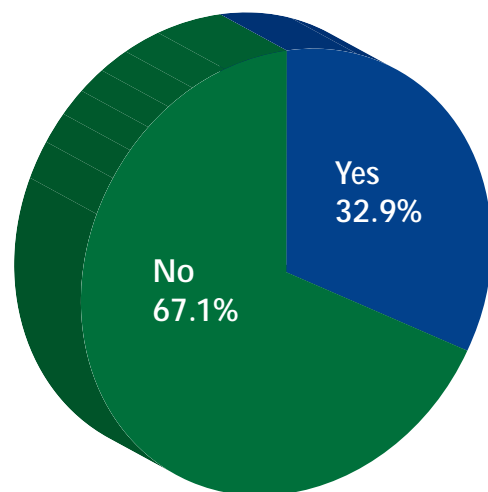




Automated Compounding Devices

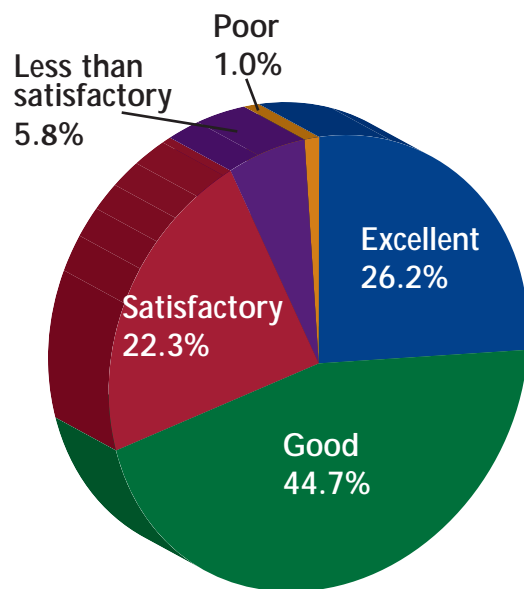
While automated compounding devices are not the most widely adopted technology amongst respondents, they were ranked the third most satisfactory product class of those *PP&P* polled pharmacy directors about. In fact, over 70% of respondents rated their automated compounding device as “good” or “excellent,” suggesting the value, efficiency, and safety delivered by these systems.

For more information on automated compounding device vendors, visit www.findit.pppmag.com or circle number 901 on the reader service card bound in this issue.



Automated Compounding Devices in Use

While a majority of hospitals have not implemented automated compounding devices, this year's survey revealed incremental growth – just over 3% – in system adoption over last year's data.



Level of User Satisfaction

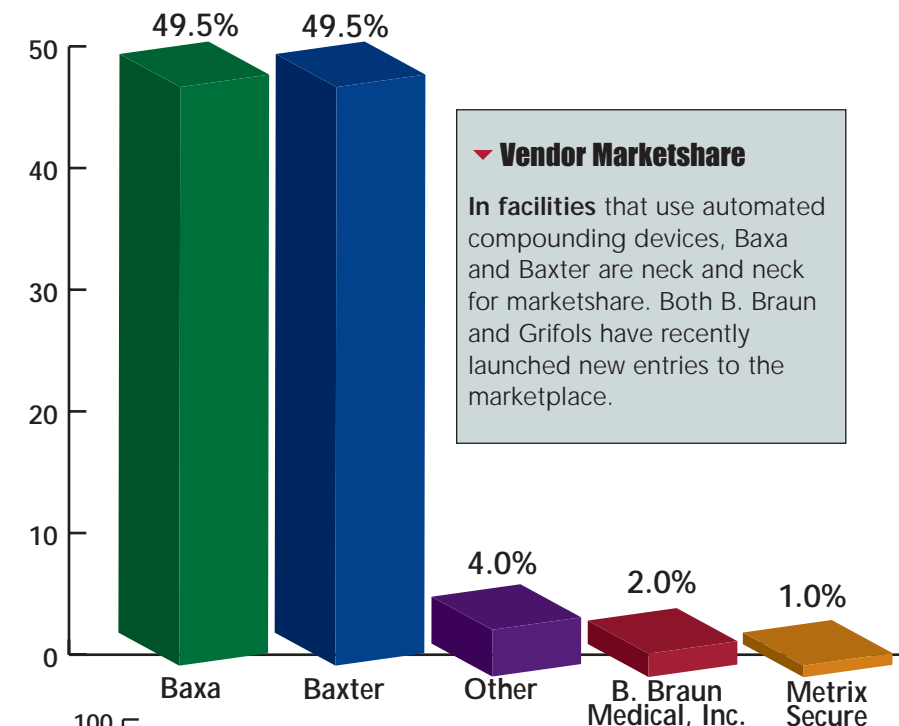
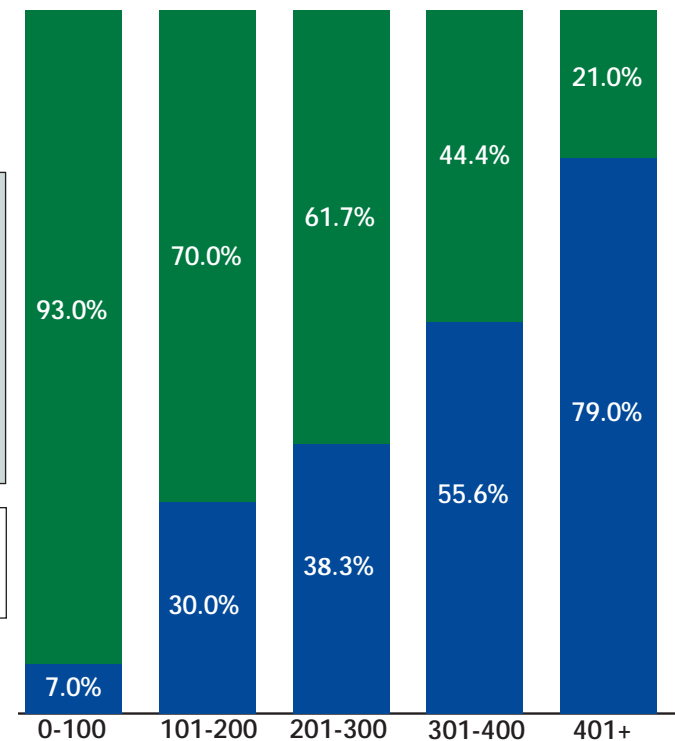
Automated compounding devices are highly rated by their users. The devices received a 93.2% satisfaction rating with over 70% rating their systems “good” or “excellent.”

