

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

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| | 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 | |
| 11–20 | 467 | 40.1 | 341 | 73.2 | |
| ≥21 | 157 | 13.5 | 112 | 71.3 | ns |
| 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 | |
| LDR with separate mother/baby postpartum unit but without a separate normal newborn nursery | 199 | 17.0 | 145 | 72.9 | ns |
| 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 | |
| No | 121 | 10.3 | 96 | 79.3 | ns |

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 $P < .05$.