2019 Medicines Shortages Survey results

3,188 total responses

Hospital pharmacists:
2136 responses from 39 countries

Are medicines shortages a current problem?
95% (2019) vs 91.8% (2018)

Type of medicines most frequently in shortage

- 63% Antimicrobial agents
- 47% Oncology medicines
- 38% Anaesthetic agents

How often did you experience shortages with products from one manufacturer?
81% More than three times

Type of impact medicines shortages had on patient care

- 42% Delays in care or therapy
- 28% Suboptimal treatment
- 27% Cancellation of care
- 18% Increased length of stay

70% of hospital pharmacists reported that prescribing/dispensing IT system are not automatically fed with information on ongoing shortages and potential alternatives