

Stretcher Operation at Regional Emergency Departments



By EMSI and the TQM QI Committee
Survey

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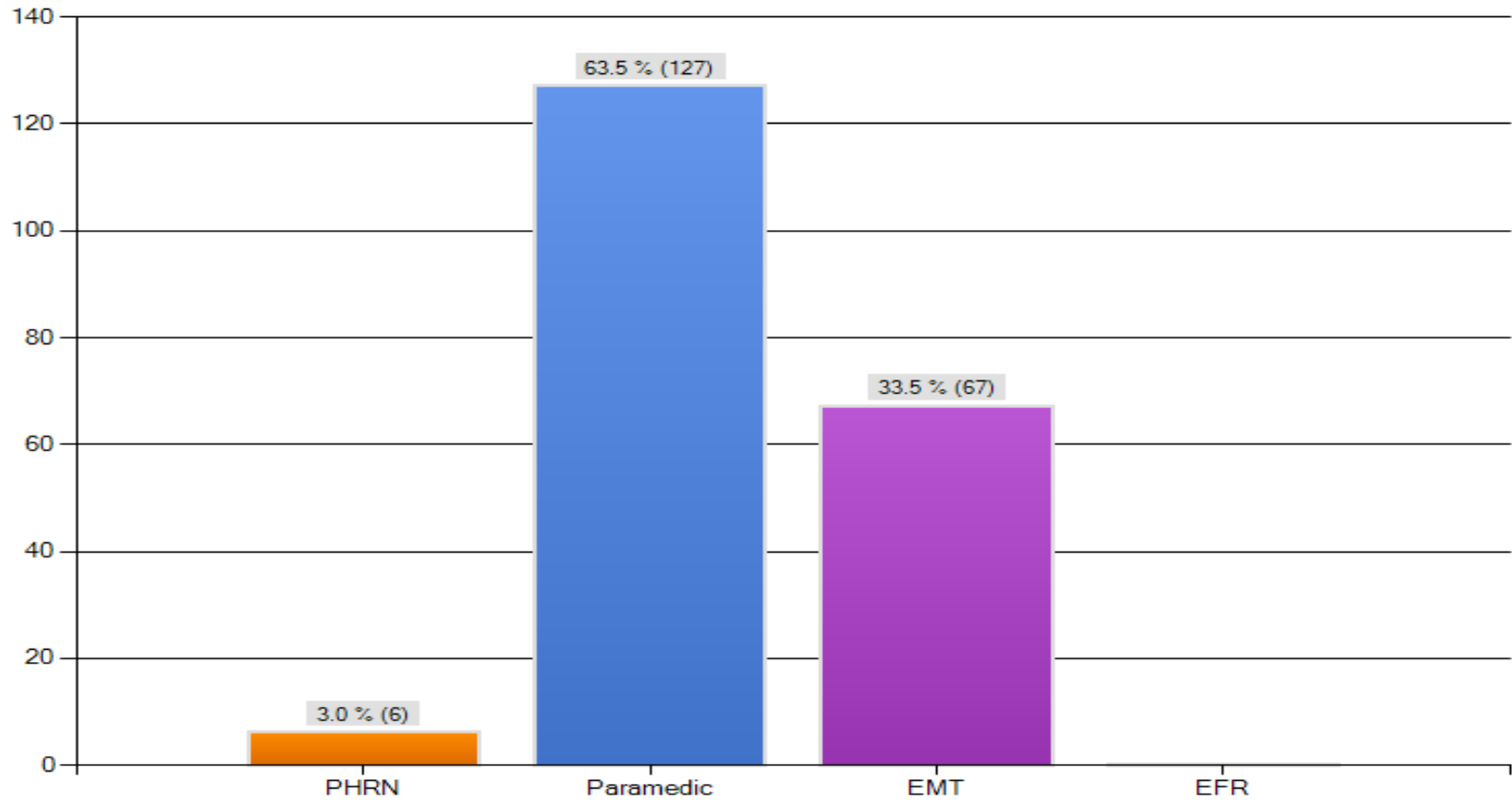


- It has come to our attention that when EMS providers arrive at the emergency department, crews have been asked to lower their stretchers while the patient is still on it. Once the stretcher is in the low position (chair level), the patient is sometimes assisted to a wheelchair instead of a hospital bed. EMSI was asked to investigate to and find out if it was a regular practice within the region. A survey was developed that had 200 respondents. The survey was completed by working EMS providers who visit our local emergency departments on a regular basis.

