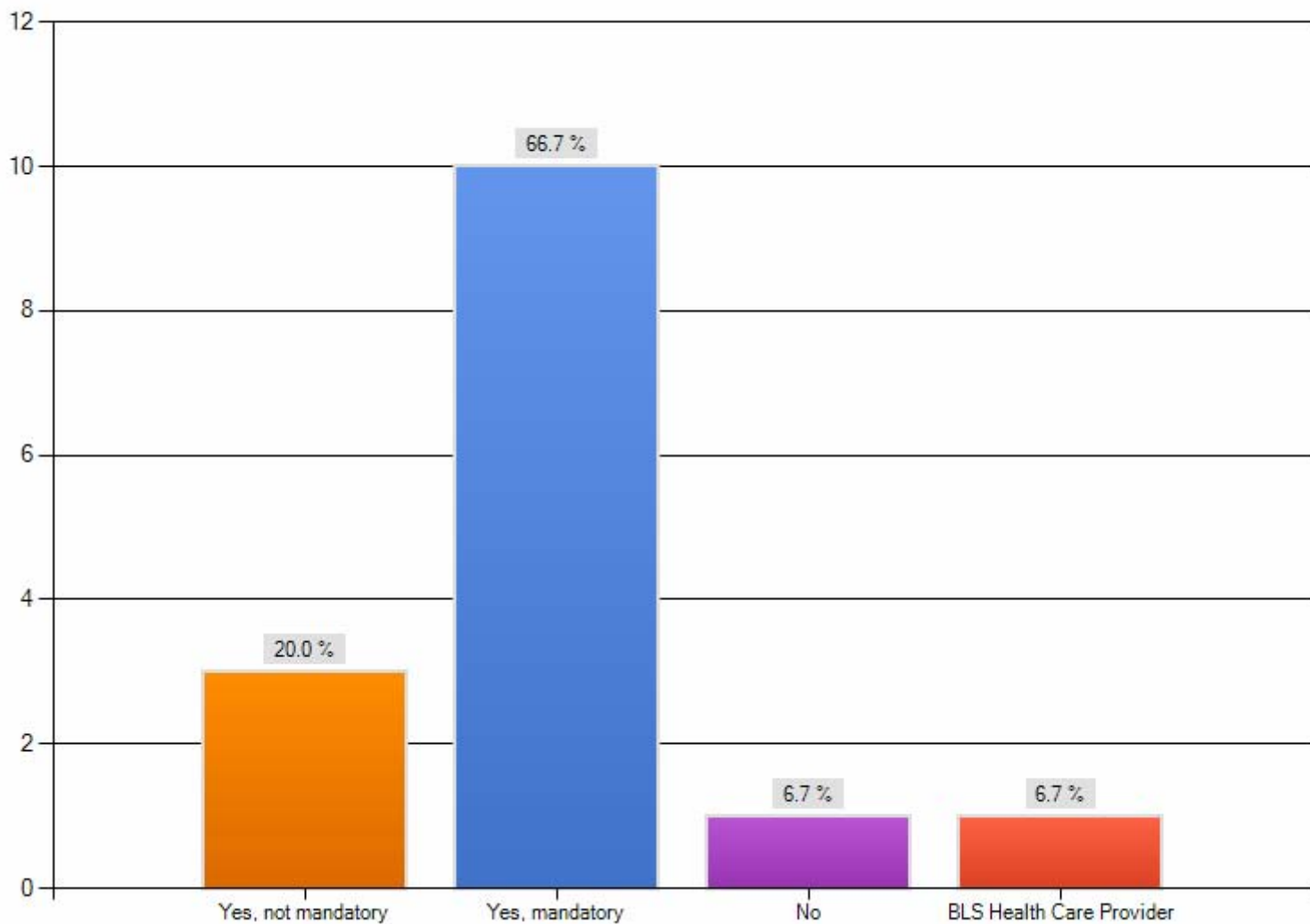
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Are Nurses BLS trained in your Hospital?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, not mandatory		20.0%	3
Yes, mandatory		66.7%	10
No		6.7%	1
BLS Health Care Provider		6.7%	1
answered question			15
skipped question			1

