



# Leading Practices and National Benchmarks in Advanced Practice Clinician (APC)

Privileging, Competency Assessment and Leadership Structures

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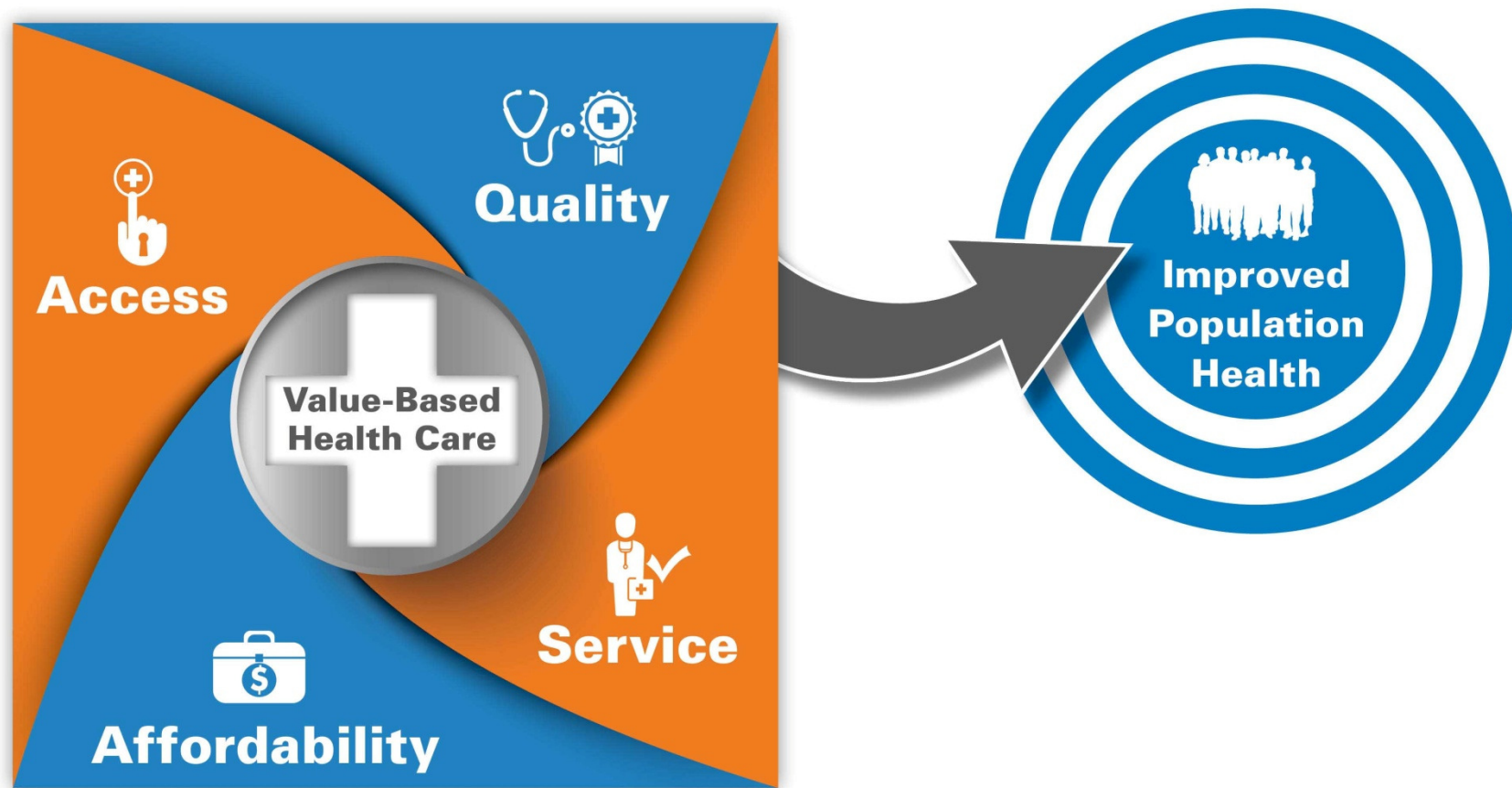
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# Essential Role of APCs in Value-Based Health Care





# Demand for APCs

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## Tapping Nurse Practitioners to Meet Rising Demand for Primary Care

- Studies show that NPs can manage *80-90% of care provided by primary care physicians*



## U.S. News and World Report: Top 25 Jobs of 2017

- *Number 2: Nurse Practitioner*
- *Number 3: Physician Assistant*
- *Number 6: CRNA*
- Number 17: Physician



## PwC Top 10 2015 Health Care Industry Issues

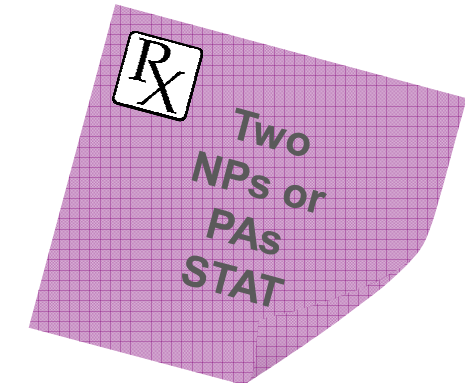
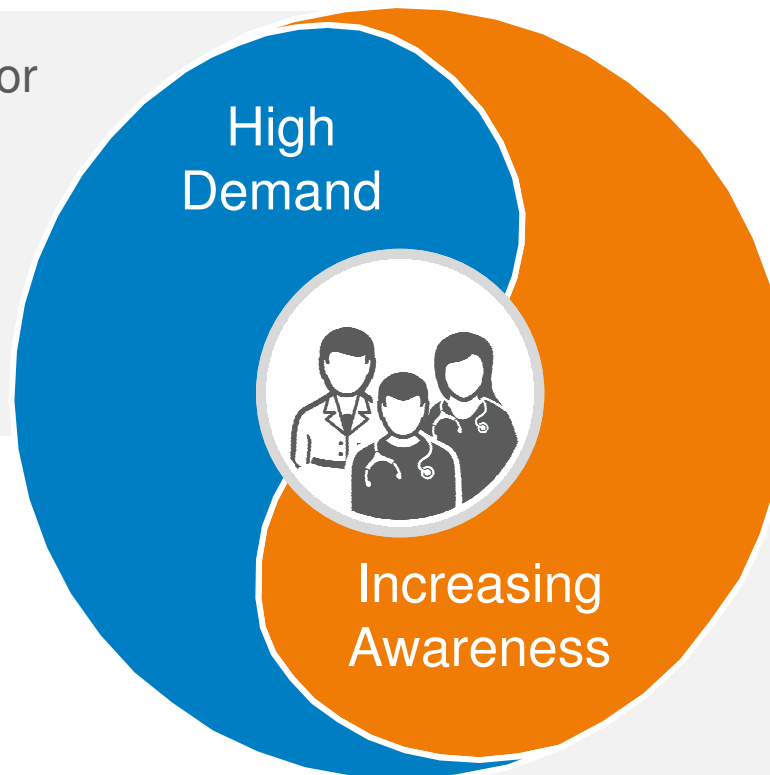
- Issue 8 – *Scope of practice expands*: In 2015, states will lead the way in allowing nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and pharmacists to do more