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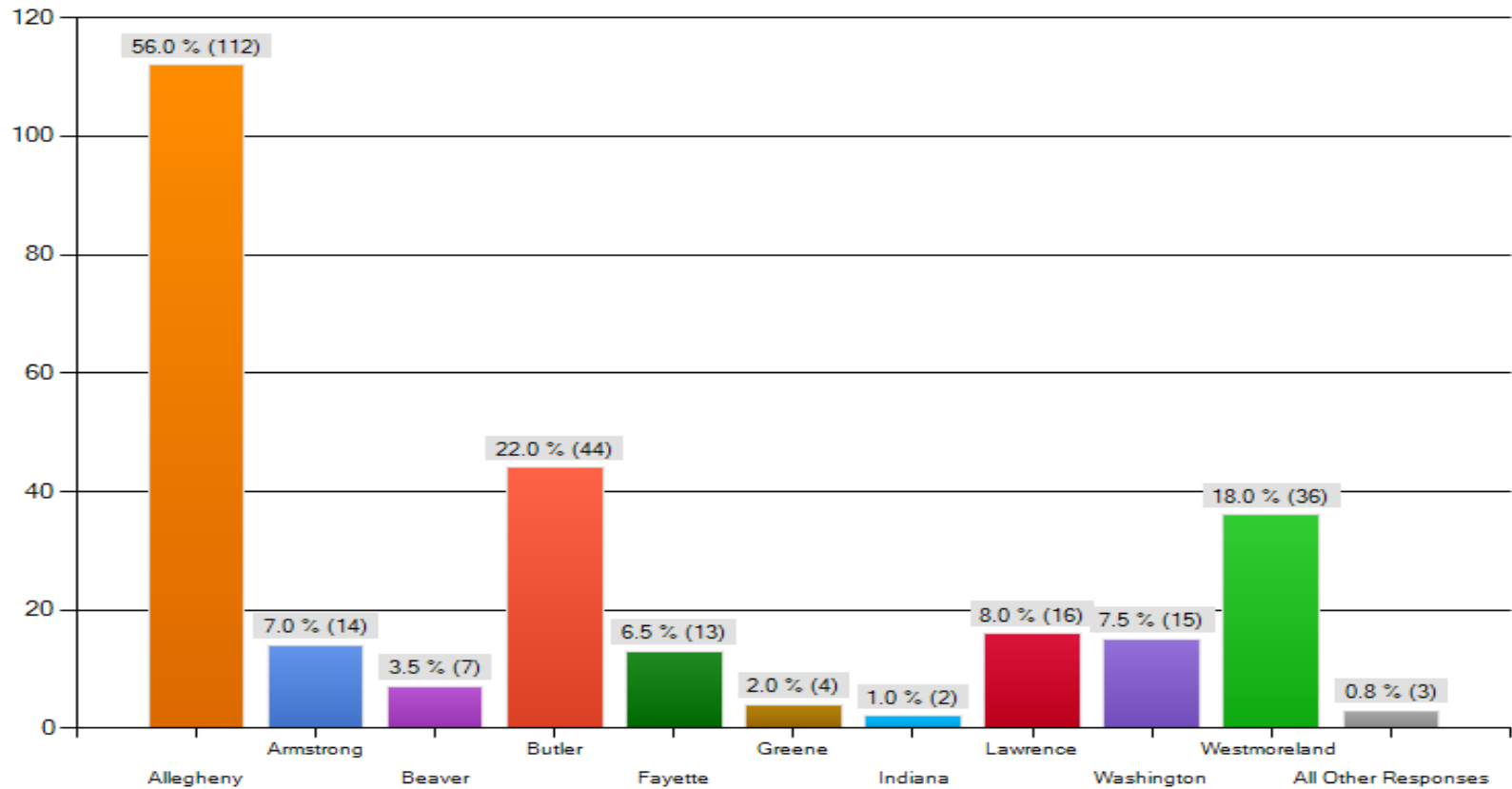
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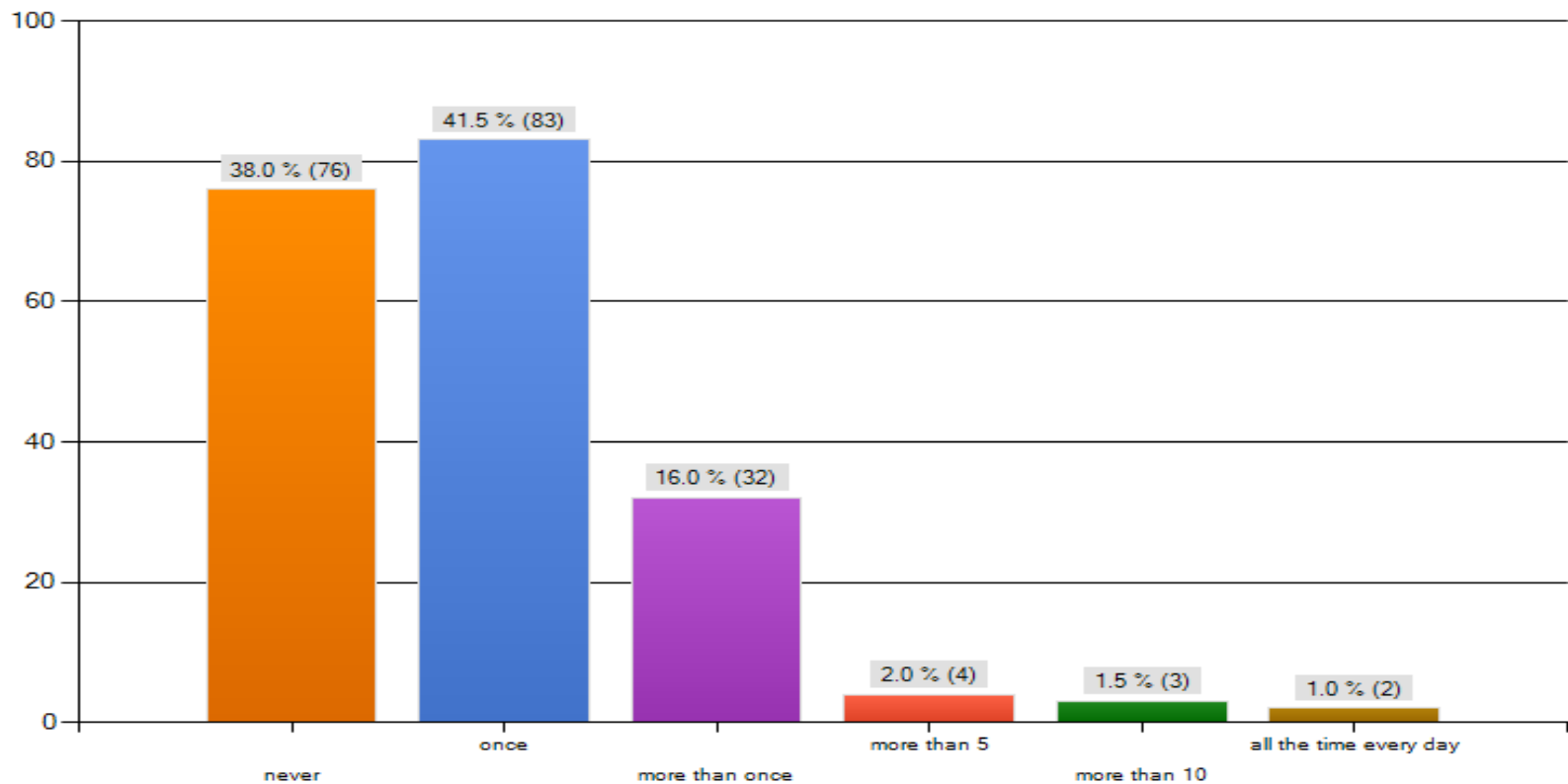
