**AHRQ Pharmacy Survey on Patient Safety Culture Data File Layout**

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**Data Submission Specifications**

These specifications are for preparing your respondent-level data from the Pharmacy Survey on Patient Safety Culture. The instructions below tell you how to prepare your Excel data file for submission to the Pharmacy Comparative Database.

**INSTRUCTIONS (Excel File Only):**

**Step 1:** Include a header row with the variable name for each column.

**Step 2:** Submit individual survey response data using the response values indicated in this document (beginning on page 4).

**Step 3**: Check your data before for the following things:

* **OUT-OF-RANGE VALUES**

You should clean your data before submitting to the database to ensure that there are no out-of-range values and that the data submitted are free from error. Make sure all response values match the response value for the question.

* **REVERSE CODED ITEMS**

Do not submit reverse coded data on the survey’s negatively worded items—simply submit each individual’s unmodified responses to the survey items.

For example, survey item C3, “This pharmacy places more emphasis on sales than on patient safety” is negatively worded. Regardless, the data should be submitted so that 1=Strongly disagree and 5=Strongly agree, as originally indicated in the survey, as follows:

1=Strongly Disagree

2=Disagree

3=Neither

4=Agree

5=Strongly Agree

9= Does Not Apply or Don’t Know

* **STAFF POSITIONS**

If your Pharmacy modified or added a new staff position (F3) category, you MUST RECODE your specific staff positions back to the survey’s original staff position category. If you added staff positions that do not match any of the survey’s original staff positions, re-code your specific staff positions as “OTHER” (F3 = “e”), before submitting your data.

* **OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY TEXT**

Do not include Other-Please Specify data (Section G). While you may find it useful to review this text, it should not be submitted to the Database.

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| **Record Identifier** |  |  |  |
| Site Id | SITEID | Column A | 5 digits or less |
| Individual Unique Record ID | UNIQUEID | Column B | 4 digits or less |
| **SECTION A: Working in This Pharmacy** |
| 1. This pharmacy is well organized
 | A1 | Column C  | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff treat each other with respect
 | A2 | Column D | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Technicians in this pharmacy receive the training they need to do their jobs
 | A3 | Column E | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff in this pharmacy clearly understand their roles and responsibilities
 | A4 | Column F | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. This pharmacy is free of clutter
 | A5 | Column G | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| 1. Staff in this pharmacy have the skills they need to do their jobs well
 | A6 | Column H | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. The physical layout of this pharmacy supports good work flow
 | A7 | Column I | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff who are new to this pharmacy receive adequate orientation
 | A8 | Column J | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff work together as an effective team
 | A9 | Column K | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff get enough training from this pharmacy
 | A10 | Column L | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| **Section B: Communication and Work Pace** |
| 1. Staff ideas and suggestions are valued in this pharmacy
 | B1 | Column M | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. We encourage patients to talk to pharmacists about their medications
 | B2 | Column N | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff take adequate breaks during their shifts
 | B3 | Column O | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. We have clear expectations about exchanging important prescription information across shifts
 | B4 | Column P | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff feel comfortable asking questions when they are unsure about something
 | B5 | Column Q | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. We have standard procedures for communicating prescription information across shifts
 | B6 | Column R | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| 1. Our pharmacists spend enough time talking to patients about how to use their medications
 | B7 | Column S | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff in this pharmacy discuss mistakes
 | B8 | Column T | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. We feel rushed when processing prescriptions
 | B9 | Column U | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. It is easy for staff to speak up to their supervisor/ manager about patient safety concerns in this pharmacy
 | B10 | Column V | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Our pharmacists tell patients important information about their new prescriptions
 | B11 | Column W | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| 1. We have enough staff to handle the workload
 | B12 | Column X | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. When patient safety issues occur in this pharmacy, staff discuss them
 | B13 | Column Y | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| 1. The status of problematic prescriptions is well communicated across shifts
 | B14 | Column Z | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. In this pharmacy, we talk about ways to prevent mistakes from happening again
 | B15 | Column 27 | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Interruptions/distractions in this pharmacy (from phone calls, faxes, customers, etc.) make it difficult for staff to work accurately
 | B16 | Column 28 | 1=Never2=Rarely3=Sometimes4=Most of the time5=Always9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| **SECTION C: Patient Safety and Response to Mistakes** |
| 1. Staff are treated fairly when they make mistakes
 | C1 | Column Q | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. When a mistake happens, we try to figure out what problems in the work process led to the mistake
 | C2 | Column R | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. This pharmacy places more emphasis on sales than on patient safety
 | C3 | Column S | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. This pharmacy helps staff learn from their mistakes rather than punishing them
 | C4 | Column T | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. When the same mistake keeps happening, we change the way we do things
 | C5 | Column U | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. This pharmacy is good at preventing mistakes
 | C6 | Column V | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| 1. We look at staff actions and the way we do things to understand why mistakes happen in this pharmacy
 | C7 | Column W | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Staff feel like their mistakes are held against them
 | C8 | Column X | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. The way we do things in this pharmacy reflects a strong focus on patient safety
 | C9 | Column Y | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. Mistakes have led to positive changes in this pharmacy
 | C10 | Column Z | 1=Strongly Disagree2=Disagree3=Neither Agree nor Disagree4=Agree5=Strongly Agree9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |

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| **SECTION D: Documenting Mistakes** |
| 1. When a mistake reaches the patient and could cause harm but does not, how often is it documented?
 | D1 | Column AA | 1=Never documented2=Rarely documented3=Sometimes documented4=Most of the time documented5=Always documented9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. When a mistake reaches the patient but has no potential to harm the patient, how often is it documented?
 | D2 | Column AB | 1=Never documented2=Rarely documented3=Sometimes documented4=Most of the time documented5=Always documented9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| 1. When a mistake that could have harmed the patient is corrected BEFORE the medication leaves the pharmacy, how often is it documented?
 | D3 | Column AC | 1=Never documented2=Rarely documented3=Sometimes documented4=Most of the time documented5=Always documented9=Does Not Apply or Don’t Knowblank=Missing |
| **SECTION E: Overall Rating** |
| 1. How do you rate this pharmacy on patient safety? | EA | Column AD | 1=Poor2=Fair3=Good4=Very Good5=Excellentblank=Missing or properly skipped |

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| **SECTION F: Background Questions** |
| 1. How long have you worked in this pharmacy?
 | F1 | Column AE | a=Less than 6 monthsb=6 months to less than 1 yearc=1 year to less than 3 yearsd=3 years to less than 6 yearse=6 years to less than 12 yearsf=12 years or moreblank=Missing |
| 1. Typically, how many hours per week do you work in this pharmacy?
 | F2 | Column AF | a=1 to 16 hours per weekb=17 to 31 hours per weekc=32 to 40 hours per weekd=More than 40 hours per weekblank=Missing |
| 1. What is your position in this pharmacy? Check ONE category that best applies to your job.
 | F3 | Column AG | a= Pharmacist (including pharmacy manager, lead pharmacist, pharmacist-in-charge, staff pharmacist)b= Pharmacy technician (including lead technician and staff technician)c= Pharmacy clerk or pharmacy cashierd= Pharmacy student intern/externe= Otherblank=Missing |
| TEXT FOR YOUR COMMENTS [Section G]\* - **DO NOT SUBMIT TO DATABASE** |