

Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Briefing and Survey Report

In March, 2011 the Iowa State Office of Rural Health (SORH) conducted a survey to determine the value of the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) in Iowa. This survey was distributed to the 83 participating hospitals. There was a short turnaround time on the survey and 36 of the 83 hospitals completed the survey (43%).

Background: SHIP brings in roughly \$726,665.00 annually to small Iowa hospitals with an average distribution of approximately \$8,000 per hospital. Seventy three of ninety nine Iowa counties are represented.

Based on survey results and the annual reports submitted by hospitals there is clear indication of the value of the Small Hospital Improvement Program in Iowa.

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Survey Report

Responses provided by questions asked:

- 1. Do you have any suggestions as to how to improve the collaboration activities between these programs (FLEX & SHIP) within you hospital?**

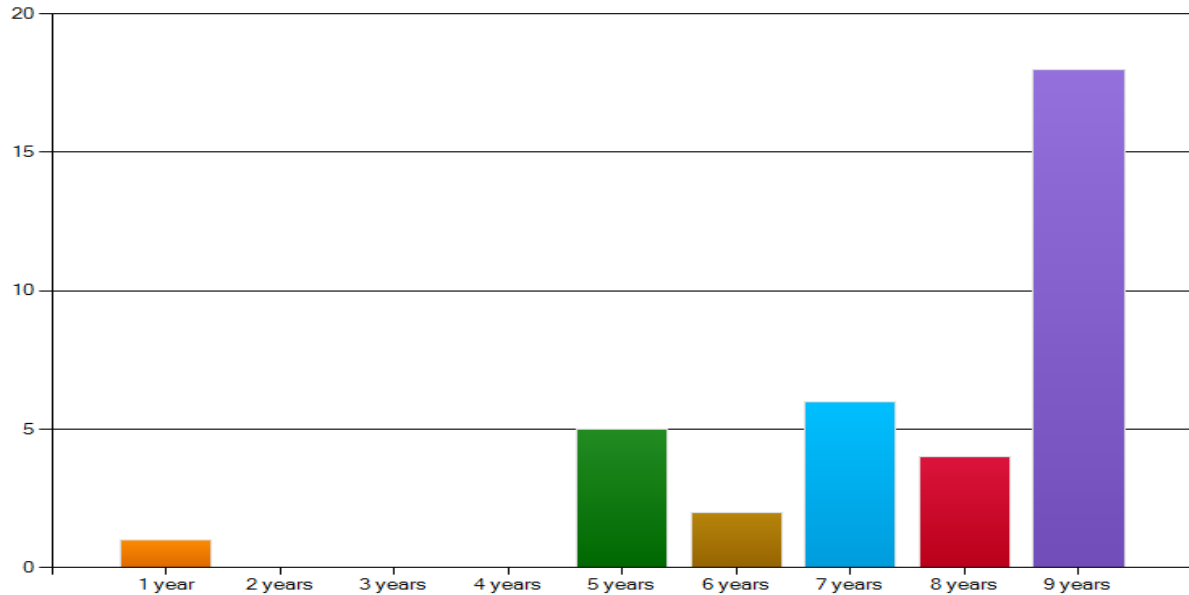
Responses

- “This grant funding provides vital resources for hospitals to assure quality patient care is delivered!”
- “SHIP and FLEX have been very important to the ongoing operations of the medical center. We have used the grant dollars for educational meetings for employees, technology, quality initiatives, safety, and improving staff awareness of HIPAA. We appreciate the program in this rural area and hope it can continue.”

2. How many years has your hospital participated in SHIP?

Table 1 illustrates the range of hospital participation from one to nine years.