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# Work Environment and Scope of Practice

Increased hiring activity and higher starting pay rates with mixed results

- Increased demand for health care services
- Desired efficiencies and cost savings
- Physician shortages



- Inconsistent models of care
- Underutilization and limited scope of practice
- Lack of alignment

# APC Nomenclature

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# National APC Practice Data

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- **300** organizations
  - Acute and ambulatory
  - Hospitals; health care systems
  - Academic medical centers → critical access
- Represents **25,000** APCs in **32** different states
- Includes privileges, competency assessment, orientation and leadership structure data

Center for Advancing Provider Practices (CAP2™)

# Inventory



APCs are used in virtually all clinical practice areas

Clinical Practice Areas	CAP2™ Database (n=231)		Clinical Practice Areas	CAP2™ Database (n=231)	
	% of Hospitals			% of Hospitals	
	APRNs	PAs		APRNs	PAs
Allergy/Immunology	14%	6%	Neurosurgery	43%	40%
Anesthesia	79%	13%	Nurse Midwives	39%	N/A
Bariatric Surgery	16%	10%	Obstetrics and Gynecology/Women's Health	51%	20%
Breast Health	18%	4%	Occupational Health	22%	6%
Burns	11%	8%	Ophthalmology	5%	4%
Cardiology	61%	42%	Orthopedics	46%	65%
Cardiovascular Surgery	42%	41%	Otolaryngology	21%	27%
Colon/Rectal Surgery	13%	14%	Pain Management (acute or chronic)	30%	15%
Dermatology	12%	17%	Palliative Care	43%	7%
Education	17%	5%	Pediatrics (general)	39%	12%
Electrophysiology	8%	3%	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	19%	14%
Emergency Medicine	61%	61%	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	26%	28%
Endocrinology	33%	11%	Prostate	5%	2%
Family Medicine	52%	34%	Psychiatry	38%	14%
Gastroenterology/Endoscopy/Hepatology	43%	29%	Pulmonary	41%	16%
Genetics, Birth Defects and Metabolism	7%	1%	Radiology (general, nuclear, interventional)	25%	27%
Geriatrics	23%	6%	Renal/Nephrology	29%	15%
Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow	46%	28%	Rheumatology	14%	6%
Infectious Disease	31%	21%	Surgery (general)	49%	43%
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	7%	3%	Transplant (surgery)	17%	13%
Intensive Care	44%	22%	Transport	3%	1%
Internal Medicine	64%	45%	Urogynecology	11%	8%
Neonatal	36%	5%	Urology	39%	36%
Neurology	42%	28%	Vascular Surgery	22%	17%
			Wound/Ostomy	24%	3%



# Core Privileges

APRN Core Privilege List	CAP2™ Database (n=229)	Health System Sample (n=8)							
	% of Hospitals	Hospital A	Hospital B	Hospital C	Hospital D	Hospital E	Hospital F	Hospital G	Hospital H
Write discharge orders	68%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Write transfer orders	62%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
Obtain history and physical	83%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Order and interpret diagnostic testing and therapeutic modalities	82%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Order and perform referrals and consults	74%	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Order blood and blood products	68%	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Order inpatient non-schedule medications	74%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Order inpatient schedule (II-V) medications	54%	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Prescribes outpatient non-schedule medications	71%	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N
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# Achieve Optimization

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# Specialty Privileges

PA Orthopedic Privileges	CAP2™ Database (n=151)	Hospital Sample (n=1)
	% of Hospitals	Yes/No
Digital block, regional anesthesia and isolated peripheral nerve anesthesia evaluation and management	37%	Y
Fractures and dislocations closed reductions	60%	Y
Injections of joints, tendons and bursa	62%	Y
Joint and bursa aspirations	50%	N
Minor outpatient surgical procedures (i.e. tendon repair, needle biopsy, percutaneous pinning of fractures, k wire removal, hardware removal)	30%	N
OR First Assist	70%	N
Order, prescribe and dispense braces and other orthopedic devices	55%	N
Traction adjustment	46%	N
Wound packing	70%	Y
Wound closure/suturing	58%	Y

# What Needs a Privilege?



Would a physician ever ask for these?

RN Activity	CAP2™ Database (n=230)
	% of Hospitals
Application and removal of casts	39%
Clinical breast exam	18%
Compression wrap for venous insufficiency	11%
Conduct nursing research and quality improvement projects	16%
Drain management	33%
Performs waived tests (rapid strep, rapid flu, rapid HIV)	19%
Removal of pleural chest tube	28%
Removal of venous access	21%
Update and record changes in health status	33%

