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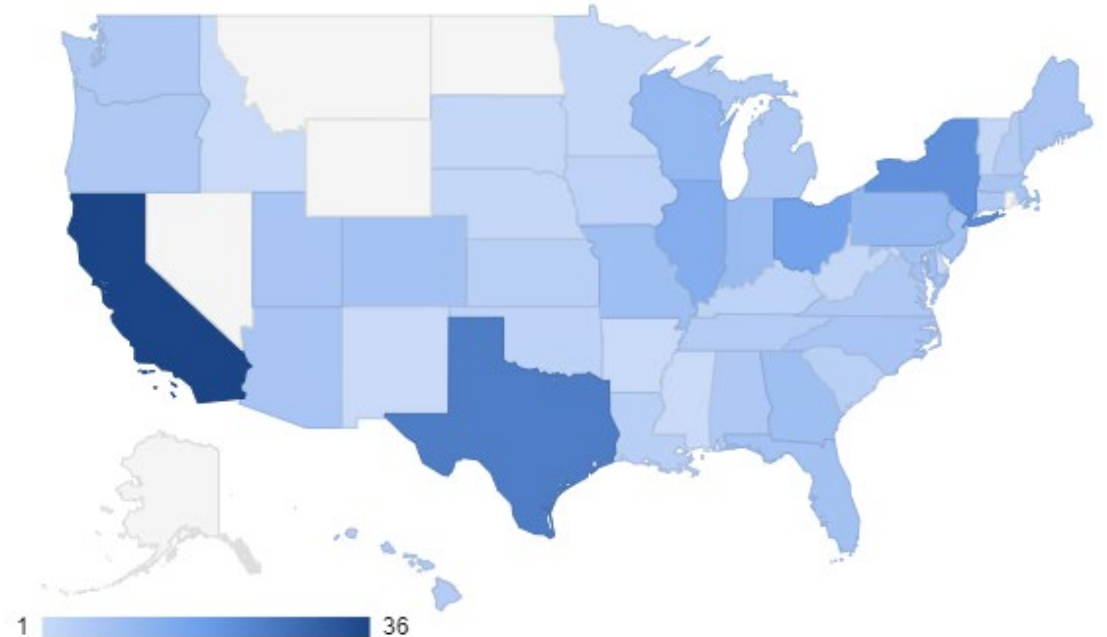
Learning Outcomes

Upon Completing this session, participants will be able to:

1. Characterize how palliative care program operations vary across setting types
2. Compare staffing models of palliative care teams
3. Demonstrate how the PCQC Registry can be utilized to identify areas of growth and opportunity for our field

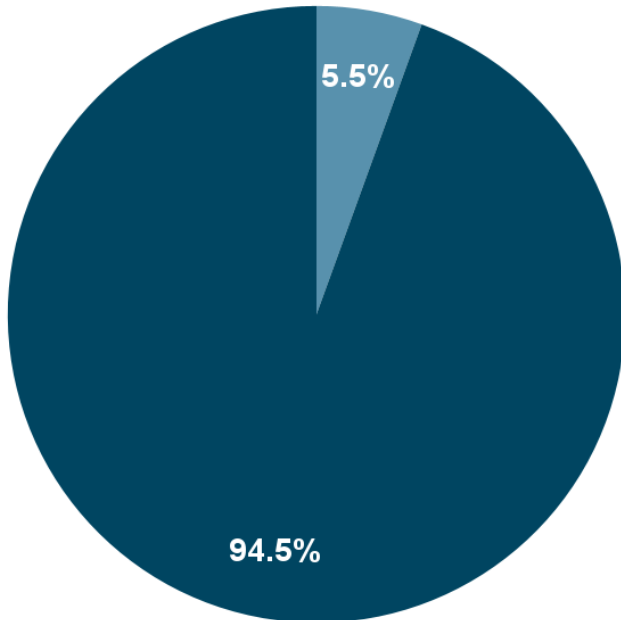
Who Participates in the Annual Program Survey?

- 261 Programs completed surveys for the Hospital setting
 - This included data for 323 hospital sites
- 136 Programs completed surveys for the Community setting
 - This included data for:
 - 64 Clinic/Office sites
 - 58 Home sites
 - 22 Long Term Care sites
- 79 Programs completed surveys for both Hospital and Community Settings
- These programs represent 44 states and the District of Columbia



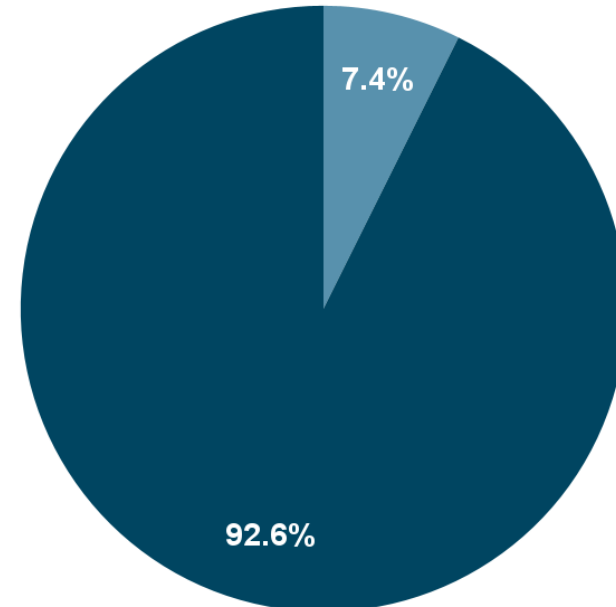
Pediatric Programs

Hospital Setting (N=323)



● Pediatric ● Non-Pediatric

Community Setting (N=136)



