

Palliative Care Medicine Survey

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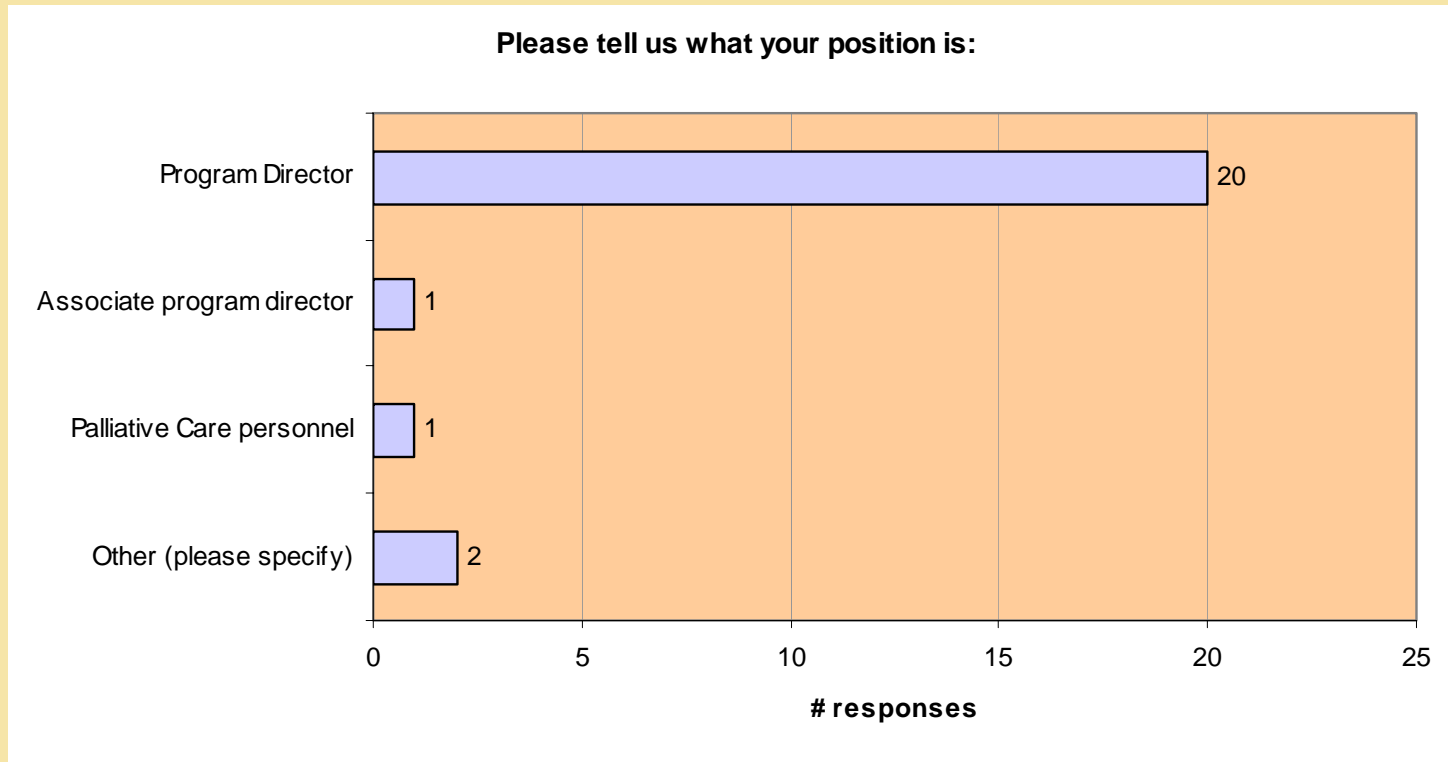
CHERN Survey Group
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Introduction

- Palliative Medicine is concerned with the care of seriously ill and dying patients in our hospitals and communities.
- The purpose of this survey is to explore how programs are meeting the educational needs of their residents and supporting patients and families in palliative medicine.
- Survey was disseminated on 3/11/09 via SurveyMonkey.com to the 34-member CHERN Survey Group
- **24/34 responses (71%):**
 - From 11 states

