



Association for
Palliative Medicine

Survey on Assisted Suicide, 2015

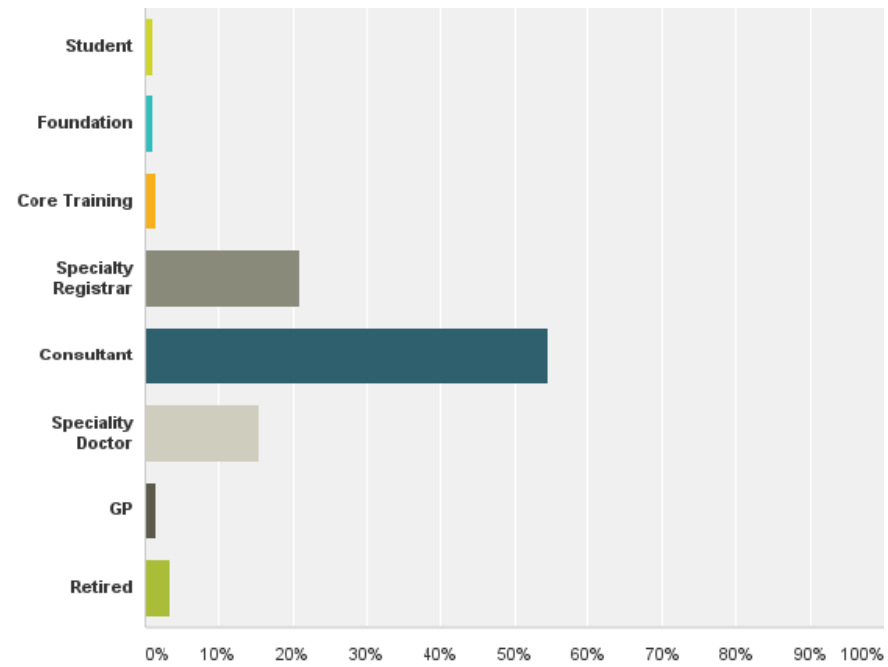
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Total Responses

Complete Responses: 365

Q1: Grade

Answered: 387 Skipped: 0



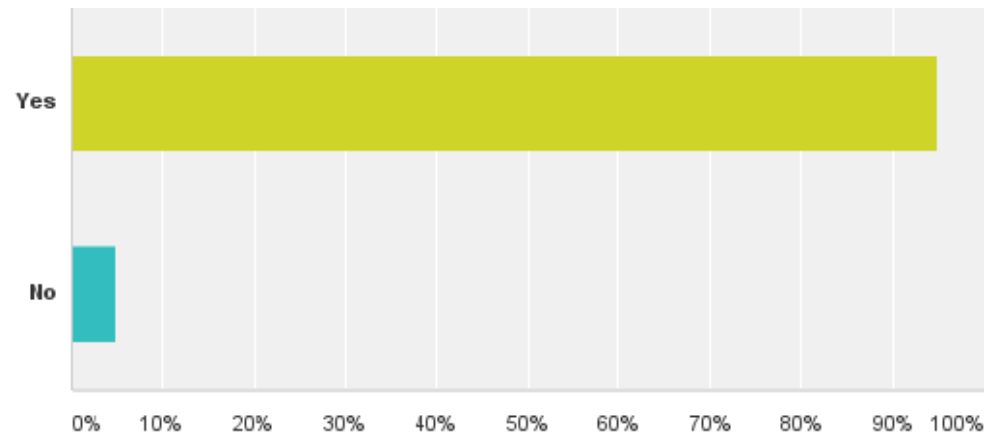
Q1: Grade

Answered: 387 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Student	1.03% 4
Foundation	1.03% 4
Core Training	1.55% 6
Specialty Registrar	21.19% 82
Consultant	54.52% 211
Speciality Doctor	15.50% 60
GP	1.55% 6
Retired	3.62% 14
Total	387

Q2: Are you currently licensed to practice by the General Medical Council?

