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	n	%	P-value	n	%	P-value	n	%	P-value	n	%	P-value
OVERALL	287	37.7		299	31.4		569	59.9		625	65.8	
Respondent Characteristics												
Perceived CDC guidance as <i>very useful</i>												
Yes	237	42.7	*	246	35.1	*	447	63.9	*	503	71.8	*
No	50	24.3		53	21.1		122	48.8		122	49.0	
Years in clinical practice												
1–10	27	21.8		45	29.8		80	53.3		88	58.7	
11–20	56	33.3	*	57	29.5	ns	103	53.4	*	114	58.8	*
21+	204	43.5		196	32.4		384	63.5		421	69.7	
Earned degree ^c												
Associate in nursing	64	29.0	*	77	28.4	ns	149	55.2	ns	170	62.5	ns
BS in nursing	177	37.3	ns	189	31.6	ns	347	58.1	ns	389	65.3	ns
MS in nursing	107	48.6	*	99	34.9	ns	181	63.7	ns	209	73.3	*
Primary position during pandemic												
Staff nurse	61	20.4		87	24.5		162	45.8		177	50.0	
Nurse manager or executive	119	46.7	*	126	36.8	*	241	70.3	*	265	77.0	*
Nurse educator	50	53.8		34	29.6		79	68.7		82	72.6	
Other ^d	57	50.0		52	37.4		87	63.0		101	72.7	

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How most time was spent												
Planning for patient care	164	32.3		153	36.3		295	70.1		334	79.3	
Direct patient care	75	14.8	*	99	24.9	*	183	46.0	*	203	51.0	*
Time was equally split	47	30.3		45	34.6		90	69.8		87	67.4	
Primary unit during the pandemic												
Postpartum/mother-baby	65	22.3		64	29.6		129	59.7		135	62.8	
Normal newborn nursery	12	36.4		7	25.0		15	53.6		16	57.1	
High-risk/transitional nursery/NICU	16	32.0	ns	32	46.4	*	42	60.9	ns	49	71.0	ns
Combined units ^e	194	25.5		196	30.7		383	60.1		425	66.6	
Hospital Characteristics												
Written policy during pandemic												
Yes	200	82.6	*	212	61.3	*	446	75.5	*	520	85.8	*
No/Unsure	65	25.9		70	12.3		96	31.0		81	27.3	
Type of hospital ^c												
Community	172	36.4	ns	179	30.4	ns	348	59.3	ns	382	64.9	ns
Not-for-profit	124	39.2	ns	135	34.4	ns	248	63.4	ns	275	70.2	*
University teaching	43	44.8	ns	50	40.3	*	78	62.9	ns	91	73.4	ns
County/city	29	36.3	ns	29	27.9	ns	60	58.3	ns	69	67.0	ns
For profit	21	33.3	ns	17	23.0	ns	41	56.2	ns	44	59.5	ns

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Labor and delivery beds												
1–10	110	31.9		133	31.4		249	58.7		253	59.8	
11–20	124	41.1	*	109	28.6	ns	232	60.9	ns	268	70.3	*
21+	45	45.0		51	39.8		76	59.4		92	71.9	
Do not know	2	25.0		3	25.0		6	54.5		6	50.0	
Organization of care												
LDR with separate mother/baby postpartum unit with a separate normal newborn nursery	174	44.8		176	35.3		324	65.1		344	69.1	
LDR with separate mother/baby postpartum unit but without a separate normal newborn nursery	49	36.0	*	41	25.2	*	91	55.5	*	111	68.1	*
LDRP care in a single room/unit with a separate normal newborn nursery	34	30.4		45	32.1		77	55.4		85	60.7	
LDRP care in a single room/unit without a separate normal newborn nursery	23	24.5		27	23.5		59	51.3		65	56.5	
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Certified lactation specialist												
Yes	266	39.1	*	266	31.3	ns	510	60.0	ns	571	67.2	*
No	21	26.6		33	33.7		59	60.2		54	55.1	

NOTE: Percentages were estimated excluding missing data.

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

^a Criteria for close contact recommended by CDC included the following: mother had received antiviral medications for at least 48 hours, was without fever for 24 hours without antipyretics and could control cough and respiratory secretions.

^b Who wished to breastfeed.

^c Multiple responses were permitted.

^d Includes lactation consultants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, infection prevention specialists.

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

* Chi-square test (or Fischer's exact test where cell sizes <5) comparing the distribution of implementing the practice most of the time by characteristic $P < .05$.