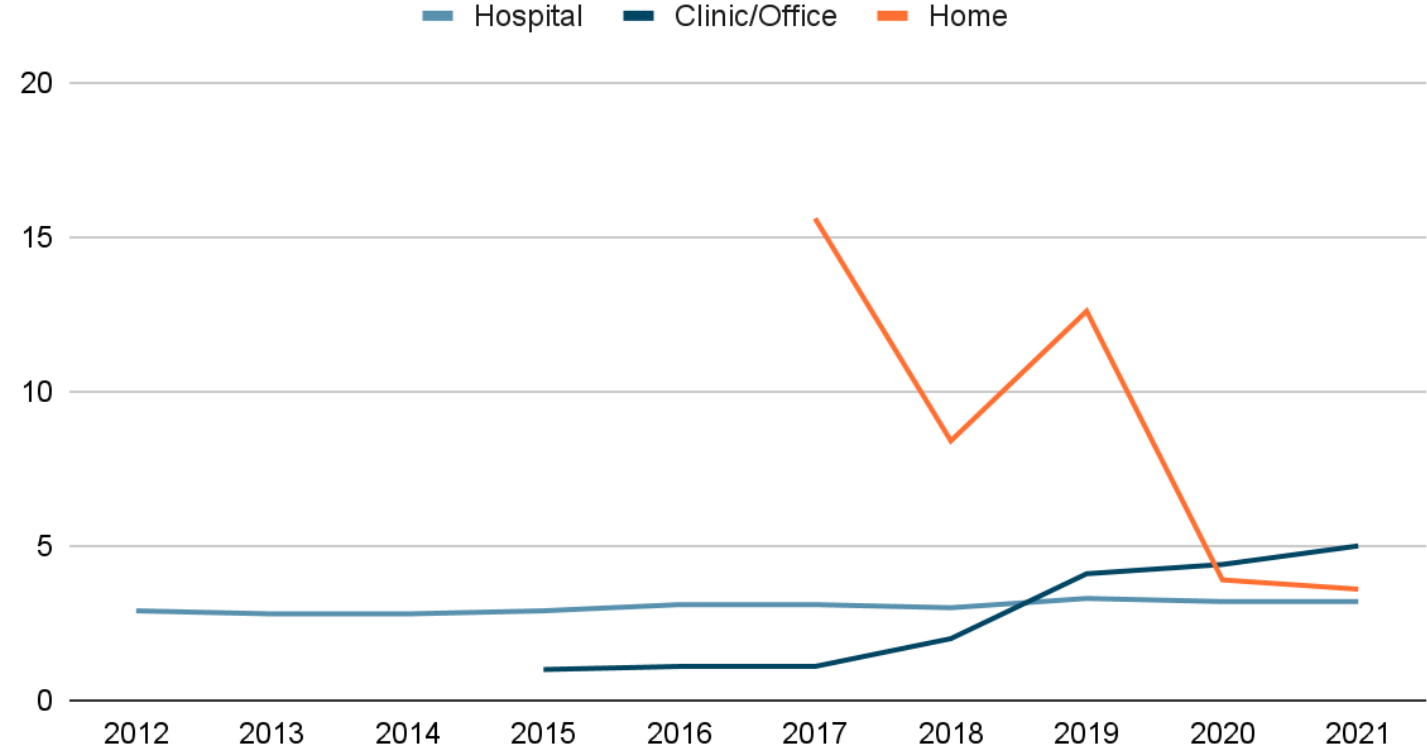
● Pediatric ● Non-Pediatric

How many annual visits per setting?

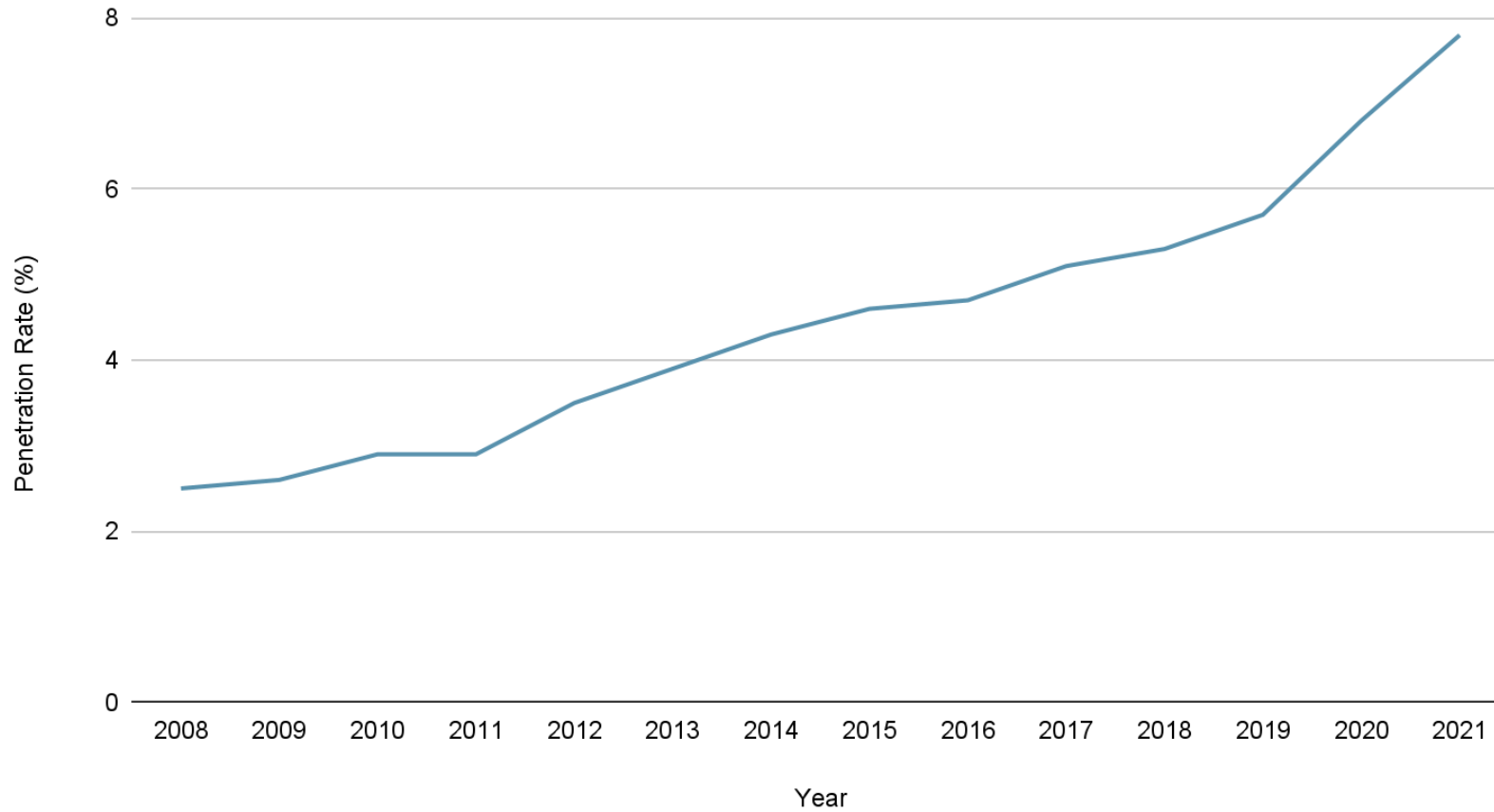
	Hospital (N=308)	Office/Clinic (N=62)	Home (N=57)
Mean	2535.0	1534.7	450.2
Median	1977.5	1076	208
Range	8 - 11,368	10 - 7,168	0 - 5,201