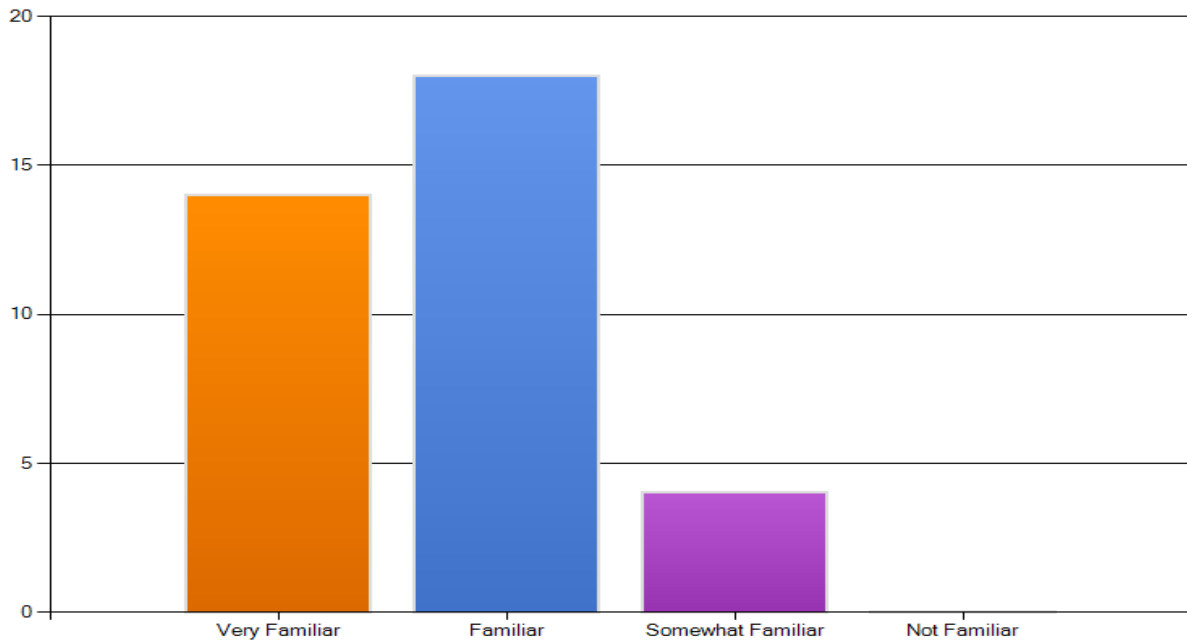
How many years has your hospital participated in SHIP?



3. Please rate your level of familiarity with the services provided by SHIP.

Table 2 illustrates 88% of the hospitals are familiar or very familiar.

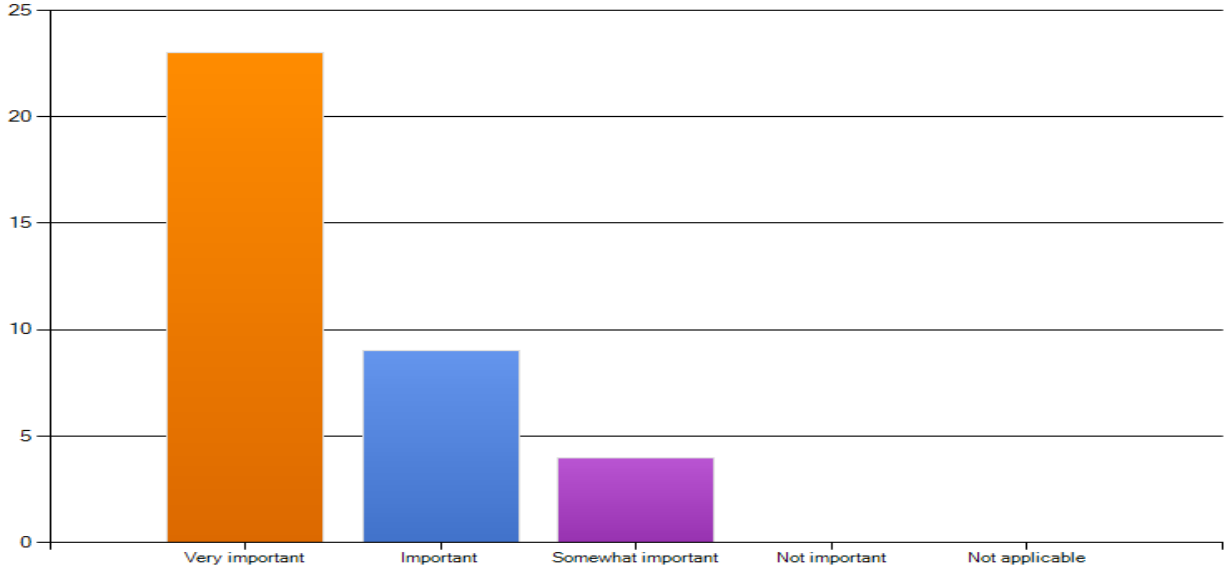
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4. Rate how important SHIP funding has been in assisting your hospital with HIPAA compliance.

