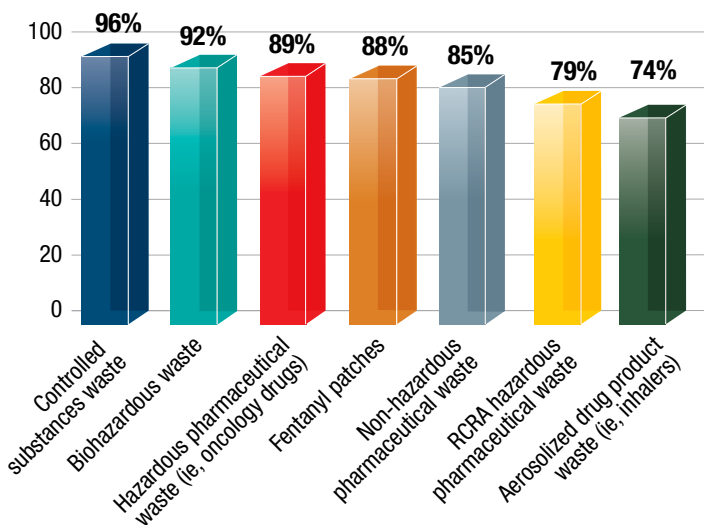


## The commitment to achieving compliant waste practices

is strong throughout hospital pharmacy, despite the challenge of staying up-to-date with the requirements of multiple regulatory bodies. Most facilities approach their waste responsibilities by developing written policies and procedures for the many categories of pharmaceutical drug waste. Because managing RCRA hazardous waste remains particularly challenging, more facilities are instituting a committee to address these issues.

## Waste Categories with Written P&Ps



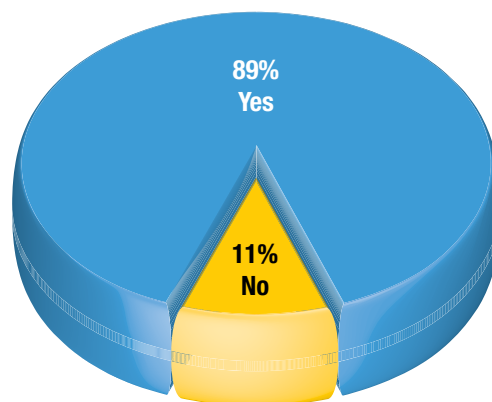
▲ While written P&Ps are nearly universal for controlled substances and biohazardous waste, some facilities have had less success with creating written P&Ps for non-hazardous, RCRA-hazardous, and aerosolized drug waste.

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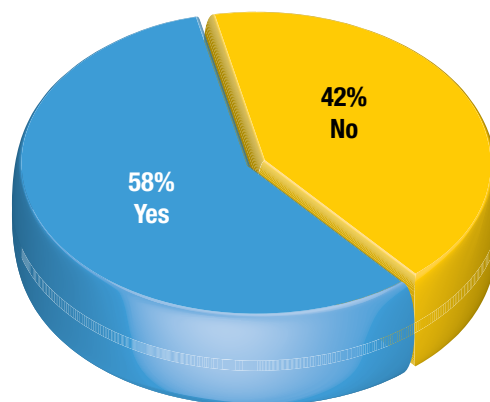
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## Policies and Procedures



▲ Demonstrating health systems' growing commitment to compliant pharmaceutical waste management, 89% of all facilities now have written policies and procedures (P&Ps) in place to guide pharmaceutical waste practices, up from 68% in 2009.

## RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Committee



▲ The number of facilities with a committee in place to address RCRA-hazardous waste increased to 58%, from 56% last year.