Answered: 387 Skipped: 0



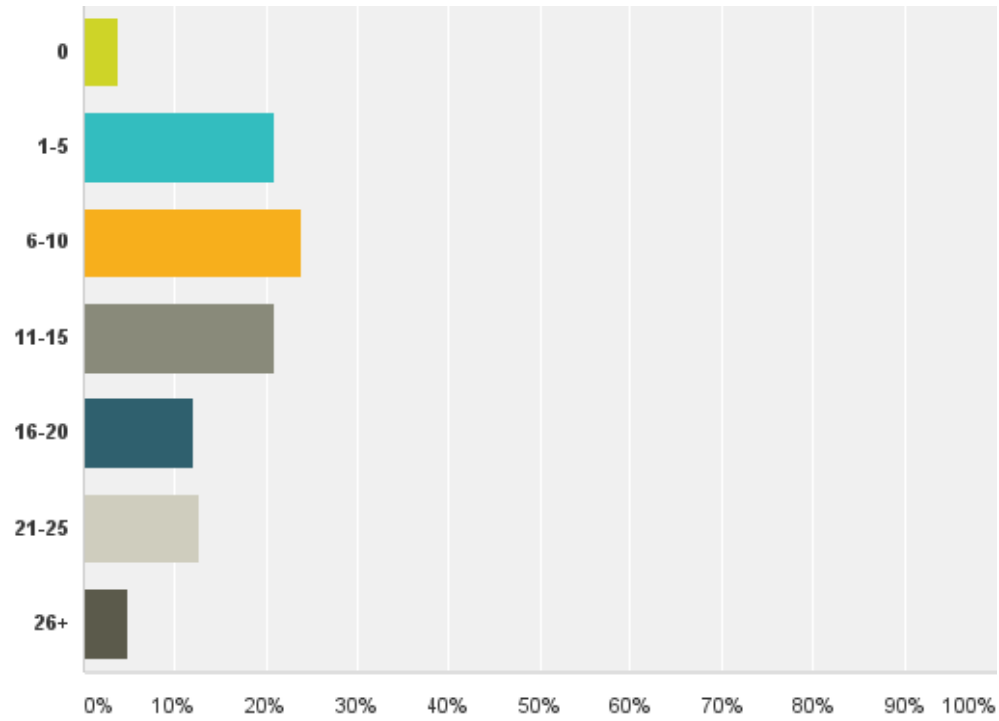
Q2: Are you currently licensed to practice by the General Medical Council?

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	95.09% 368
No	4.91% 19
Total	387

Q3: Years working in Palliative Care

Answered: 387 Skipped: 0



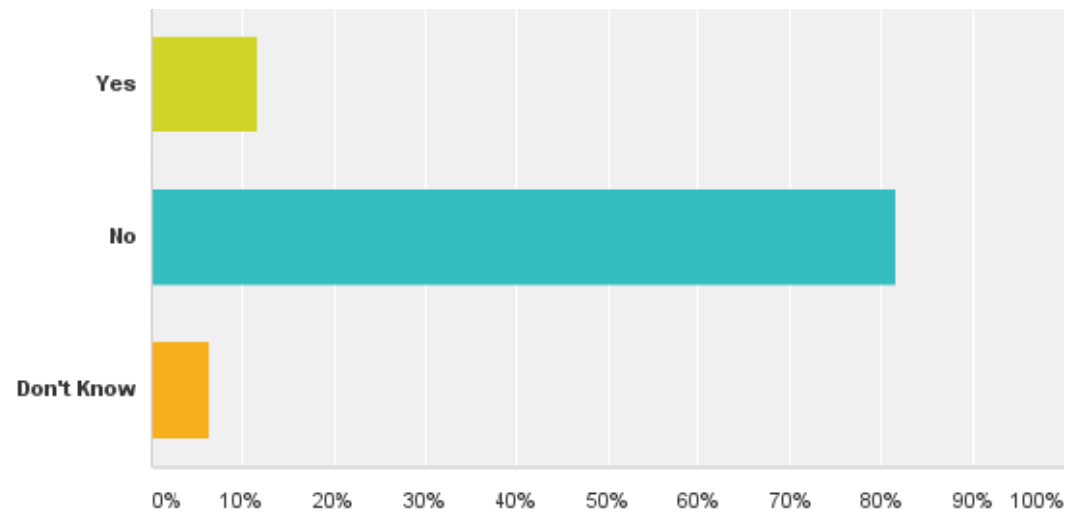
Q3: Years working in Palliative Care

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Answer Choices	Responses	
0	3.88%	15
1-5	21.19%	82
6-10	24.03%	93
11-15	21.19%	82
16-20	12.14%	47
21-25	12.66%	49
26+	4.91%	19
Total		387