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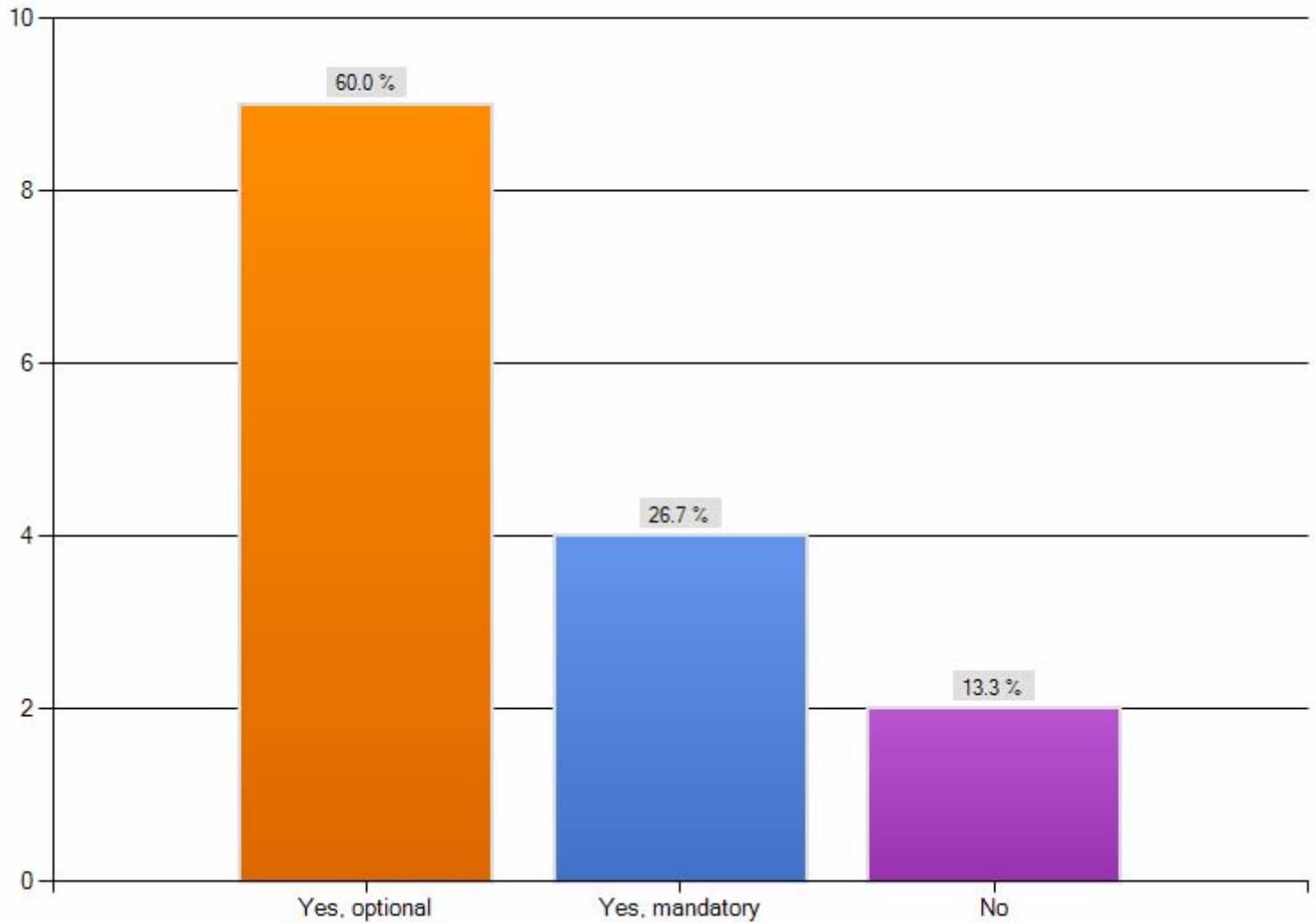
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Is PALS training offered to you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, optional		60.0%	9
Yes, mandatory		26.7%	4
No		13.3%	2
		answered question	15
		skipped question	1



Is PALS training offered to you?