Survey Results

1. Please tell us what your position is:



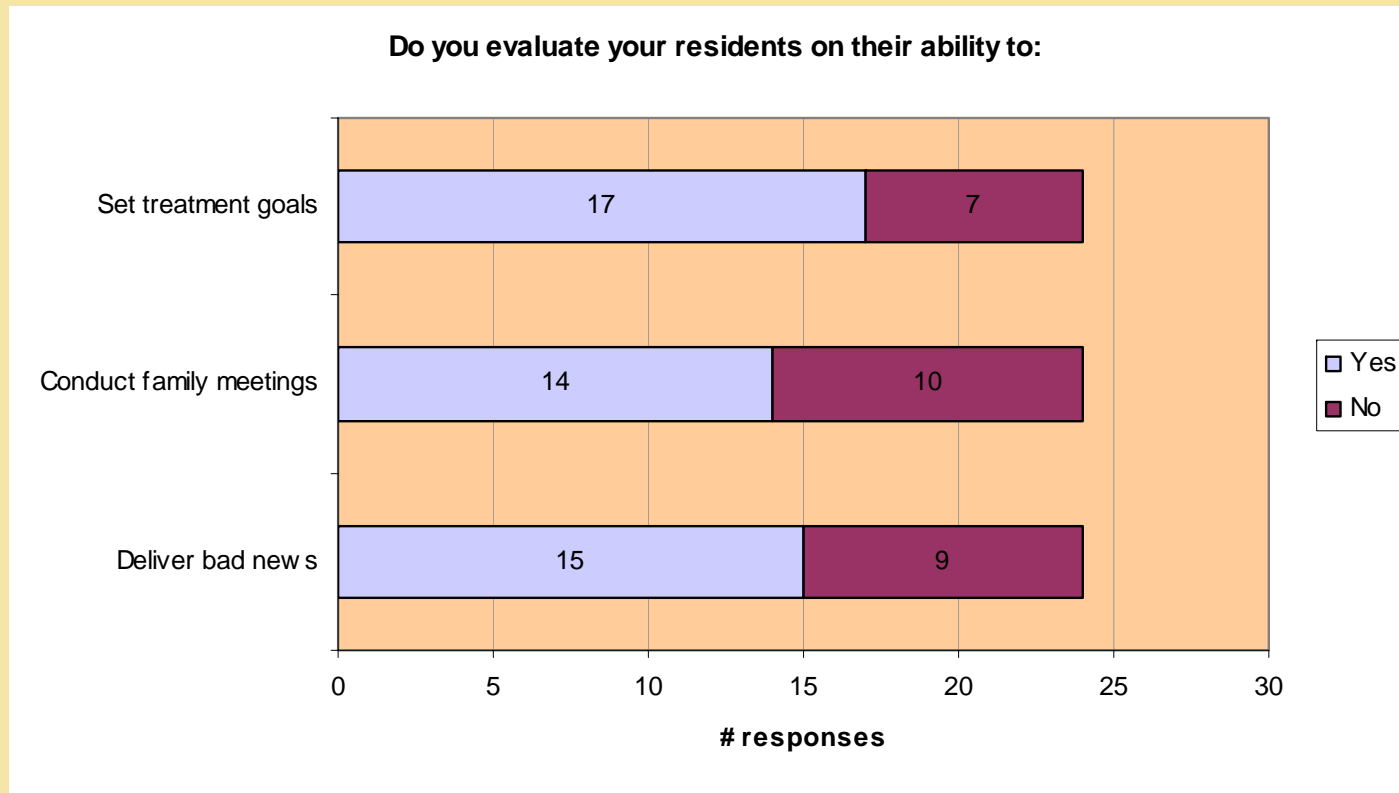
Other:

- Chief of Medicine
- Both PD and Pall Care Physician

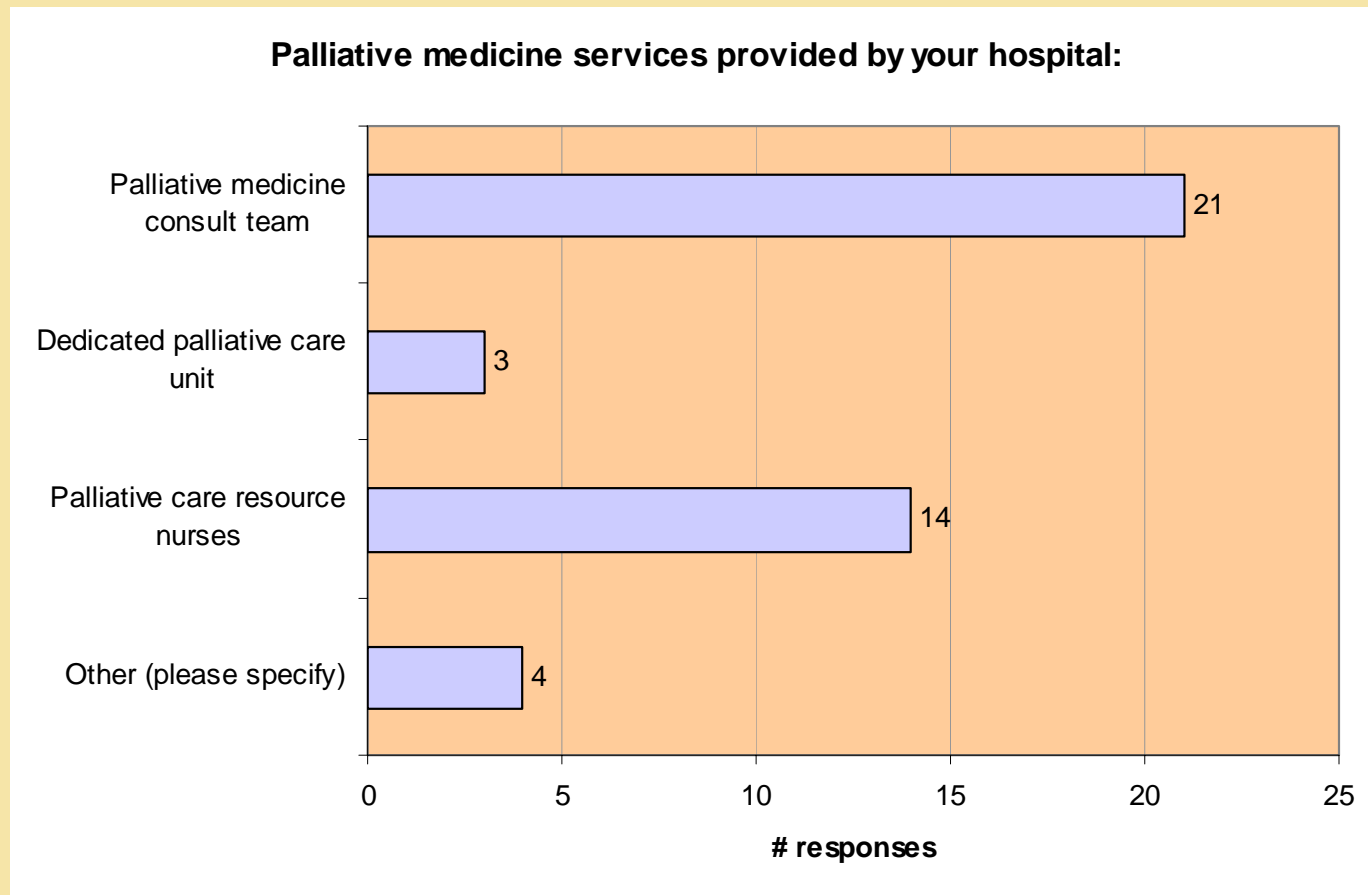
2. According to ACGME guidelines, internal medicine residency programs are required to teach end of life care, pain and symptom management and law and public policy issues related to this topic. Each of these areas are broken down into the following domains. In what ways does your residency program address these domains (select all that apply):

| | Lecture | Workshop or Retreat | Required Block Rotation | Elective Block Rotation | Required Longitudinal Rotation | Elective Longitudinal Rotation | Not taught |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Pain and symptom management in seriously ill or dying patients | 95.8% (23/24) | 0 | 29.2% (7/24) | 33.3% (8/24) | 8.3% (2/24) | 4.2% (1/24) | 0 |
| Communication and the physician's role on the interdisciplinary team | 66.7% (16/24) | 12.5% (3/24) | 37.5% (9/24) | 20.8% (5/24) | 25.0% (6/24) | 0 | 0 |
| Psychosocial, cultural and spiritual issues related to death and dying | 83.3% (20/24) | 16.7% (4/24) | 29.2% (7/24) | 20.8% (5/24) | 8.3% (2/24) | 0 | 4.2% (1/24) |
| Introduction to or participation in hospice programs | 70.8% (17/24) | 8.3% (2/24) | 41.7% (10/24) | 37.5% (9/24) | 4.2% (1/24) | 0 | 4.2% (1/24) |
| Ethical and legal decision making in caring for the terminally ill | 83.3% (20/24) | 16.7% (4/24) | 41.7% (10/24) | 20.8% (5/24) | 16.7% (4/24) | 0 | 0 |