Table 4 illustrates 78% of the hospitals find SHIP funding important or very important in regards to HIPAA compliance.

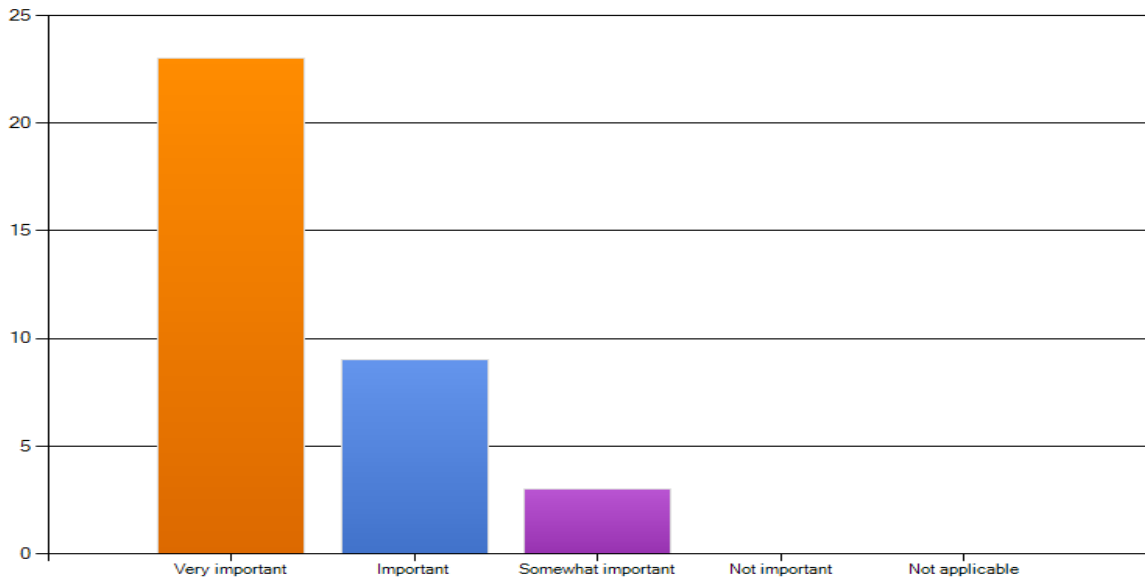
Rate how important SHIP funding has been to ensure patient quality care in your hospital.