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Are specific staff required to take PALS?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		40.0%	6
Yes - if yes, please identify which staff below		60.0%	9
Staff required to participate:			11
answered question			15
skipped question			1

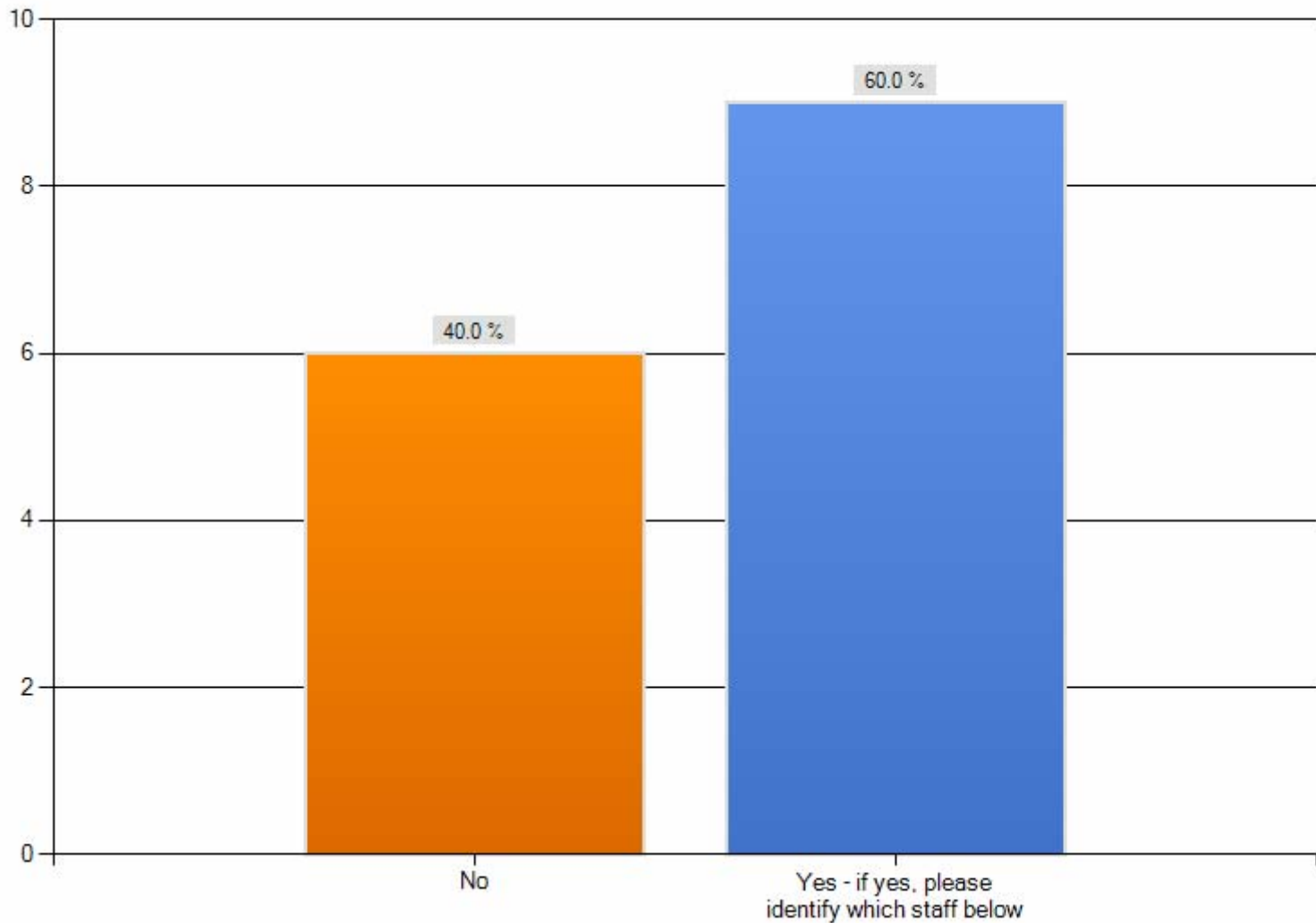
Q8. Are specific staff required to take PALS?