3. Residents are evaluated based on ACGME competencies including: interpersonal skills, professionalism, and patient and family care. Do you evaluate your residents on their ability to:



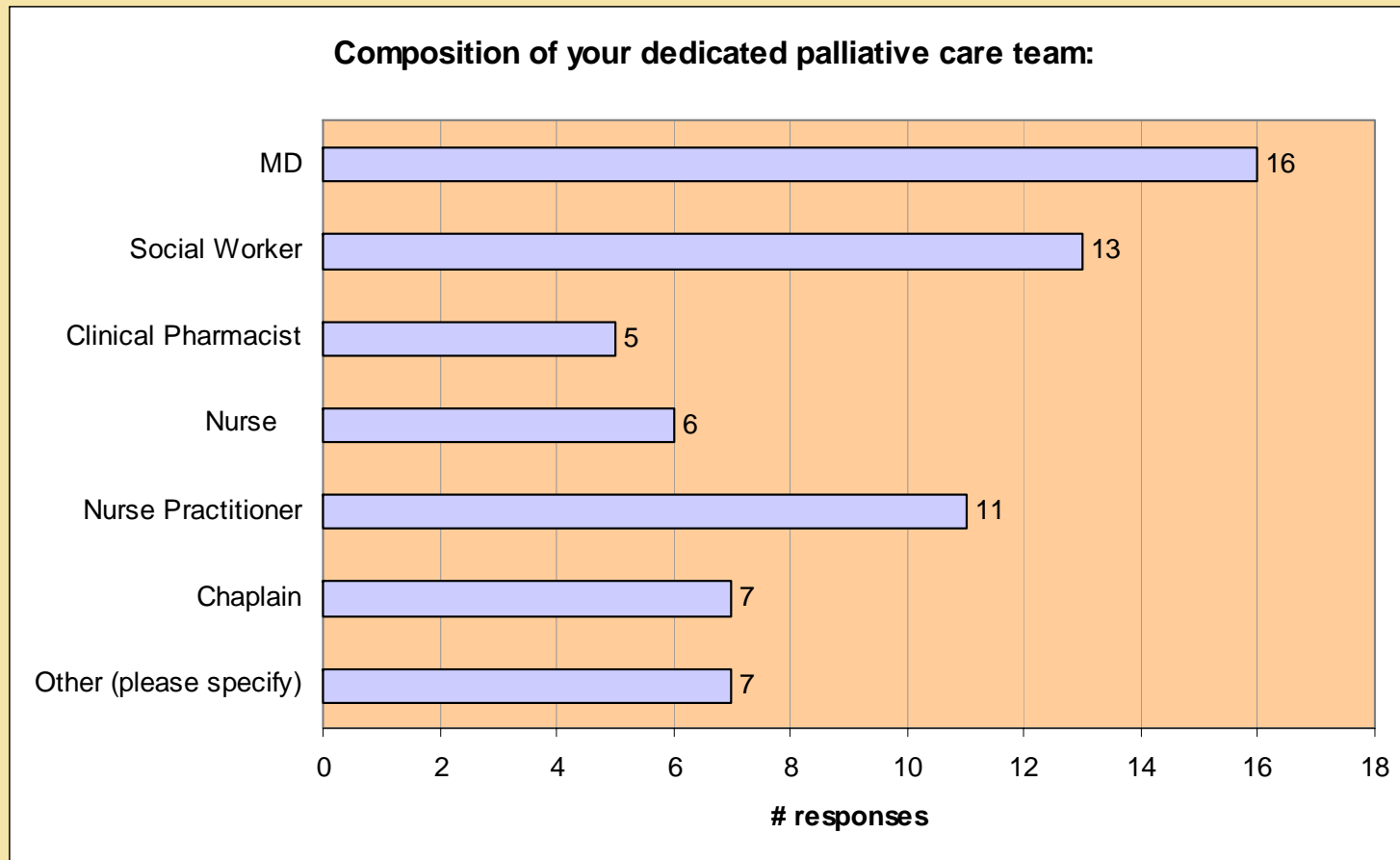
4. Which of the following palliative medicine services does your hospital provide? (check all applicable)