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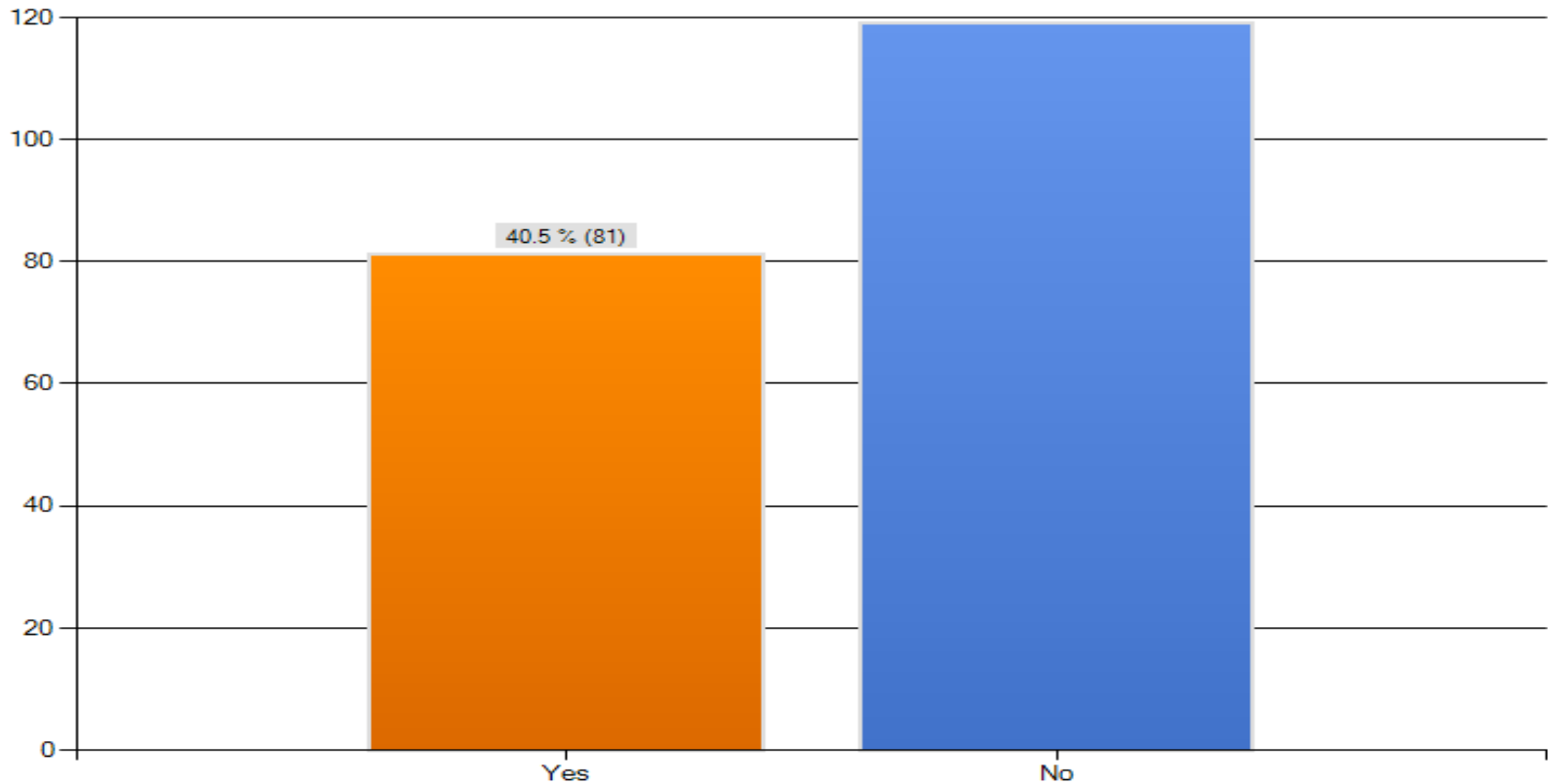
You arrive at the local emergency department with a patient and one other crew member. As you enter the patient area you are asked to transfer