

Table 1. Characteristics of Respondents and Hospitals and Perceived Usefulness of CDC Guidance on Infection Control During the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic

	Total (N = 1173)		Perceived CDC guidance to be <i>very useful</i> (n = 853)		
	n	%	n	%	P-value
Respondent Characteristics					
Perceived usefulness of CDC guidance					
Very useful	853	74.4	--	--	--
Somewhat useful	263	22.9	--	--	--
Not useful	8	0.7	--	--	--
Not used	23	2.0	--	--	--
Years in clinical practice					
1–10	197	16.8	121	61.4	
11–20	239	20.4	160	66.9	*
≥21	735	62.8	570	77.6	
Earned degree ^a					
Associate in nursing	334	28.5	231	70.2	*
BS in nursing	735	62.7	550	74.8	*
MS in nursing	339	28.9	276	81.4	*
Primary position during pandemic					
Staff nurse	454	38.7	269	59.3	
Nurse manager or executive	421	35.9	341	81.0	*
Nurse educator	137	11.7	115	83.9	
Other ^b	161	13.7	128	79.5	
How most time was spent					
Planning for patient care	508	43.5	427	84.1	
Direct patient care	506	43.3	304	60.1	*
Time was equally split	155	13.3	119	76.8	
Primary unit during the pandemic					
Postpartum/mother-baby	292	24.9	185	63.4	
Normal newborn nursery	33	2.8	23	69.7	
High-risk/transitional nursery/NICU	88	7.5	63	71.6	ns
Combined units ^c	760	64.8	582	76.6	
Hospital Characteristics					
Type of hospital ^a					
Community	710	60.5	524	73.8	ns
Not-for-profit	484	41.3	367	75.8	*
University teaching	157	13.4	111	70.7	ns
County/city	133	11.3	88	10.3	ns
For-profit	92	7.8	65	70.7	ns

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Labor and delivery beds					
1–10	522	44.8	382	73.5	ns
11–20	467	40.1	341	73.2	
≥21	157	13.5	112	71.3	
Do not know	19	1.6	12	63.2	
Organization of care					
LDR with separate mother/baby postpartum unit with a separate normal newborn nursery	616	52.6	455	73.9	ns
LDR with separate mother/baby postpartum unit but without a separate normal newborn nursery	199	17.0	145	72.9	
LDRP care in a single room/unit with a separate normal newborn nursery	175	14.9	127	72.6	
LDRP care in a single room/unit without a separate normal newborn nursery	138	11.8	97	70.3	
Other	44	3.8	29	65.9	
Certified lactation specialist					
Yes	1050	89.7	756	72.0	ns
No	121	10.3	96	79.3	

NOTE: Percentages were estimated excluding missing data.

Abbreviations: BS = bachelor of science; LDR = labor, delivery, and recovery; LDRP = labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum; MS = master of science; NICU = neonatal intensive care unit; NS = not significant.

^aMultiple responses were permitted.

^bIncludes lactation consultants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, infection prevention specialists.

^cIncludes those who provided or planned for patient care in antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn care settings.

*Chi-square test comparing the distribution of perceived CDC guidance to be “very useful” by characteristic significant at $P < .05$.