

## Drug Information and Drug Use Evaluation

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- The percentage of respondents reporting dedicated staff for drug information and drug use evaluation services in 2003/04 was 30%, similar to the 31% reported in 2001/02 (Table C-1).

**Table C-1. Drug Information and Drug Use Evaluation Services 2003/04**

Hospitals (n=)	All (144)	Bed Size			Teaching Status	
		100-200 (38)	201-500 (68)	>500 (38)	Yes (56)	No (88)
<b>Drug information / drug use evaluation services have dedicated staff</b>	43 30%	3 8%	15 22%	25 66%	31 55%	12 14%
<b>Drug information services</b>						
FTE pharmacists (n=32 )	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.6	1.5	0.4
FTE support staff (n=18 )	0.4	.	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.1
<b>Drug use evaluation services</b>						
FTE pharmacists (n=33)	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6
FTE support staff (n=10 )	0.5	.	0.5	0.4	0.5	.

- The average of reported staffing for drug information for respondents who reported staffing of greater than 0 FTE in each category was 1.3 FTE for pharmacists (32 respondents) and 0.4 support staff (18 respondents).
- The average of reported staffing for drug use evaluation for respondents who reported staffing of greater than 0 FTE in each category was 0.7 FTE for pharmacists (33 respondents) and 0.5 support staff (10 respondents).
- It should be noted that the manner in which data was collected and analyzed in the 2003/04 survey differed from the 2001/02 survey, therefore the comparison of results between these two surveys is not included this year. However, future surveys will provide for more accurate comparison and trending in this area.