



San Mateo County Safe Medicine Disposal Provider Survey

Results of a Study Conducted May 8 – 21, 2026

*Commissioned by MED-Project and Inmar Intelligence;
Research Conducted Independently*



Survey Methodology

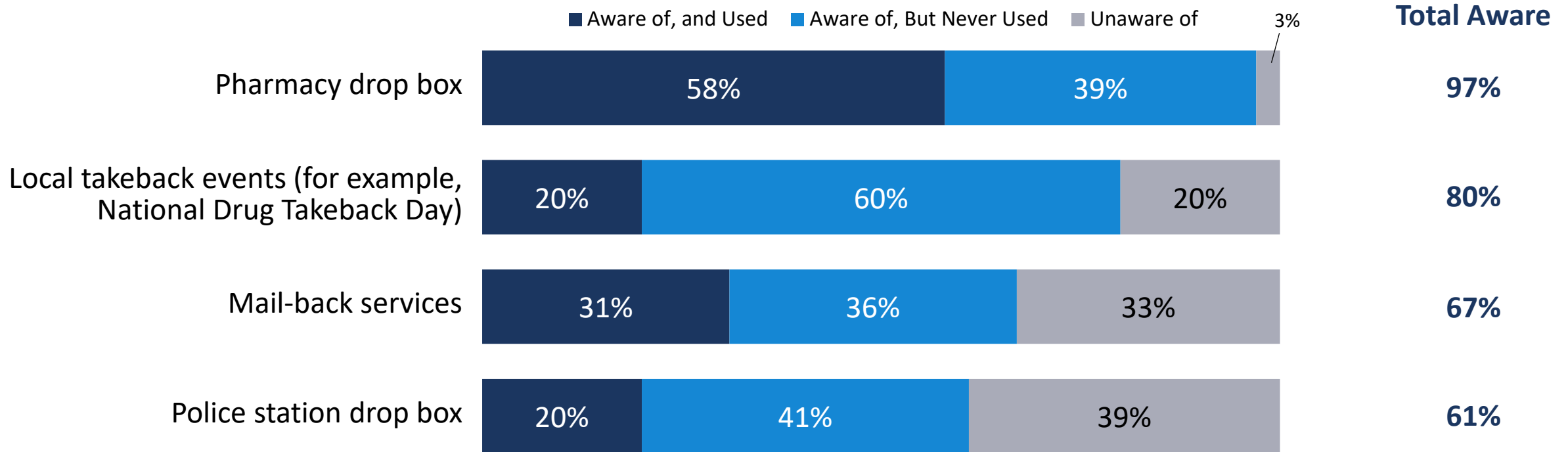
Dates	May 8-21, 2026
Survey Type	Online Survey
Research Population	San Mateo County Medical Professionals
Total Interviews	100
Margin of Sampling Error	(Full Sample) $\pm 9.8\%$ at the 95% Confidence Level
Contact Methods	 Email Invitations
Data Collection Modes	 Online Interviews

(Note: Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures, and not all results will sum to 100%.)

97% of providers are aware of at least one in-county disposal option*

Q7. How aware are you of each of the following ways someone can dispose of (get rid of) expired or unwanted household medication in the County of San Mateo?