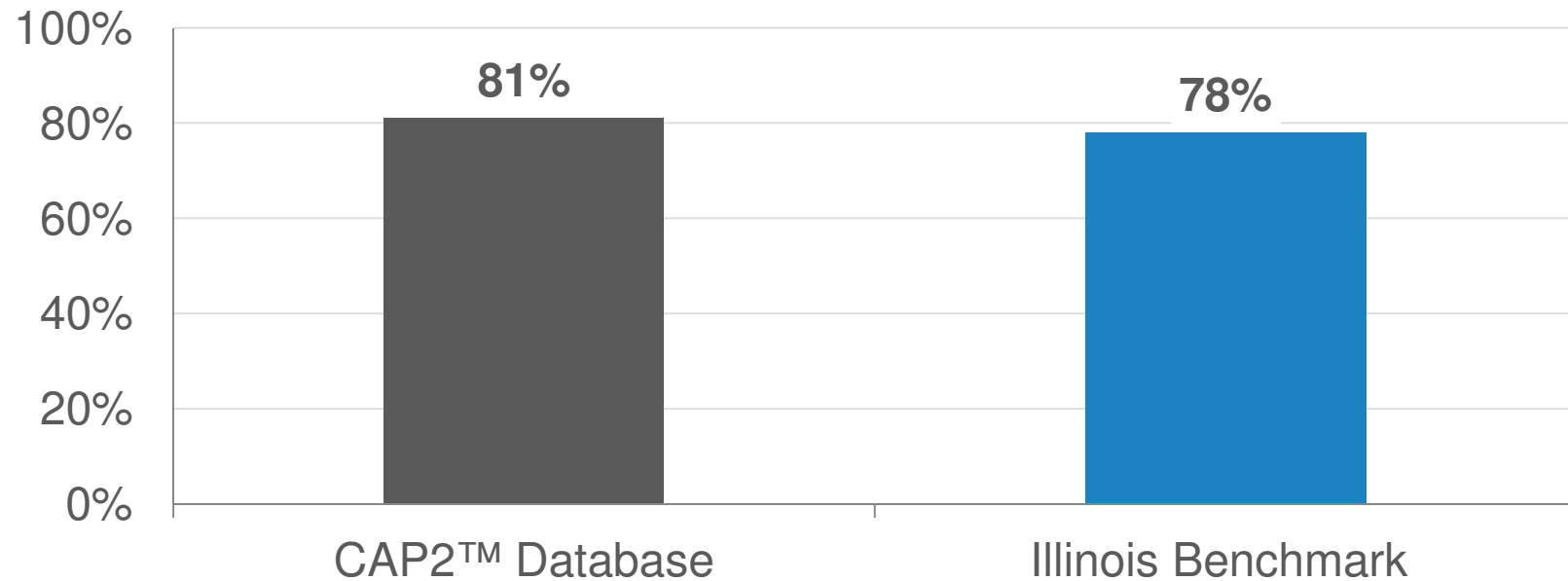


# APC Competency Assessment Process



**81% of participants report having the same competency assessment process for APCs and physicians**

**This is a Joint Commission requirement**



# Advanced Practice Committee

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**46%**

of acute care organizations have an Advanced Practice Committee

**77%**

of Advanced Practice Committees are involved in the credentialing of APCs

**76%**

of committees involved in credentialing, report recommendations to the Credentialing Committee

# APC on Medical Staff Credentialing Committee

**36%** of acute care organizations have an APC representative on the Medical Staff Credentialing Committee

**59%** have a voting right



Provide expertise in questions about federal and state laws and regulations and also has understanding of academic programs, training and certifications



Conduct initial review of APC applicants, privileges requests and provide physician with insight and recommendations

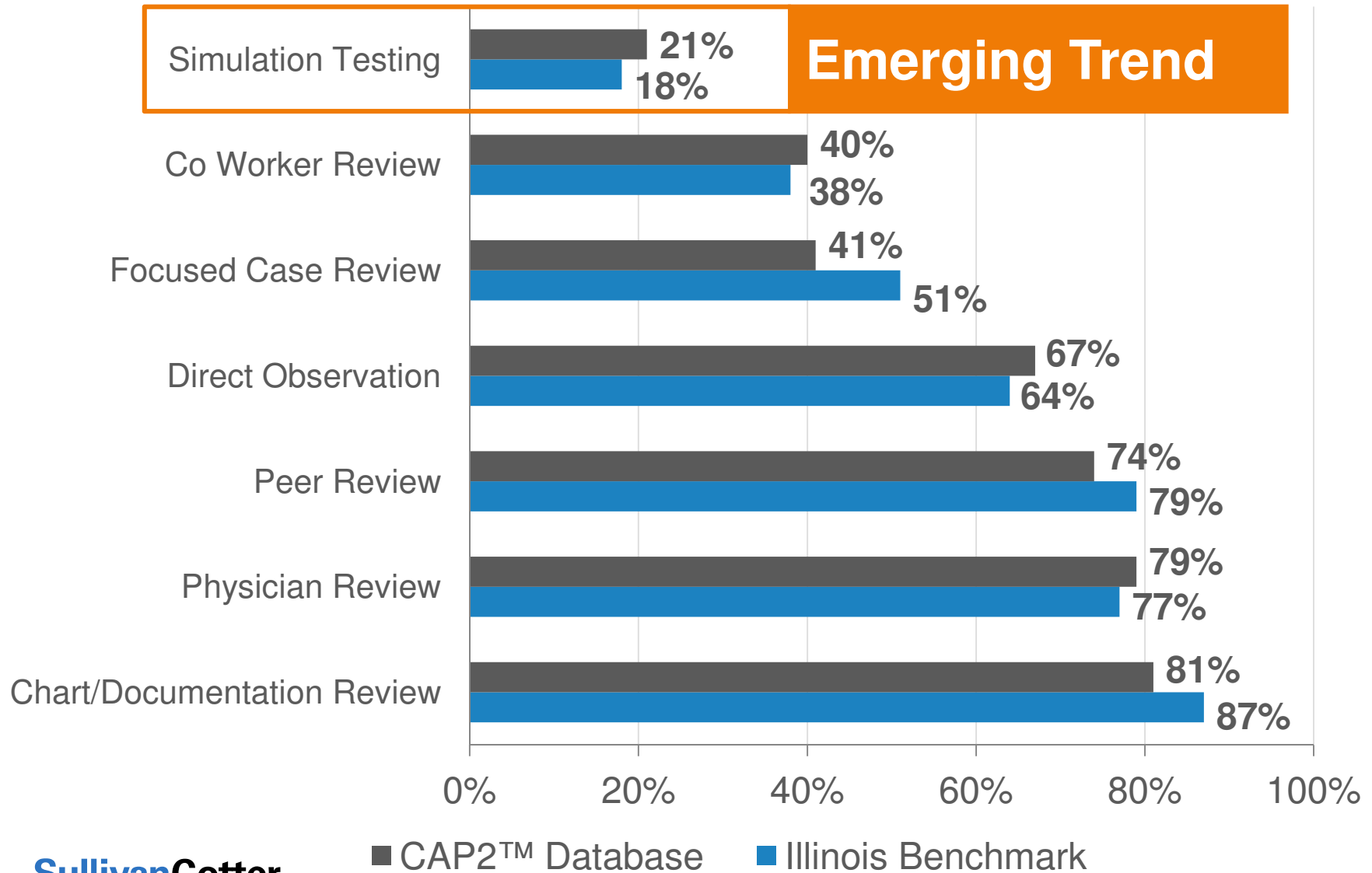


Work closely with medical staff office to streamline and increase efficiency of APC privileging process



