

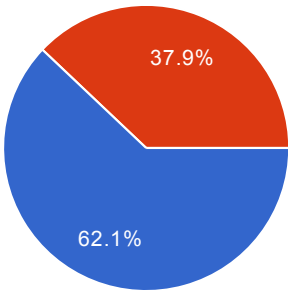
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Summary

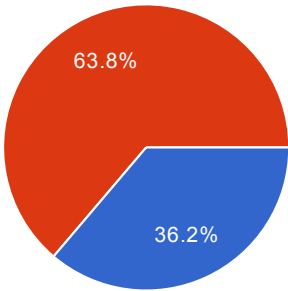
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“Are you the primary person to handle medicines in your family?”



Yes	36	62.1%
No	22	37.9%

“Do you manage medicine for anyone else, like a parent, child, spouse, or significant other?”

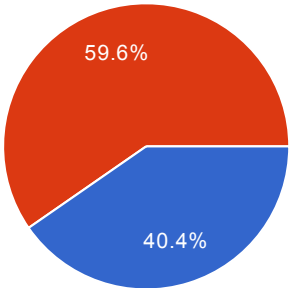
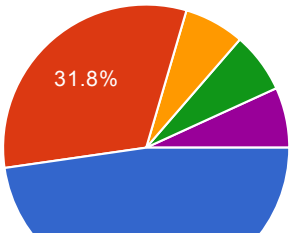


Yes	21	36.2%
No	37	63.8%

“How many people?”

1	21	47.7%
2	14	31.8%
3	3	6.8%
4	3	6.8%

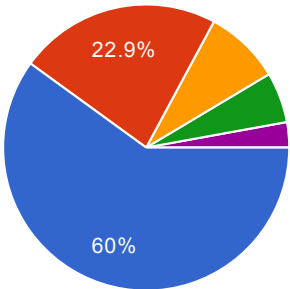
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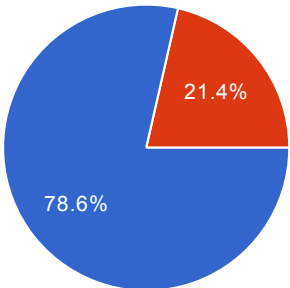
Yes	23	40.4%
No	34	59.6%

How many people?



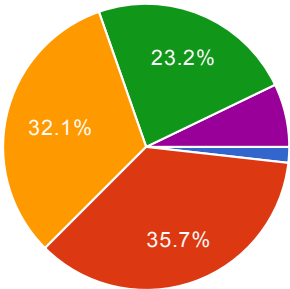
1	21	60%
2	8	22.9%
3	3	8.6%
4	2	5.7%
5+	1	2.9%

Gender



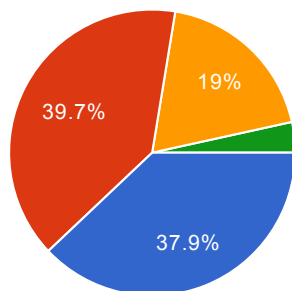
Male	44	78.6%
Female	12	21.4%

Age Range



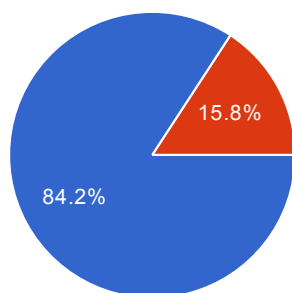
18 – 24	1	1.8%
25 – 34	20	35.7%
35 – 44	18	32.1%
45 – 54	13	23.2%
55 – 64	4	7.1%
65+	0	0%

How many different medicines have you taken in the past 6 months?



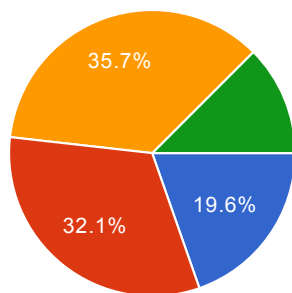
0-1	22	37.9%
2-4	23	39.7%
5-8	11	19%
8+	2	3.4%

"Does that include cold medicine, headache medicine, allergy medicine, etc.?"



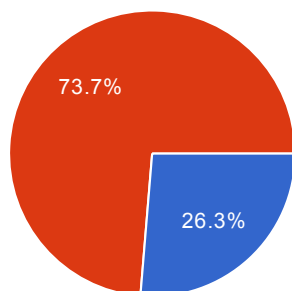
Yes	48	84.2%
No	9	15.8%

"How many different medicines does your entire family take?"

