

Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)

The Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey is the first national, standardized, publicly reported survey of patients' perspectives of their hospital care. HCAHPS (pronounced "H-caps") is also known as the CAHPS Hospital Survey and allows valid comparisons to be made across hospitals.

About star ratings:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) employs all survey responses in the construction of the HCAHPS star ratings. To receive star ratings, hospitals must have at least 100 completed surveys in a given four-quarter period. Responses to the survey items used in each measure are scored linearly, adjusted, rescaled, averaged across quarters and rounded to produce a 0-100 linear-scaled score. The linear scores are converted into the star ratings for the 10 HCAHPS measures. The star ratings for each of 10 HCAHPS measures are determined by applying a clustering algorithm to the individual measure scores. [More information on the star ratings is available online.](#)

To construct the HCAHPS summary star ratings, CMS collects the following components:

1. The star ratings from each of the [six HCAHPS composite measures](#) (nurse communication, doctor communication, responsiveness of hospital staff, pain management, communication about medicines, and discharge information.)
2. A single star rating for the HCAHPS individual items.
3. A single star rating for the HCAHPS global items.

The eight-star ratings (six composite measure star ratings + star rating for individual items + star rating for global items) are combined as a simple average to form the HCAHPS summary star rating.

Data Source: [CMS Hospital Compare - Patient Survey Results](#)



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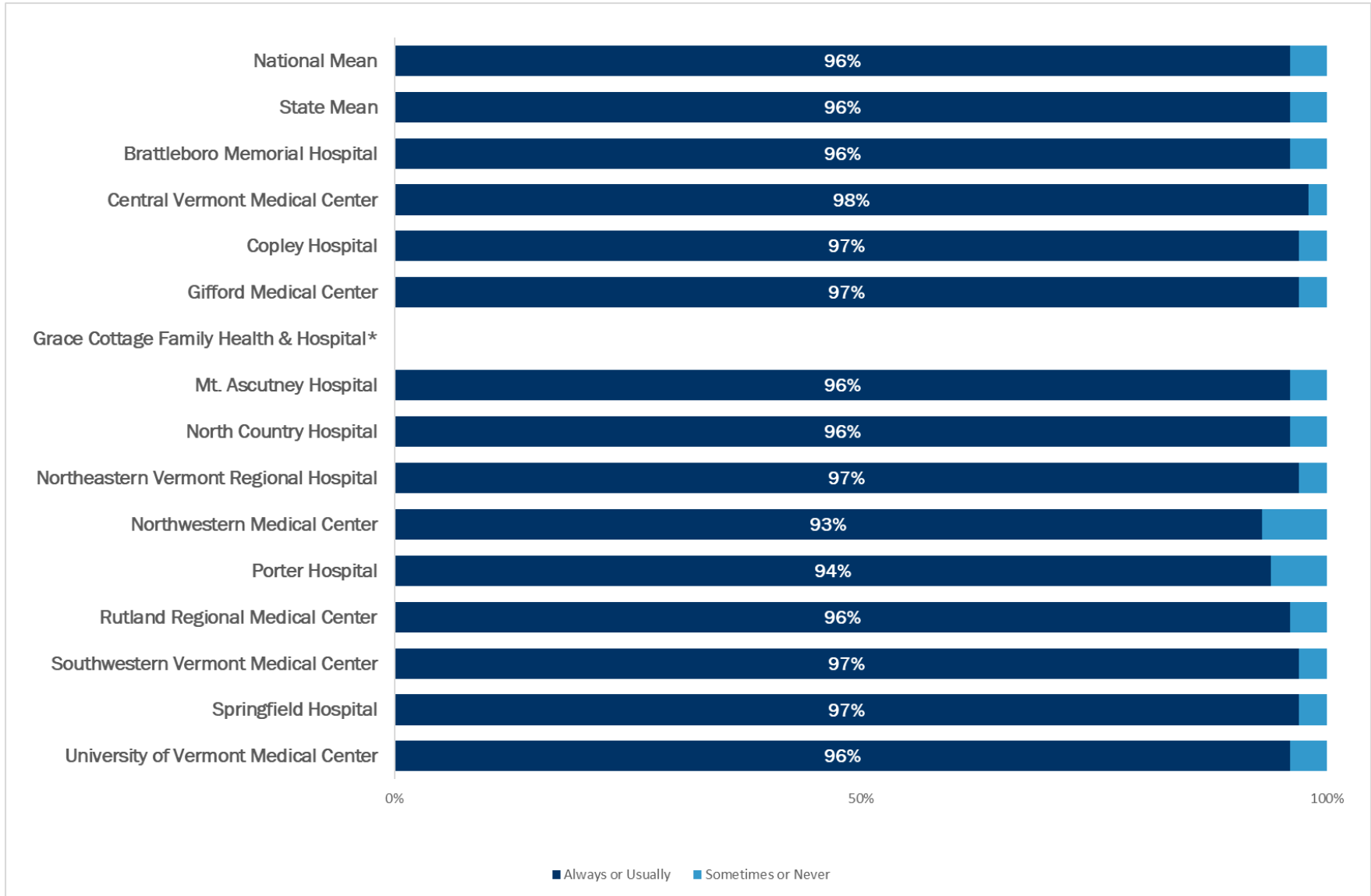
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Hospital Name	Summary Star Rating
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	
Central Vermont Medical Center	
Copley Hospital	
Gifford Medical Center	
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital*	n/a ¹⁵
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	
North Country Hospital	
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	
Northwestern Medical Center	
Porter Hospital	
Rutland Regional Medical Center	
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	
Springfield Hospital*	n/a ¹⁵
University of Vermont Medical Center	

*For Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital and Springfield Hospital the number of cases/patients is too few to report a star rating.