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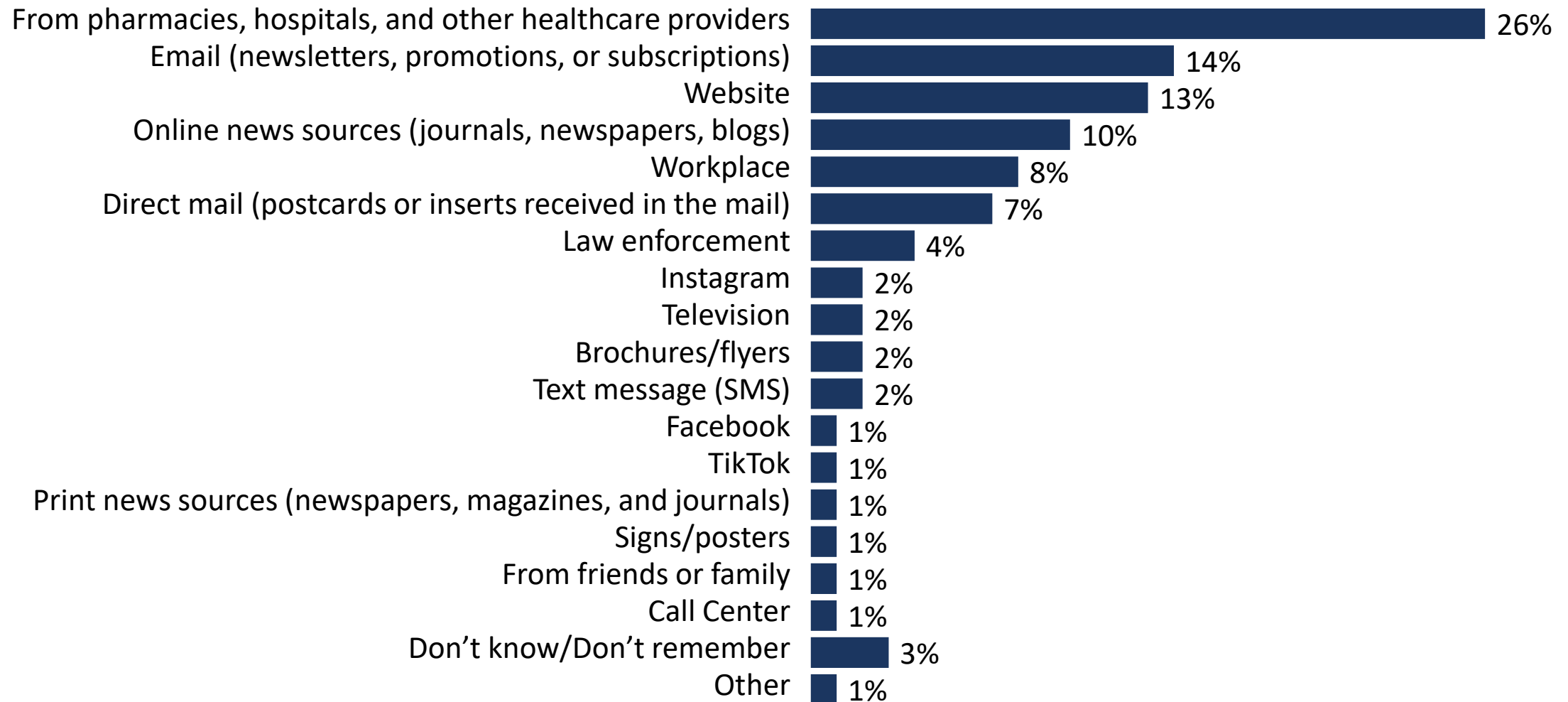


*Calculations account for overlap; providers aware of multiple options are counted once.

Providers prefer to receive information on disposal options from pharmacies, hospitals, and other healthcare providers (26%), followed by email (14%).

Q8. What is your preferred method to see or receive information about drug takeback programs or medication disposal options?

n=100



60% of providers agree that drug takeback programs make it easy to dispose of unwanted medication, while 50% agree they are convenient.

Q10. Please indicate how well you feel the sentence below describes drug takeback programs or medication disposal options in the County of San Mateo.

n=100

■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree **Total Agree**

These medication disposal options make it easy to dispose of unwanted medications.



These medication disposal options have clear instructions for usage.



These medication disposal options are accessible to everyone.