Visits per Patient

Average Visits per Patient

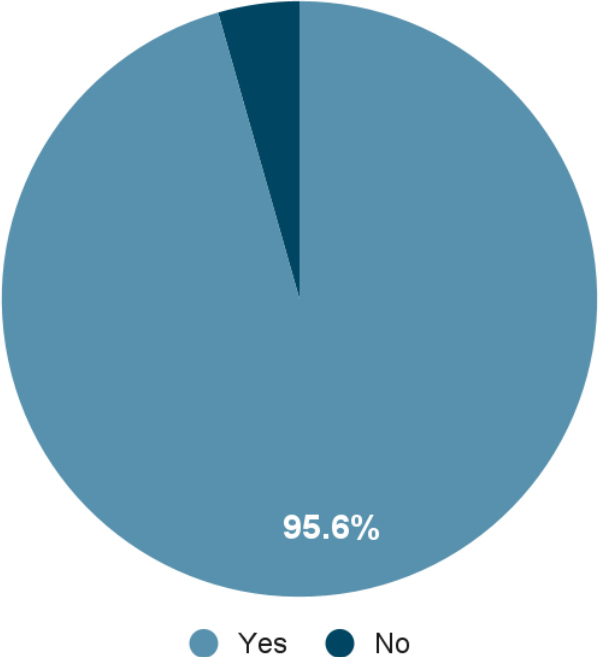


Penetration Rate - Hospital only

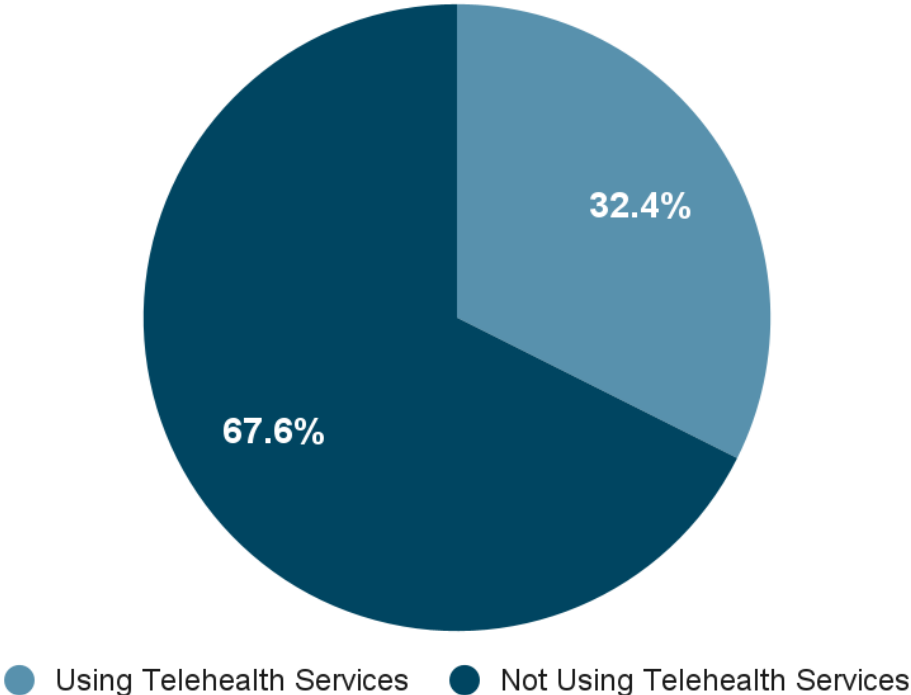


Telehealth - Community only

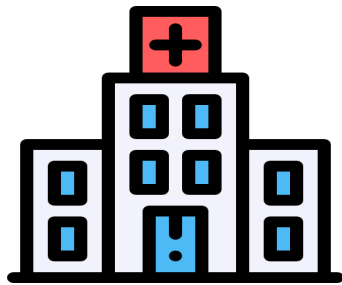
Does your program provide telehealth?
(N=136)



What percentage of patients are using telehealth services? (N=111)



Most common referring sources by setting



Hospital (N=218)

- Hospital Medicine (36.59%)
- General Medicine (14.50%)
- Critical Care (12.28%)



Office/Clinic (N=30)

- Oncology/Cancer Center (59.99%)
- Non-PC Hospital Inpatient Service (7.99%)
- Hospital Inpatient PC Service (6.16%)

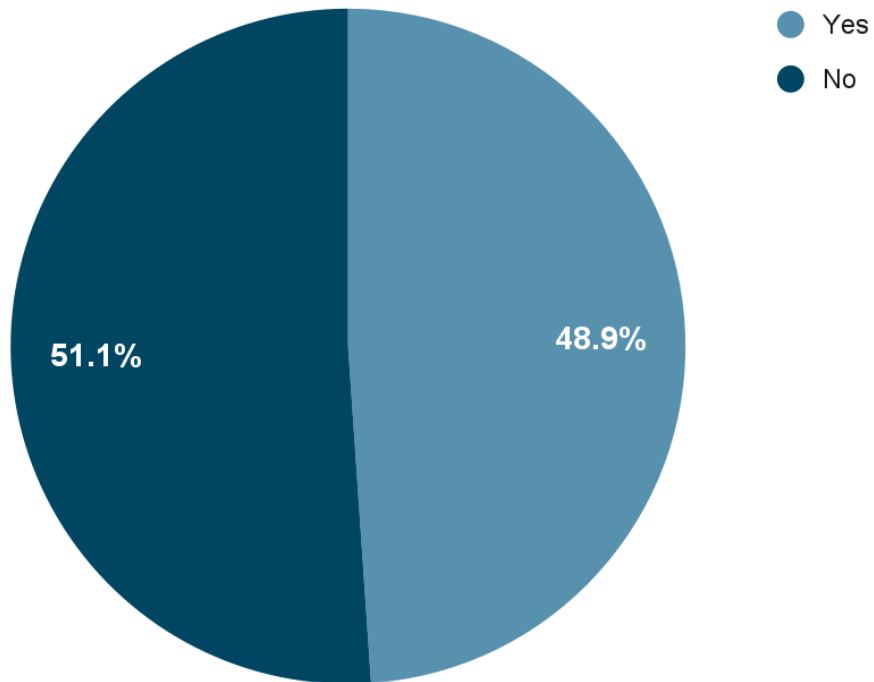


Home (N=28)

