

NAHRS/MLA Magnet Coordinator Survey July 2007

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Based on data cleaned for duplicate responses; final report will include merging data from duplicates.

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NAHRS/MLA Magnet survey Goal and process

- Goal: To assess library resources and services at ANCC certified Magnet facilities.
- Secondary goal: enhance Magnet coordinator awareness of what librarians can contribute to the Magnet journey

Process

- Developed by NAHRS Task Force to Create Standards for Nursing Information Resources and Services in Health Care Settings
- and Research Committee, using Survey Monkey
- Approved by MLA Board, with additional questions on role and value of librarian
- Sent to Magnet coordinators via ANCC list
 - Use of list facilitated by Richard Barry, ANA Librarian (ANCC is unit of ANA)
 - Follow-up mailing to Magnet coordinator list
- Cover message encouraged Magnet coordinators to get librarian help with completing survey.
 - DOCUSER database used to identify librarians at Magnet hospitals with no response, sending them the final request

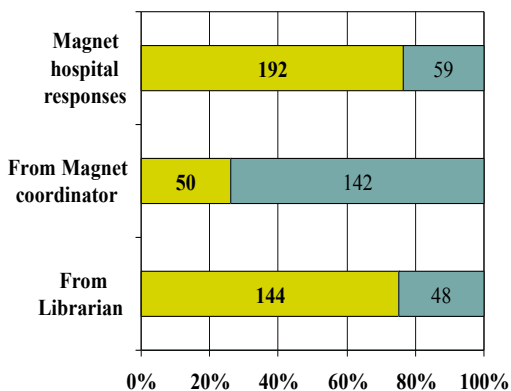
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Magnet Coordinator Survey Responses



- 251 ANCC Magnet certified hospitals at time of survey
- 192 Magnet hospital responses – 76.5% response rate
 - 50 completed by Magnet Coordinator or equivalent
 - 144 by a librarian
 - 2 of above by coordinator *with* librarian
 - Surveys completed by both will be identified when comments from duplicate surveys are added to final results.

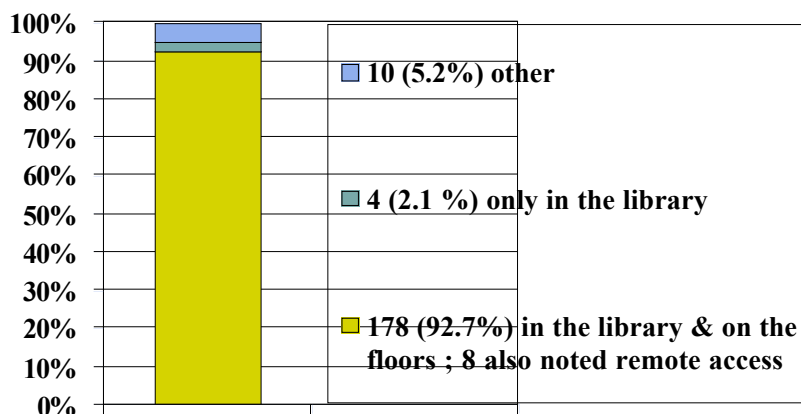


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Internet Access



4. Do your nurses have Internet access?



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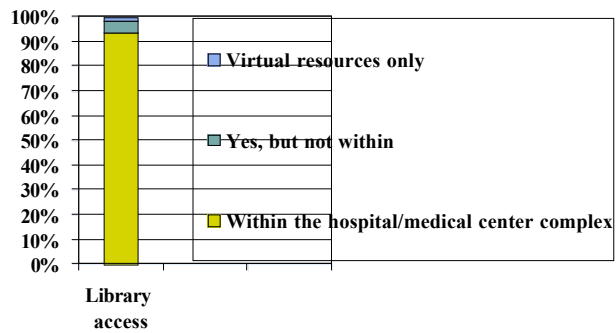
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Library Access