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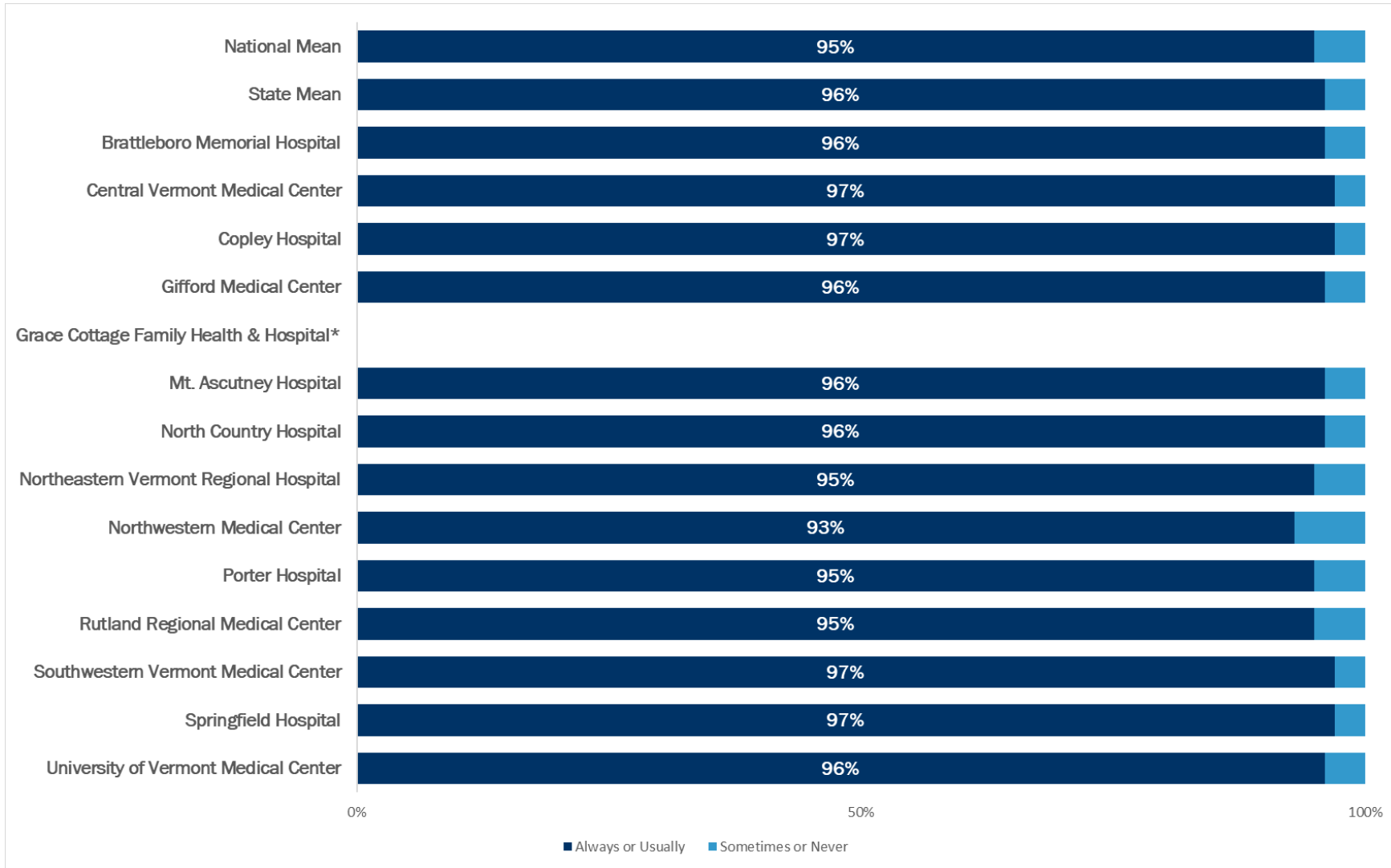
Nurses communicate well with patients more than 93% of the time.



