



Partnership for Safe Medicines Frequency Questionnaire

September 13-17, 2024
1000 Likely Voters

Q.7 On a different topic, how much do you trust the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to make sure medicine is safe?

	Total
A great deal	29
A fair amount	52
Not much	14
Not at all.....	5
Not sure	-
Great deal/Some	81
Total Not.....	19
(ref:FDATRUST)	

Q.8 How familiar are you with compounding pharmacies?

	Total
Very familiar	10
Somewhat familiar	29
A little familiar	24
Not familiar at all.....	37
Not sure	-
Very/Somewhat	39
Little/Not at all	61
(ref:CPKNOW)	

Q.9 How familiar are you with compounded medicines?

	Total
Very familiar	8
Somewhat familiar	28
A little familiar	27
Not familiar at all.....	37
Not sure	-
Very/Somewhat	36
Little/Not at all	64
(ref:CMKNOW)	

Q.10 Do you think compounded medicines are safe?

	Total
Yes, very safe.....	14
Yes, somewhat safe.....	61
No, somewhat unsafe	20
No, very unsafe	5
Not sure	0
Total Safe	75
Total Unsafe.....	25
Safe - Unsafe	50
(ref:CMEDSAFE)	

Q.11 Do you personally know someone, including yourself, who has ever taken a compounded medicine?

	Total
Yes, myself	13
Yes, a friend or family member	15
Yes, someone else	8
No.....	39
Not sure	26
Total Friend/Family	28
Total Yes	35
(ref:HADCM)	

Q.12 Do you personally know someone, including yourself, who has ever taken prescription injectable drugs for diabetes or obesity - also known as weight loss injectable drugs - such as Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro, or Zepbound?

	Total
Yes, myself	9
Yes, a friend or family member	33
Yes, someone else	10
No.....	48
Not sure	-
Total Friend/Family	42
Total Yes	52
(ref:HADWLD)	

Q.13 Recently, there has been a significant increase in compounded versions of these injectable weight loss drugs sold through weight loss clinics, health spas, compounding pharmacies, and even online and through social media. These compounded drugs are not regulated or overseen by the FDA in the same manner as pharmaceutical manufacturers, and there is no guarantee that customers receive the amount or quality of the drug they think they are getting. At the same time, there has been a shortage of the real drugs, and the compounded versions are easier and sometimes cheaper to get.

Hearing this, do you have any concerns about weight loss drugs that come from these entities?

	Total
Yes, a lot.....	40
Yes, some	35
Yes, a little	16
None.....	8
Not sure	-
A lot/Some	76
Total Yes	92
(ref:CPCONCER)	

Q.14 Would you feel safe taking these compounded weight loss drugs?

	Total
Yes, very safe.....	5
Yes, somewhat safe.....	21
No, somewhat unsafe	40
No, very unsafe	35
Not sure	0
Total Safe	26
Total Unsafe.....	74
Safe - Unsafe	-49
(ref:YOUCP)	

Q.15 Currently, the FDA does not review or approve these compounded weight loss drugs to make sure they are safe. Do you think the FDA should use their existing authority to ensure these compounded weight loss drugs are safe?

	Total
Yes.....	90
No.....	10
Not sure	-
Yes - No.....	81
(ref:LMTCWLDVT1)	

Q.16 Do you think Congress should take action to make the FDA regulate the production, marketing and sale of compounded weight loss drugs?

	Total
Yes.....	86
No.....	14
Not sure
Yes - No.....	72
(ref:CWLDGOVVT1)	

Q.17 Here are some facts about compounded weight-loss injectables. For each one, please rate how concerned you are about that issue or impact.

	Very Conc	Smwt Conc	Not Very Conc	Not at All Conc	Not Sure	Very/Smwt Conc	Total Not Conc
21 Nearly half of online pharmacies selling compounded weight-loss drugs are operating illegally.....	71	21	5	2	-	93	7
28 Online sellers may ship compounded, counterfeit, or research only (not for human consumption) versions of medicines from unknown or uncertain places of origin, like China.....	70	24	4	2	-	93	7
24 Because the FDA does not review or approve compounded drugs (including compounded weight loss drugs), people might not be getting the drug they expect. Tests have shown that some compounded weight loss drugs contain bacteria, impurities, and different ingredients than advertised.	66	28	5	1	0	93	7
26 An online security firm pulled down 250 websites for selling fake versions of these weight loss drugs.....	65	27	6	2	0	92	8
17 Compounded versions of weight-loss drugs can be sold without directions for how to measure and take each dose, leaving patients to use calculators or the Internet for help.	63	28	7	2	-	92	8
[500 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT B) Compounded medicines do not undergo the same FDA inspections for safety, effectiveness, or quality as drug manufacturers do, which means that they can be manufactured in other countries and imported without consumers' knowledge.....	62	29	8	2	-	91	9
18 The FDA has issued several warnings about compounded weight loss drugs because it has received reports of bad reactions due to accidentally taking too much of the drug - some requiring hospitalization.....	61	31	6	2	-	92	8