the patient to a wheelchair rather than a patient bed. How many times does this happen on any given day?



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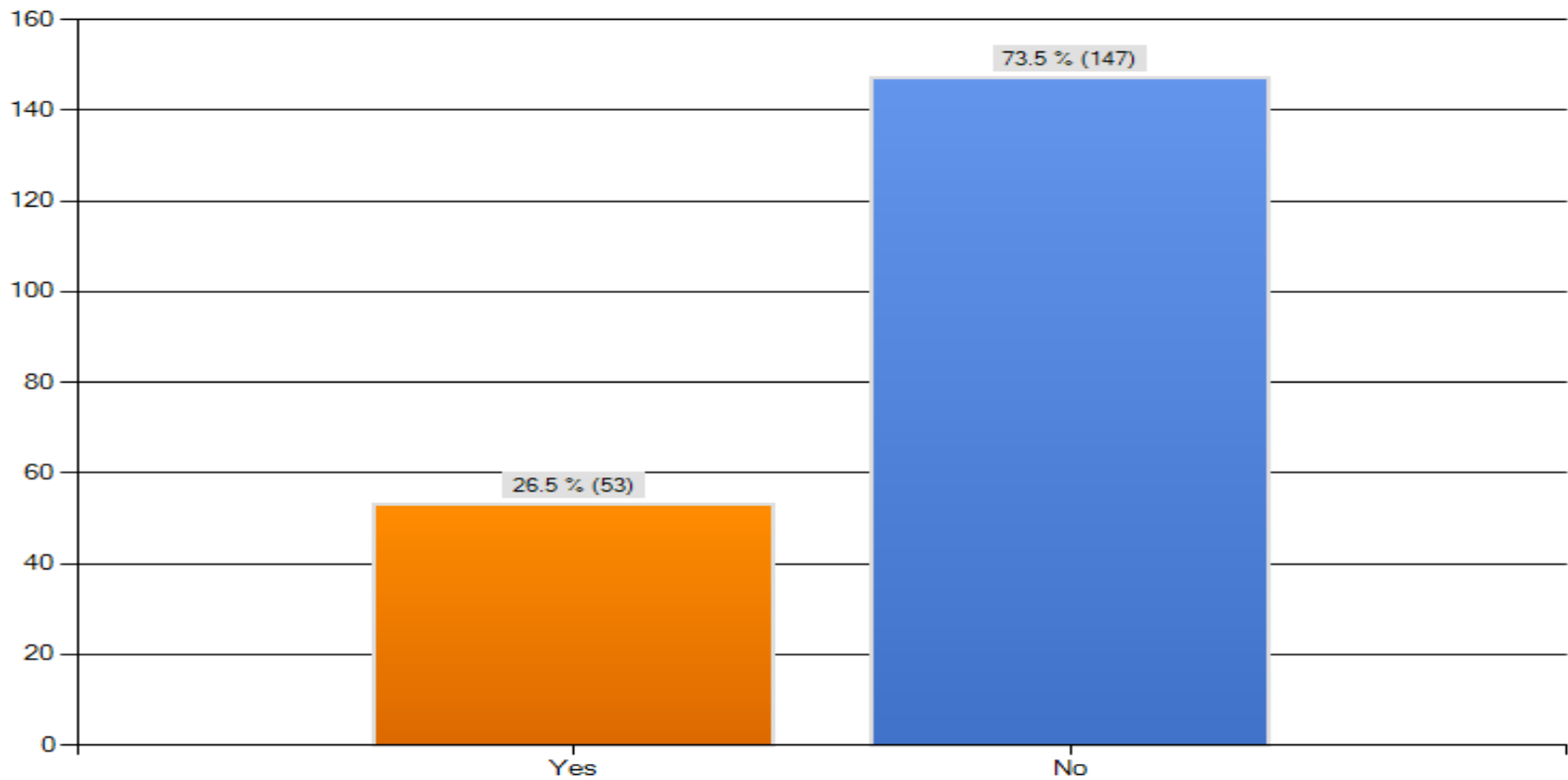