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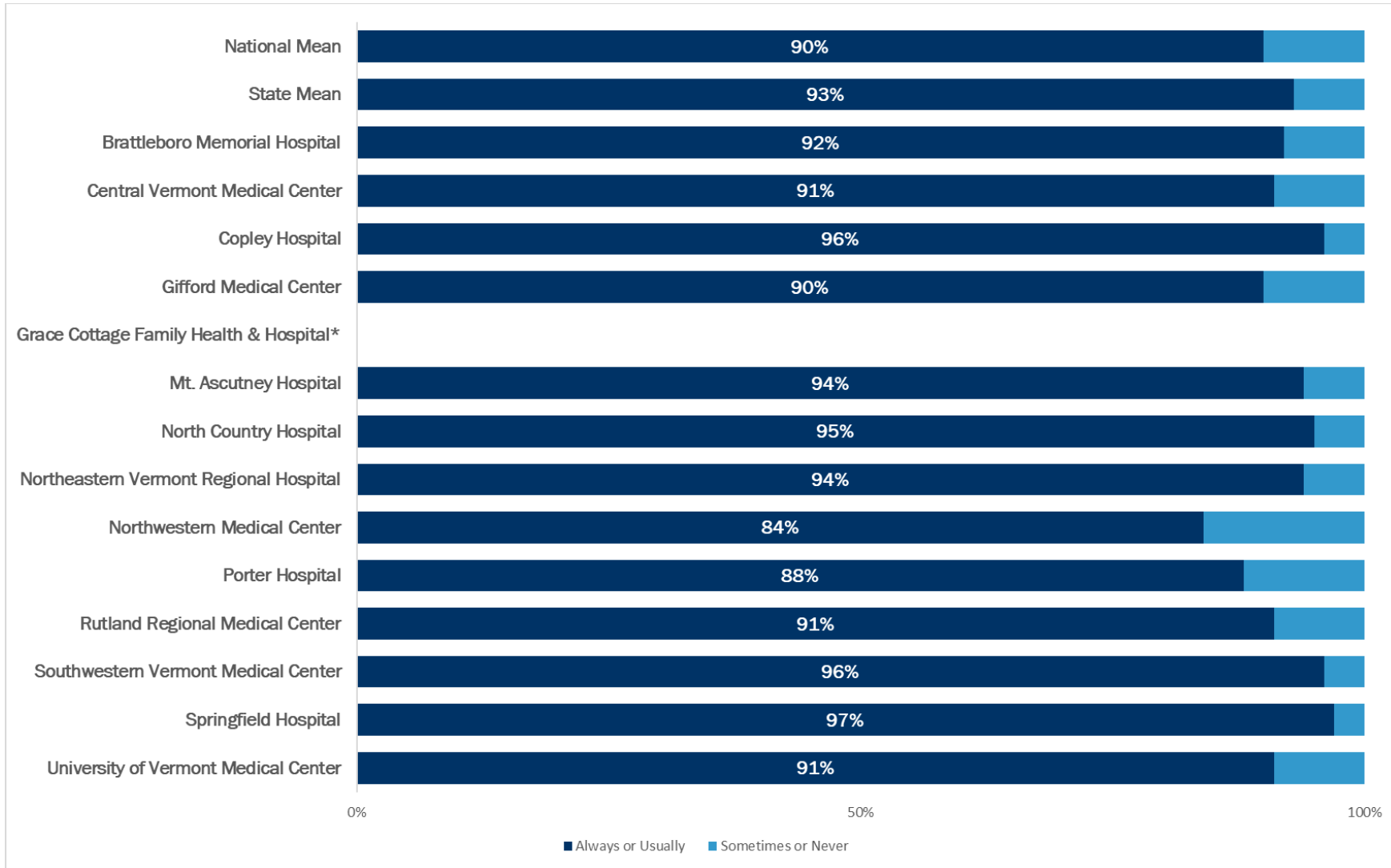
Doctors communicate well with patients more than 93% of the time.



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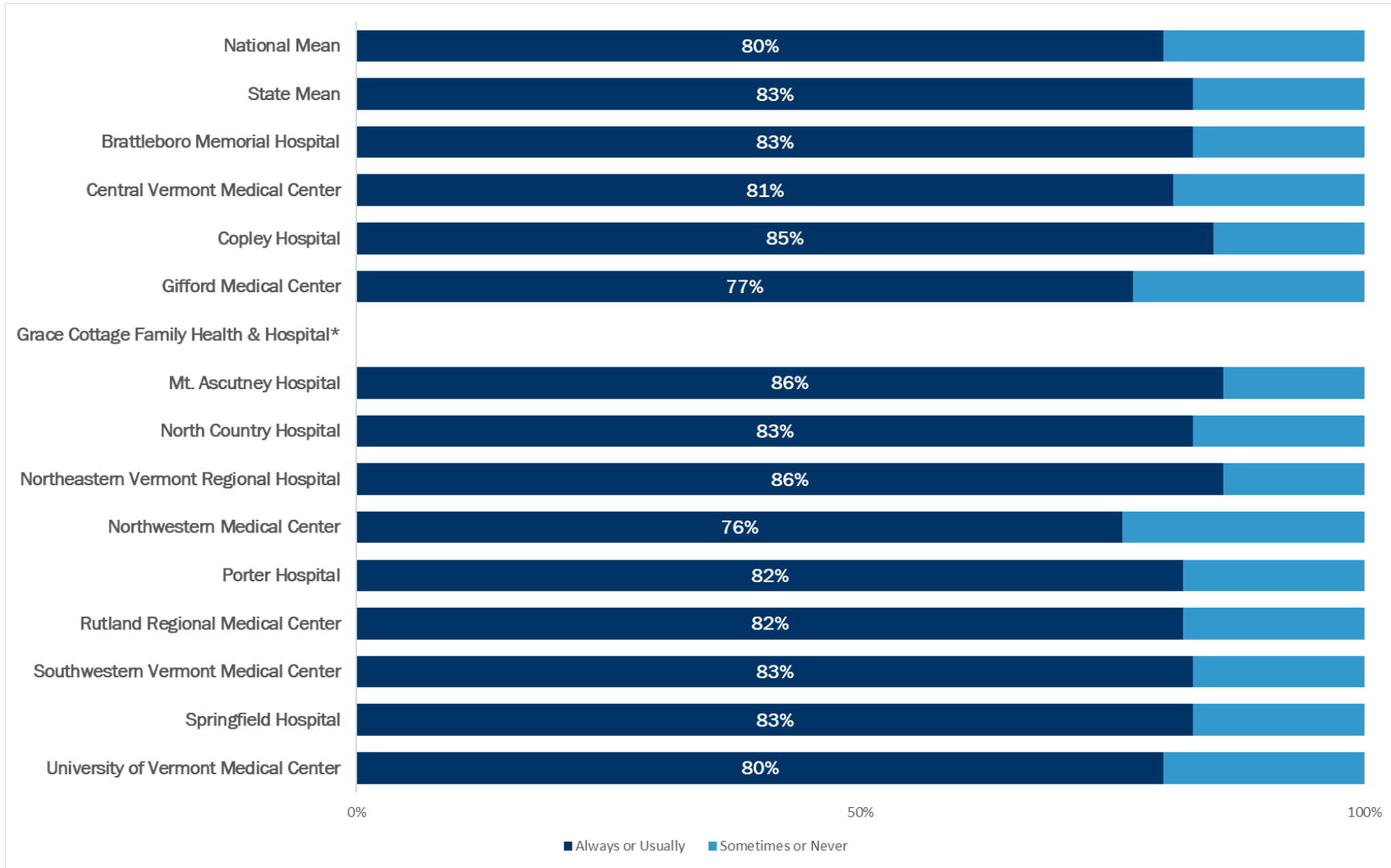
Patients receive help from hospital staff quickly more than 84% of the time.