Follow up on medical staff concerns and regulatory interpretations

# APC Competency Assessment Approaches

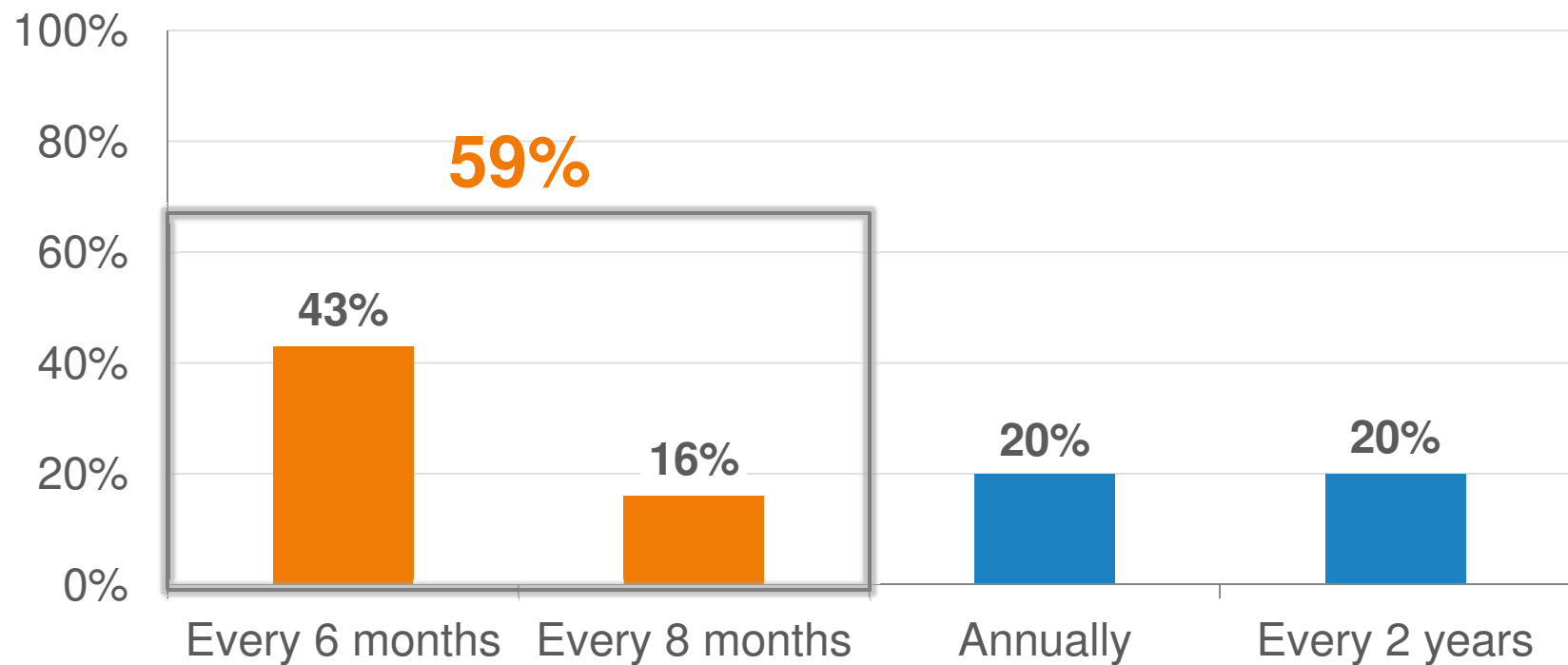




# APC Competency Assessment Frequency



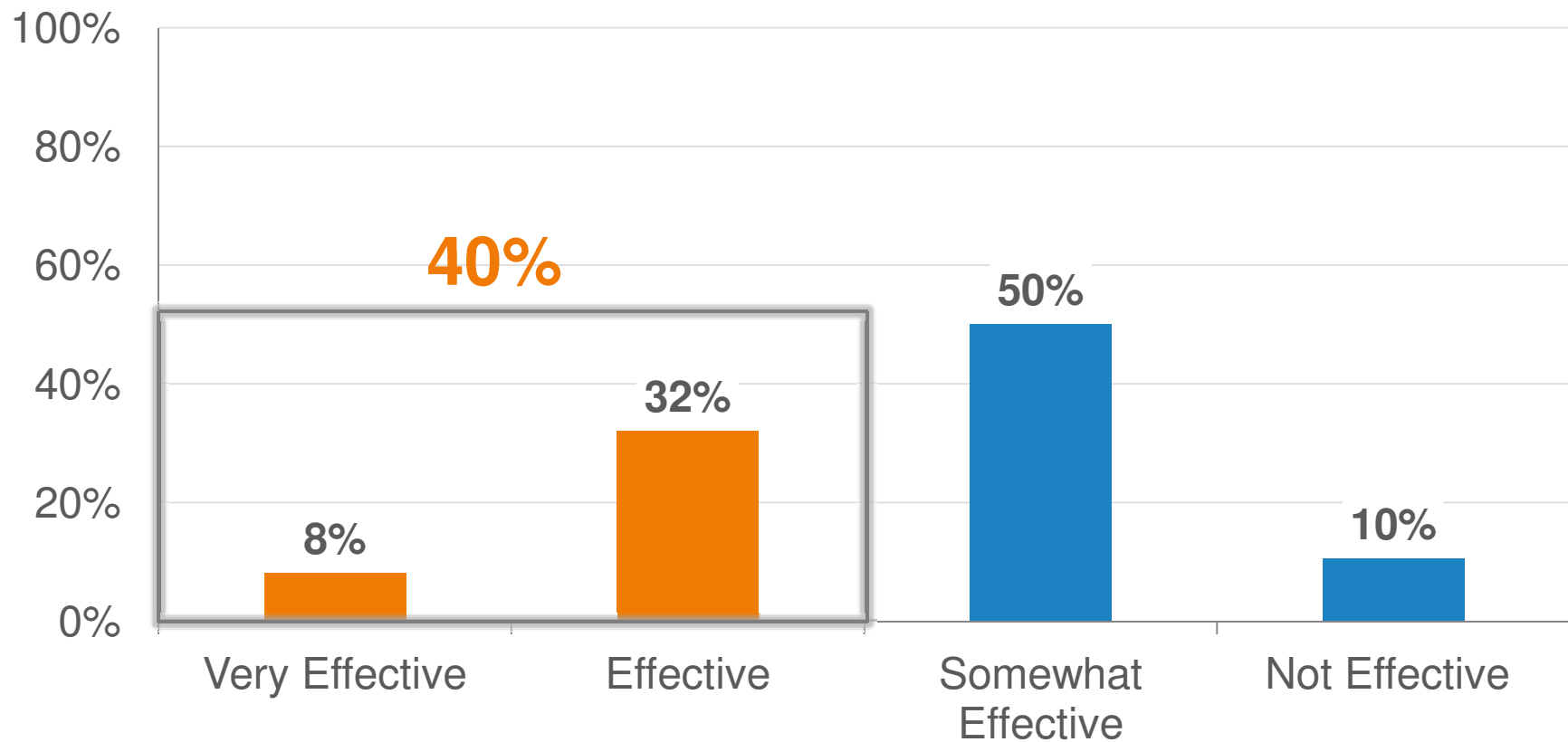
59% are in compliance



# APC Competency Assessment Effectiveness



Only 40% perceive this process to be effective or very effective



# APC Competency Assessment Observations

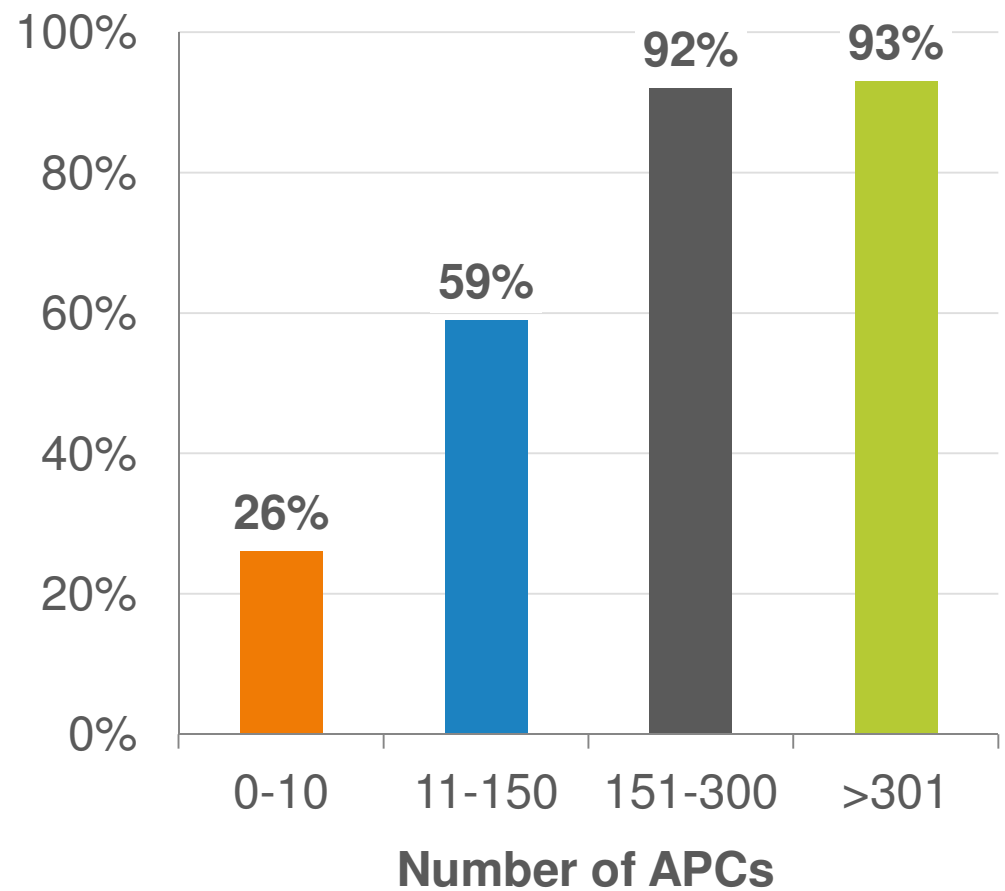
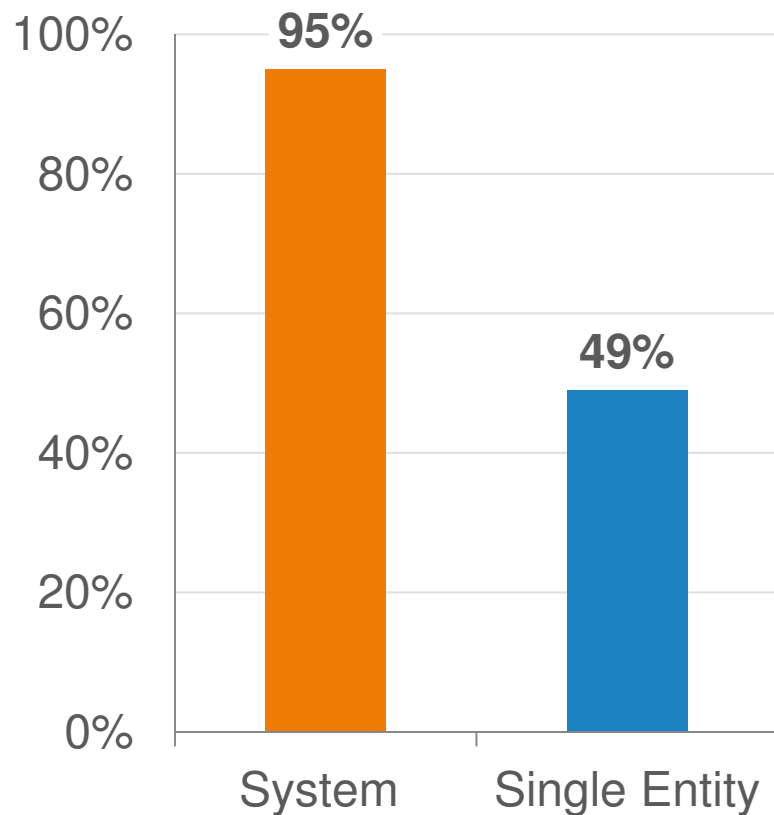