Do you think the action of lowering your stretcher while the patient is still on it is unsafe for you as an EMS provider?



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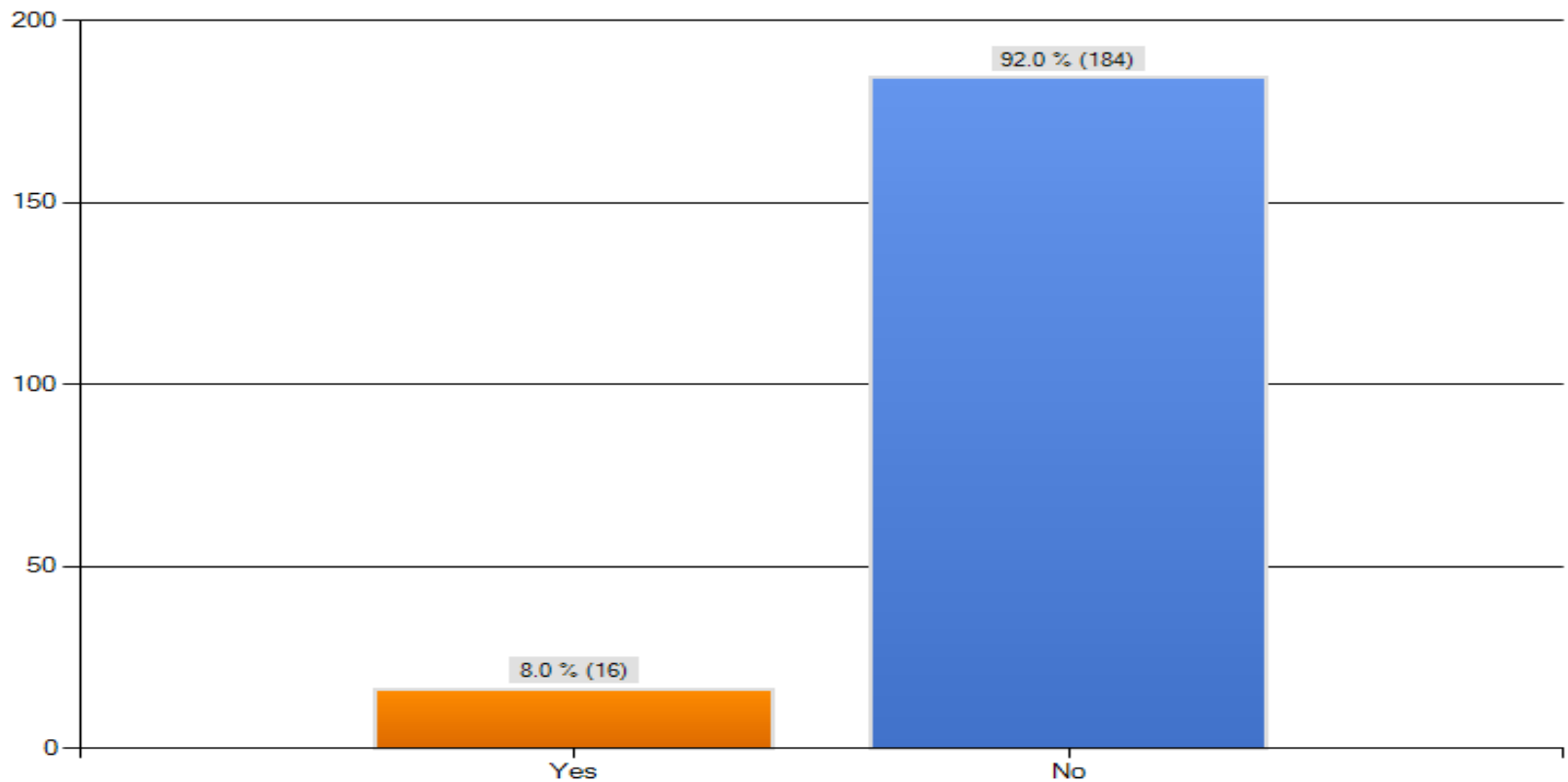