Q4: Do you think that the law in the UK should be amended to allow Assisted Suicide as proposed in Lord Falconer's bill?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 22



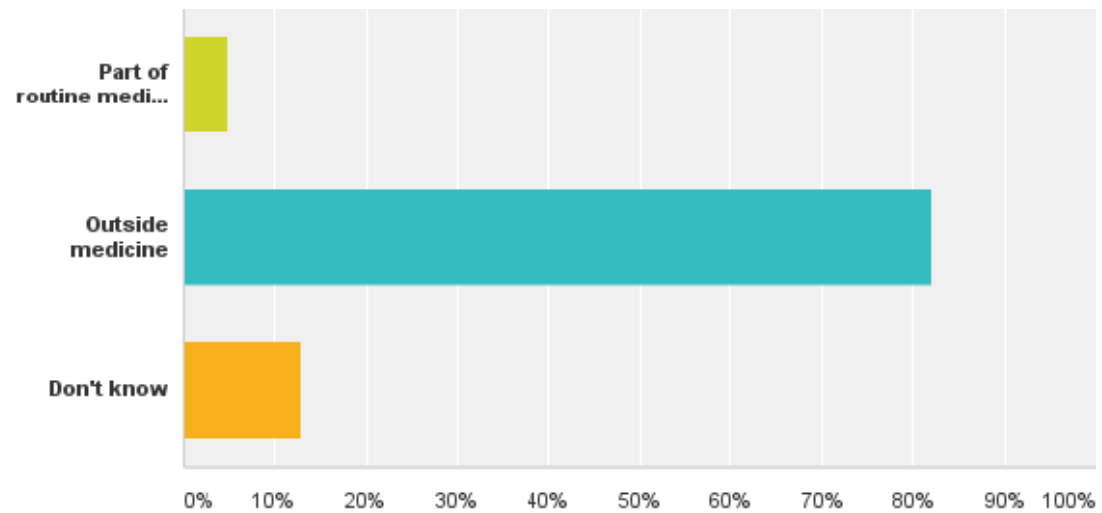
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Answered: 365 Skipped: 22

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	11.78%	43
No	81.64%	298
Don't Know	6.58%	24
Total		365

Q5: If Parliament decides to change the law in the UK to allow assisted suicide, should it be within routine medical practice or should its assessment, approval and implementation be entirely outside the sphere of medicine, for instance in the family court?

Answered: 362 Skipped: 25



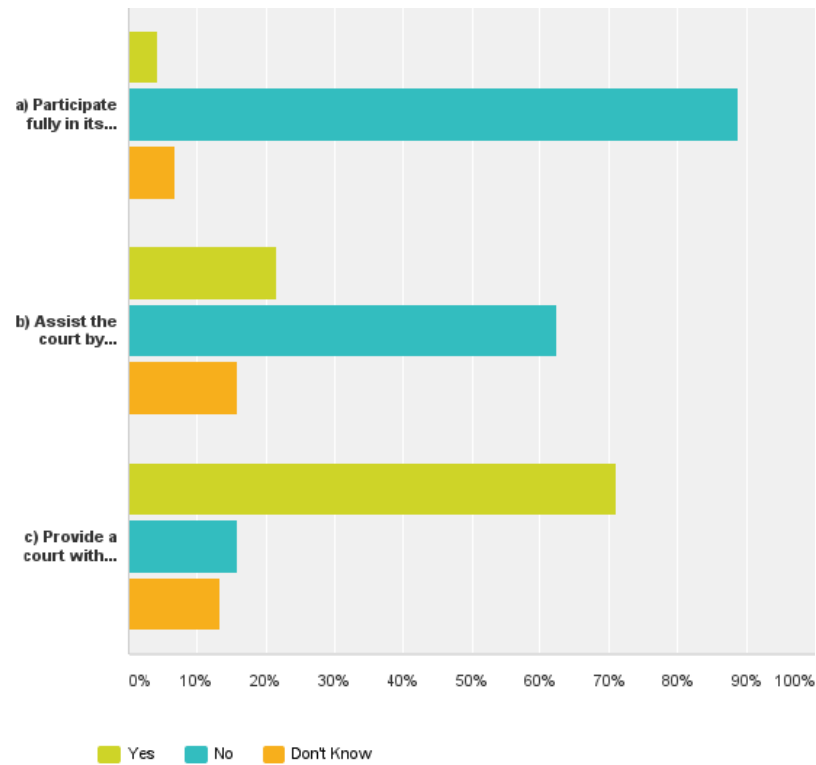
Q5: If Parliament decides to change the law in the UK to allow assisted suicide, should it be within routine medical practice or should its assessment, approval and implementation be entirely outside the sphere of medicine, for instance in the family court?