1	Our region has given direction that it is an option for staff to take. This also includes staff who work in critical care areas including emergency	Sep 8, 2011 11:50 AM
2	picu and er nurses	Sep 2, 2011 8:27 AM
3	highly recommended for code team	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
4	Pediatric Transport RN's	Jun 22, 2011 10:59 AM
5	PICU assistant-nurses	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
6	All RTs, PICU RNs, ER RNs, Flight RTs/RNs, Pede residents.	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM

Q8. Are specific staff required to take PALS?

7	All PICU nurses and RT's	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
8	All PICU staff	Jun 2, 2011 4:06 PM
9	not mandatory but strongly encouraged for PCCU staff	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
10	all Paeds staff	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM
11	Paediatric RNs	Jun 2, 2011 12:57 PM

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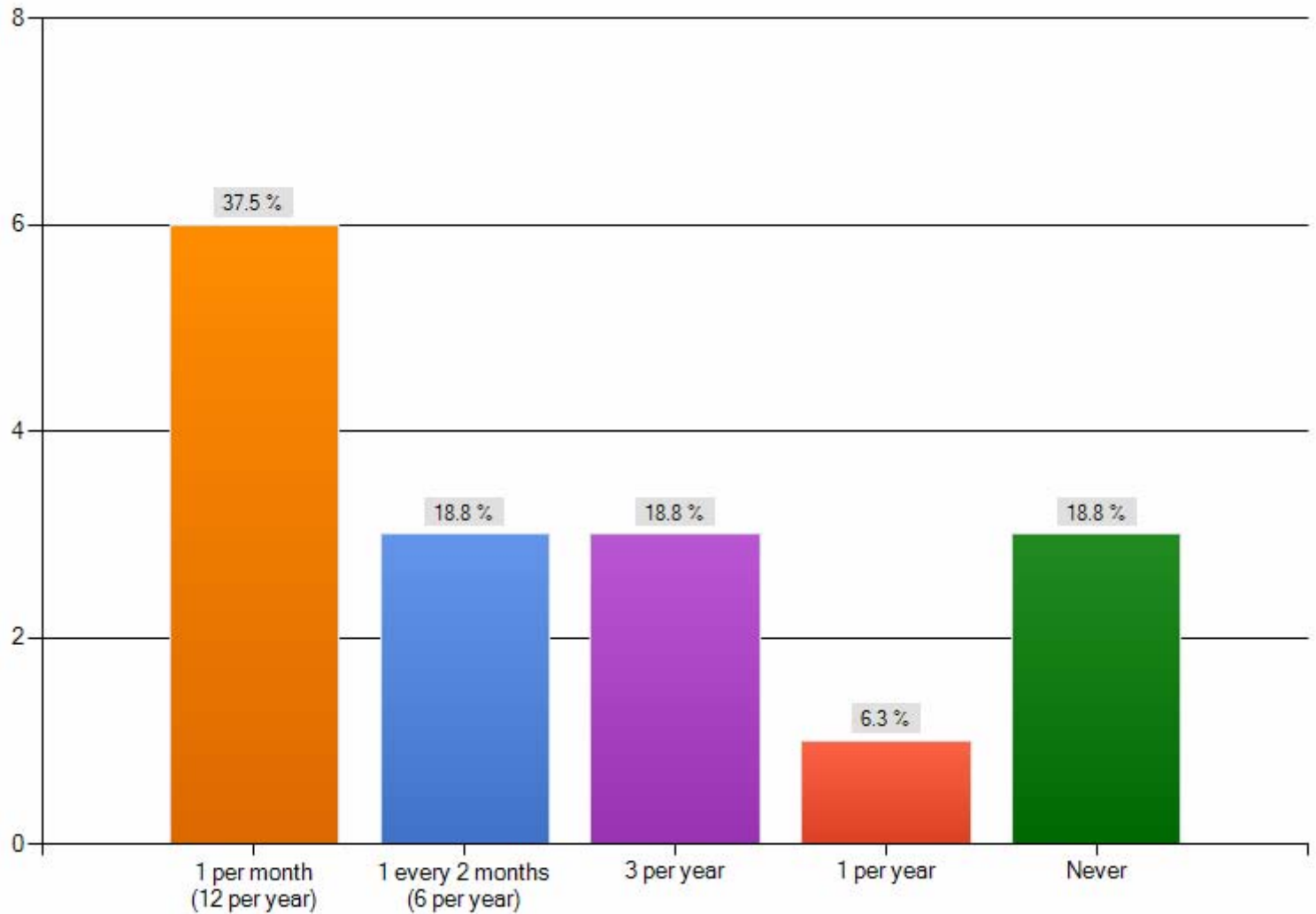
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How often are Mock Codes run in your hospital?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 per month (12 per year)		37.5%	6
1 every 2 months (6 per year)		18.8%	3
3 per year		18.8%	3
1 per year		6.3%	1
Never		18.8%	3
		answered question	16
		skipped question	0

How often are Mock Codes run in your hospital?