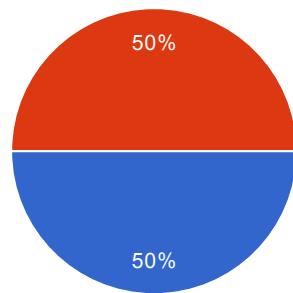


0-1	11	19.6%
2-4	18	32.1%
5-8	20	35.7%
8+	7	12.5%

"Have you ever had one medicine that couldn't be taken with another medicine?"



Yes	15	26.3%
No	42	73.7%

“Have you ever taken a medicine that couldn't be taken with certain foods?”

Yes 29 50%

No 29 50%

“How do you know that they can or can't be taken together?”

Was told by the pharmacist and my doctor

Label on prescription bottle lists cautions.

Read the data sheet that came from the pharmacy.

N/A

Consulted a doctor.

Warning label

Based on prescription.

They tell you at the pharmacy.

Read the label and talk to the pharmacist.

Only what is printed on label

Pharmacy told me that the interaction would reduce the effectiveness.

Informed by the doctor when they were prescribed.

Pharmacist, research

directions on the bottle

Warnings from the doctor or on the label.

Doctor instructions

Doctor / Pharmacist

Label information and Internet research.

Labels on the medication or warning from the pharmacist.

A warning offered by the pharmacist and/or the information provided with the medication

Label and doctor's instructions

Informed by my doctor, and by my pharmacist at the time of prescription receipt

I read the information that comes with the pills before taking them

Instructions on the bottle said so.

The doctor tells me

Research, reading the bottle, and/or asking the doctor

Says on the bottle or paperwork "do not take with other drugs with....."

Told by the pharamasist that they they can not be taken together.

The pharmacist gives direction and warnings.

Labelling, doctor's advice, pharmacist's advice, google

MD/Pharmacist instruction.

These are Rx's, so the warnings are typically printed on the package inserts or on stickers on the pill bottles

Doctor's explanation

pharmacist

Per the doctor or pharmacist.

DR or Pharmacy or Label tells me so.

Instructions provided by pharmacist

Yeah pharmacist informed me.

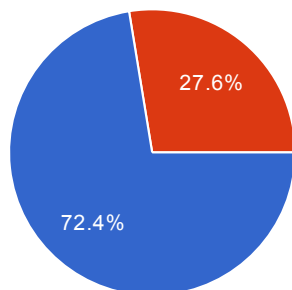
Read the label.

Was told by the pharmacist.

Label on bottle

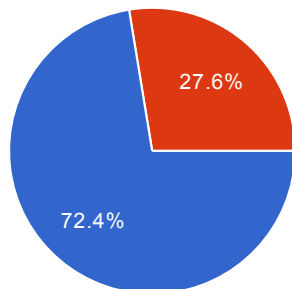
doctor or pharmacist would inform

"Did you know that you're not supposed to take Excedrin or Tylenol with alcohol?"



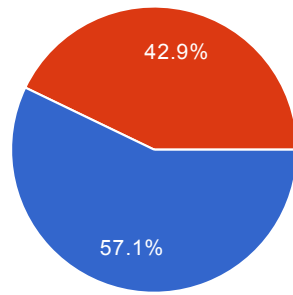
Yes	42	72.4%
No	16	27.6%

"When you are prescribed a new drug, do you research it, the effects, the precautions, or potential conflicts?"



Yes	42	72.4%
No	16	27.6%

"Does anyone else in your family?"



Yes **32** 57.1%

No **24** 42.9%

Where?

On the label

Online

Webmd.com, Wikipedia

online - Drugs.com or WebMD

Online medical resources

Internet or Physician

WebMD

Online websites.

Internet

google

Information provided by the manufacturer, provided by the pharmacy, Web MD

WebMD, Google, included info

Pharmacy Literature

internet (multiple resources)

Online. Ask my brother who is doctor

WebMD and NIH sites

The Googles

Internet - several sites

read the label and instructions that come with the prescription; internet

google and webmd

internet

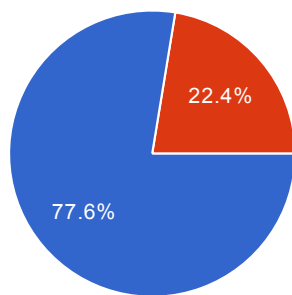
online

Information book, internet

The interweb

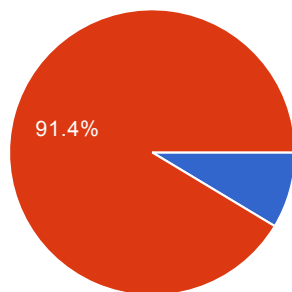
Google

“Are you familiar with those news stories where a prescription drug has unexpected effects and had to be recalled?”



