

Top Standards Compliance Data Announced for 2016

The Joint Commission regularly aggregates standards compliance data to pinpoint areas that present the greatest challenges to accredited organizations and certified programs. These data help The Joint Commission recognize trends and tailor education around challenging standards; National Patient Safety Goals (NPSGs); the Universal Protocol for Preventing Wrong Site, Wrong Procedure, and Wrong Person Surgery™; and Accreditation or Certification Participation Requirements (APRs or CPRs).

The bar graphs on pages 3 to 8 identify the Joint Commission requirements scored most frequently as “not compliant” during accreditation surveys and certification reviews from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. (Data from for-cause surveys and for-cause reviews are *not* included.) While the principal text of the standards also appears in the bar graphs, the full content of each (including rationales, notes, and elements of performance EPs) is included in the accreditation and certification manuals on E-dition[®] and in print.

The graphs display the 10 most frequently cited requirements for each program. Percentages indicate the number of organizations that received Requirements for Improvement (RFIs) for the standards shown. Please note that the graph for the behavioral health care program displays more than 10 standards because of a tie in percentage of RFIs. In addition, the graph for health care staffing services displays fewer than 10 standards because the rate of noncompliance for the remainder of those standards was 1% or less.

As a reminder, surveyors and reviewers evaluate compliance with all of the stan-

dards in the accreditation and certification manuals. These graphs are provided only to help organizations recognize potential trouble spots.

Standards FAQs are located at <http://www.jointcommission.org/Standards/FAQs>; questions not addressed on this site may be directed to the Standards Interpretation Group via the online question form at <https://web.jointcommission.org/sigsubmission/sigquestionform.aspx>. 