How are Mock Codes run and who participates?

	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	2

Q10. How are Mock Codes run and who participates?

1	Up till now, we have had a director and two educators involved who set up the scenario and code. Inform those required. Takes place on a patient unit. A code is activated and response is with nursing, residents, respiratory therapy. Up till now PICU has not been included in the mocks but that has been recently changed and they will now be attending.	Sep 8, 2011 11:50 AM
2	There are mock codes in PICU only. None for the wards and the rest of the hospital.	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
3	Currently in PICU. Would like to start having mock codes on the ward	Jun 27, 2011 11:57 AM
4	We do about 4-5 per year to clarify my response. All members of code team participate... ICU RN's; Physiscians, Residents, Respiratory Therapists, Ward staff	Jun 22, 2011 10:59 AM
5	Mock Code Pinks-run on the in-patient paediatric unit by the Clinical Educator. RN's and RRTs participate. Combined ER and Paeds Mock Code Pinks occur 3 times a year and a full multidisciplinary team including ER physicians and paediatricians participate.	Jun 14, 2011 12:03 PM
6	We used to do some 5 years ago but have stopped because of nurse staffing issues...We are in the process of re-evaluating this. We do mock codes in the ICU with our ICU team.	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
7	Mock codes are run by the education department. Nurses, LPN's and ward aids participates	Jun 10, 2011 6:16 AM



Q10. How are Mock Codes run and who participates?

8	Mock codes are arranged through the volunteer participation of members of the cardiac arrest team (one educator and one physician). The educator contacts the units and arranges a tentative date with the unit educator or clinical leader. The unit staff do not know about the planned mock. On the day of the mock, the physician and educator set up the equipment, run the mock and debrief afterwards. The mock is cancelled if patient census and acuity dictate that the unit staff cannot be realistically or safely available. We aim for one mock every two months (alternating with the Women's side of our hospital). This is not always possible.	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM
9	Intensivist responsible for codes sets up the mock with the assistance of the PICU transport nurse. All of the staff who are present in the area where the mock code is set up participate.	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
10	All staff participate in mock code exercises. Each team has a code captain and reviews one code per month. A Code Red (Fire) is run monthly. Regular Code Greens and Code Oranges are run. Code Blue is run quarterly.	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
11	educators and managers are aware. all staff participate. simulators are used for rythums.	Jun 2, 2011 4:06 PM
12	code blue team and a second intensivist and our 'outreach staff 'with the simulator if needed. the Clinical educator and Clinical leader also attend.	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
13	RRT and Educator develop the code, physicians, nurses, social work, security are all participants. We actually do 1 per month in the ER as well so 24 codes a year with the occasional extra done in recovery room.	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM
14	Paediatrician runs code. Case scenario is developed. Educator supports staff in the learning	Jun 2, 2011 12:57 PM

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What kind of Code training do you provide for?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Ward Nurses		100.0%	15
Support Staff (Unit Assistants, Nursing Assistants)		100.0%	15
		answered question	15
		skipped question	1

Q11. What kind of Code training do you provide for?

Ward Nurses			
1	3 hour code blue session that involves reviewing current policy and learning package, written test, sceanrios of drawing up various code meds including using the code drug resus book, charting review, IO review, demonstration of pressure bags, review of programing Dopamine into the colleague pump, demonstration of hand ventilation and go through 2-3 code scenarios. Nurses receive a 4 hour code class upon entering into Childrens and then there is a mandatory once a year review		Sep 8, 2011 11:50 AM
2	BLS		Sep 2, 2011 8:27 AM
3	BLS		Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
4	review of policy		Jun 27, 2011 11:57 AM

Q11. What kind of Code training do you provide for?

