

Rural VIP No. 15: Interprofessional Collaboration in Health Care

The fifteenth survey for the members of the Rural Voice Information Panel (Rural VIP) was sent out January 7, 2021 to 224 members.

The purpose of the survey was to assess general understanding of interprofessional approaches to health care and to determine if and how interprofessional collaboration is used in rural communities.

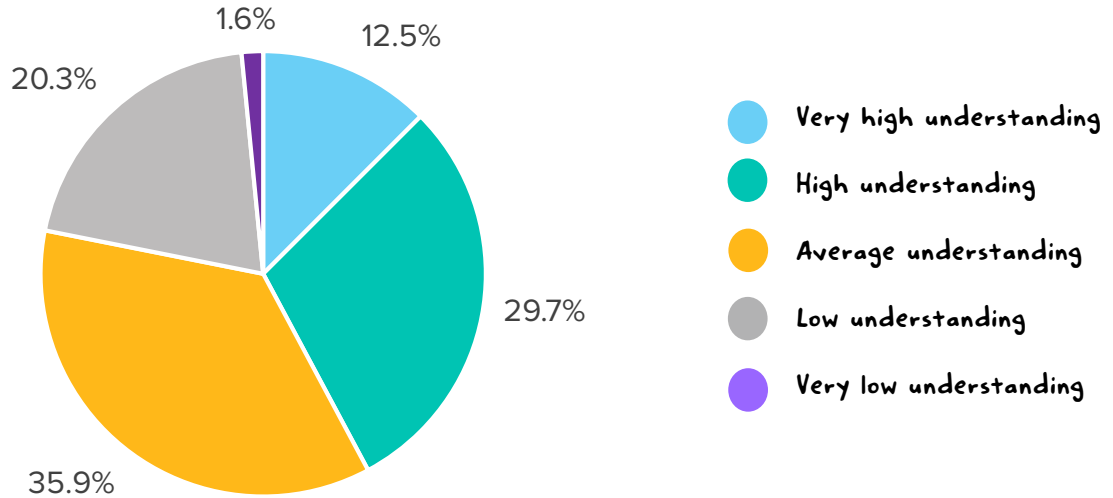
This document provides a summary of the responses.

Key Learnings

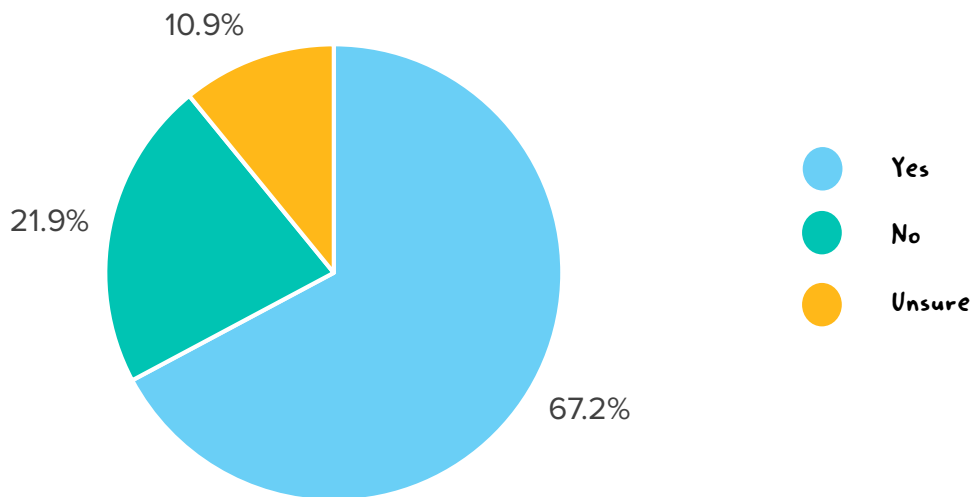


- **Q1:** Nearly twice as many respondents indicated that they have a high understanding (42 per cent) of how different health professionals work together to deliver care versus a low understanding (22 per cent).
- **Q2:** 67 per cent of respondents have indicated that their communities have interprofessional teams. The most common services delivered by the interprofessional teams are home care (65 per cent) and primary care (55 per cent).
- **Q3:** 38 per cent of respondents have received care from an interprofessional team in their community. The most common health professionals they have received care from within these interprofessional teams are physicians (86 per cent), pharmacists (64 per cent), and nurses (46 per cent).