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- **Less resources** are dedicated to support APC competency assessment
- Organizations question which providers **can assess APC competency**
  - A competent, privileged provider can assess another provider for the same privileges
- APC data is **difficult to extract** due to incident-to and shared split

# Designated APC Leader



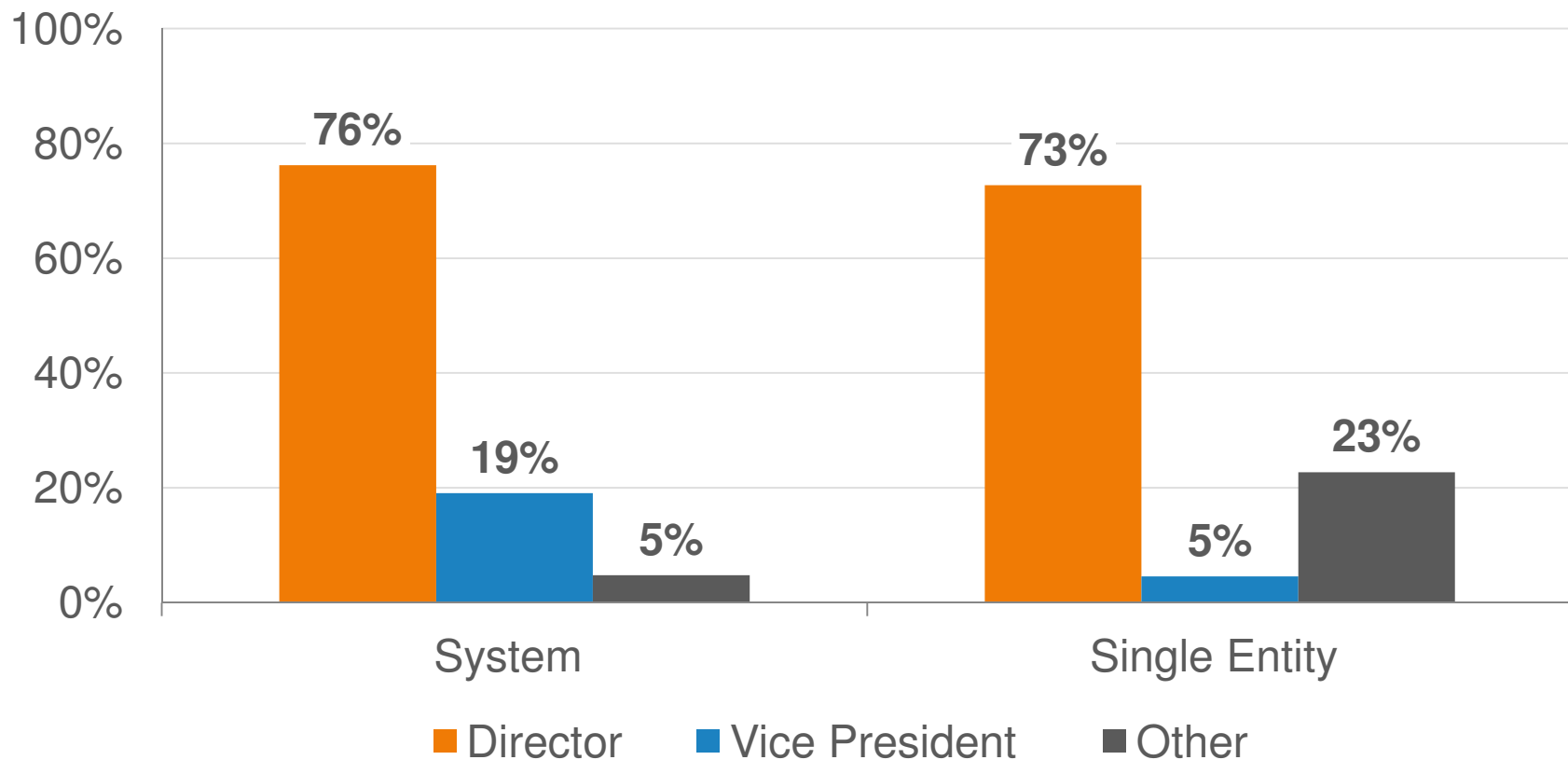
63% of organizations have a designated APC Leader