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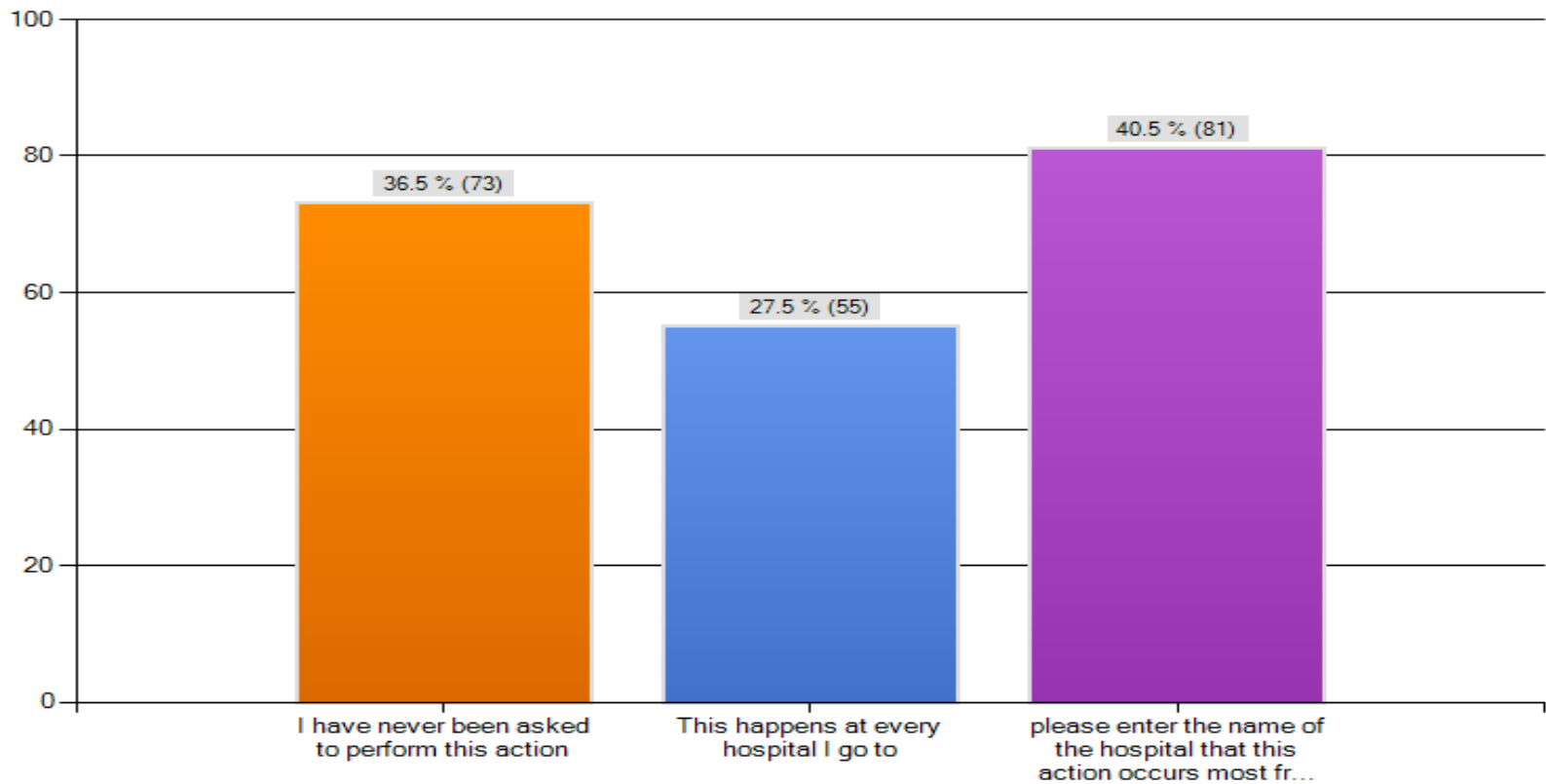
Have you ever been injured while lowering your stretcher while the patient is still on it at the emergency department?