Answered: 362 Skipped: 25

Answer Choices	Responses	
Part of routine medical practice	4.97%	18
Outside medicine	82.04%	297
Don't know	12.98%	47
Total		362

Q6: If Assisted Suicide became legal in the UK in the current bill you would be able to limit your involvement to the level your conscience permitted. So would you personally be prepared to:

Answered: 365 Skipped: 22



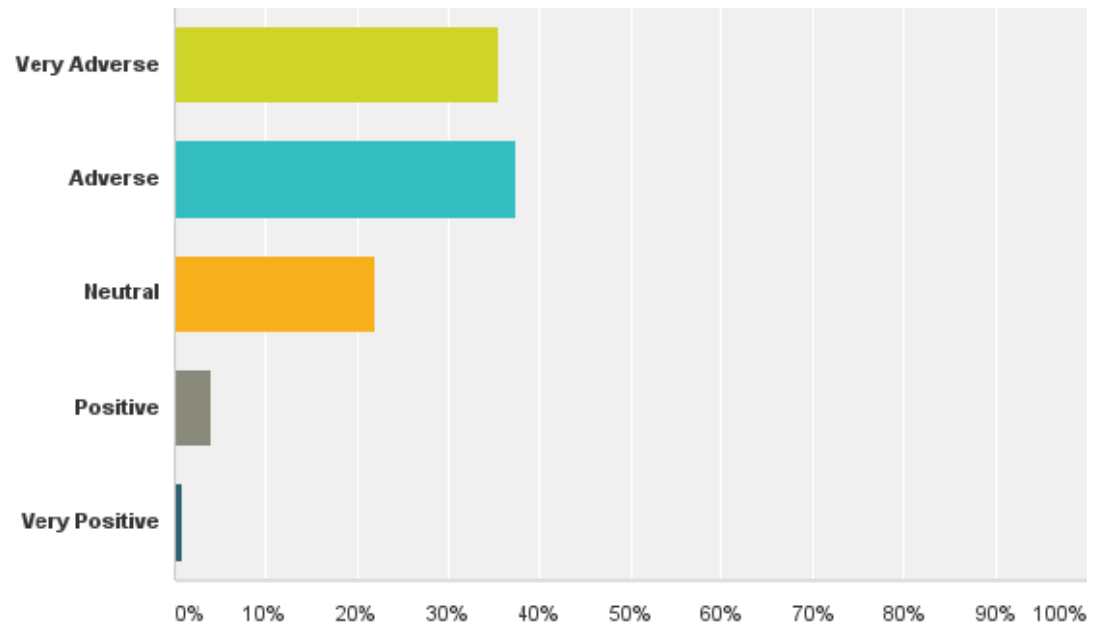
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	Yes	No	Don't Know	Total
a) Participate fully in its implementation by assessing and deciding suitability, recommending to the court and prescribing lethal medication?	4.43% 16	88.64% 320	6.93% 25	361
b) Assist the court by preparing judgements to the court to support the court's decision (e.g. Assessment of capacity, fixed will, and degree of coercion)?	21.70% 79	62.36% 227	15.93% 58	364
c) Provide a court with factual information alone (e.g. diagnosis, extent of disease, involvement of palliative care services etc)?	70.91% 256	15.79% 57	13.30% 48	361

Q7: What impact do you think the passing of this bill, or similar one legalising assisted suicide, would have on the delivery of palliative care including the care given by Hospices?

Answered: 361 Skipped: 26



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Adverse	35.46%	128
Adverse	37.40%	135
Neutral	22.16%	80
Positive	4.16%	15
Very Positive	0.83%	3
Total		361