# Designated APC Leader Title



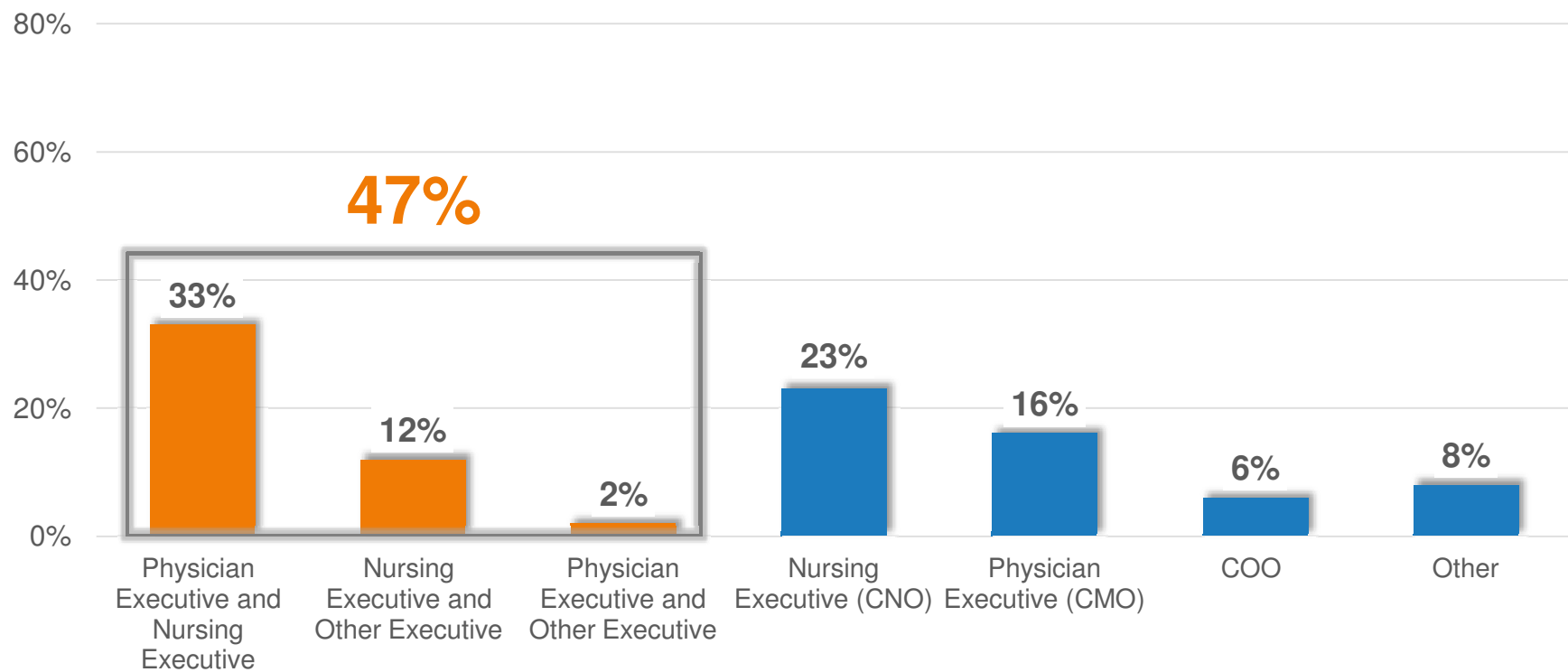
Majority of APC leaders have a Director title



# Designated APC Leader Reporting Structure



**47% of designated APC leaders have a dyad reporting structure**





# Comprehensive Care Redesign

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## Case Study

# Organizational Goals

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- Review current use of APCs
- Design and implement a program to optimize all providers (physicians and APCs)

## Deliverables



**Models  
of Care**



**Regulatory  
and Compliance**



**Human  
Resources**



**Structure**





# Assessment

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# Core Privileges



Data showed APCs are granted the majority of core privileges

Core Privileges	APRNs		PA
	CAP2™ Database (n=229)	Organization (n=1)	
	% of Hospitals	Yes/No	Yes/No
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Order and perform referrals and consults	74%	Y	Y
Order blood and blood products	68%	Y	Y
Order inpatient non-schedule medications	74%	Y	Y
Order inpatient schedule (II-V) medications	54%	Y	Y
Order conscious sedation	53%	N	N
Order topical anesthesia	66%	Y	Y
Prescribes outpatient non-schedule medications	71%	Y	Y
Prescribes outpatient schedule (II-V) medications	62%	Y	Y
Incision and drainage with or without packing	59%	Y	Y

