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Comments

Most of the questions on the core form are applicable questions but the survey is way too long. The time required to complete a 25 page questionnaire is way more than our staff will devote without being held at gun point.

There is a significant portion of our staff that are technologically challenged and would not be able to complete an electronic form without instruction. And though I feel we are a technologically advanced hospital, many of our Housekeeping, Nursing and Maintenance staff do not have prolonged access to computers during work hours. The survey would probably have to be completed as a hard copy then faxed or mailed in.

A few of the questions on the core form are somewhat leading. Data from this form may accurately measure perceptions but provide a false impression of true safety conditions in the hospital. In past questionnaires of our hospital staff we have found that staff are unlikely to record that their personal habits/practices are not safe. Rarely do our staff view their own work practices as presenting a significant hazard to their coworkers or themselves. This may cause the questions to be subjectively answered.