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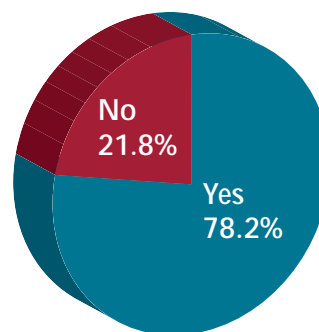
# A Valuable Purchasing Resource for Pharmacy Directors

Pharmacy Purchasing & Products is pleased to bring you our second annual issue on "The State of Pharmacy Automation," featuring the results from our 2007 national survey of directors of pharmacy. To compile the data found in this information-rich issue, we polled DoPs to find out about their use of IT and automation, their satisfaction with the systems they have in place, and their plans to adopt additional technologies in the near term.



The pages that follow are full of easy-to-read charts and graphs and other information that can aid you in benchmarking your facility's rate of technology adoption. Furthermore, you can use this data to sell automation purchases up to administration. For instance, if you find you are behind the curve set by your peers with regards to any product class mentioned in this issue, present administrators with our clear and concise data to speed the rate of technological implementation at your facility.

### DoPs Using PP&P to Research Automation Purchases



While analyzing the survey responses, PP&P was pleased to learn that over 78% of DoPs nationwide use our magazine to research automation purchases. We are always gratified to learn that the articles we bring you each month serve their ultimate purpose – to simplify your purchasing processes and present best practices for implementation.

But our print publication is not the only way PP&P seeks to make your professional lives easier. We have recently launched FindIt ([www.findit.pppmag.com](http://www.findit.pppmag.com)), an online resource guide, listing over 300 vendors of products and services for hospital pharmacies. Conveniently listed in a variety of product and service categories, vendors are easy

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It is our sincere hope that, with both PP&P and FindIt, we can continue to serve as a valuable purchasing resource for you. We welcome your comments on ways to improve the information we provide and look forward to four more issues of PP&P this year, including a special supplement on "Compounding & Cleanrooms" in October. Be on the look out for that – yet another comprehensive guide to pharmacy practice – in the months to come!

All the best,

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