

## Survey Report

**HSR/Merger** TOTAL RESPONSES: 509 PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSE: 26%

Please note: Responses are listed in order of magnitude, greatest to least, not as they appeared in the survey.

We are facing a lot of big questions, both nationally and locally, about the future of our health care system. The Medical Society would like to gauge the opinions of Rhode Island physicians. Please take the 90 seconds needed to complete this survey.

**HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM****1. Our current health care system is in need of reform.**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	419 (82.32)
b. somewhat agree	67 (13.16)
e. disagree	10 (1.96)
d. somewhat disagree	8 (1.57)
c. no opinion	5 (0.98)

**2. Health insurance coverage should be made available and affordable for all citizens and legal residents ("universal coverage").**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	381 (74.85)
b. somewhat agree	75 (14.73)
e. disagree	30 (5.89)
d. somewhat disagree	15 (2.95)
c. no opinion	8 (1.57)

**3. Health insurance coverage should be mandatory for all citizens and legal residents.**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	283 (55.60)
b. somewhat agree	90 (17.68)
e. disagree	79 (15.52)
d. somewhat disagree	43 (8.45)
c. no opinion	14 (2.75)

**4. Any health system reform should include a "public option" ("individual mandate").**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	250 (49.12)
e. disagree	104 (20.43)
b. somewhat agree	86 (16.90)
c. no opinion	37 (7.27)
d. somewhat disagree	32 (6.29)

**5. The United States should adopt a "single payer" model ("Medicare for all").**

Item	Responses (%)
e. disagree	197 (38.70)
a. agree	125 (24.56)
b. somewhat agree	83 (16.31)

d. somewhat disagree	77 (15.13)
c. no opinion	27 (5.30)

**6. Medical Liability reform is essential to controlling the costs of health care delivery.**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	413 (81.14)
b. somewhat agree	67 (13.16)
d. somewhat disagree	15 (2.95)
e. disagree	7 (1.38)
c. no opinion	7 (1.38)

**7. Promoting access to primary care is essential to controlling the costs of health care delivery.**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	321 (63.06)
b. somewhat agree	101 (19.84)
d. somewhat disagree	36 (7.07)
e. disagree	32 (6.29)
c. no opinion	19 (3.73)

**LIFESPAN-CARE NEW ENGLAND MERGER**

**8. The proposed Lifespan-CNE merger will result in an overall improvement of RI's health care system.**

Item	Responses (%)
e. disagree	159 (31.67)
c. no opinion	121 (24.10)
d. somewhat disagree	82 (16.33)
a. agree	76 (15.14)
b. somewhat agree	64 (12.75)

**9. The proposed Lifespan-CNE merger will help hold down the increasing cost of health insurance premiums.**

Item	Responses (%)
e. disagree	201 (39.49)
c. no opinion	122 (23.97)
d. somewhat disagree	88 (17.29)
b. somewhat agree	52 (10.22)
a. agree	46 (9.04)

**10. The proposed Lifespan-CNE merger is necessary to protect the financial well being of the affected hospitals.**

Item	Responses (%)
c. no opinion	133 (26.13)
e. disagree	130 (25.54)
b. somewhat agree	105 (20.63)
a. agree	77 (15.13)
d. somewhat disagree	64 (12.57)

**11. The proposed Lifespan-CNE merger will financially harm hospitals not affiliated with these two hospital groups.**

Item	Responses (%)
a. agree	220 (43.22)
b. somewhat agree	123 (24.17)
c. no opinion	103 (20.24)
d. somewhat disagree	44 (8.64)
e. disagree	19 (3.73)

**12. As a physician, I support the proposed Lifespan-CNE merger.**

Item	Responses (%)
e. disagree	158 (31.04)
c. no opinion	117 (22.99)
a. agree	111 (21.81)
d. somewhat disagree	70 (13.75)
b. somewhat agree	53 (10.41)

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**13. Did you attend medical school or receive your residency training in RI?**

Number of Responses: 509 (YES: 38.31% NO: 61.69%)

**14. What is the primary focus of your practice?**

Item	Responses (%)
a. primary care	127 (24.95)
b. internal medicine subspecialty	92 (18.07)
h. other	73 (14.34)
d. surgical subspecialty	45 (8.84)
i. emergency medicine	41 (8.06)
j. psychiatry	31 (6.09)
h. radiology	27 (5.30)
c. general surgery	27 (5.30)
e. obstetrics/gynecology	21 (4.13)
f. anesthesiology	17 (3.34)
g. pathology	8 (1.57)

**15. How many years have you been in practice in RI?**

Item	Responses (%)
c. > 10	367 (72.10)
b. 5 - 10	92 (18.07)
a. 1 - 4	50 (9.82)

**16. Your practice size is: (number of physicians only)**

Item	Responses (%)
a. 1 - 4	214 (42.04)
e. > 15	130 (25.54)
b. 5 - 8	100 (19.65)
c. 9 - 12	46 (9.04)
d. 13 - 15	19 (3.73)

**17. At which hospital do you practice/admit most patients?**

Item	Responses (%)
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i. Rhode Island Hospital	141 (27.70)
g. The Miriam Hospital	86 (16.90)
d. Kent County Memorial Hospital	44 (8.64)
o. Women & Infants Hospital	44 (8.64)
f. Memorial Hospital of RI	36 (7.07)
k. South County Hospital	35 (6.88)
j. Roger Williams Medical Center	27 (5.30)
l. St. Joseph Health Services of RI	22 (4.32)
b. Butler Hospital	21 (4.13)
h. Newport Hospital	17 (3.34)
e. Landmark Medical Center	15 (2.95)
n. The Westerly Hospital	9 (1.77)
m. Veterans Administration Medical Center	5 (0.98)
c. Eleanor Slater Hospital	4 (0.79)
a. Bradley Hospital	3 (0.59)