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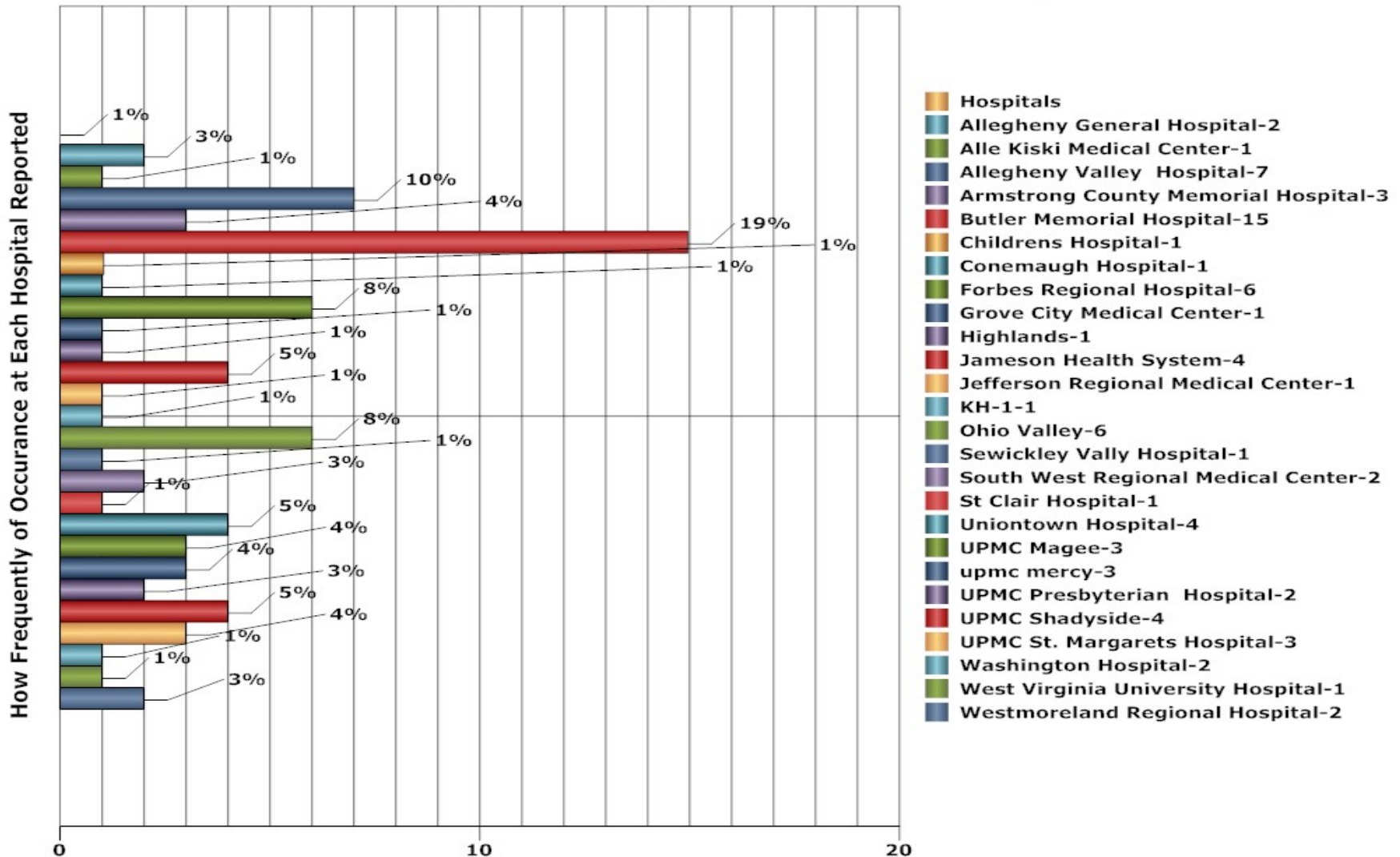
If you have been asked to transfer a patient to a wheelchair and had to lower your stretcher while the patient is still on it, at which hospital does this occur most frequently for you and your crew?