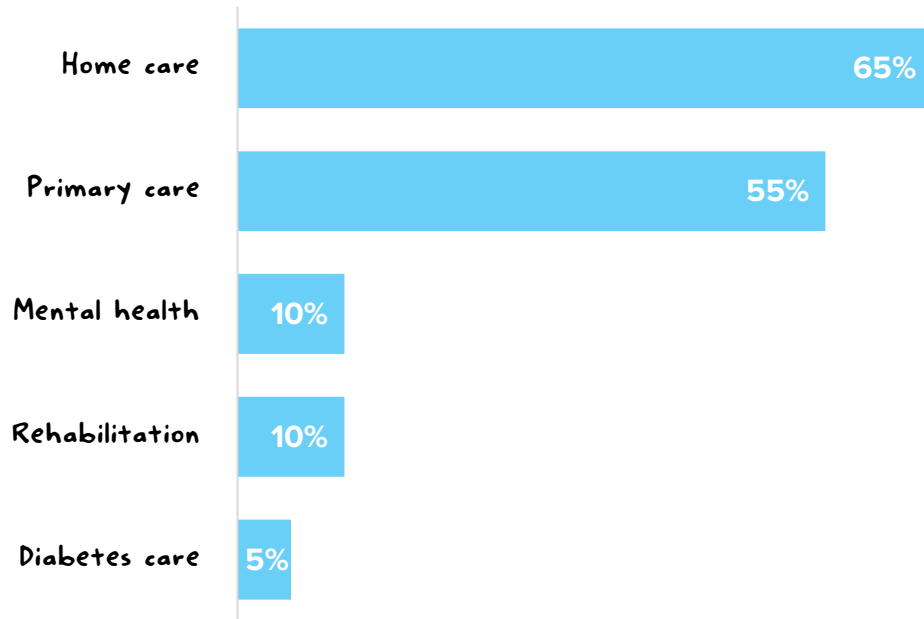
1. How would you rate your own understanding of how different health professionals work together to deliver care?



2. Are you aware of any interprofessional care teams or clinics in your community?

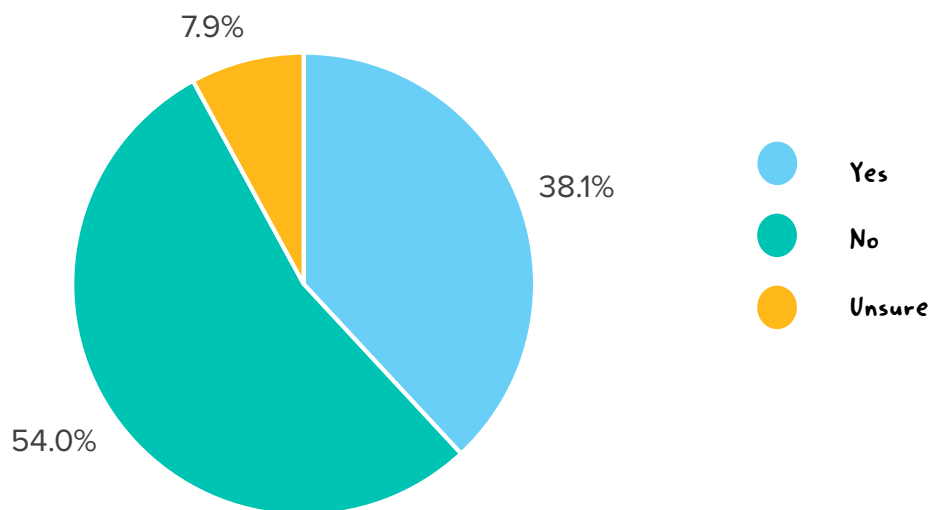


3. If you answered “Yes” to Question 2, what services does the team provide? (ie. Primary care, rehabilitation, home care, etc.)