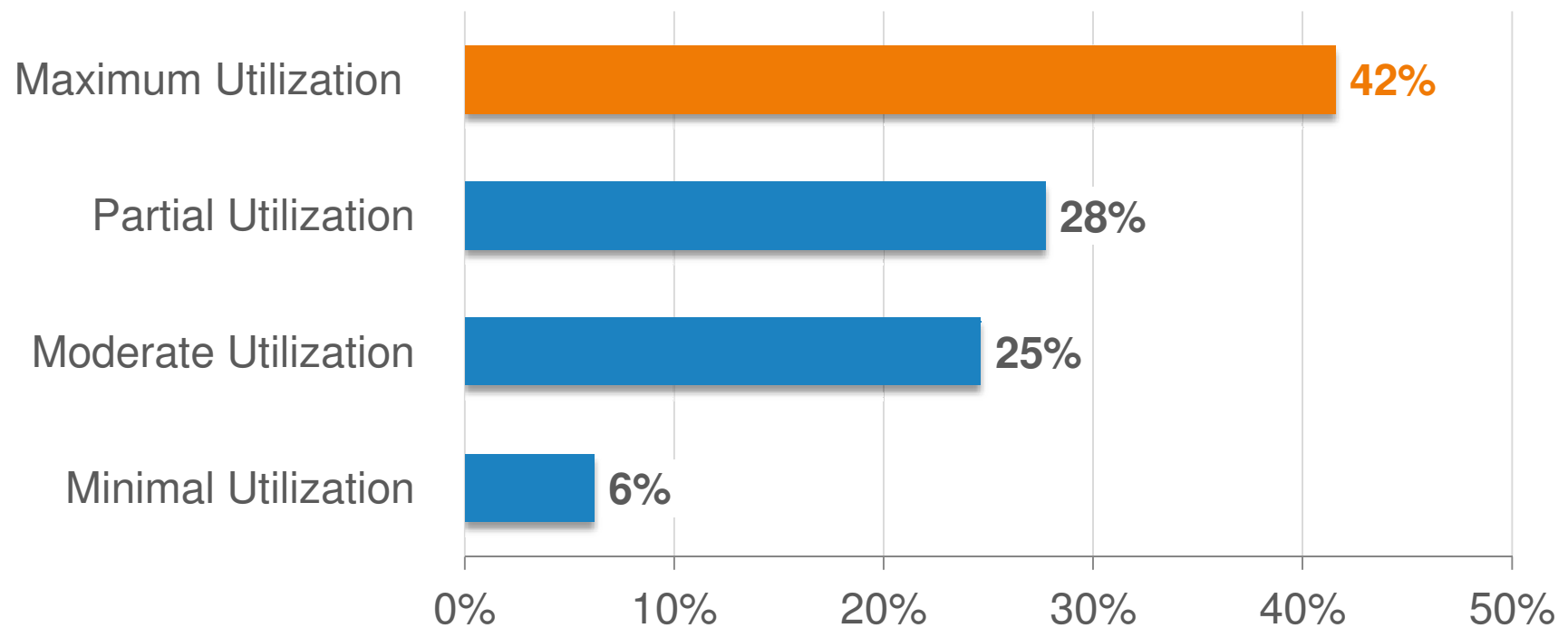
# Specialty Privileges

Emergency Medicine Specialty Privileges	APRNs		
	CAP2™ Database (n=138)	Children's Hospital Sample (n=1)	Organization (n=1)
	% of Hospitals	Yes/No	Yes/No
Anterior nasal cautery	44%	Y	N
Anterior nasal pack epistaxis	62%	Y	N
Arterial line insertion and removal	28%	Y	N
Arterial puncture	42%	Y	N
Athrocentesis	34%	N	N
Central line insertion and removal	29%	N	N
Digital block	50%	Y	Y
Foreign object removal (eyelid)	56%	Y	Y
G, j, small bowel and cecostomy tubes insertion/removal	28%	Y	N
Gynecological exams, including Pap smears	62%	Y	N
Immobilization/splinting/reduction of simple fractures	70%	Y	N
Intraosseous needle insertion	42%	Y	N
Joint Aspiration	47%	Y	N
Local anesthesia infiltration	62%	Y	N
Lumbar puncture	44%	Y	Y
Nasal and endotracheal intubation	36%	N	N
Needle decompression of the chest	22%	Y	N
Ocular tonometry	40%	Y	N
Slit lamp examination	51%	Y	N
Subungual hematoma	39%	Y	Y
Superficial foreign bodies removal	64%	Y	Y
Surgical drains insertion and removal	36%	Y	N
Thoracentesis	24%	Y	N
Trephination and removal of nail	49%	Y	Y
Wound closure/suturing	77%	Y	Y

# APC Utilization



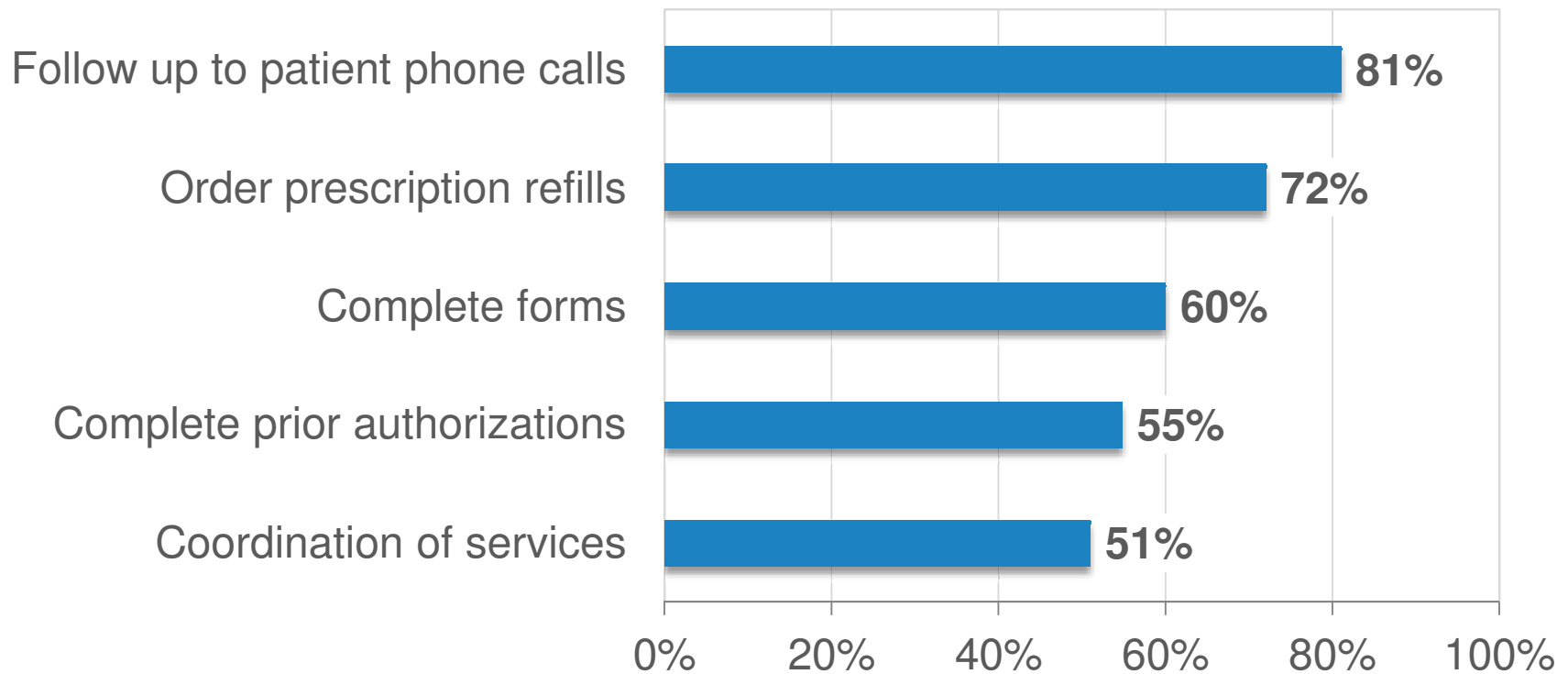
Only 42% of APCs felt they were being utilized to their maximum capacity



# Outpatient Models of Care



APCs report being involved in activities which might be completed by other team members



# APC Program





# Sample APC Program Outcomes

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# Emergency Services/Urgent Care Model of Care