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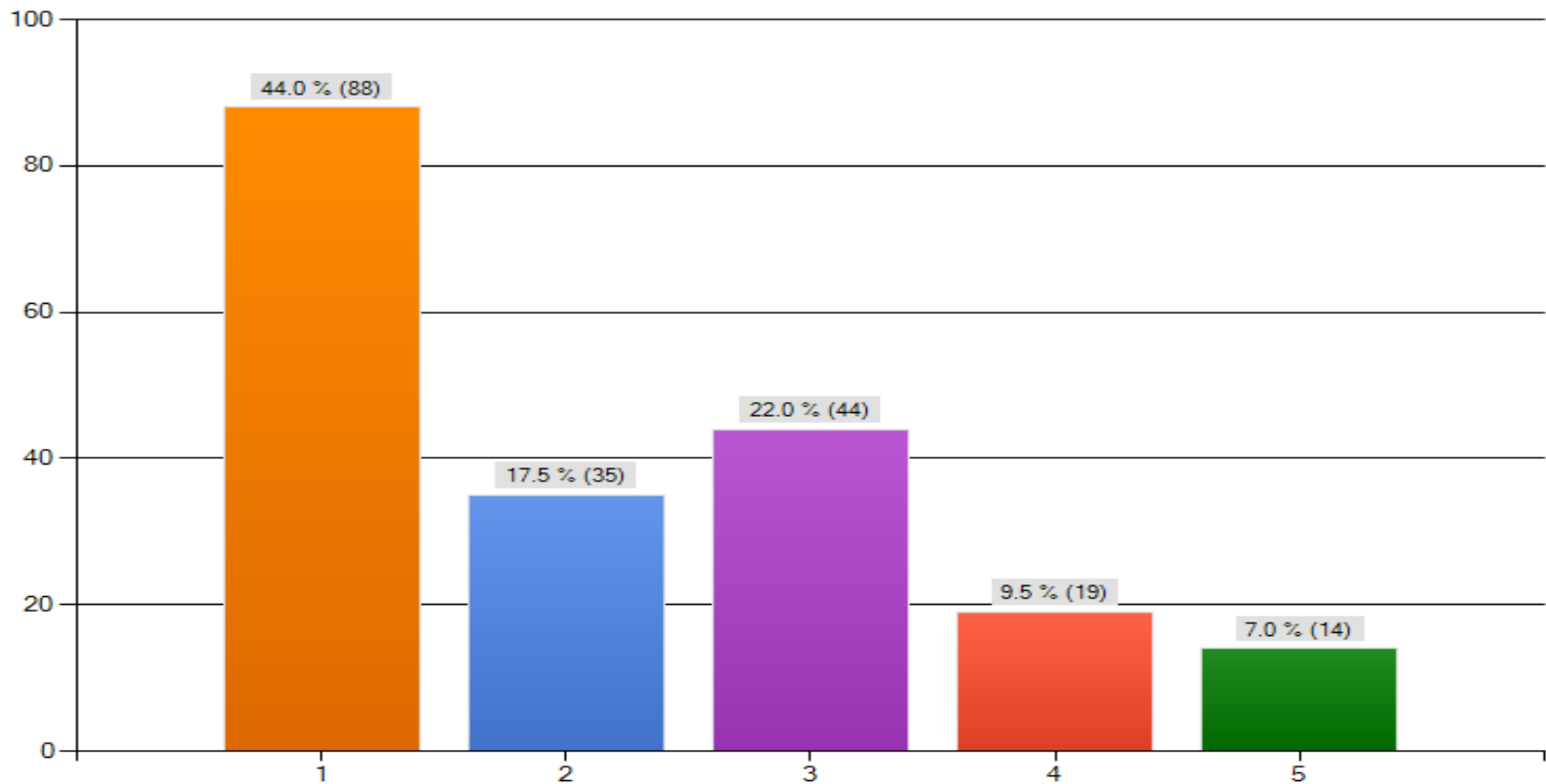
Hospitals Reported in survey



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On a scale of 1 - 5, 1 being the least and 5 being the most, how important is this issue to you, the working EMS provider?



Thank you for your participation!