Yes	45	77.6%
No	13	22.4%

“Do you remember which one(s)?”



Yes	5	8.6%
No	53	91.4%

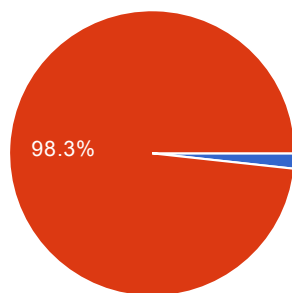
Additional information

Tylenol

Don't remember the names off the top of my head but they are always on the news and in lawyer ads

Yaz birth control

“Were you affected, or did you know anyone who was?”



Yes	1	1.7%
No	57	98.3%

If yes, “What did you/they do?”

N/A

If no, “How do you know you/they weren't affected?”

I don't actually.

no side effects

N/A

I don't know what I don't know.

We did not hear about any issues.

We weren't talking the medicine that was involved

I've never known someone who has taken a medication that was recalled. Anyone I've known who has had an adverse reaction to a medication was treated at a hospital and the situation was not due to prolonged usage of said medication.

Did not take them.

I don't.

Just watch every Drug commercial on TV. You hear negative things about every drug that is advertised. Who in their right mind would even take these or any drugs.

Never noticed any side affect on myself / never heard anyone complaining of any side affects.

Not sure.

Do not recall hearing about it.

No one told me that they had been affected.

No side effects.

No one I know ever said anything to me about it.

Was not aware of any news stories involving medicines that I was taking.

I don't know

I just haven't heard anything about it

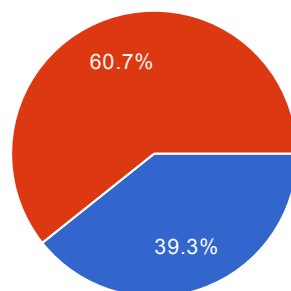
I don't know anyone who was effected in this way.

I never heard of it

I dont know of anyone taking those medications.

Didn't hear anything about it from anyone I know.

"Does that scare you?"



Yes	22	39.3%
No	34	60.7%

How would you expect to find out about an Adverse Reaction Report, Recall, or Enforcement Report for a drug that you are taking?

pharmacy

I would expect a notification from the issuing pharmacy.

Online

I would hope that my pharmacy would notify me (unlikely). Probably hear something over the local news or in newspaper.

Call and email from prescribing physician

Online or word of mouth.

News sites or radio.

google news

Most likely the prescriber.

I would expect a phone call from my pharmacy!!

Word of mouth or catch it on the news.

FDA website

Unsure - doctor?

Online research

WebMd or other online source.

Internet, TV News, Media, DRs

Pharmacy, Physician

Pharmacy or doctor.

Phone call.

Commercial or news report.

Complete and updated information should be provided by those prescribing and issuing any meds in my opinion ad should be a law if it isn't already.

Pharmacist or doctor

news or internet

Pharmacist when refilling the drug

News reports in the short term, but also upon prescription refill to be notified by my pharmacist

TV, official publications

News or social media.

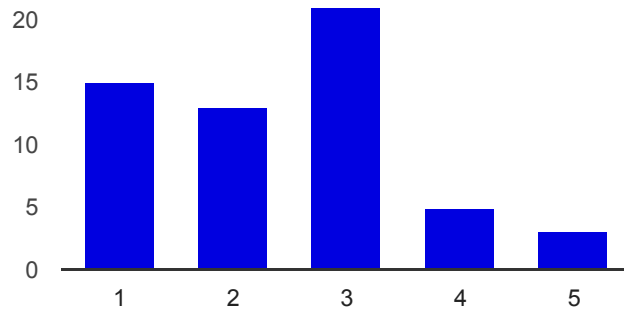
Internet news site

Pharmacist or physician warnings.

news?

From a news outlet.

"On a scale of 1 - 5, with 1 being not scared and 5 being one of the scariest things in your life, how would you rank your fear of taking a medicine with

unknown, life-threatening side effects?"

Not scared: 1	15	26.3%
2	13	22.8%
3	21	36.8%
4	5	8.8%
Scariest: 5	3	5.3%

"What else scares or concerns you about taking medicines?"

Misdiagnosed condition or overlooked issues that may lead to adverse side effects from the medication. This includes the primary diagnoses for the prescription and verifying the medicine is safe to take for the particular person. Doctors over prescribing medication due to perks and deals setup with pharmaceutical companies, see: <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/>

I only take medications only if absolutely necessary, so taking medicines itself concerns me, but doesn't scare me.

