

Nurse Staffing Survey



QUALITY OF NURSING CARE

A majority of Americans aged 30 or older are confident with nurses' ability to handle their medical needs, however, consumers feel that nurses are spread too thin and that's impacting the quality of patient care.



82%

A majority (82%) of Americans aged 30 or older agree that when they are being cared for by a nurse, they are generally confident that he or she is well-trained to handle their medical needs.



82%

However, the same proportion (82%) also feels that nurses within the health care industry are spread too thin, so patient quality care is decreasing.



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

Nearly 70% of Americans aged 30 or older are worried that there will be an overall decrease in the quality of patient care as millions of newly insured patients enter the system, and about two-thirds of consumers are uncertain as to how health care reform is impacting their provider and nursing staff.



69%

69% of Americans aged 30 or older think if the ACA brings as many new patients into the health care system as it's supposed to, they would be worried that there will be an overall decrease in the quality of patient care.



65%

Over two-thirds (65%) of Americans aged 30 or older are worried that health care reform will significantly affect the quality of their own health care.



63%

63% of Americans aged 30 or older are uncertain as to how health care reform such as the ACA is impacting their health care provider and their nursing staff.



CONSUMER CONCERNS

75%

Three-quarters (75%) of Americans aged 30 or older are more concerned with the quality of nursing staff in hospitals than the availability/accessibility of electronic medical records.



QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE

Two-in-five Americans aged 30 or older who have themselves been admitted to a hospital, or have had a loved one admitted to a hospital have seen examples of lack of quality care from nursing staff.



40%

Among those Americans aged 30 or older who have themselves been admitted to a hospital, or have had a loved one be admitted to a hospital, two-in-five (40%) have seen examples of lack of quality Care from nursing staff.