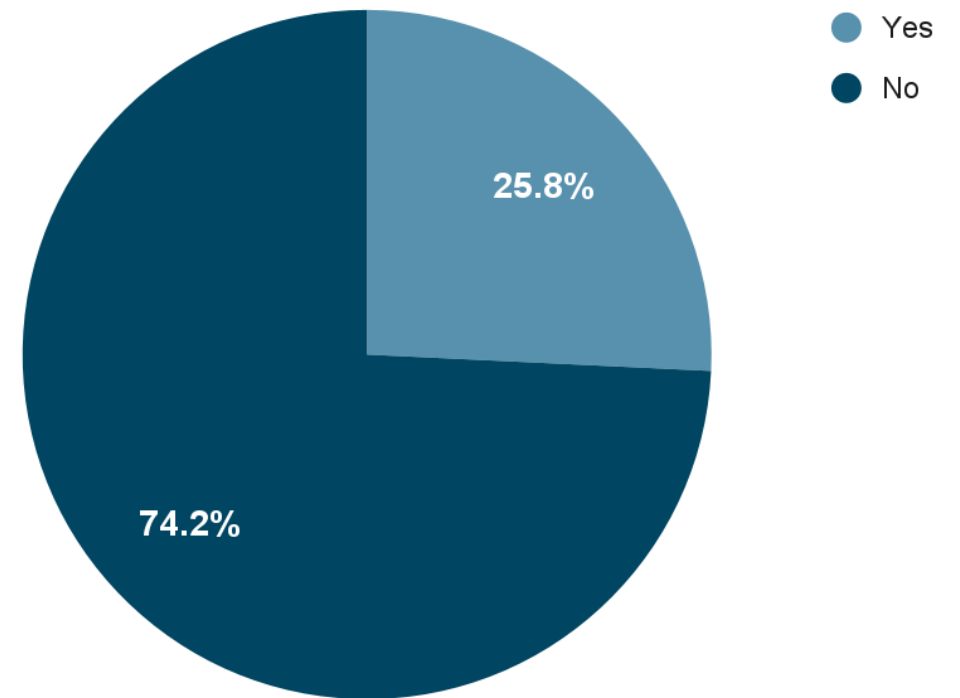
- Primary Care Practice (26.14%)
- Home Health Agency (22.25%)
- Non-PC Hospital Inpatient Service (12.72%)

Use of Triggers

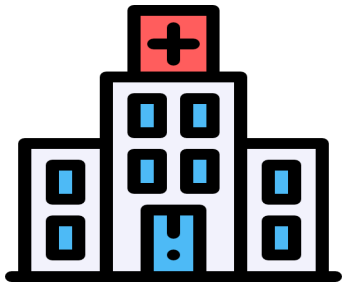
Use of Triggers in Hospital Setting (N=323)



Use of Triggers in Community Setting (N=132)



Most common diagnoses by setting



Hospital (N=178)

- Cancer (21.81%)
- Cardiovascular (13.42%)
- Infectious (12.72%)



Office/Clinic (N=22)

- Cancer (76.03%)
- Neurology (5.88%)
- Cardiovascular (3.86%)

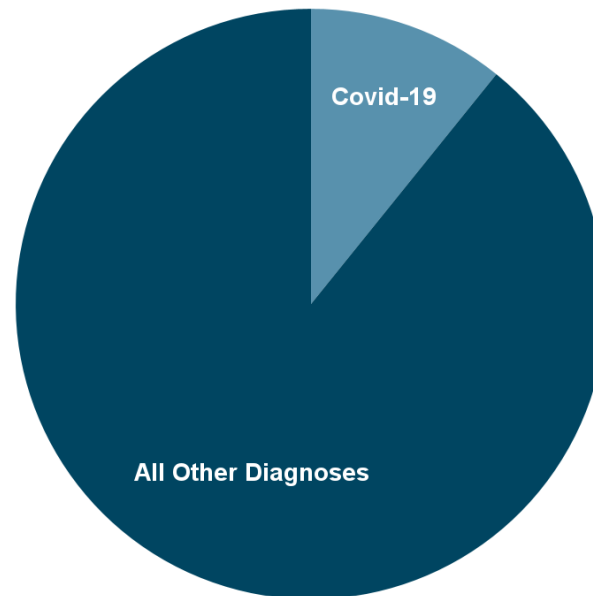


Home (N=26)

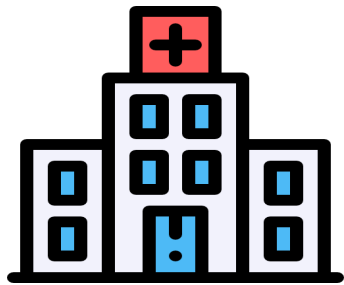
- Cancer (27.67%)
- Cardiovascular (19.92%)
- Pulmonary (15.57%)

Covid Impact

In the hospital setting, inclusive of sites who reported some percentage of patients' primary diagnosis as Covid-19 (N=81), the average proportion of Covid-19 was 10.8%.



Most common discharge dispositions by setting



Hospital (N=230)

- Home without Hospice (27.54%)
- Expired (22.72%)
- Other Health Care Facility (17.82%)



Office/Clinic (N=19)

- Remained on Office Practice/PC Service (57.78%)
- Expired (23.87%)
- Transferred to Hospice Service Line (11.23%)



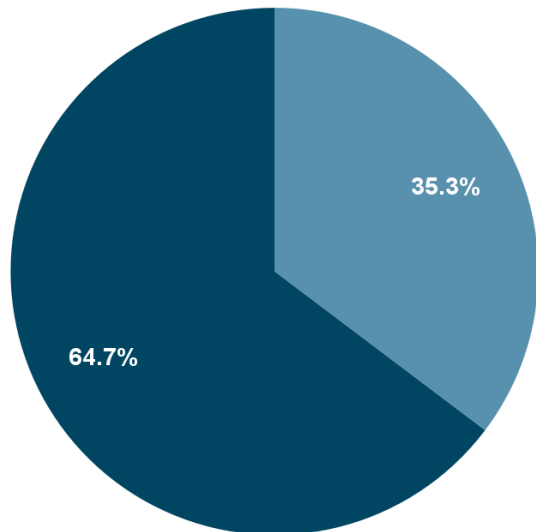
Home (N=29)

- Remained on Home PC Service (42.11%)
- Transferred to Hospice (31.25%)
- Disenrolled from Home PC Service (17.35%)

24/7 Coverage?