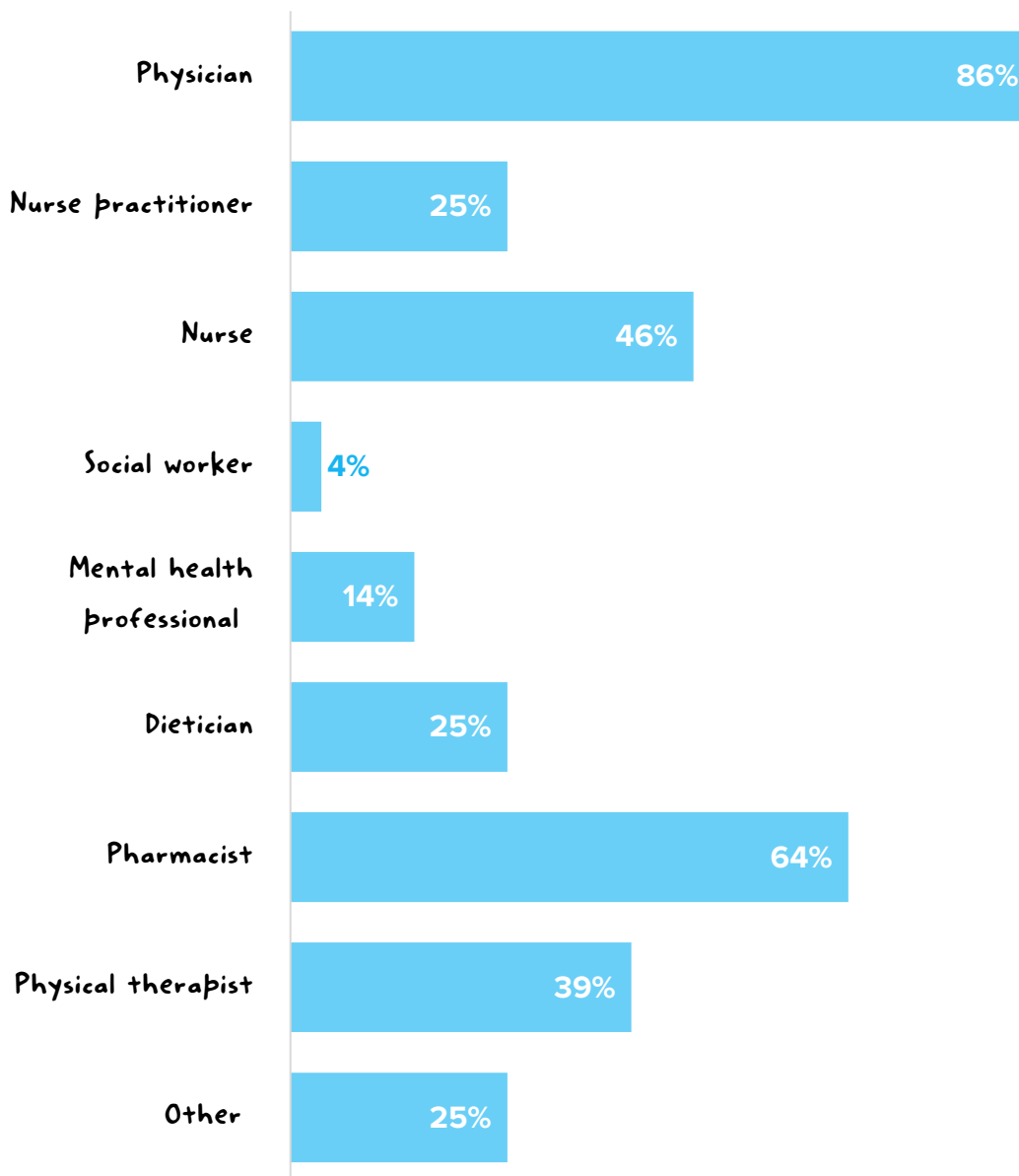


Respondents also mentioned **maternity care, cardiac clinics, seniors care, and pediatric services** within their community as using interprofessional collaboration.

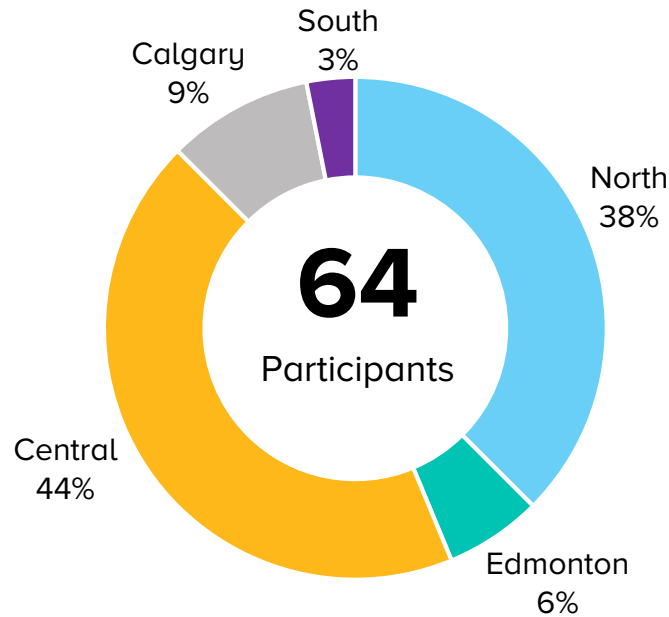
4. Have you ever received care from an interprofessional team in your community?



5. If you answered “Yes” to Question 4, what health professionals have you received care from within the interprofessional team? Select all that apply.



6. In which AHS (Alberta Health Services) zone do you live?



** Totals may not add due to rounding*

What will we do with this feedback?

Your input helps us determine the Rural VIP's awareness and understanding of Rural Health Education and the Pathway to Rural Practice and will inform RhPAP's educational resources and programming. Thank you for participating in our survey.

RhPAP also shares learnings and feedback from the Rural VIP with health-care leaders, including Alberta Health, and the RhPAP Board of Directors, who represent the following organizations: Alberta Health Services, Alberta Medical Association, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta.

To view the results of past Rural VIP surveys, click [here](#).

Questions about RhPAP's Rural Voice Information Panel?

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