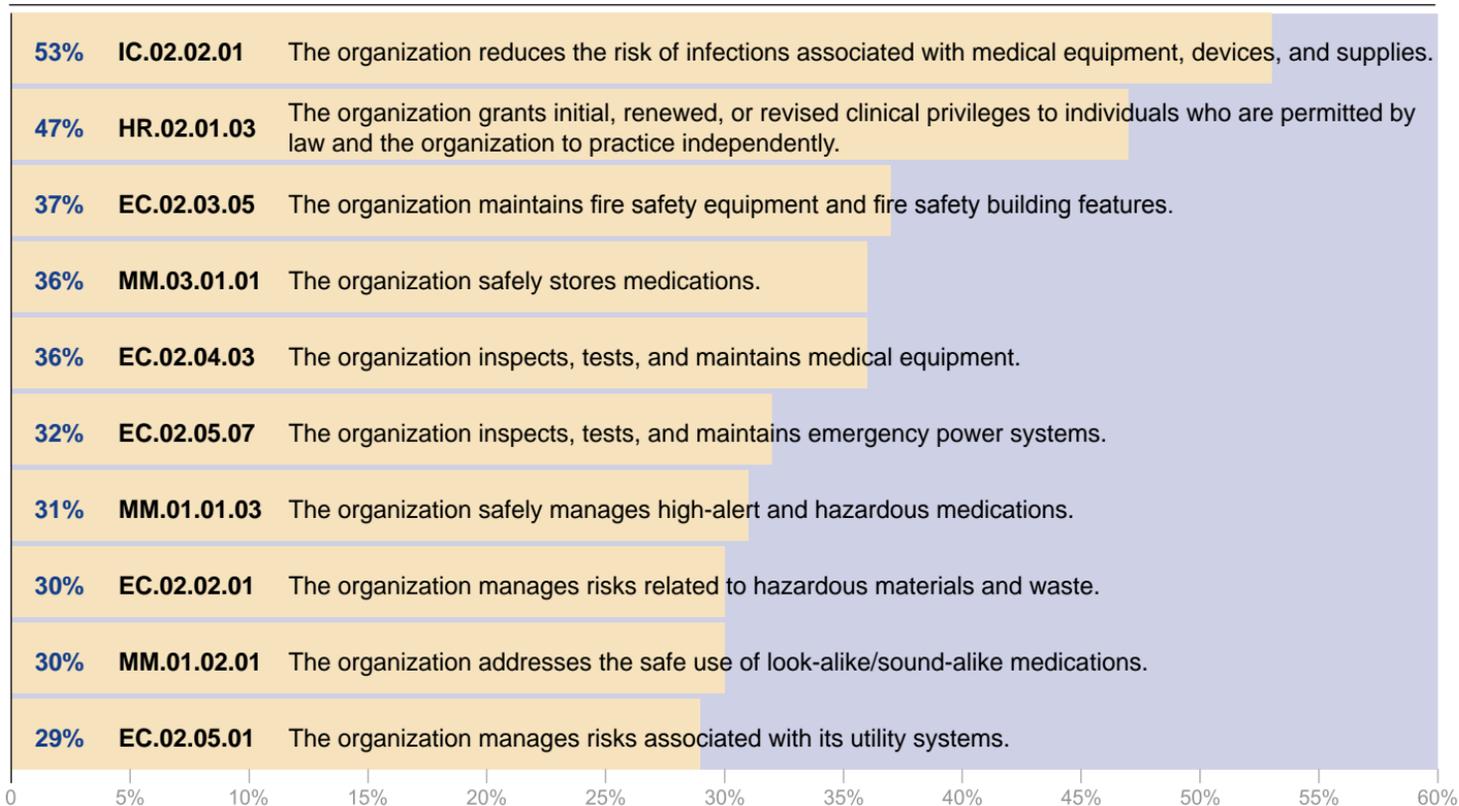
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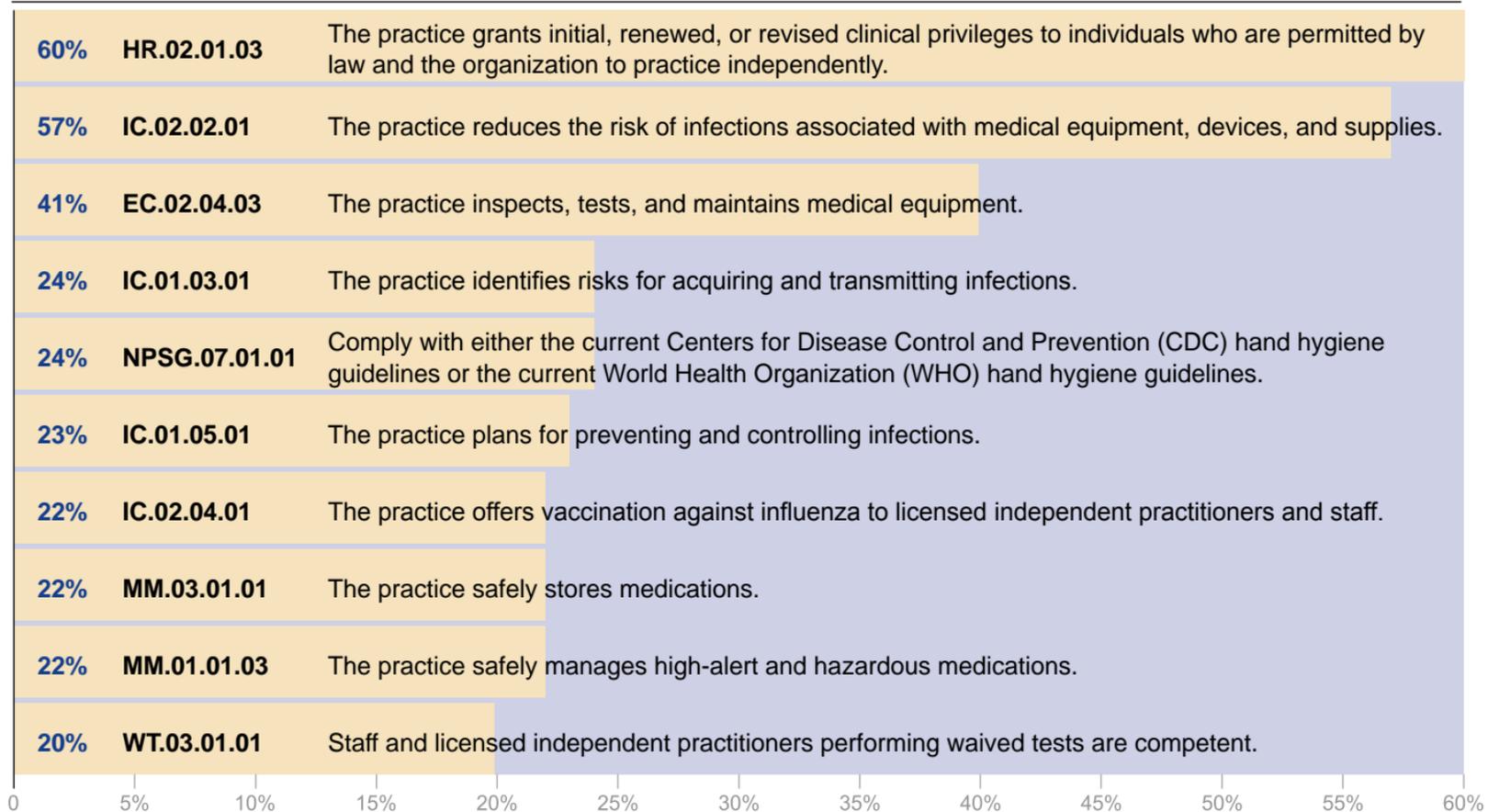


TOP STANDARDS COMPLIANCE DATA FOR 2016
AMBULATORY CARE



Note: The data determined for the ambulatory care program were derived from an average of 617 applicable surveys.

TOP STANDARDS COMPLIANCE DATA FOR 2016
OFFICE-BASED SURGERY PRACTICES



Note: The data determined for the office-based surgery practices program were derived from an average of 88 applicable surveys.