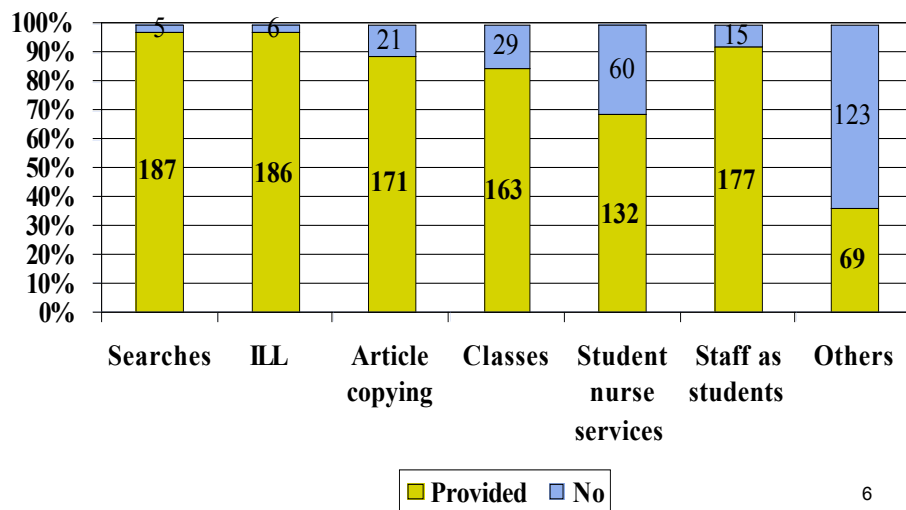
5. Do the nurses in your facility have access to a nursing/medical library?

- 180 (93.8%) within the medical center complex
- 9 (4.7%) access, but not in complex
- 3 (1.6%) virtual resources – no library or librarian



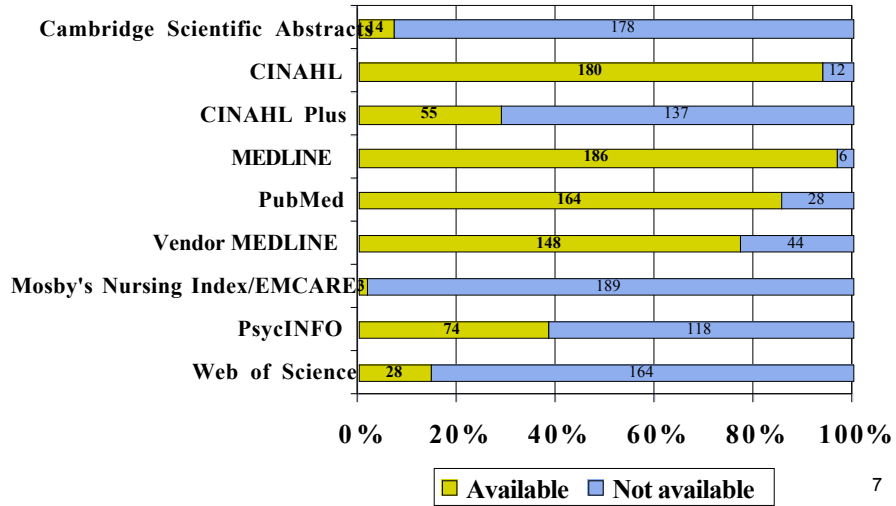
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Library Services