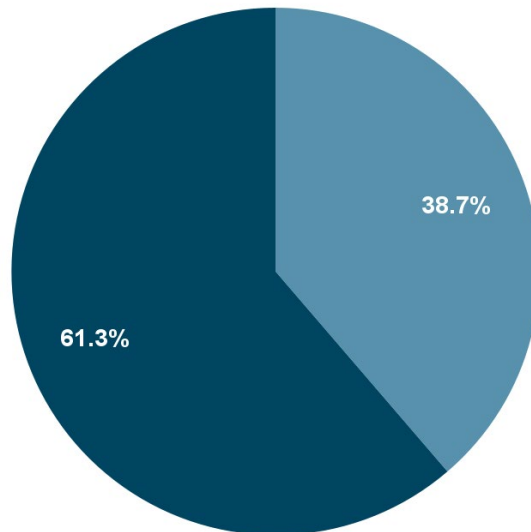
Hospital
(N=323)



● Yes ● No



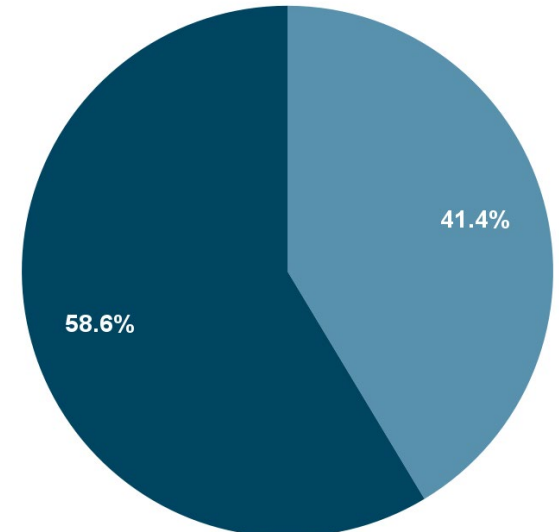
Office/Clinic (N=62)



● Yes ● No



Home
(N=58)



● Yes ● No

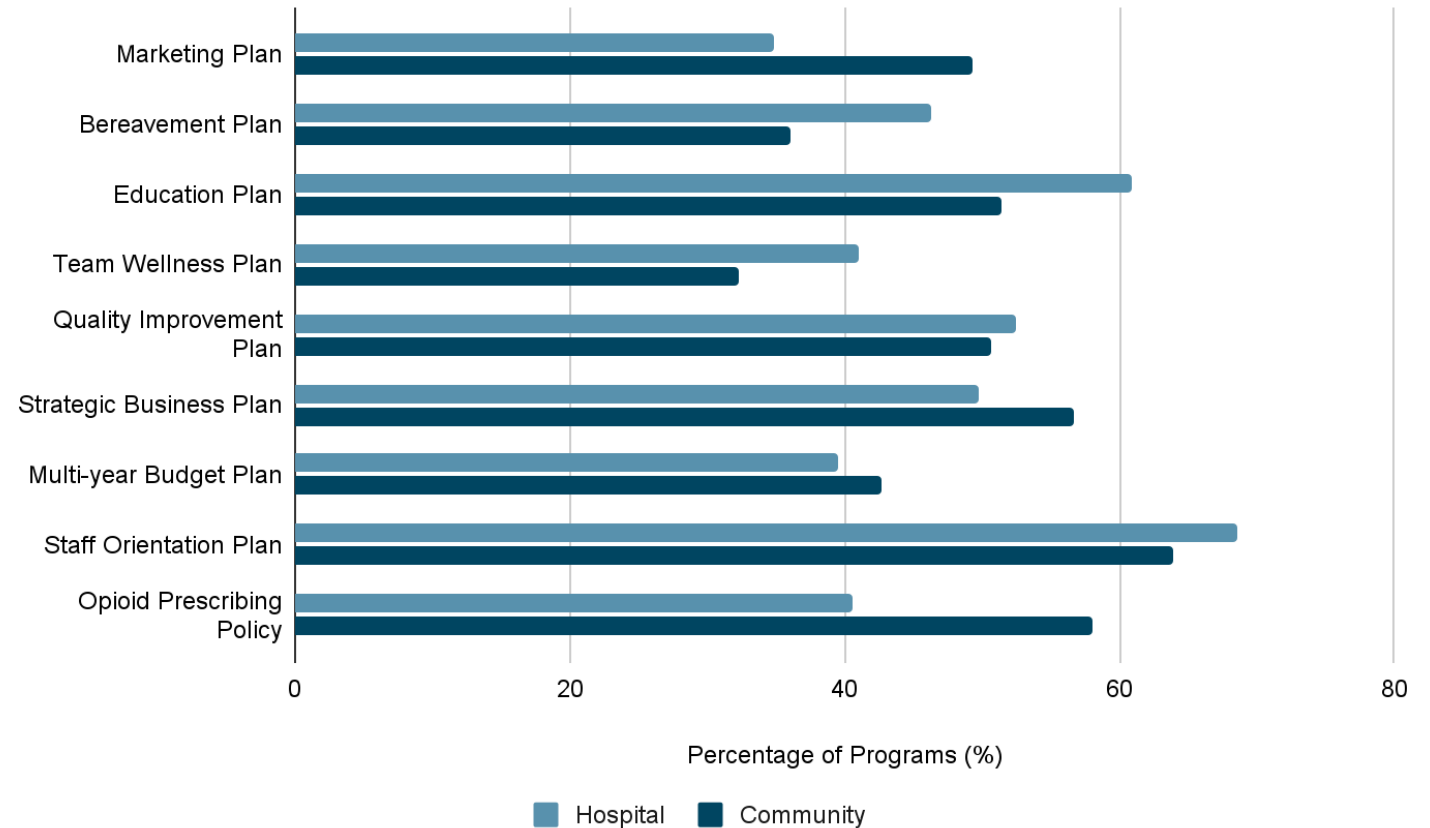
What Plans Are in Place?