Other:

1. Hospice
2. Nothing official
3. None
4. Pain management service

5. If you have a dedicated palliative care team, what is its composition? (check all that apply)



Other:

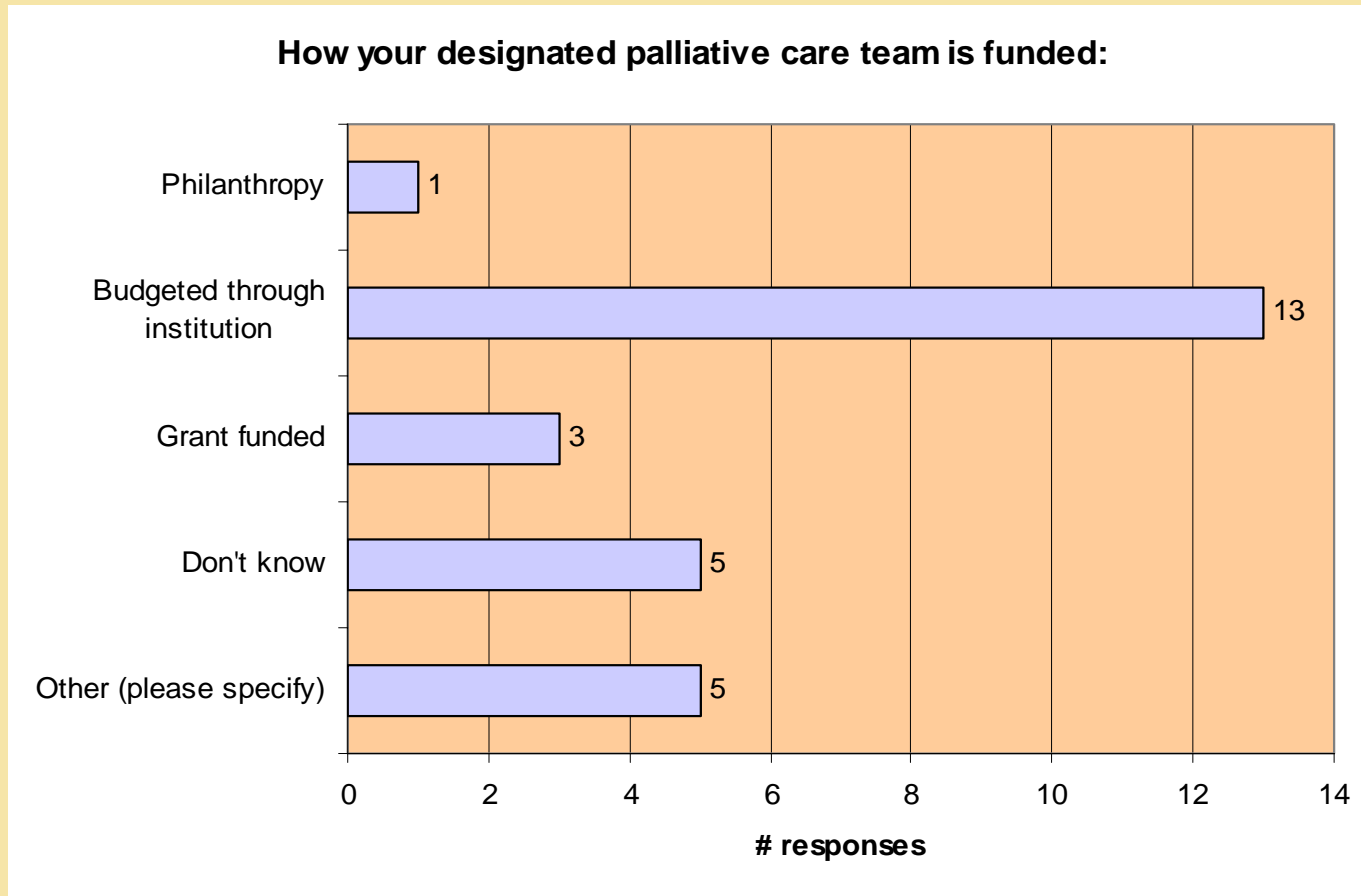
1-4. N/A

5. Hospice nurses

6. Do consults but don't have dedicated team. Trying to organize.

7. Team being discussed

6. If you have a designated palliative care team, how is it funded?



Other:

N/A x 5 responses