

# HOSPITAL ACUTE CARE SURVEY Communication during the hospital stay



## Communication

## With doctors

Had a good communication with doctors, always $\%\mid$ 2023	78.1	78.3	79.5
Doctors treated them with courtesy and respect, always %   2023	86.0	85.9	86.4
Doctors listened to them carefully, always %   2023	76.4	76.4	77.6
Doctors explained things in a way they could understand, always $\%$   2023	72.0	72.7	74.4
With nurses			
Had a good communication with nurses, always $\%\mid$ 2023	71.2	71.9	72.6
Nurses treated them with courtesy and respect, always %   2023	78.7	79.7	80.3

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Nurses listened carefully, always %   2023	67.6	67.8	68.4
Nurses explained things in a way they could understand, always $\% \mid$ 2023	67.4	68.2	69.2
About new medications			
Received explanations about new medications, always %   2023	55.1	55.0	54.8
Hospital staff told them what their new medication was for, always %   2023	68.7	68.8	68.8
Hospital staff described possible side effects in a way they could understand, always $\%$   2023	41.4	41.1	40.8

## Involvement in decision making

Was involved in decision making and treatment options, always %   2023	67.1	66.7	66.1
Was involved in decisions about their care and treatment, always %   2023	63.1	62.4	61.8
Family or friends were involved in decisions about their care and treatment, always $\%$   2023	71.2	70.9	70.4
Hospital staff took their preferences into account when deciding their health care needs would be after discharge, strongly agree %   2023	38.1	36.7	38.6

Coordination of care			
Benefited from an internal coordination of care, always %   2023	56.9	56.9	57.6
Felt there was a good communication between hospital staff, always %   2023	58.2	57.6	58.5

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Hospital staff seemed informed and up-to-date about their care, always $\%\mid$ 2023	55.6	56.2	56.7
Tests and procedures were done when they were told they would be done, always $\%$   2023	70.7	72.1	70.7
Language of service			
Prefers to receive hospital services in English %   2023	91.2	89.2	75.1
Received services in English, always %   2023	98.9	97.5	95.2
Prefers to received hospital services in French %   2023	4.1	4.4	16.4
Received services in French, always %   2023	39.5	24.6	70.5
Received services in their preferred language (English or French), always %   2023	95.5	92.7	89.6
Preferred language properly identified when they arrived at the hospital %   2023	97.3	96.5	96.7



## About this Table

## Content and description

Data about the experience patients reported when communicating with doctors, nurses and other staff during their hospital stay in a New Brunswick hospital. The indicators measure acute care patients' reported experience regarding their communication with doctors, nurses and about new medications, their involvement in decision making and coordination of care and regarding the language of service.

## Why is it important?

By better understanding the experience of citizens with New Brunswick hospitals, we can better assess the quality of services. This also encourages health system stakeholders to create performance targets based on care experience survey indicators.

## Availability of the data

The information in this data table is available for New Brunswick in general, by the seven New Brunswick health

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zones, the two Regional Health Authorities, by hospital (medium and large hospitals), by type of care received, as well as by demographic groups. More information is available on our <u>Hospital Acute Care Survey page</u>.

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- S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size
- Above-average performance
- P Below-average performance