Hospital

88.1% of programs (N=231) reported at least 1 plan in place

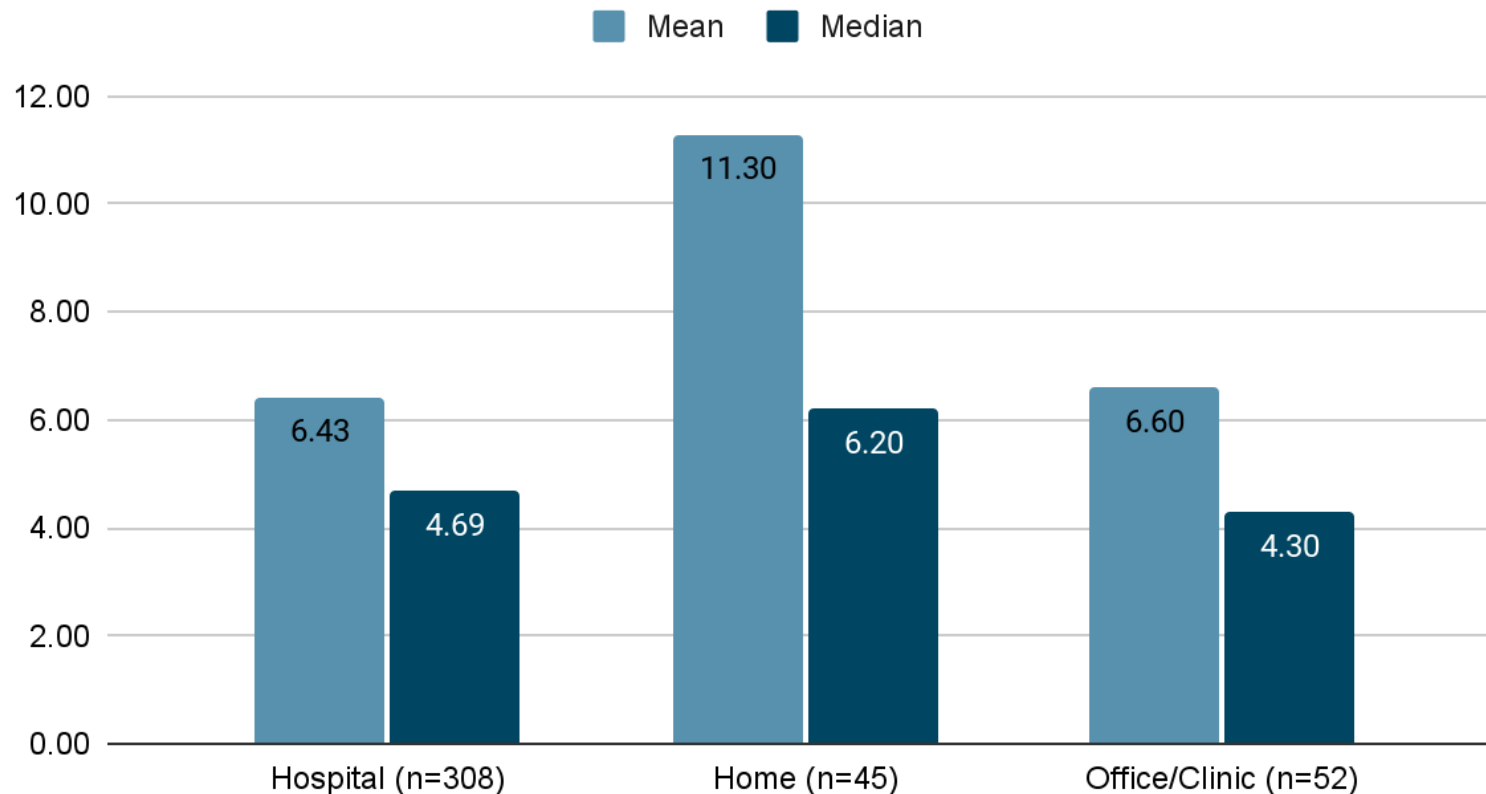
Community

91.2% of programs (N=124) reported at least 1 plan in place



Overall Full-time Equivalents (FTE)

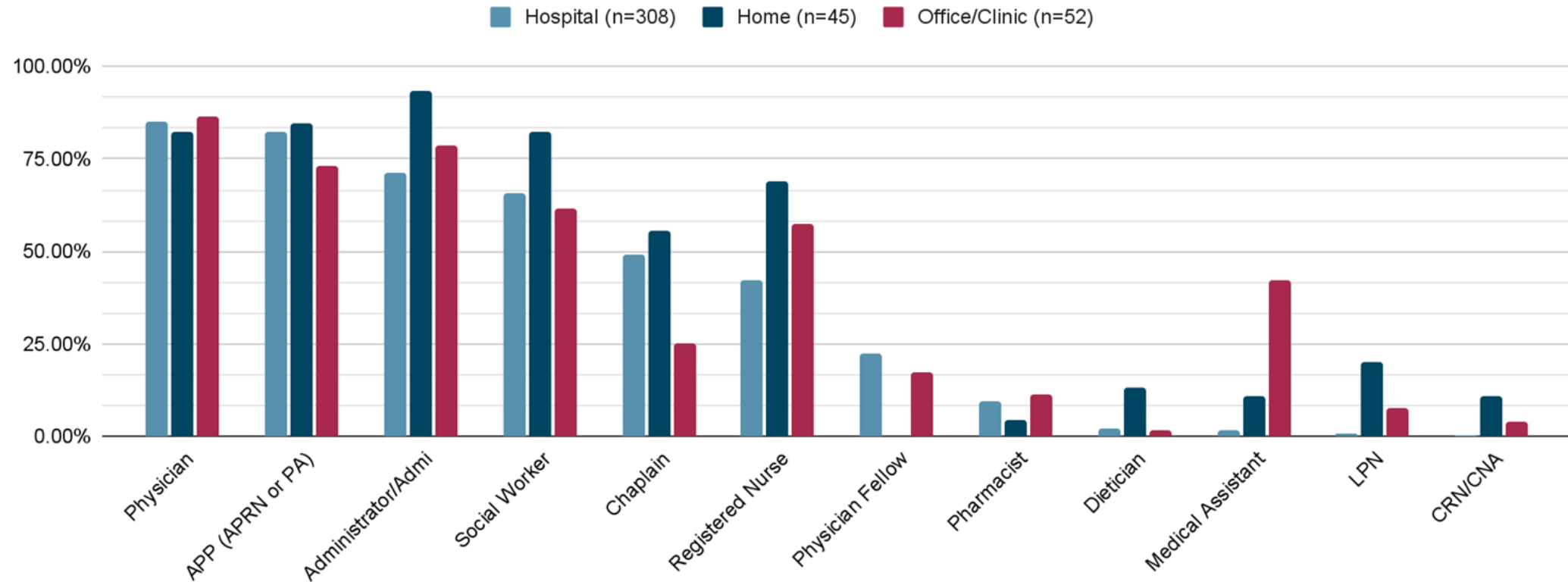
Mean and Median Total FTEs by Setting



Please note: For all staffing slides that show medians and means, due to the wide range of team composition and outliers in full-time equivalents, the median is a better measure of the center. We provided the mean as an additional reference point.