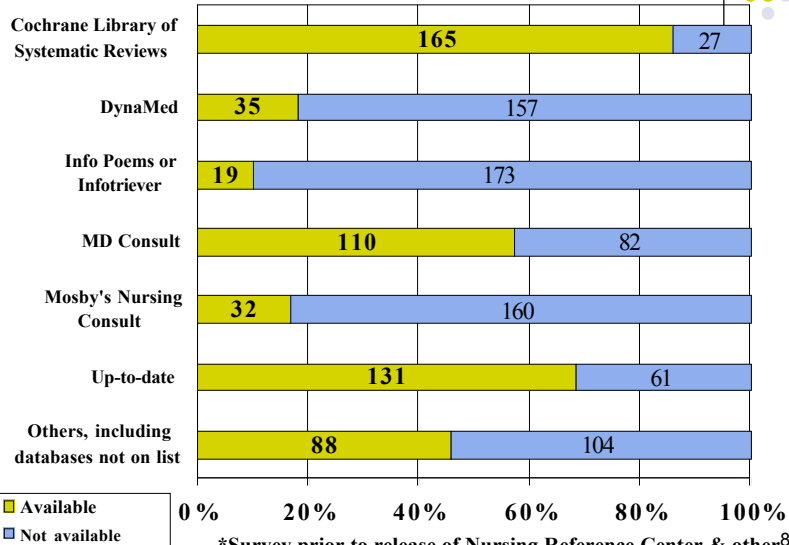
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Bibliographic Databases



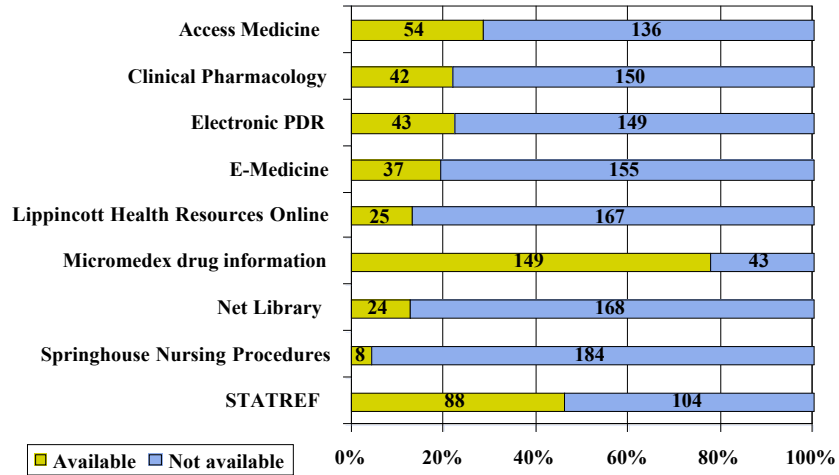
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Point of Care/EBP resources* (some with online books)



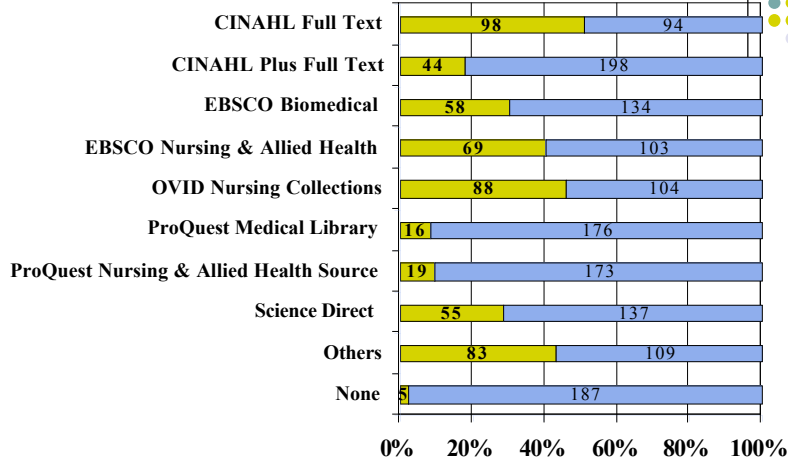
*Survey prior to release of Nursing Reference Center & other⁸ products; did not include skills products.