Devices in Use by Facility Size (in number of beds)

Not surprisingly, automated compounding devices are more common in larger hospitals.

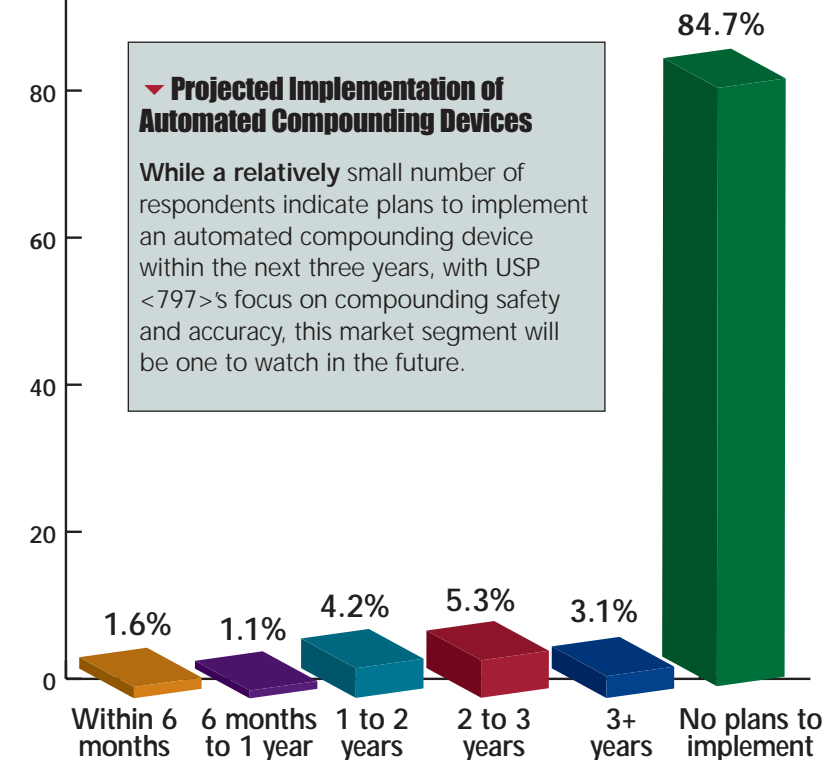
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■ No ■ Yes



Vendor Marketshare

In facilities that use automated compounding devices, Baxa and Baxter are neck and neck for marketshare. Both B. Braun and Grifols have recently launched new entries to the marketplace.



Projected Implementation of Automated Compounding Devices

While a relatively small number of respondents indicate plans to implement an automated compounding device within the next three years, with USP <797>'s focus on compounding safety and accuracy, this market segment will be one to watch in the future.