

2019 Medicines Shortages Survey results

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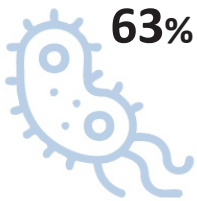
Hospital pharmacists:

2136 responses from 39 countries

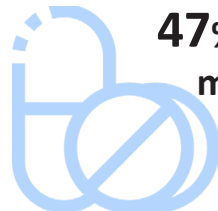
Are medicines shortages a
current problem?

95% (2019) vs 91.8% (2018)

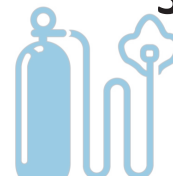
Type of medicines most frequently in shortage



63% Antimicrobial
agents

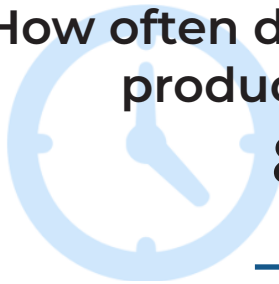


47% Oncology
medicines



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

27% Cancellation of
care

28% Suboptimal
treatment

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