Online Reference books/databases



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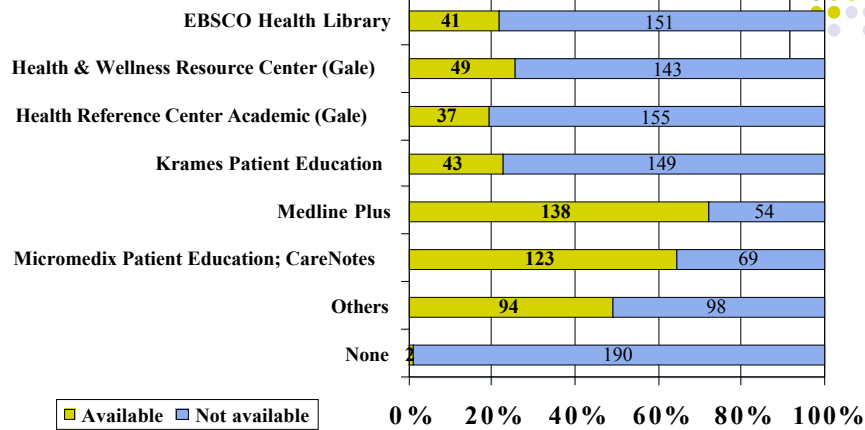
Full-Text Journal Collections



“Others” includes collections in point-of-care products, publisher collections, specific journal titles, and statewide full text packages. Several noted linking to full-text articles from database searches.

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Resources for Patient/Family Education



“Others” include wide variety: Patient-family resource centers including tailored services, In-house resources, Clinical Pharmacology handouts, Lexi-Comp, Well Connected, and a few others. Many noted patient education resources in provider products.

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Library Role in Magnet

11. Was a librarian involved in the journey to Magnet at your institution?

- 152 Yes (79.2%)
 - Higher % of librarians noted involvement (Magnet coordinator more likely to pass survey to librarian if they were involved)
 - Noted library services **plus**:
 - Data for Magnet application; proof reading
 - EBP & guidelines development support, including citation management resources and services
 - Education committees; journal clubs; teaching EBP skills
 - Magnet committee – often only non-nurse
 - Research teams; IRB
 - Web pages, including one Blog

See separate compilation; will be categorized and analyzed for MLA

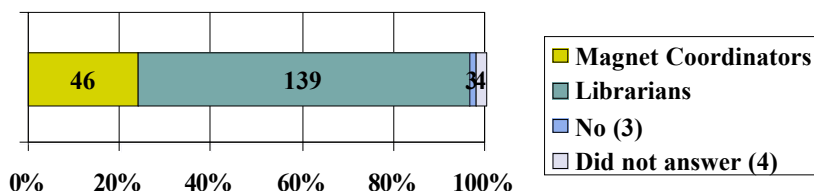
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Added Value of Medical Librarian



12. If your facility or institution has a medical librarian or access to one, do you perceive that this provides added value for the institution and employees?

- 96.4% of (185 of 192 hospitals) said yes, based on data before adding back comments from duplicate responses.
- Comments added by 83 for yes responses, and 4 No/no response (see separate comments list)
- Librarians sometimes unaware of what was valued by those in Magnet coordinator role



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Preliminary recommendations



Magnet standards should include:

- Access to a hospital library or library system meeting the current MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries, 2007.
- 24/7 access to the Internet (as well as Intranet) for all nurses at the point of care, including adequate number of computers.
- 24/7 access to library resources for clinical decision making, including resources specific to nursing information needs and those needed for patient/family education.
 - Includes 24/7 access to a core reference collection, as well as appropriate online resources.
 - Remote access is desirable.
- Nursing collaboration with librarians to select appropriate KBI resources.
 - Nursing support for library budget.
- Library support for nursing staff pursuing further education that meets goals of Magnet program.
- Access to clinical information resources for nursing students on clinical rotations
- Qualified health science librarian participation in the Magnet journey, as well as patient safety and patient/family education initiatives.

Survey responses suggest that most – but not all – hospitals achieving Magnet status meet these standards. Those aspiring to Magnet status should be apprised of these needs before learning lessons the hard way₁₄