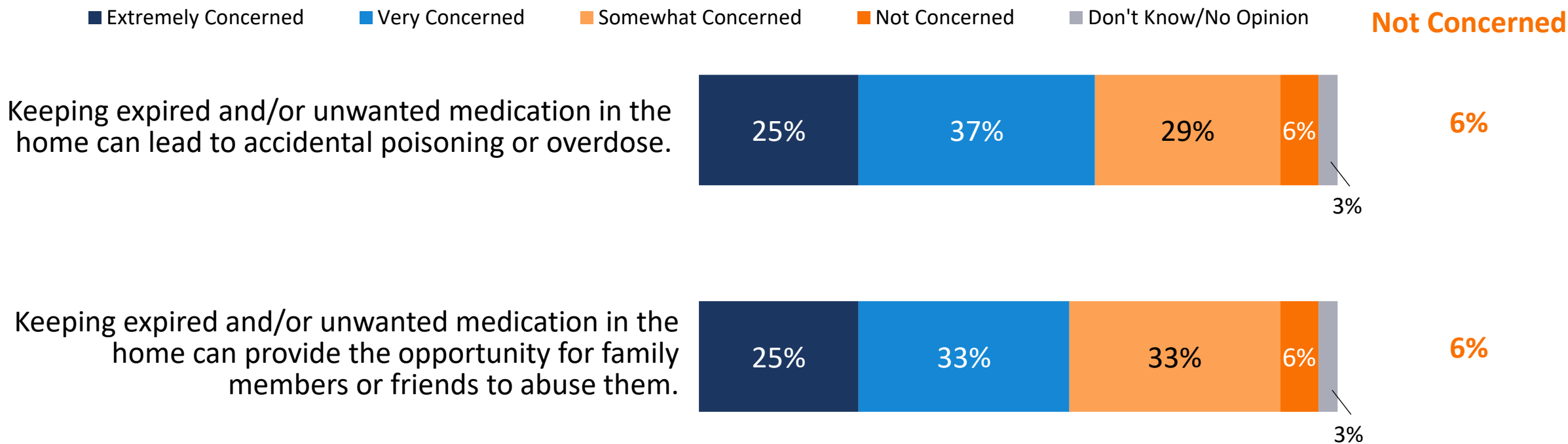


These medication disposal options are convenient.



62% of providers are extremely or very concerned about poisoning or overdose, while 58% are extremely or very concerned about the misuse of expired and/or unwanted medication kept in the home.

*Q12. Please carefully read the list of statements about expired and/or unwanted medication.
Please indicate if this is a cause for concern in the home.
n=100*

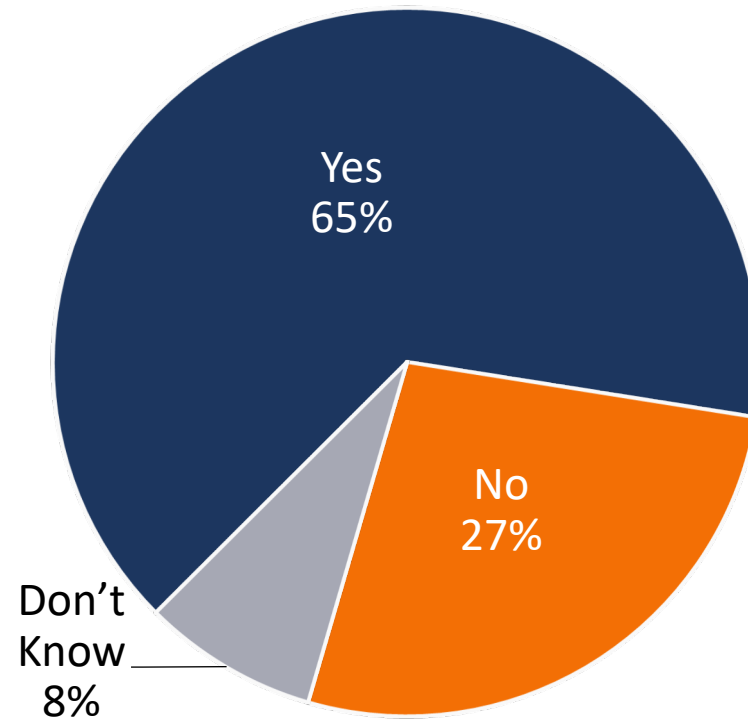


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65% of providers have encouraged their patients or clients to use drug takeback services to dispose of unwanted medication.

Q9. Have you encouraged your patients or clients to use drug takeback services for residents of the County of San Mateo to dispose of expired or unwanted medication?