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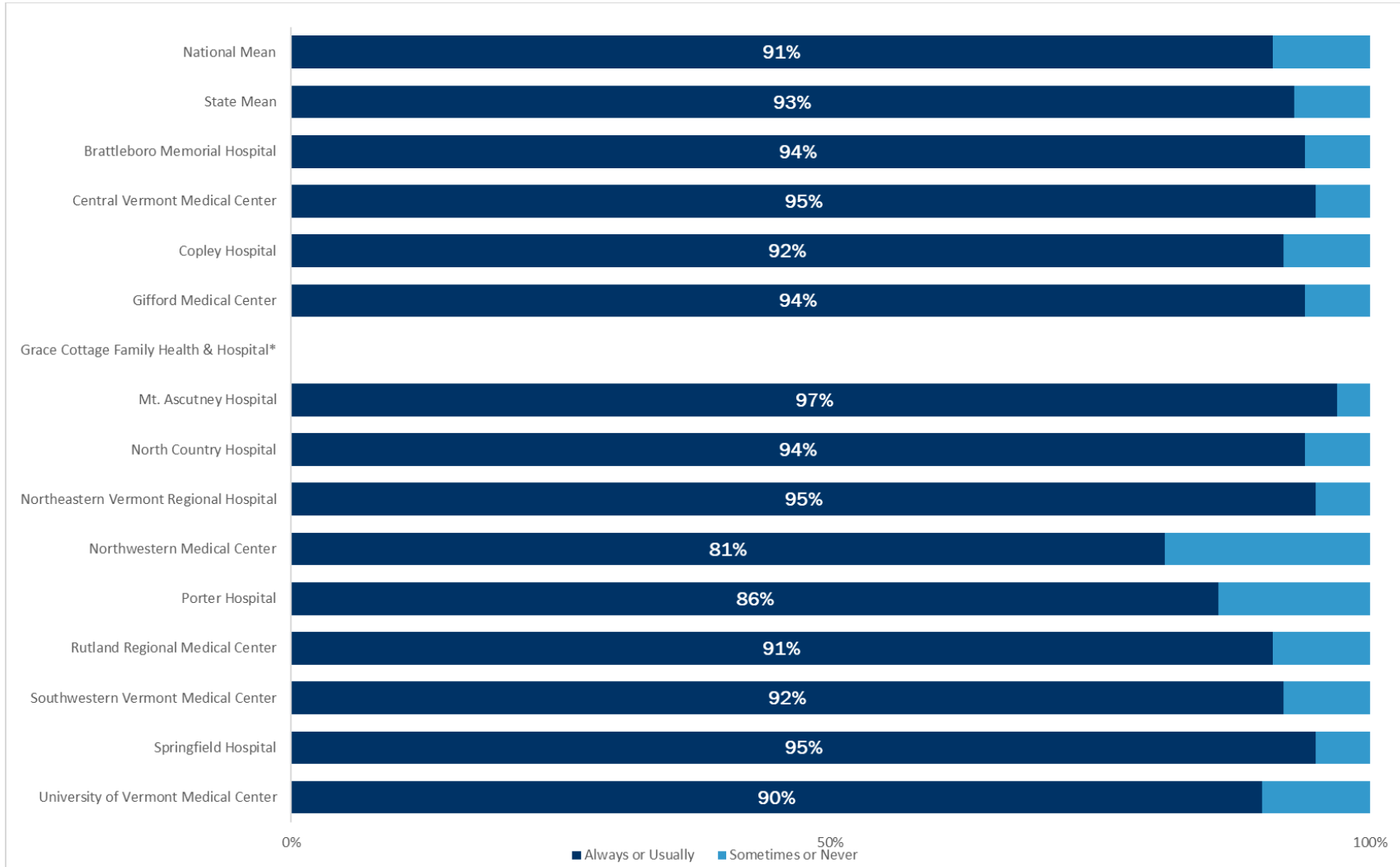
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Staff explain medicines to patients before giving them more than 76% of the time.