My concerns are low, because I have trust in my doctor and my pharmacist. I feel that the potential side effects of a medication, and their interaction with other medicines I am taking, are explained to me in detail before I begin taking the medication.

Long term effects

Becoming addicted to certain kinds of medication. Having unwanted and/or dangerous side-effects.

Addiction is a concern with certain medicine.

Sometimes the FDA is too quick to get these drugs out on the market. It's big money. However, if you come down with Cancer or some other disease and there are experimental drugs that might help you, then let the people have access to these drugs.

Unknown long-term effects.

I assume all medication has a risk. I usually weigh the benefits higher than the risk in most circumstances. Something like a medicine for a headache that kills someone

would be stupid and I think the chances are slim.

Non-life threatening side effects or long term impacts of medicines.

Lack of proper testing, undesired consequences.

unknown

The medicine's cumulative effect on other organs of the body over time

Issues that the FDA has overlooked

Addiction. Additional illness.

When I take multivitamins and the like, I'm usually a little concerned about the quality of filler materials.

remembering to take.

Nothing really.

Addiction. Liver damage.

Generally what concerns me is not side effects but how to take the medicine in the right way (right timing, without conflicting drugs or foods).

Unknown long term affects of medicines.

Mostly: unknown side effects Other than that: Costs Becoming dependent on the drug and then not being able to afford it

Having an allergic reaction.

That I don't get to a point where I can stop taking them.

liver or kidney issues

Mostly, I would be scared that I need them to begin with.

Taken long term, they could stop working on my body.

Too many doctors prescribe medication without following guidelines or making sure it is the right medication.

"On the flip side, how have the medicines you've taken improved your life?"

significantly lowered my cholesterol; relieved back pain

Most medication I take is benign. One is for a chronic condition and more than likely prolongs my life.

Relieved Pain (Migraine Headaches), helped with mood (Estrogen replacement), got rid of long lasting colds (Antibiotics)

By taking my blood pressure pill, my blood pressure has been Normal for along time.

Relieve discomfort associated with sports.

I fortunately haven't had a need for a significant medicine, but understand that medicines will likely prolong my life someday.

Headache relief.

managed my symptoms

Not significantly.

Not really for me, but for a friend I've seen night and day changes in quality of life when the medicine was the right one.

Keeps the voices in my kids head quiet.

Antibiotics have saved millions of lives, I am sure mine is part of that

I have not really taken much in the way of medicines, but when I have they were for things like pain relief, anti-inflammatory, or antibiotics.

Pain relief, stomach relief, skin care

I'm happier and less likely to worry unnecessarily over things.

Mental health issues were mitigated.

I have used certain supplements to improve my lean muscle mass; their effect is bit of an open question, since I also work out with the same goal.

I can breathe better.

I can function daily. I can be free of pain.

I have continued to live instead of dying from curable illnesses.

I've only received medicine for temporary situations like viral infections. In those cases, they did improve the symptoms and decrease the time to recover.

Pain relieve, but not much more than that.

Don't have any medicines I consistently take.

Anxiety stability; able to sleep.

Reduced pain, lower risks of chronic conditions, faster recovery from flu, and proper hormonal levels.

Allergy medicine has made it possible to live my life better. I would probably be dead or want to be. Also mental health wise, i'm much more pleasant to be around. Its allowed me to live the life i want to live.

I'm alive because of antibiotics right now.

Improved sleep.

Yes

Pain relief is good when needed.

I take anti depressants. While I think that unknown side effects could kill me and shorten my lifespan; I am glad that they help and I have a greater quality of life.

Painkillers and antibiotics are pretty much the only medicines that have really improved my life. I try to avoid even those as much as I can. This doesn't include vaccines. Their benefit can't be known at an individual level.

75% of medications that I have been prescribed have had a positive impact on my life.

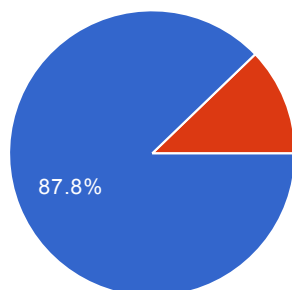
Relieve pain, reduce swelling, help fight infections

helped with pain during and after surgeries, with daily soreness/pain

Omeprazole has let me eat foods that I could not established without heartburn.

I have very mild and intermittent asthma which can be treated to almost non-existence,
and antibiotics can help with severe bacterial infections.

Does you or the primary medical person in your family use a smart phone?



Yes **36** 87.8%

No **5** 12.2%

Number of daily responses