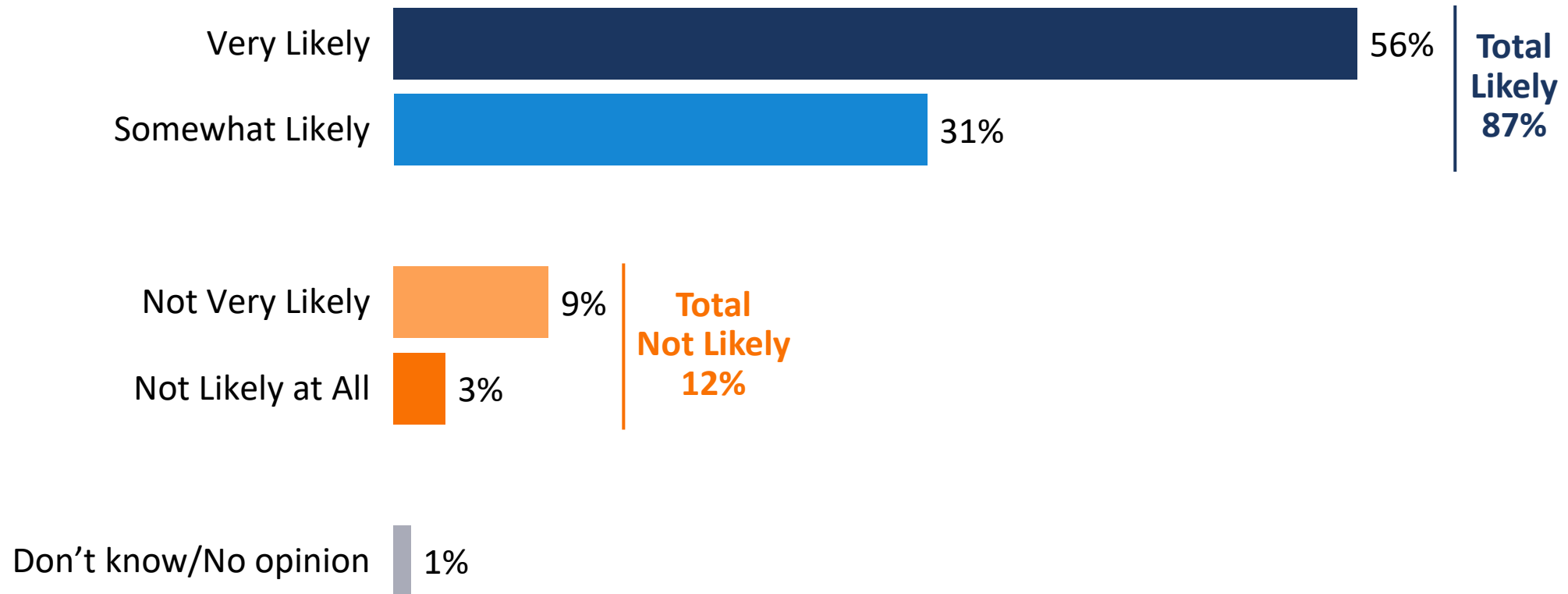
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87% of providers are likely to inform their patients or clients of drug takeback services to safely dispose of unwanted medication.

Q11. If you knew that there were drug takeback services in the County of San Mateo where residents could safely dispose of expired and/or unwanted medication, how likely would you be to inform patients or clients of these services?