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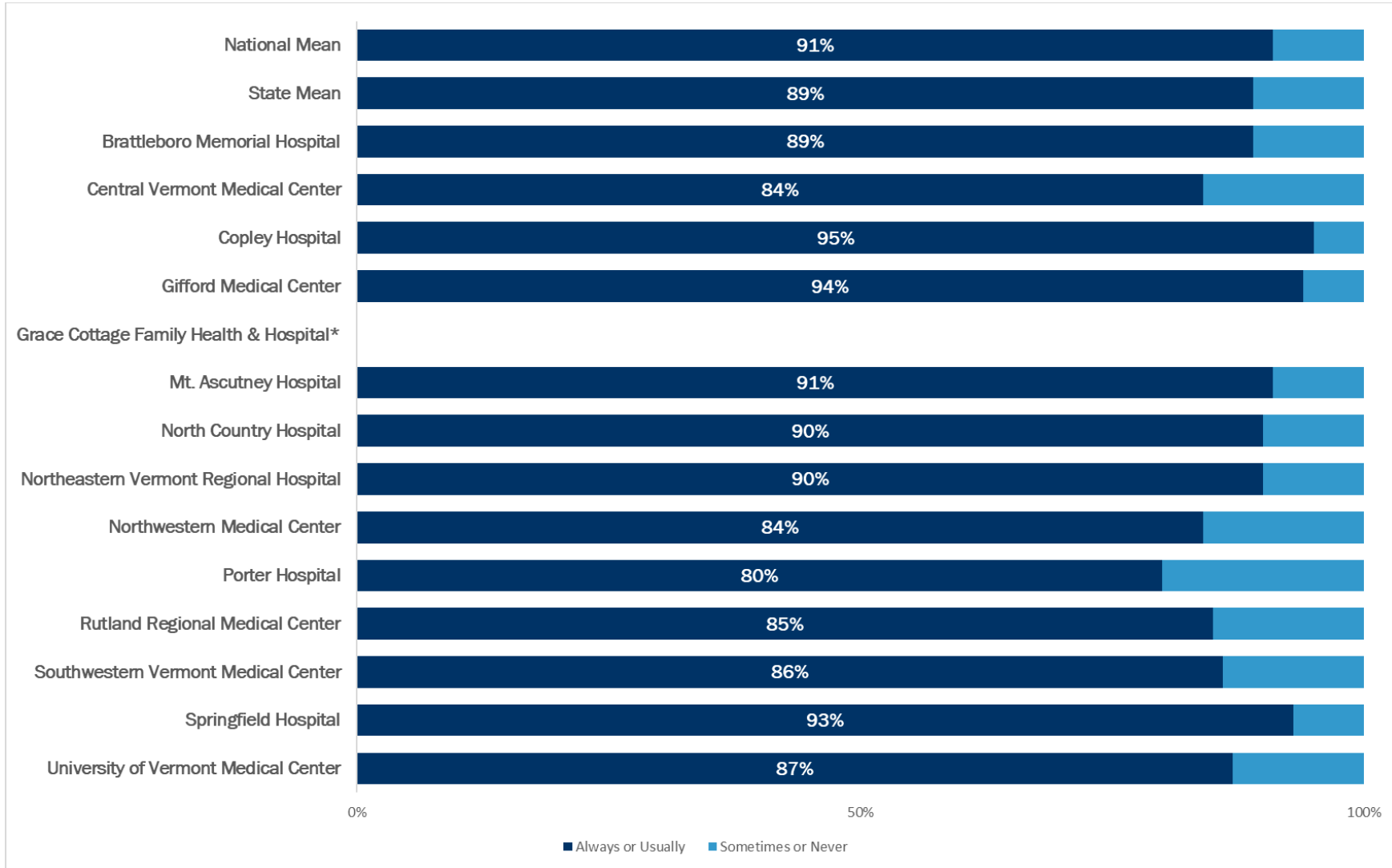
Patient rooms and bathrooms were kept clean more than 81% of the time.



