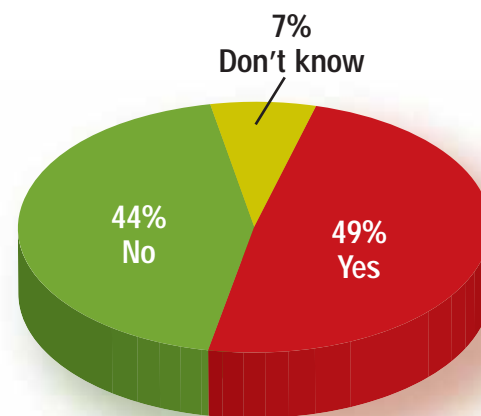




Regulatory Inspections

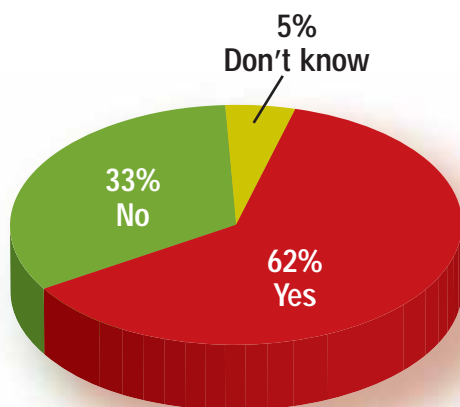
<797> compliance is clearly a concern for both The Joint Commission (TJC, formerly JCAHO) and state boards of pharmacy. It is of particular note that a majority of respondents report being questioned by their TJC surveyor regarding <797> compliance, even though most of the inspectors were physicians or nurses – not pharmacists. This regulatory attention is clearly warranted, given that nearly one third of institutions report the occurrence of a patient incident involving a compounding error.

State Boards of Pharmacy Inspecting for <797> Compliance



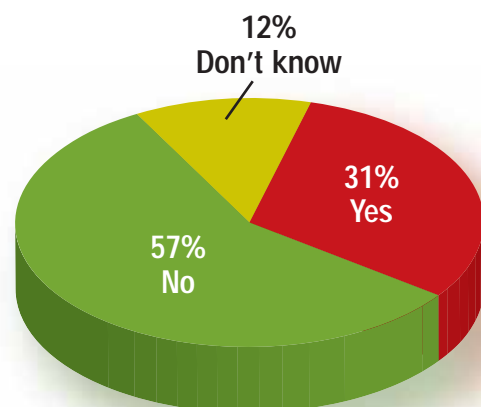
61% of hospitals report being inspected by their state board of pharmacy within the past 18 months. Of these hospitals, 49% were questioned about their <797> compliance during the inspection.

Joint Commission Surveying for <797> Compliance



With almost half of all hospitals (45%) reporting an inspection by The Joint Commission in the past 18 months, it is important to note that 62% of those surveyed report being asked questions relative to their compliance with <797>.

Patient Incidents Involving Compounding Errors



31% of respondents reported a patient incident involving a compounding error has occurred at their institution in the past five years.