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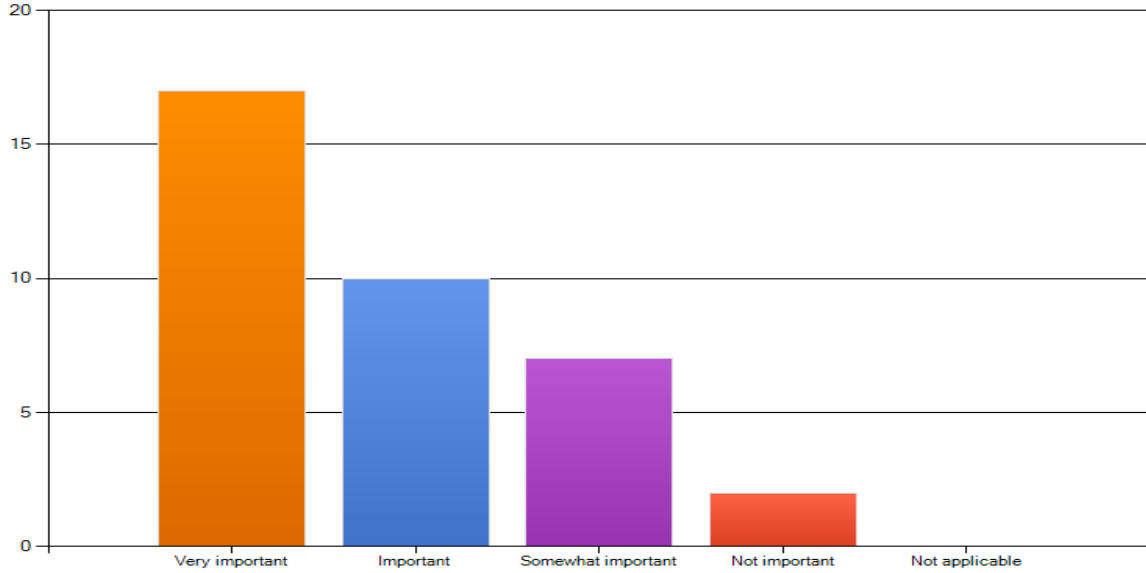
Rate how important SHIP funding has been to ensure patient quality care in your hospital.



6. Rate how important SHIP funding has been for staff training and education.

Table 6 illustrates 75% of the hospitals find SHIP funding important or very important in regards to staff training and education.

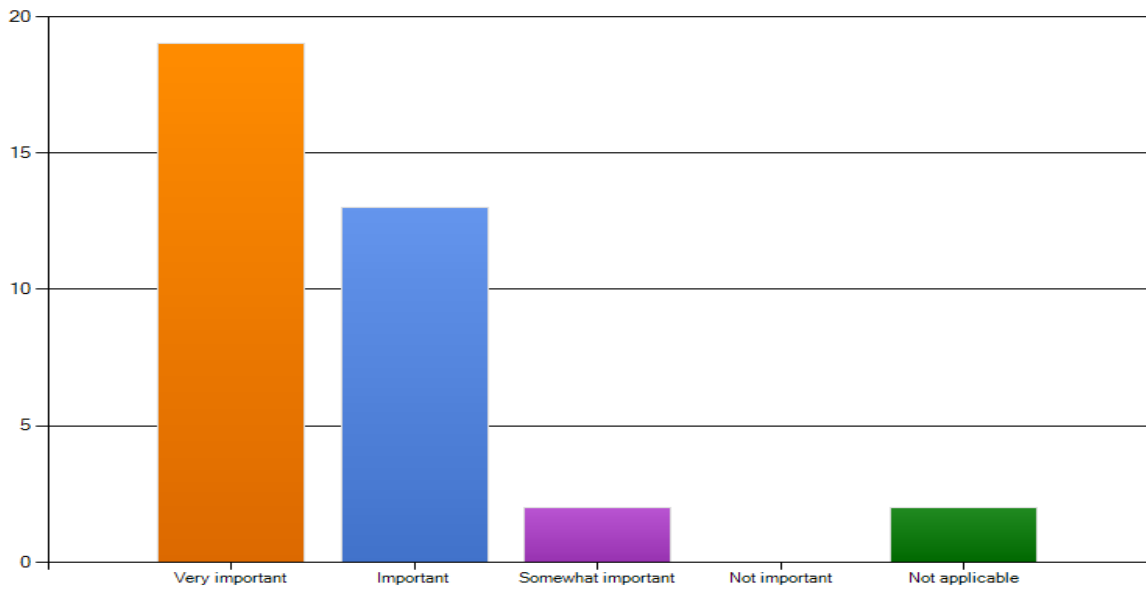
Rate how important SHIP funding has been for staff training and education.



7. Rate how important SHIP funding has been in procurement of technology equipment to assist with electronic health records

Table 7 illustrates 89% of the hospitals find SHIP funding important or very important in regards to electronic health records.