Disciplines on Palliative Care Teams

Percent of Programs Reporting Each Discipline by Setting

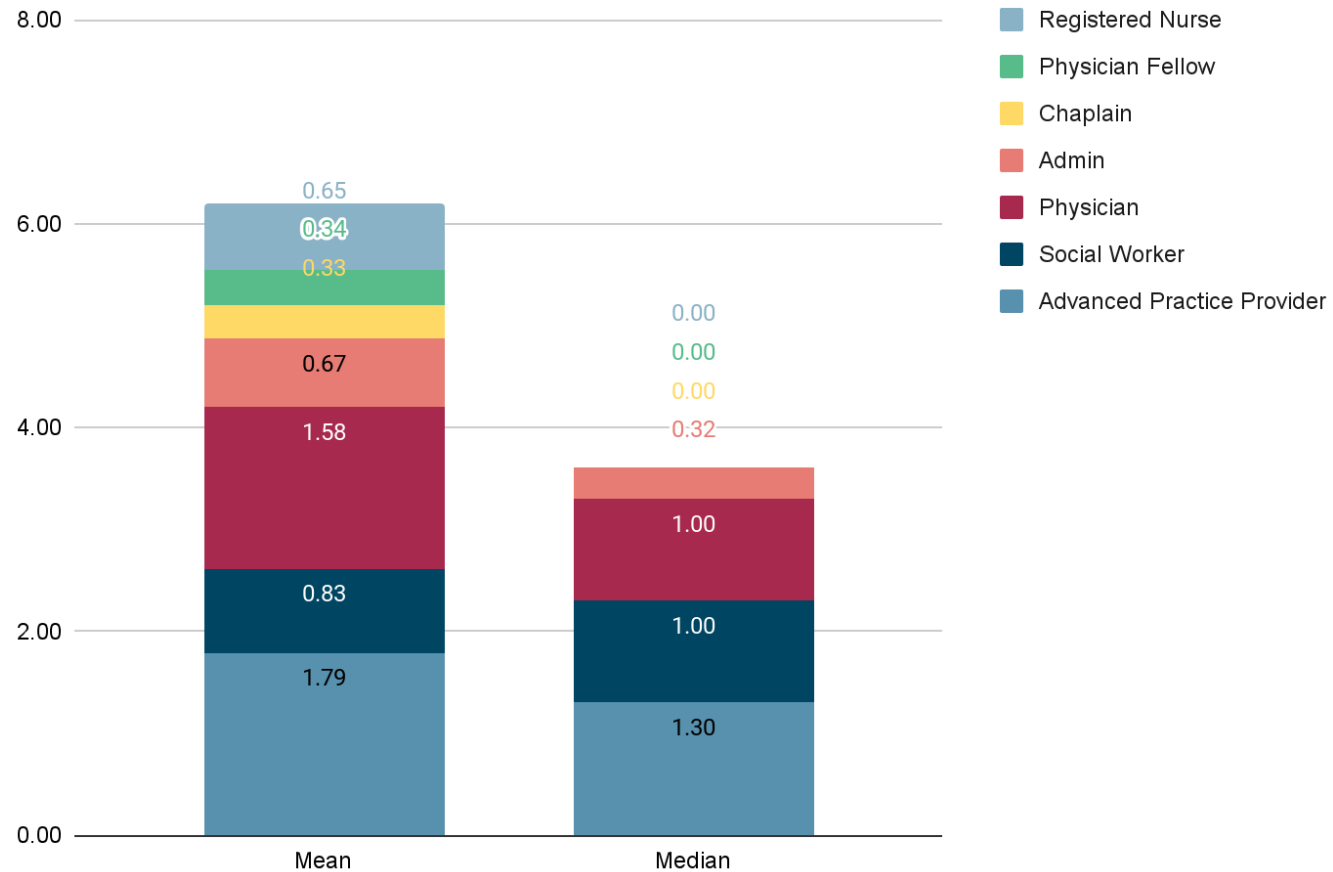


Less than 10% of programs across all settings reported: Art therapists, Psychologists, Physical Therapists, Massage Therapists, and Speech Language



Hospital FTEs by Discipline (n=308)

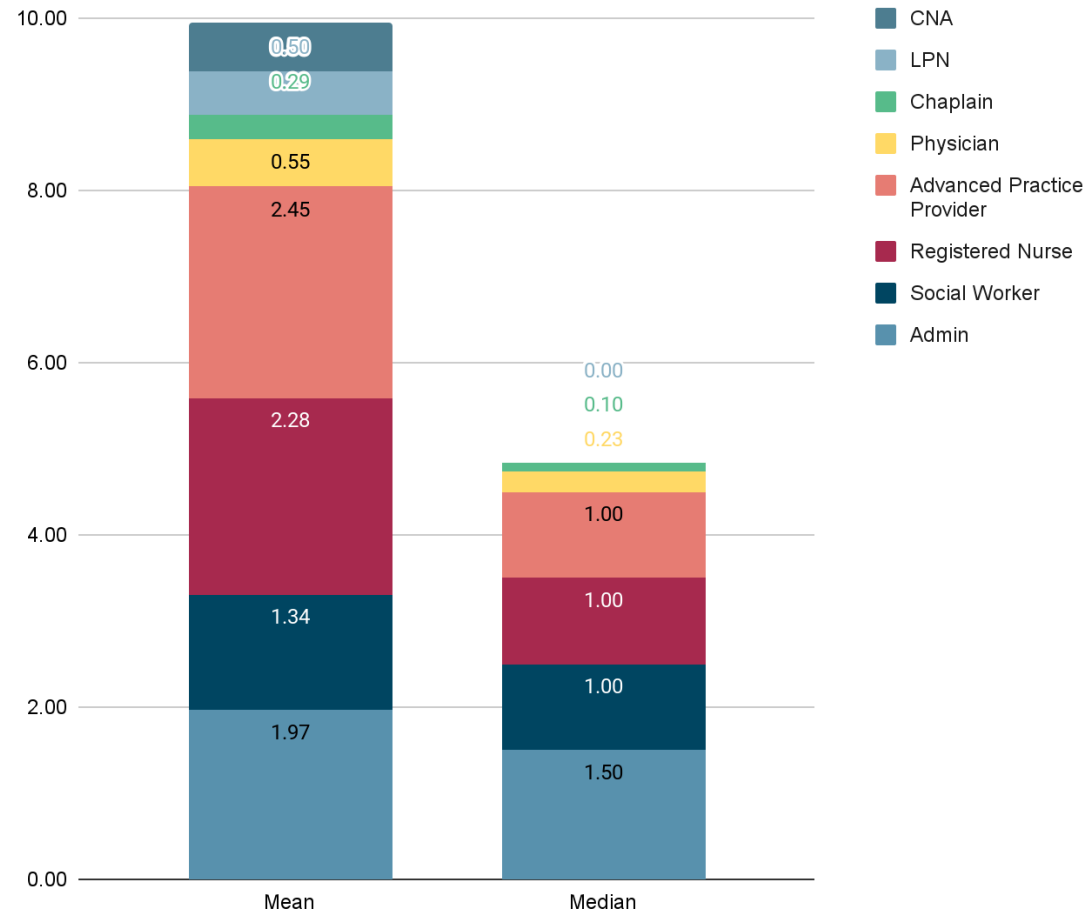
Hospital Palliative Care Team Staffing





Home FTEs by Discipline (n=45)

