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From the Publisher

Thank You for Doing Your Part!

All of us at *PP&P* would like to offer our sincere thanks to those pharmacy leaders who responded to our recent "State of <97> Compliance" survey. The time each of you took to answer those questions has paid off: We've received an impressive number of responses and are looking forward to publishing the compiled results in a special supplement to *PP&P* next month.



You can use the survey results to benchmark your facility's progress in achieving <97> compliance, as well as plan for future projects and purchases to ensure the quality of your compounding operations. Among other data, the upcoming supplement will share:

- The percentage of hospitals reporting full compliance with USP <97>
- How many FTEs your peers allocate to compounding activities
- How your colleagues rate their compounding aseptic isolators
- And much more!

This is not the only informative survey *PP&P* will conduct in 2008. Be on the look out for at least two other opportunities to take part in *PP&P*'s research of current practices in health-system pharmacies. Every response counts, and we value your input in compiling the most thorough and accurate information possible.

Our readers' input is the lifeblood of this publication, and we are extremely appreciative of the time you take to be a part of *PP&P*, whether by reading each of our monthly issues and special supplements, responding to our surveys, or contacting us with your questions and suggestions. We hope you will keep *PP&P* at the front of your minds as you continue to improve patient safety and the practice of hospital pharmacy.

All the best,

R. Mitchell Halvorsen
Publisher

What Our Readers Are Saying About *PP&P*...

"*Pharmacy Purchasing & Products* is an excellent resource for finding useful and practical information on implementing processes to enhance patient safety. For example, recent articles on evaluating pharmacy's readiness for BMV (bedside medication verification) and on EMAR implementation were very useful to us as we prepared our facility for EMAR and BMV. Also, the magazine provides a one-stop shop for information on vendors for various pharmacy products, from those related to USP <97> compliance to bar code scanners and medication carts."

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