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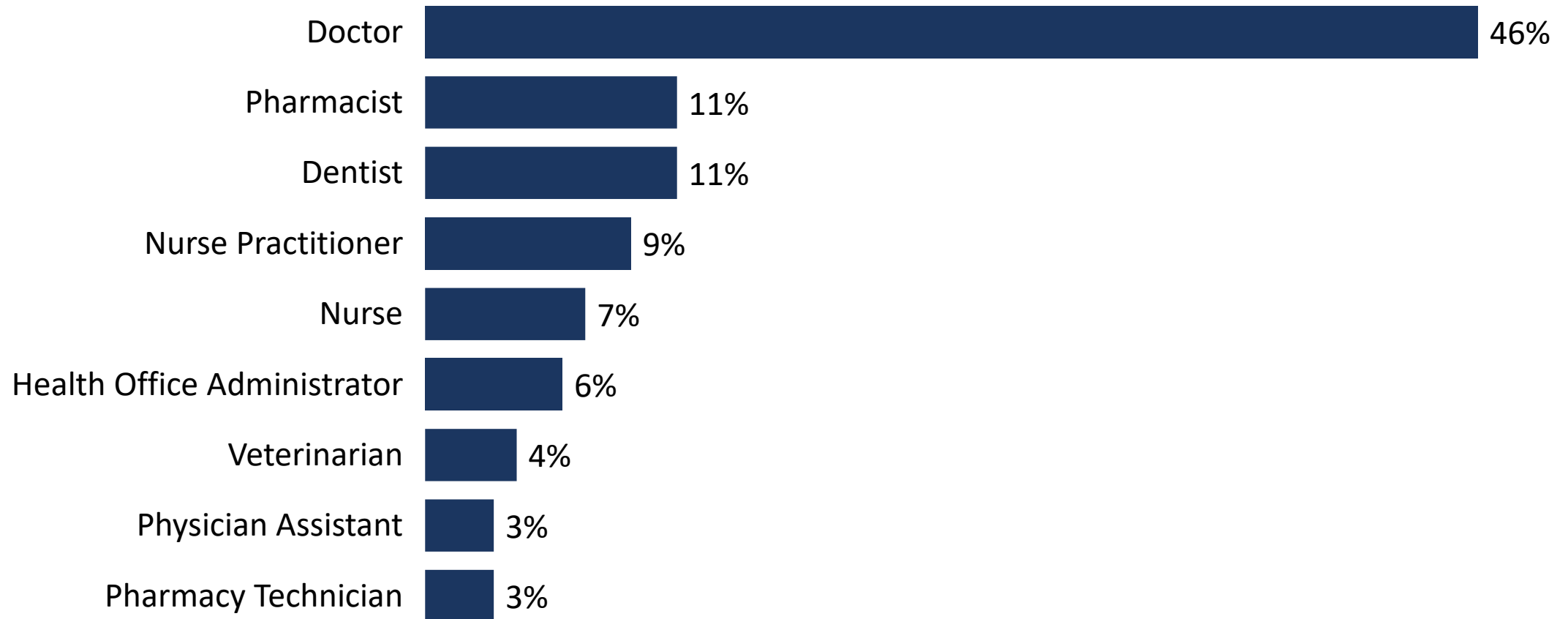




