

## **ASHP national survey of pharmacy practice in hospital settings: dispensing and administration—2011.**

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Hospitals' use of electronic medical records and [computerized provider order entry](#) (CPOE) continues to increase [relatively slowly](#). However, this annual survey of more than 1400 hospitals by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists found that uptake of medication safety technology has quickened. Half of responding hospitals reported using [barcode medication administration](#), and more than two-thirds use electronic medication administration records and smart infusion pumps. In contrast, a much smaller proportion of hospitals reported using CPOE. These findings indicate that hospitals overall are incorporating new technologies proven to reduce the risk of medication errors.