5	Regional Nursing orientation about Code Blue Process and ongoing unit updates per unit requests	Jun 22, 2011 10:59 AM
6	Skills Day reviews, On unit mock Code pink, Global Orientation	Jun 14, 2011 12:03 PM
7	nil	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
8	CPR courses, emergency nursing pediatric courses	Jun 10, 2011 6:16 AM
9	Code teaching is available as a "run through" for the units. This is provided on an adhoc basis.	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM
10	BCLS and PALS	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
11	no ward nurses	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
12	Pedaitric Crittical intervention workshop	Jun 3, 2011 10:08 AM
13	annual review & mocks	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
14	mock codes, On-line learning modual system	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM
15	mock codes	Jun 2, 2011 12:57 PM
Support Staff (Unit Assistants, Nursing Assistants)		
1	one hour info review session on how to call a code and what their role in a code is.	Sep 8, 2011 11:50 AM
2	BLS	Sep 2, 2011 8:27 AM
3	BLS	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
4	review of policy	Jun 27, 2011 11:57 AM
5	Involved in Regional overview, and unit updates	Jun 22, 2011 10:59 AM
6	N/A	Jun 14, 2011 12:03 PM
7	nil	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
8	CPR courses	Jun 10, 2011 6:16 AM
9	Participate of unit assistants depends on their role in patient care. If their role includes patient care they may be one of the	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM

Q11. What kind of Code training do you provide for?

first responders, perform CPR or assist in ways within their scope of practice.

10	BCLS	Jun 6, 2011 10:18 AM
11	all staff receive code review training	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
12	not applicable	Jun 3, 2011 10:08 AM
13	annual review	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
14	on-line learning modual system, mock codes	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM
15	n/a	Jun 2, 2011 12:57 PM

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Is there any comment that you would like to add concerning this issue? Please do so below.

	Response Count
	10
answered question	10
skipped question	6

Q12. Is there any comment that you would like to add concerning this issue? Please do so below.

1	For BLS, the only areas required to have BLS are the areas that run their own codes-PICU, emergency and the OR. All other areas it is not mandatory. Region recommends family and friends as being the minimum for the whole region-adults and peds	Sep 8, 2011 11:50 AM
2	a mock code program for the wards is suggested but not in progress yet	Jul 26, 2011 9:24 AM
3	We have an active education program with nursing units, as well as quality assurance pieces in place for ongoing monitoring of our code blue program	Jun 22, 2011 10:59 AM
4	Code Pink Review could be improved by having dedicated teaching space and a dedicated teaching team with regularly scheduled "Mock" sessions. Code Blue review often includes a small code pink review.	Jun 14, 2011 12:03 PM
5	We are building a 7 hour "PALS" training program for our PICU and ER nurses, beginning in september.	Jun 10, 2011 10:22 AM
6	The RTs on our cardiac arrest team are the primary airway managers including intubation. A second RT usually responds as a back-up. Mock codes would be much easier to schedule and perform if there was a designated service (eg: simulation program) to assist with this. Education sessions are held for the residents twice a year to define their role in code blue response. Mock codes using simulation are performed every week in the ED for the pedes residents and ER nurses - RTs attend as they are able. Our policy is being revised to reflect the actual response of the code blue teams. It	Jun 8, 2011 9:10 AM

Q12. Is there any comment that you would like to add concerning this issue? Please do so below.

will be "Code Blue emergency response to medical and obstetrical emergencies". The Women's Health side of our hospital has their own code blue team that will respond to their emergencies including precipitous delivery outside of the birth unit. The new policy will reflect that the team responds to more than cardiac arrest. We do not have a rapid response team or MET team so our code blue teams respond to all emergencies.

7	This survey was obviously meant for a traditional hospital based service.	Jun 6, 2011 6:58 AM
8	Our code nurses are our Charge Nurse group of staff and /or Transport Nurses (if not out on transport)	Jun 2, 2011 4:06 PM
9	We schedule our mocks to ensure they happen once a month - even if all beds are full we find somewhere to run one & debrief	Jun 2, 2011 1:35 PM
10	I am assuming you are talking about Code Pinks, this is also a survey filled out from a Community Level 2 advanced hospital	Jun 2, 2011 1:02 PM