Profile of Respondents

Professional Background

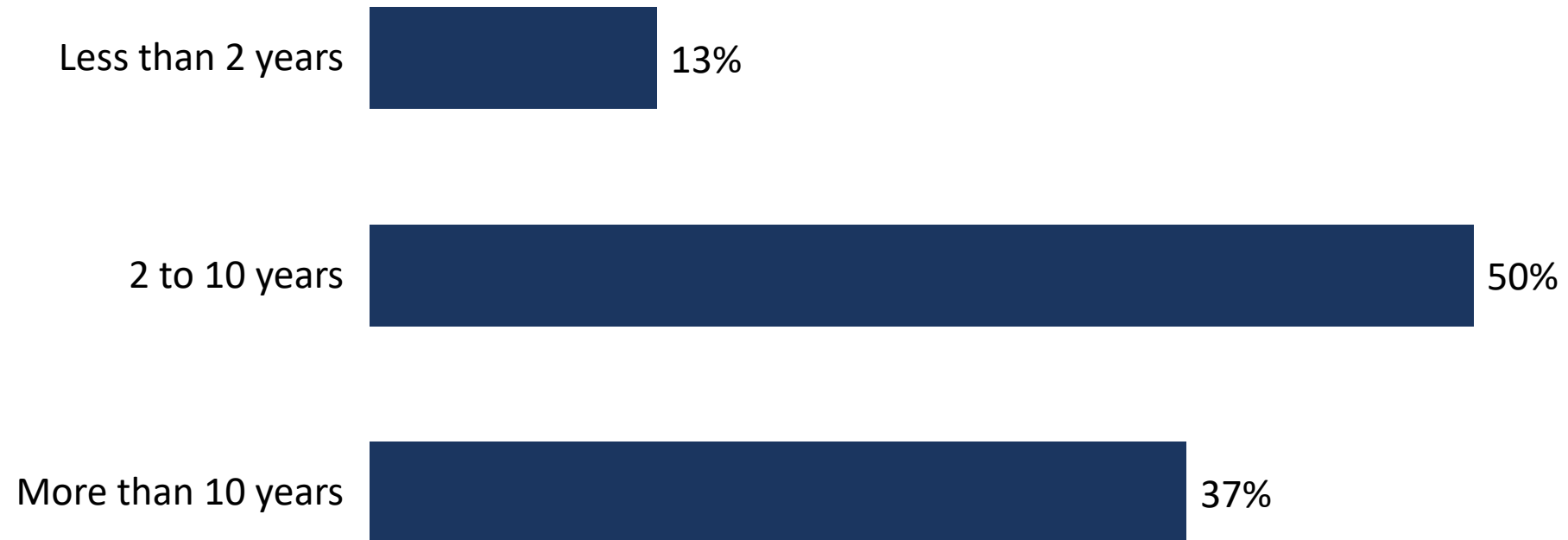
Q2. What is your profession?
n=100



Years Practicing in San Mateo County

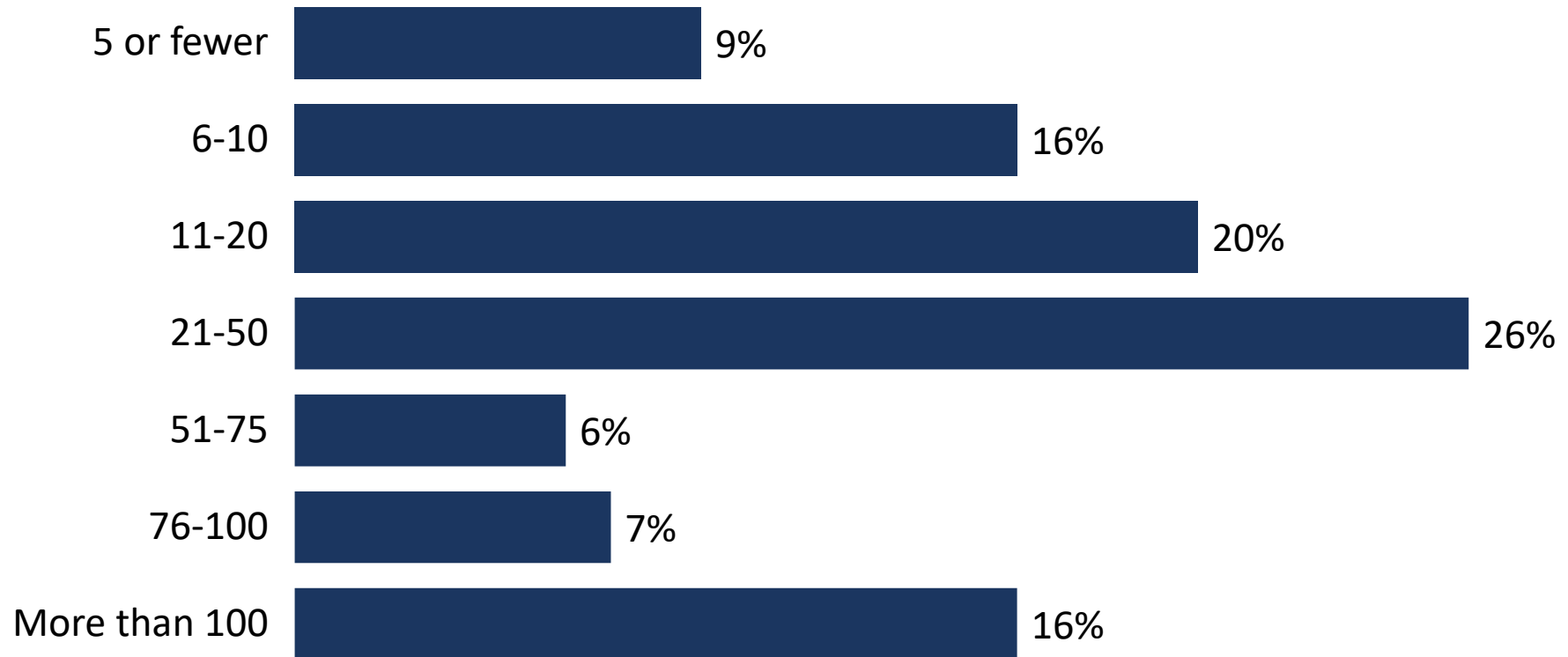
Q4. How long have you practiced within the County of San Mateo?

n=100



Number of Patients or Clients Served on a Daily Basis

Q5. On average, how many patients or clients does your practice serve on a daily basis?
n=100



Languages Offered at Practice

*Q6. In what languages does your practice offer services?
n=100 (Multiple Responses Accepted)*

