Survey about Role of Nurses In Getting Immunized



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Background

Online program
targeting nursing
students nationwide-Nursing Initiative
Promoting
Immunization Training
(NIP-IT.org)--voluntary
poll with four questions
about nurses'
immunizations was
developed.

Method

Poll was voluntary with 713 out of over 11,100 NIP-IT.org users answering questions. Poll took place at end of fourth module.

Conclusions

These results indicate that those answering this poll feel nurses have a responsibility to keep current with vaccines, as well as a moral/ethical responsibility to do so and intend to keep current themselves. Most are positively in favor of a mandatory annual vaccination for nurses. It is possible that these responses may have been influenced by the material presented to them in NIP-IT.org.

Which statement best describes your beliefs related to the nurse's professional responsibility to keep current with immunizations?

It is a nurse's professional responsibility to keep current with their own immunizations. 91% (n=646)

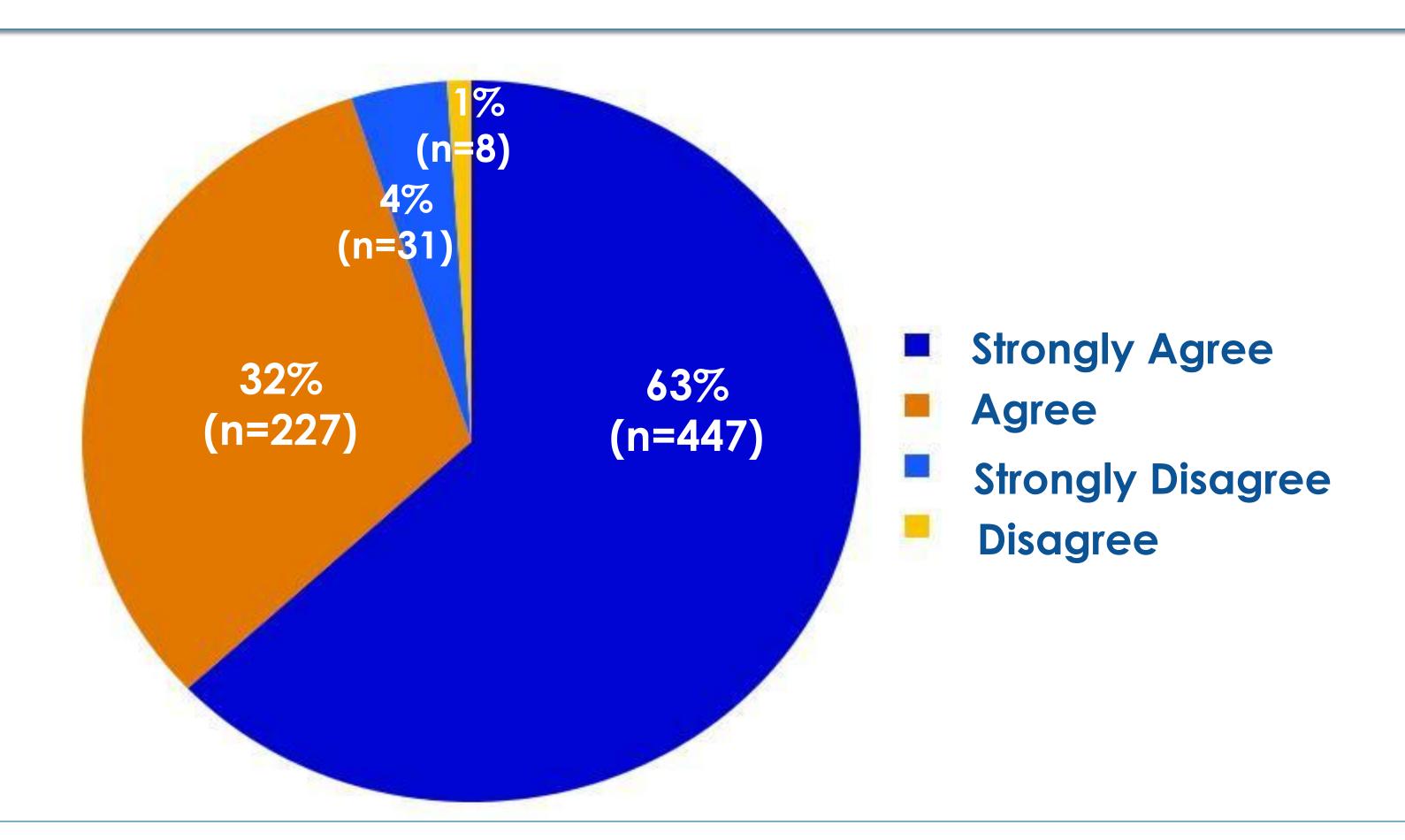
The nurse should be the one to decide which immunizations to take.

7% (n=47)

Nurses only need to take immunizations that are required by their employer. 2% (n=15)

Nurses do not need to keep current with immunizations. 0% (n=3)

A nurse has a moral/ethical responsibility to keep current with seasonal flu vaccine:



What is your intent to keep current with vaccination, especially annual flu vaccine, as a nurse?



My decision will depend upon the population I work with. 5% (n=34)

I do not intend to keep current. 1% (n=11) preferred not to answer: 5% (n=33)

Mandatory annual vaccination of nurses for seasonal flu should be implemented to protect patient safety.

