



Medicines shortages in Europe:
***A picture of the problem from the
hospital pharmacy perspective***

EAHP surveys on medicines shortages

- Over **300** individual responses from hospital pharmacists across Europe
- Responses from **27** countries
- **99%** of respondents say they have experienced problems with medicines shortages in the past year
- **63%** say the problem is a weekly, sometimes daily occurrence
- **77%** say the problem has got worse in the last year
- **57%** say shortages in generics > patent medicines
- **71%** of respondents identified **oncology medicines** as an area commonly experiencing shortages
- **Emergency medicine** was identified as a common shortage area by **44%**, and **cardiovascular medicine** by **35%** of respondents

99%



Solutions / the role of EMA

- **European wide coordination** of alerts to medicines shortages such as a single European information portal (e.g FDA portal in the USA)
- Stronger requirements for manufacturers to **give due notice of likely supply interruptions**
- Stronger **requirements for authorisation holders to ensure the reliable supply of products** for which they hold the licence
- **Sharing best practice of national authorities**