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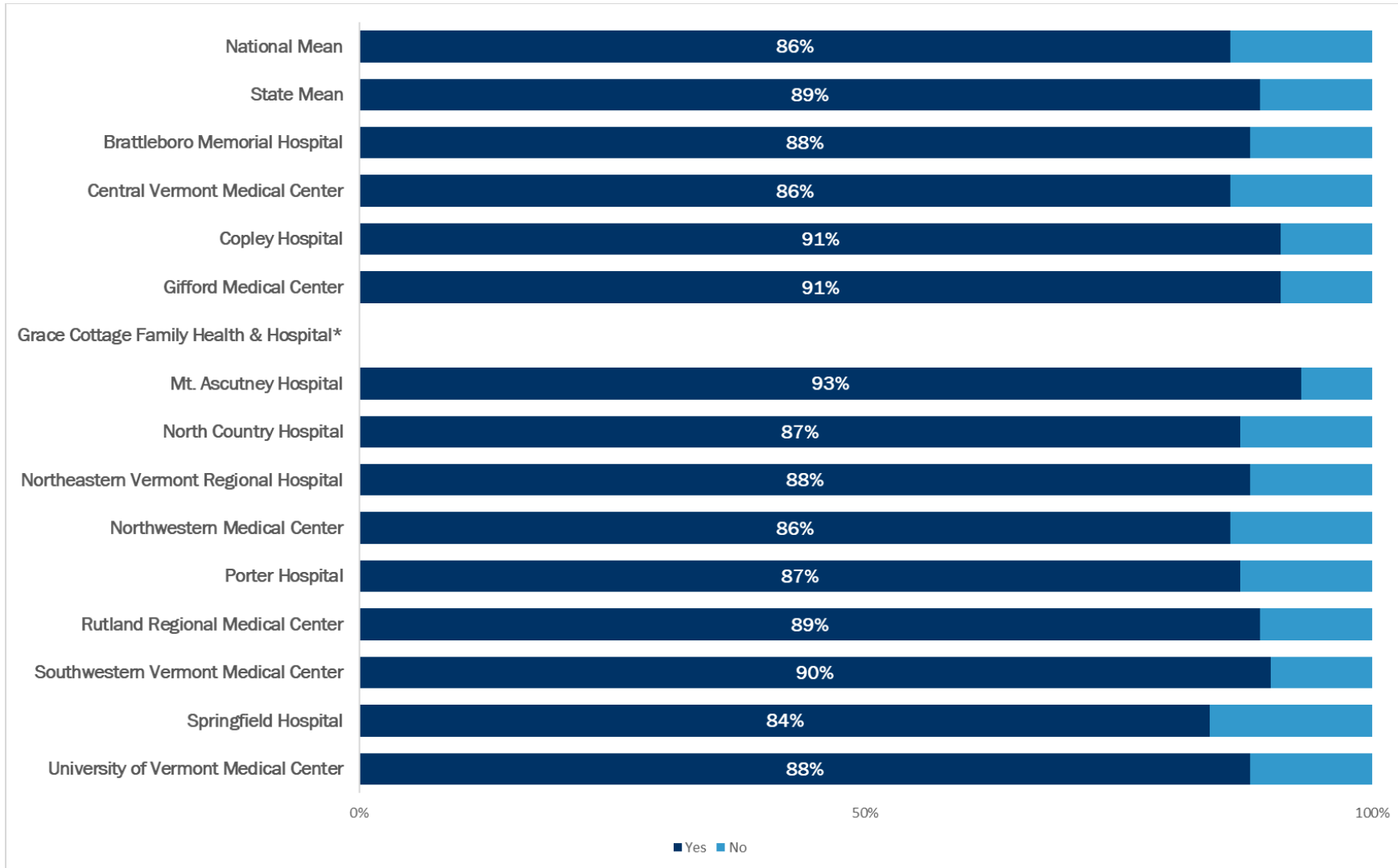
Area around patients' rooms were kept quiet at night more than 80% of the time.



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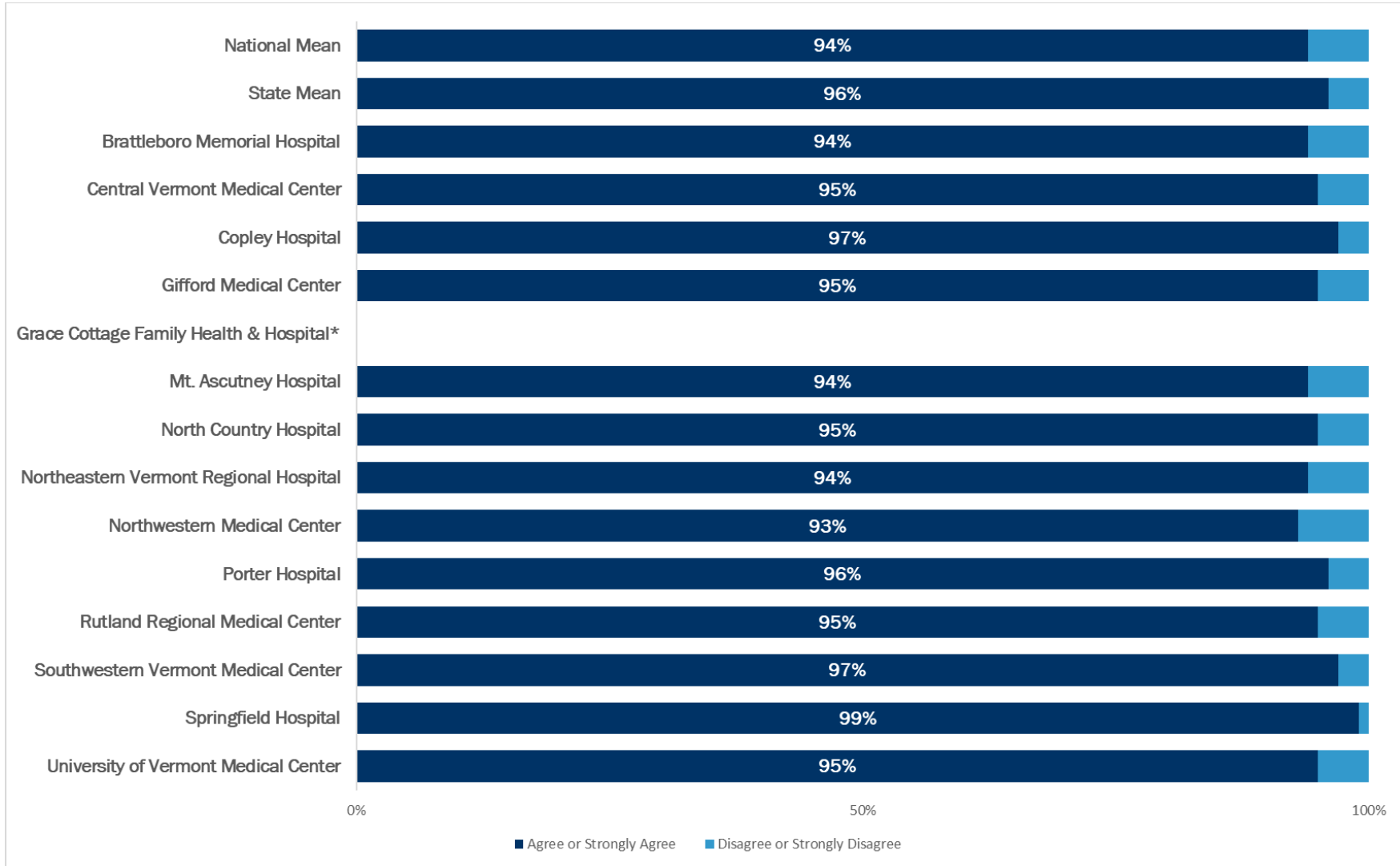
Patients were given information about what to do during their recovery time more than 84% of the time.