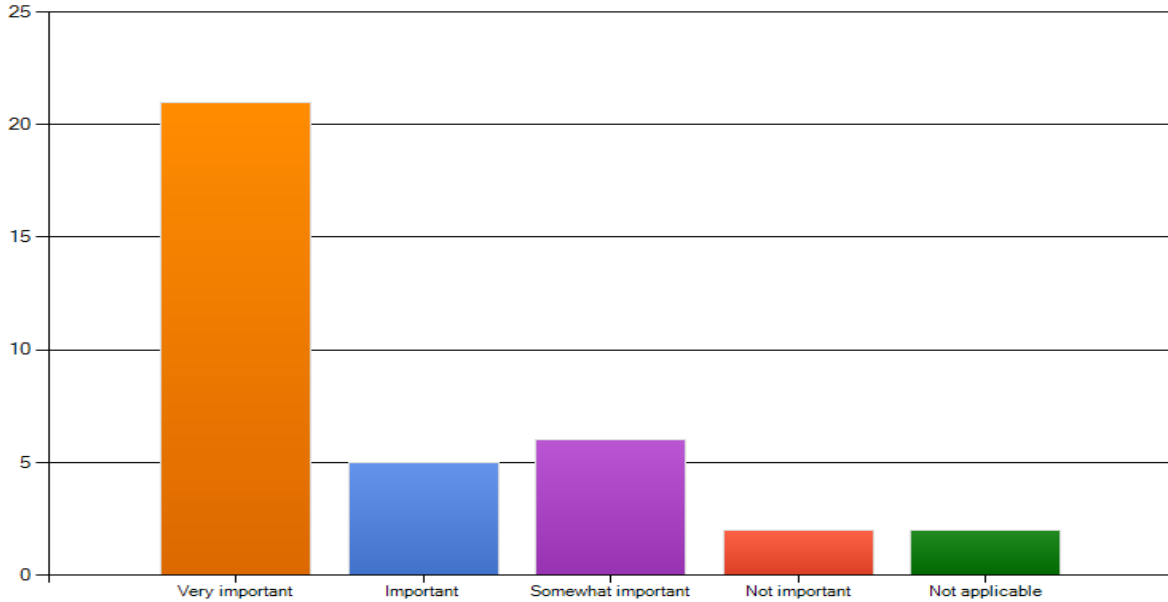
Rate how important SHIP funding has been in procurement of technology equipment to assist with electronic health records.



8. Rate how important SHIP funding has been in procurement of equipment to ensure patient safety.

Table 8 illustrates 72% of the hospitals find SHIP funding important or very important in regards to equipment to ensure patient safety.

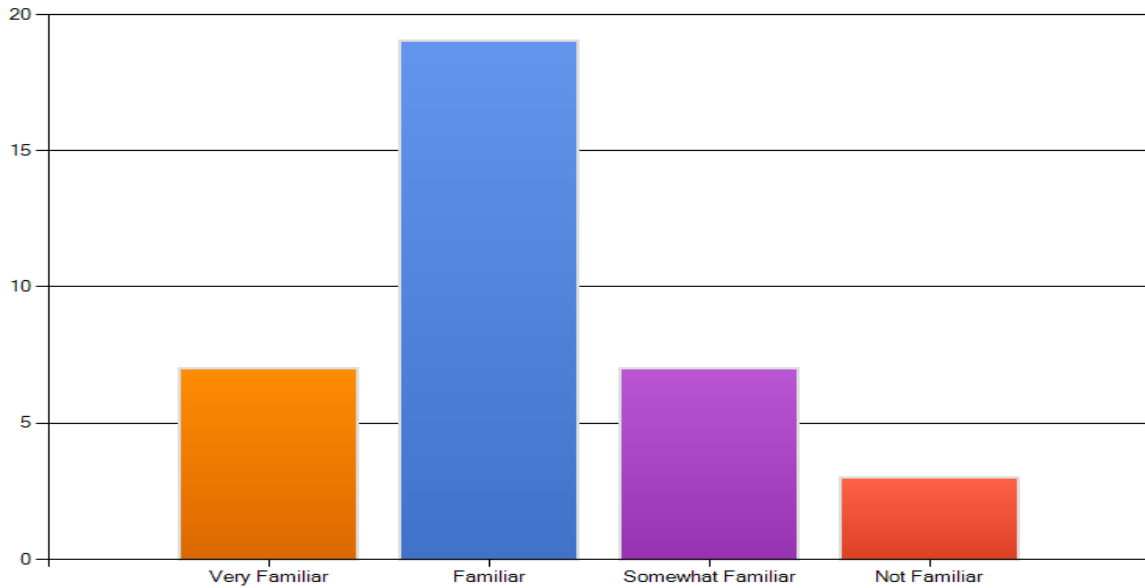
Rate how important SHIP funding has been in procurement of equipment to ensure patient safety.