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- APCs will see ESI Level III, IV and V independently and Level I and II with physicians
- Increase delineation of privileges for Emergency Services APCs
- APCs can staff Urgent Care independently
- RNs will take responsibility for patient call backs



# Delineation of Privileges – Before and After

APC Emergency Medicine Privileges	Initial Privileges	Expanded Privileges
	Yes/No	Yes/No
Local anesthesia and digital block	Y	Y
Foreign body removal (soft tissue or superficial body cavity)	Y	Y
G tubes insertion and removal	Y	Y
Lumbar puncture	Y	Y
Trephination and removal of nail	Y	Y
Wound closure/suturing	Y	Y
Radial head subluxation reduction	Y	Y
Anterior nasal cautery	N	Y
Anterior nasal pack epistaxis	N	Y
Arterial puncture	N	Y
Gynecological exams	N	Y
Immobilization/splinting/reduction of simple fractures	N	Y
Intraosseous needle insertion	N	Y
Joint aspiration	N	Y
Moderate/procedural sedation	N	Y
Non-complex burn care	Y	Y
Ocular tonometry	N	Y
Regional block	N	Y
Slit lamp examination	N	Y
Stain eye for abrasion	N	Y
Subungal hematoma	Y	Y

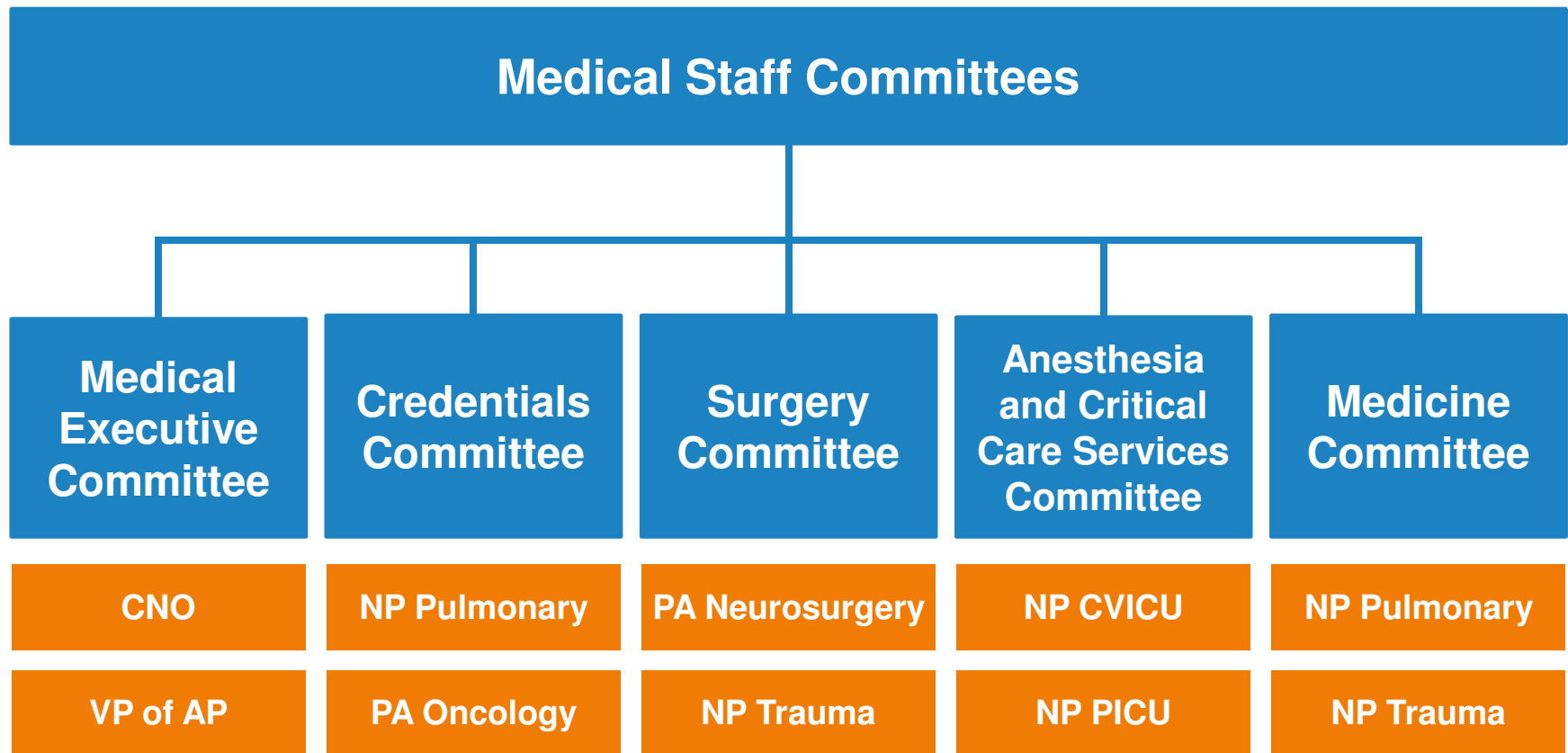
# Orthopedics Model of Care

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- APCs can run special population clinics independently (e.g., fracture)
- MAs will do follow up phone calls, appointment scheduling and form completion
- Assess possibility of adding scribes to teams
- APCs will document and bill for inpatient and outpatient activities performed

# APC Representation on Medical Staff Committees



# The Future State



**A comprehensive provider team strategy that:**



**Supports organization's mission**



**Aligns with organizational and business strategies**



**Positions organization as the premier employer for APCs**



**Encourages ongoing innovation and transformation in population health management**





# Answering Your Questions

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# Trish Anen

## Principal and APC Workforce Practice Co-Leader

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Trish Anen is a Principal and the APC Workforce Practice Co-Leader. With over 30 years of combined clinical, executive and consulting experience, Trish has a deep understanding of the evolving health care marketplace and helps organizations implement enhanced models of care and optimize provider team performance.

As hospital and health systems nationwide aim to improve quality, manage population health and lower the cost of care, the demand for advanced practice clinicians (APC) continues to grow. Leveraging her operational expertise, Trish works closely with clients to advance their provider practices and integrate APCs into the care delivery system. She also has an extensive background in APC workforce management and developing strategies to optimize, align and engage the entire provider team.

Her experience includes:

- Developing comprehensive and custom approaches to transforming team-based models of care across multiple practice environments.
- Optimizing provider team efficiency and maximizing productivity through the increased utilization of APCs.
- Conducting assessments to improve the structure of APC programs, including compensation, scope of practice, models of care, clinical operations and leadership practices.
- Improving physician assistant and nurse practitioner recruitment and retention strategies and promoting positive practice environments.
- Developing assessment tools, benchmarking reports and other advisory resources to support the management of the APC workforce.

Trish was previously with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA), where she was the Vice President of Advisory Services. She also co-founded The Center for Advancing Provider Practices (CAP2™) during her time spent as the Chief Clinical Officer at the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC). Prior to this, Trish served as both the Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Edward Hospital and as the Vice President of Human Resources at Rush Copy Medical Center.

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