HOSPITAL SAFETY REPORT 2022
Medication Error Spotlight Findings

The **Hospital Patient Safety Report** serves as a barometer of safety performance within U.S. hospitals. Based on an annual survey of 100 hospital executives and clinical leaders, the report reveals how safety challenges, initiatives, and priorities are evolving.
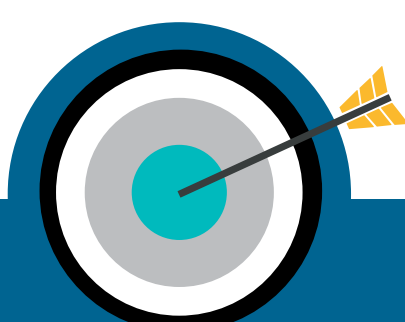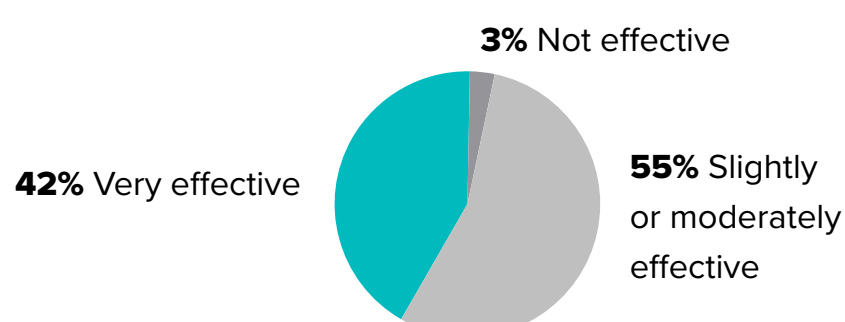
A TOP SAFETY PROBLEM

Medication errors are the #2 safety problem hospitals face, according to 100 hospital executives and clinical leaders.

Top safety problems:

#1 - HAIs and HACs (44%)
#2 (tie) - Medication errors (14%), and Failure to report safety events in a timely manner (14%)
#4 - Antibiotic overuse/nonoptimal use (11%)
#5 - Falls (8%)
#6 - Other (5%)
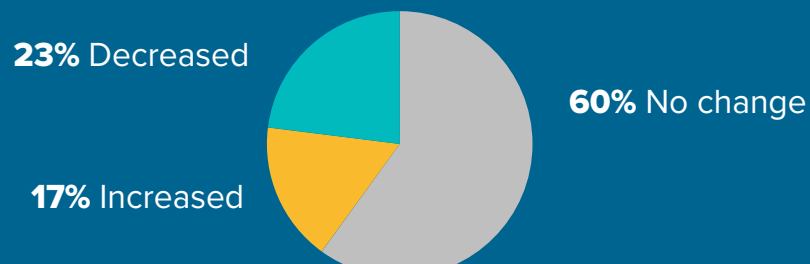**#7 -** Opioid over-prescribing/misuse/abuse (4%)

Only **42%** of hospital leaders say their hospital's pharmacy surveillance efforts are very effective.

3% Not effective
42% Very effective
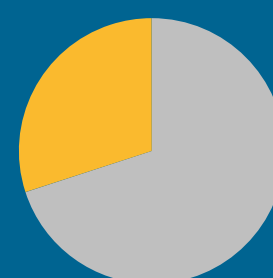**55%** Slightly or moderately effective

CHALLENGES ESCALATE

Nearly one-in-five hospital leaders say medication error rates have increased at their hospital.

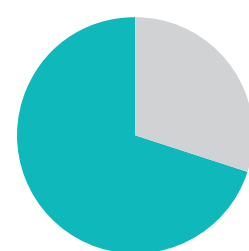**Rate of medication errors over the last 12 months:**

23% Decreased
17% Increased
60% No change

30% say that increases in medication errors are due to the pandemic.

TECHNOLOGY IS AN UNDERUTILIZED RESOURCE

Most hospitals aren't using technology that flags medication errors in real time—despite its availability.

81%
of hospital leaders say clinical surveillance helps identify medication errors.

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Yet only **26%** currently use it.

Hospitals that send real-time medication error alerts to healthcare providers are **44%** more likely to report falling medication error rates.

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Yet only **28%** of hospitals send these alerts.

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