



U.S. HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS VIEWS ON COST, CARE AND THEIR PROFESSION

Central to any health care system are the providers. Health care providers (HCPs) see and respond firsthand to the needs of patients. They navigate the intricacies of the regulatory system. And, in an ever-evolving field, they learn and share collective knowledge amongst their peers. Consequently, their perspectives are critical to bolstering our health care system and our society.

At a time when much attention was paid to the views of candidates on the campaign trail and elected officials regarding health care, APCO Insight surveyed doctors, nurses and pharmacists across the country to understand their point of view. Our series looks at various perspectives of health care providers and their implication for the future of health care in the U.S.



Methodology These results are based on a survey of across the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, U.K., France, Germany, Russia, China, India and Japan. In the U.S., this included 100 general practice doctors, 100 specialists, 50 nurses and 50 pharmacists. The study was fielded from July through August of 2016. For more information about the study, please contact APCO Insight.

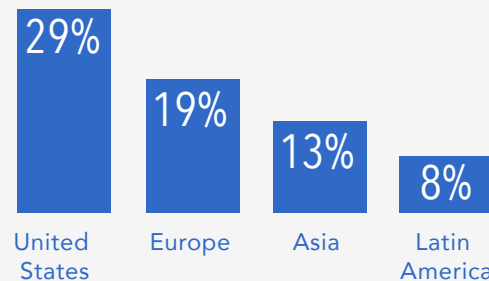
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THE BURDEN OF BUDGETS AND THE DETERIORATION OF MORALE

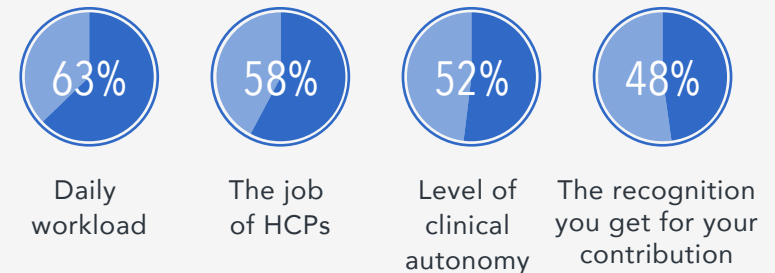
How budget pressures are impacting the state of the health care profession

U.S. HCPs see a grim future, describing morale and feelings about the current state of the medical profession as negative.

Negative morale is more prevalent among U.S. HCPs compared to other regions globally.

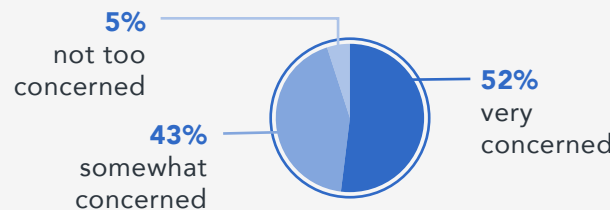


A majority of HCPs ranked the following factors determining morale as worse than five years ago:



In addition to low morale, nearly all HCPs see budget pressures as a concern.

“How concerned are you about budget pressures negatively effecting the quality of health care?”



88% report that payers, care guidelines and government controls have limited the specific type of care they are able to provide to patients.



And these budget pressures have the greatest impact on the amount of time spent with patients.



Budget pressures also impact HCPs' ability to make independent decisions, among other things.