9. Rate your level of familiarity with the services provided by the Iowa Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) program.

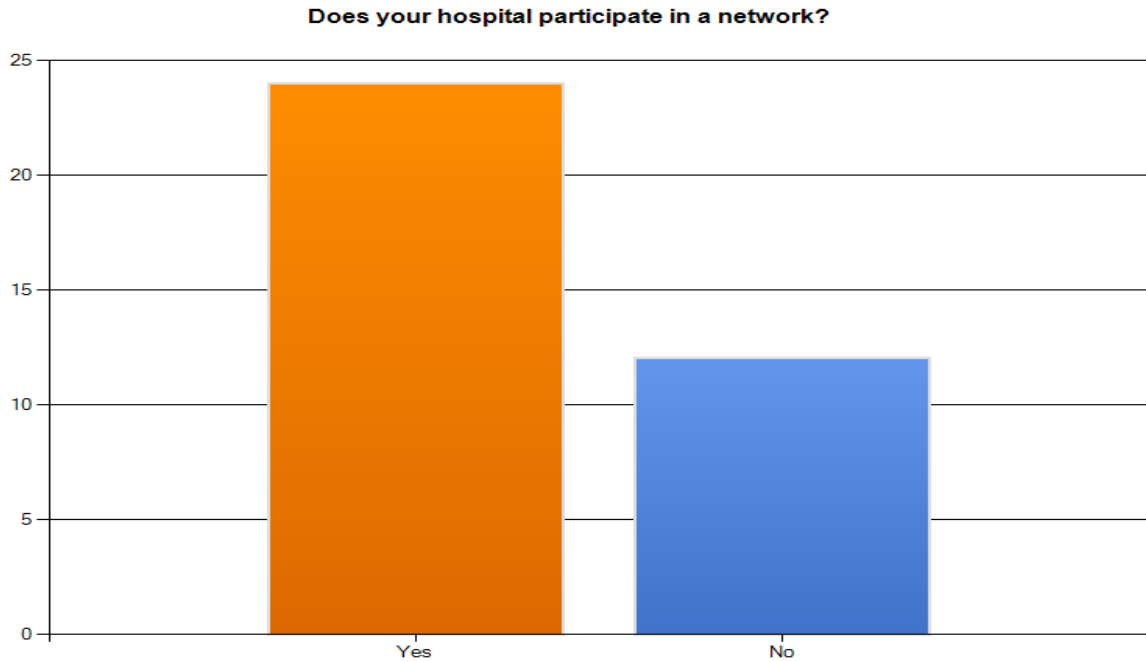
Table 9 illustrates 72% of the hospitals are familiar or very familiar with the FLEX program.

Rate your level of familiarity with the services provided by the Iowa Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) program.



10. Does your hospital participate in a network?

Table 10 illustrates 72% of the hospitals participate in a network.



11. Do the SHIP and FLEX program funding work together to enhance programs or projects within your hospital?

Table 11 illustrates 70% of the hospitals coordinate SHIP and FLEX funding within their hospital.