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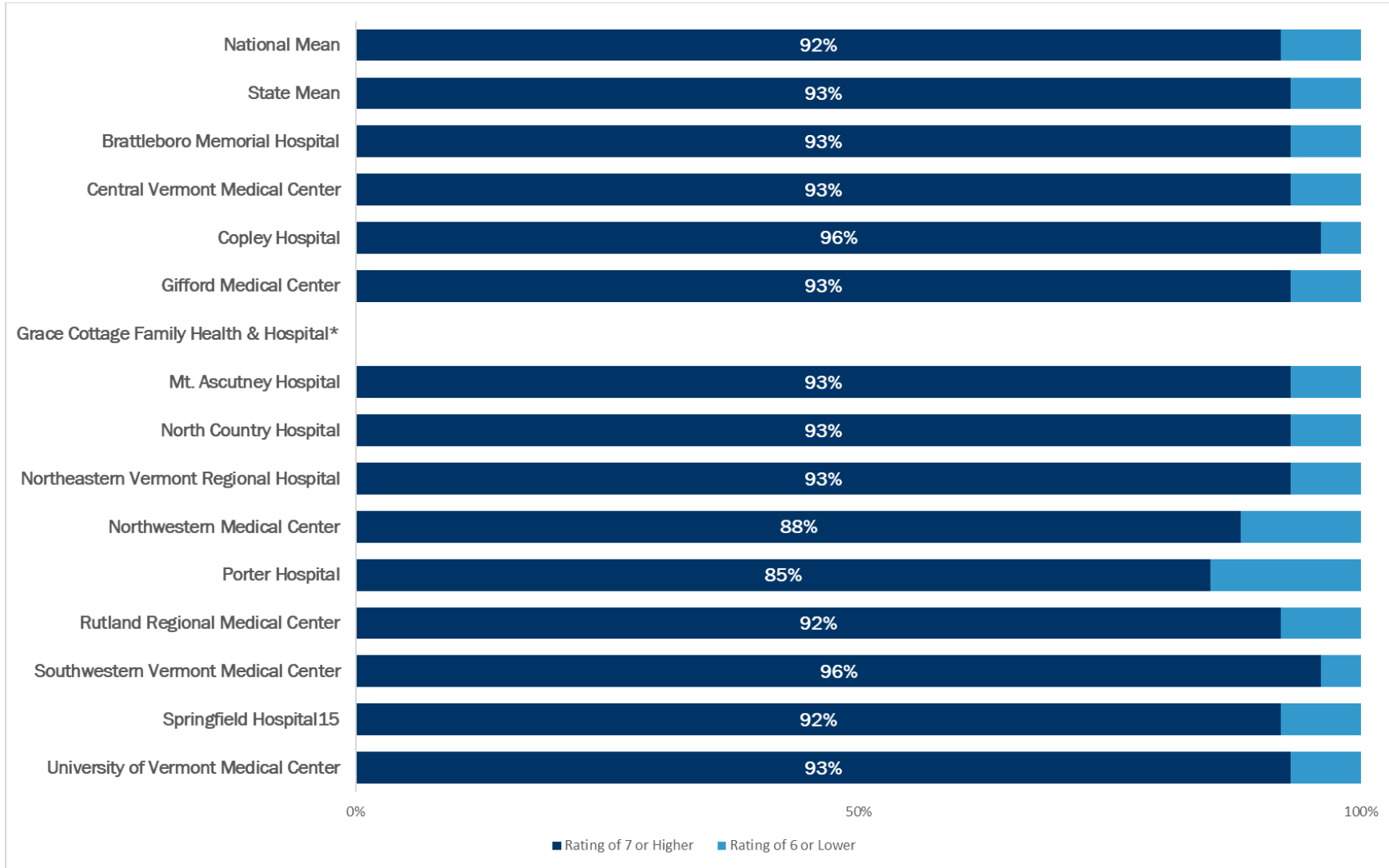
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Patients understood the type of care they would need after leaving the hospital more than 93% of the time.



