

Findings from a recent national survey show that pharmacists have experienced increased drug supply challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, and remain concerned that they will not be able to access the drug therapy their patients need.

## Pharmacists report difficulties ordering and receiving medication supplies

During the first week of May 2020:



### Only 3% of pharmacists

received the full amount of medication supplies for every order they placed through wholesalers.

The majority of pharmacists received reduced quantities of medication supplies on most or all orders placed through wholesalers because of medication supply limits or drug shortages:



### 60% of pharmacists

received reduced quantities due to MEDICATION SUPPLY LIMITS

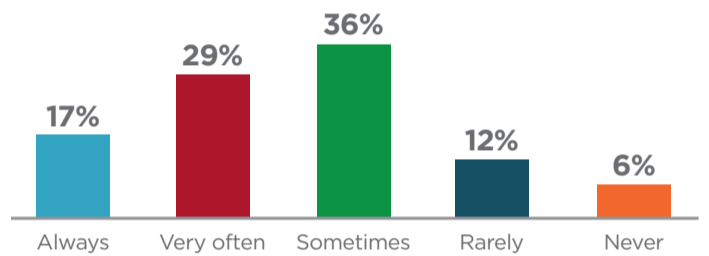
### 56% of pharmacists

received reduced quantities due to DRUG SHORTAGES



ON MOST OR ALL ORDERS PLACED THROUGH WHOLESALERS, **46% of pharmacists** reported not having received any stock of certain medication supplies because of known drug shortages.

Received NO quantity of medication supplies ordered due to **drug shortages**

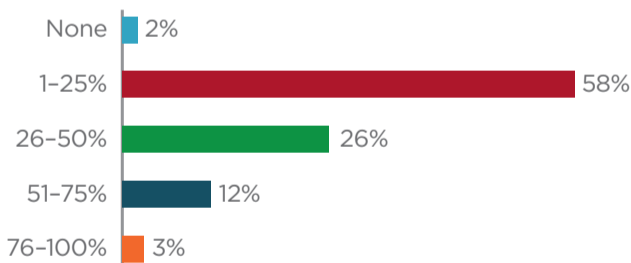


## Impact of drug supply issues

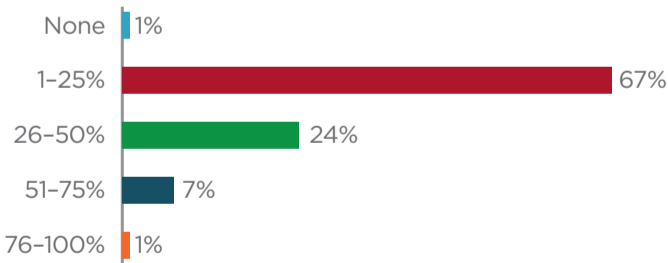


During COVID-19, 1 in 4 pharmacists report that drug supply limits and drug shortages are affecting 26-50% of all medications they order through wholesalers.

### Limited supply



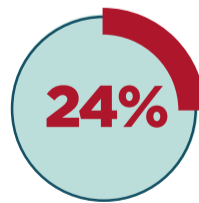
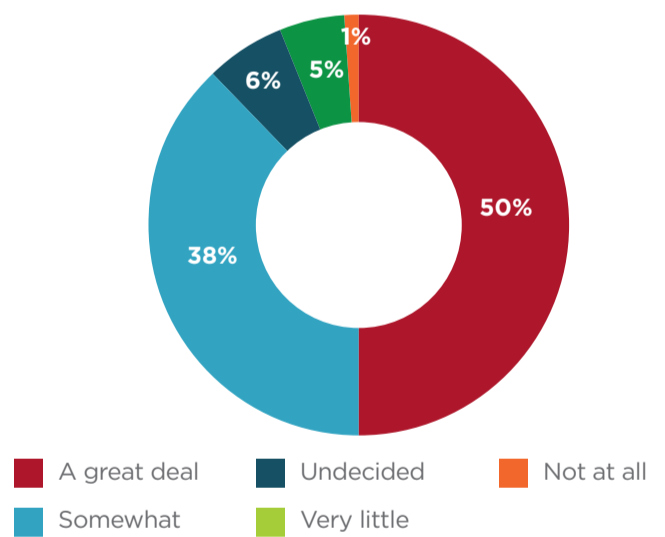
### Drug shortages



## Pharmacists very concerned about supply issues

Half of pharmacists surveyed are **very concerned** they will not be able to access the drug therapy their patients need.

How concerned are you that you will not be able to access the drug therapy needed for your patients?



**Pharmacists are spending an average of 24% of each shift dealing with drug shortages.**

## Impact of dispensing limits



### 82% of pharmacists

believe that drug dispensing limits help ensure sufficient stock of medications to meet patient needs during periods of drug supply instability.

Do you believe that drug dispensing limits help pharmacies ensure sufficient stock of medication to meet patient needs during periods of drug supply instability?