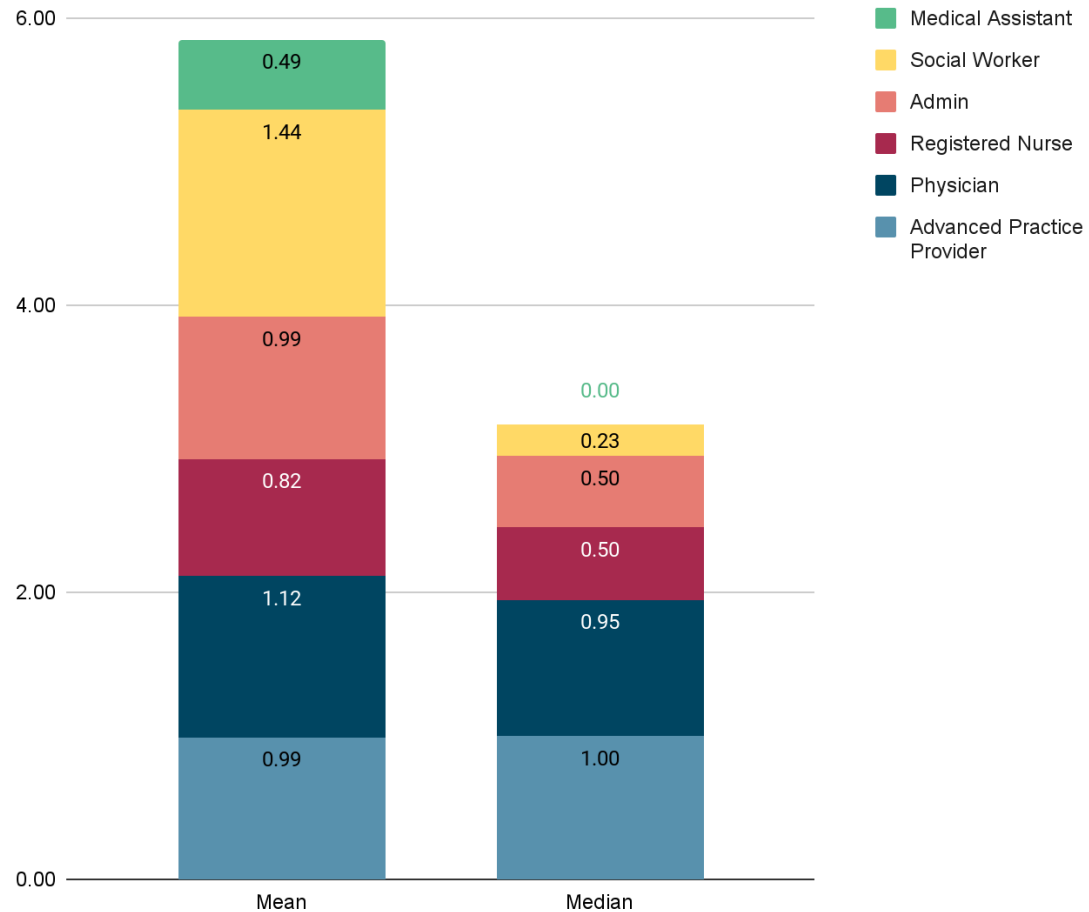
Home Palliative Care Team Staffing





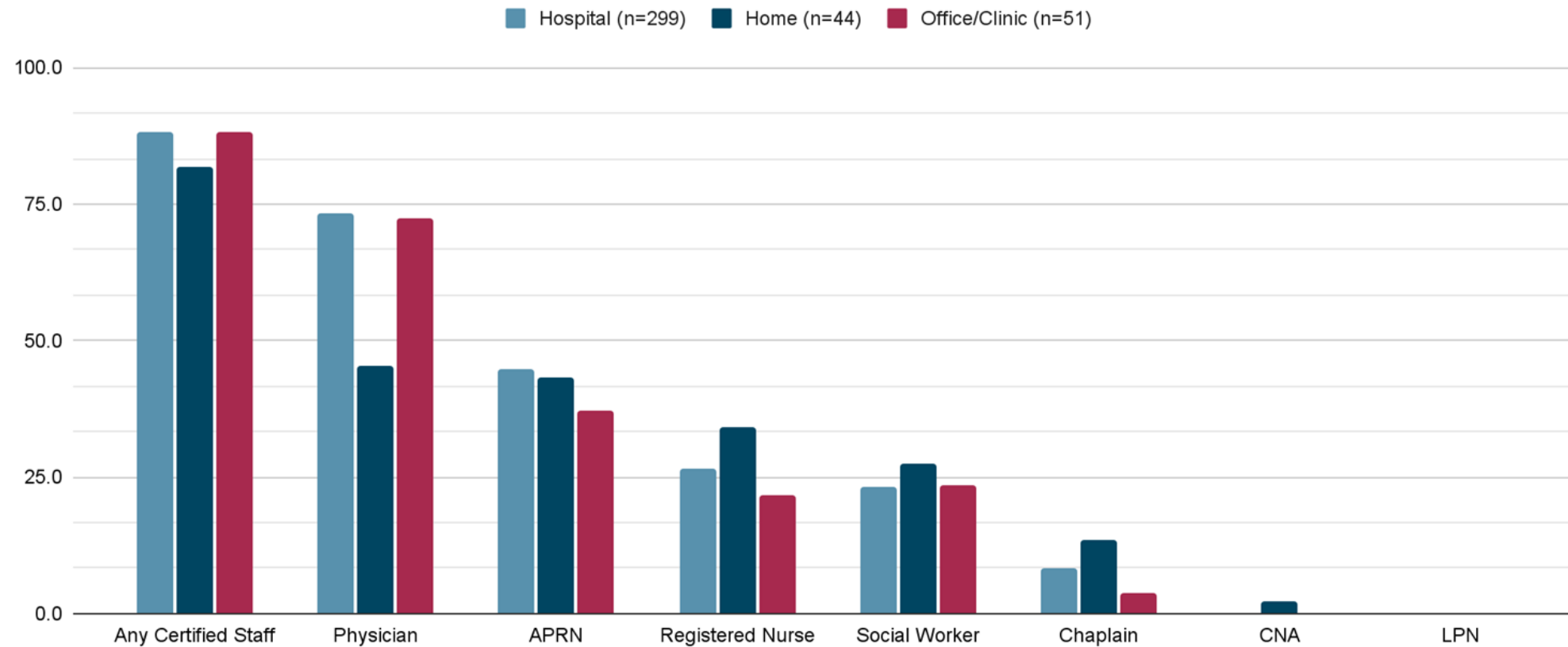
Clinic FTEs by Discipline (n=52)

Hospital Palliative Care Team Staffing



Palliative Care Certification

Percent of Programs Reporting Palliative Care Certified Staff by Discipline



Note: At this time, there is no palliative care certification for PAs.

References

- Data obtained from Palliative Care Quality Collaborative Annual Program Surveys: <https://palliativequality.org/registry-access/registry-resources>

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