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More than 85% of patients rate hospitals 7 or higher

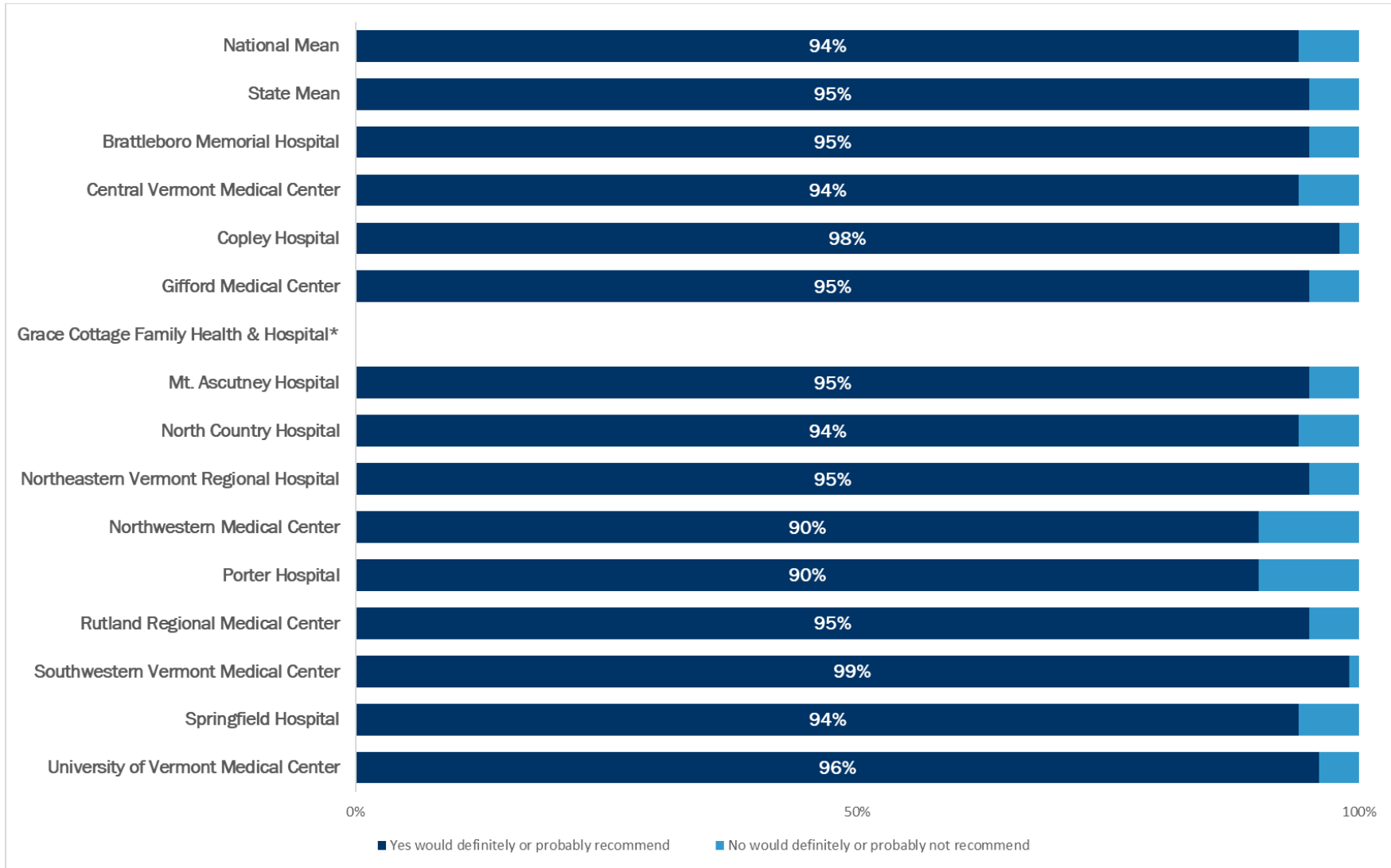


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**0 means "worst hospital possible", and 10 means "best hospital possible."

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More than 90% of patients would recommend the hospital to friends and family.



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Reporting period for this report: 10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023

Hospital Name	Number of Surveys Completed	Survey Response Rate (%)
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	325	23
Central Vermont Medical Center	590	23
Copley Hospital	250	28
Gifford Medical Center	163	28
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	n/a ¹	n/a ¹
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	193	34
North Country Hospital	177	22
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	272	23
Northwestern Medical Center	401 ²	24 ²
Porter Hospital	226	24
Rutland Regional Medical Center	680	26
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	368	25
Springfield Hospital	87 ³	18 ³
University of Vermont Medical Center	3020	26

1. For Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, the number of cases/patients is too few to report.

2. For Northwestern Medical Center, the results are based on the hospital or facility's data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility's Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.

3. For Springfield Hospital fewer than 100 patients completed the HCAHPS survey. Use these scores with caution, as the number of surveys may be too low to reliably assess hospital performance.