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27 The World Health Organization issued a global warning about altered versions of weight loss drugs, stating: "These falsified products could have harmful effects to people's health; if the products don't have the necessary raw components, falsified medicines can lead to health complications resulting from unmanaged blood glucose levels or weight."	61	30	6	3	-	92	8
20 Compounded versions of weight-loss drugs can be bought on social media and online marketplaces.	61	28	8	2	-	90	10
25 Some online vendors, health spas, and telehealth clinics can use misleading marketing and business practices (for example, calling their products by a brand name or promoting supposed benefits but not disclosing any risks).	59	32	7	2	-	92	8
19 From January to November 2023, poison control centers across the U.S. reported nearly 3,000 calls involving semaglutide, the active ingredient in some weight loss drugs, which is over 15 times more than in 2019.	59	31	7	2	-	91	9
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[500 Respondents]

Q.29 (SPLIT C) Which of the following do you think is the most concerning aspect of compounded weight-loss drugs?

	Total
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Compounded versions of weight-loss drugs can be sold without directions for how to measure and take each dose, leaving patients to use calculators or the Internet for help.3

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Not sure -
(ref:CLWDFC)

[500 Respondents]

Q.30 (SPLIT D) What do you think is the most concerning aspect of compounded weight-loss drugs?

	Total
REGULATORY/LEGAL CONCERNS.....	51
Lack of regulation/oversight	30
Don't know the composition	13
Counterfeit/illegal	12
SAFETY/HEALTH RISKS	41
Potential side effects.....	20
Long term effects	8
Unsafe/dangerous.....	8
Contamination	5
Addiction/abuse	2
ACCESSIBILITY/USAGE ISSUES	12
Unsupervised usage	8
Too accessible	5
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	6
Don't know	5
Refused	1

(ref:CWLDOE)

Q.31 Currently, the FDA does not review or approve these compounded weight loss drugs to make sure they are safe. Do you think the FDA should use their existing authority to ensure these compounded weight loss drugs are safe?

	Total
Yes.....	92
No.....	8
Not sure
Yes - No.....	83
(ref:LMTCWLDVT2)	

Q.32 Do you think Congress should take action to make the FDA regulate the production, marketing and sale of compounded weight loss drugs?

	Total
Yes.....	88
No.....	12
Not sure	-
Yes - No.....	76
(ref:CWLDGOVVT2)	

Q.33 Please say whether you agree or disagree with each of the following.

	Strng Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Disag	Strng Disag	Not Sure	Total Agree	Total Disag	Agree - Disag
35 The government should crack down on companies that compound and sell injectable medicines that are not FDA approved.	67	26	5	2	0	93	7	86
34 It is concerning that Americans can purchase injectable medicines online that are not approved by the FDA.	67	25	6	2	0	92	8	84
33 I expect that the FDA ensures all injectable drugs are safe for Americans to use.....	59	27	10	4	0	85	15	71
36 I worry more these days about medicines being tainted or contaminated.	47	39	12	2	0	85	15	71
(ref:FDABAT)								

Q.38 Based on what you have learned, is it worth the risk for you or a family member to take compounded weight loss drugs?

	Total
Yes.....	10
No.....	90
Not sure	-
Yes - No.....	-79
(ref:RISKCP)	

Q.39 Based on what you have learned, should we allow the large-scale production of compounded weight loss drugs when the FDA-approved versions are available?

	Total
Yes.....	37
No.....	62
Not sure	0
Yes - No.....	-25
(ref:ALLOWCP)	

Q.40 Finally, please answer a few questions strictly for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade.....	1
High School graduate	20
Non-college post H.S.	3
Some college	34
College graduate	28
Post-graduate school	14
Not sure	-
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.41 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	27
Weak Democrat	12
Independent-lean Democrat	7
Independent.....	10
Independent-lean Republican	5
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican	25
(Not Sure).....	-
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.44 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are:

	Total
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	17
Moderate	34
Somewhat conservative	23
Very conservative.....	15
Not sure	-
Total Liberal	28
Moderate	34
Total Conservative.....	38
(ref:IDEO)	

Q.45 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	75
African American or Black	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	10
Native American.....	0
Asian/AAPI.....	4
Other.....	1
Not sure	-
(ref:RACE)	

Q.3 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	5
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	7
45 - 49	8
50 - 54	7
55 - 59	8
60 - 64	11
65 and over	30
(No answer).....	-
(ref:AGE)	

Q.4 What is your gender

	Total
Male	47
Female.....	53
Neither/Non-Binary.....	0
Transgender/Other	0
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.5 What are the chances of you voting in the November 2024 election for President, U.S. Congress, and other state and local offices: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain	91
Probably	6
50-50.....	3
Will not vote.....	0
Not sure	-
(ref:WILLVOT)	

Q.6 How often would you say you vote?

	Total
Always	56
Nearly Always.....	34
Part of the Time	10
Seldom	-
(Never)	-
(Other).....	-
Not sure	-
(ref:OFTVOTE)	