

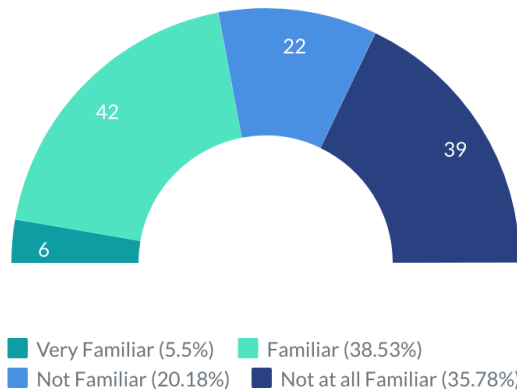
Assessing Antimicrobial Stewardship Engagement among Frontline Oncology Nurses and Chartering a Path Forward

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BACKGROUND

- Multidisciplinary antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASP) are a priority for healthcare
- Involvement of nurses in ASP has lagged behind pharmacists & physicians
- Oncology nurses are in an excellent position to participate in ASP

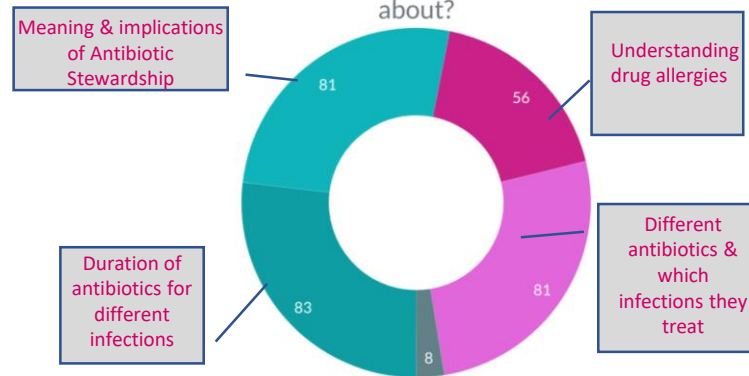
Nursing Familiarity with Term "Antibiotic Stewardship"



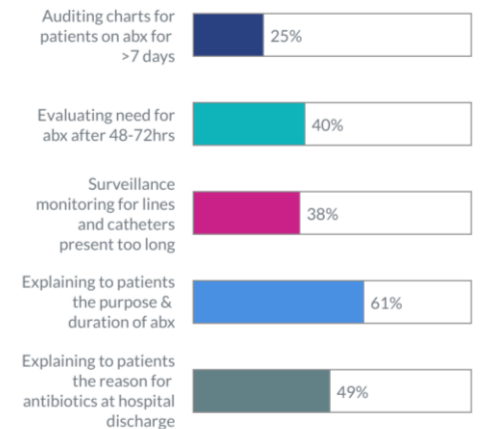
54.1% of nurses surveyed believe that antibiotic stewardship is very important in the healthcare setting

More than 75% felt that nurses can help with antibiotic use

What would you like to learn more about?



I would like to get more involved in:



CONCLUSIONS

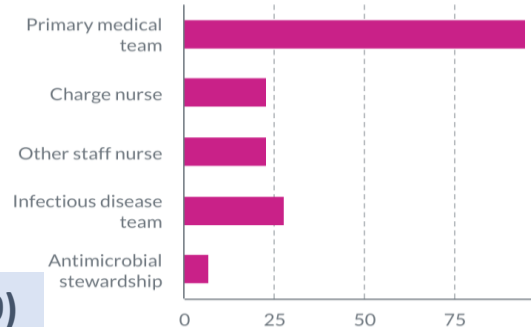
- Oncology nurses can play a valuable role in ASP
- Barriers to nursing involvement in ASP:
 - knowledge gaps on antibiotics
 - unfamiliarity with existing ASP role
- Nursing education and orientation to available resources are key steps to involving nursing staff in ASP

METHODS

A voluntary, anonymous 28-question Likert scale based survey emailed to nurses in oncology units & clinics throughout our hospital

Response rate: 39% (n=109)

Who to ask if questions about an antibiotic being given



83.5% were not aware of how to contact ASP team with questions