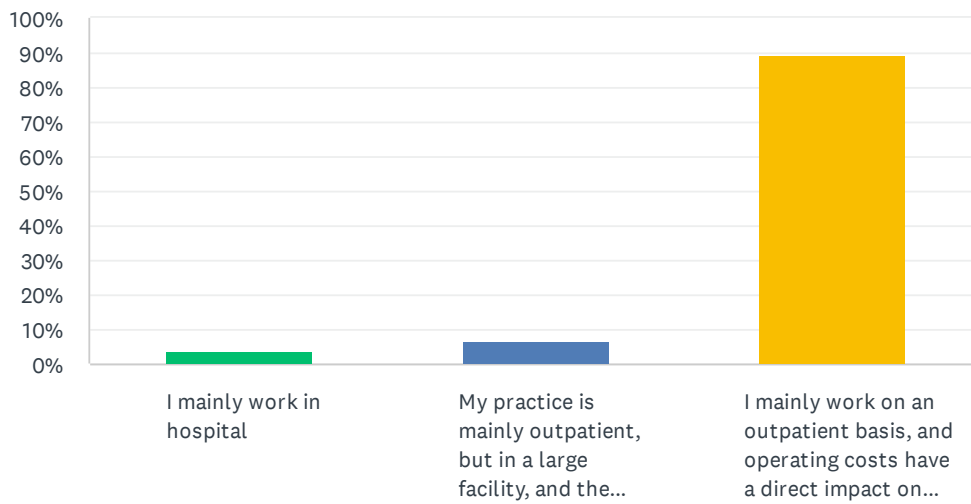


F1 Which of the following best describes your situation?

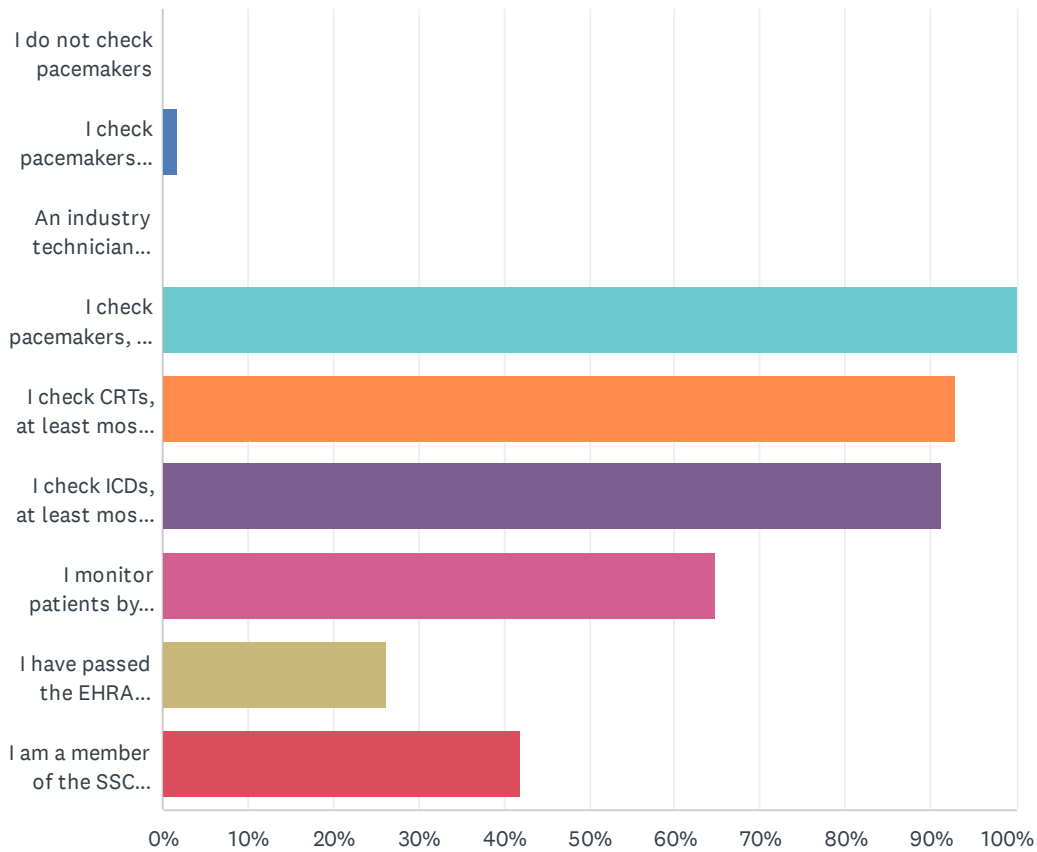
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
I mainly work in hospital	3.51%	2
My practice is mainly outpatient, but in a large facility, and the cost of equipment has no direct impact on my income.	7.02%	4
I mainly work on an outpatient basis, and operating costs have a direct impact on my income.	89.47%	51
GESAMT		57

F2 Which of the following statements are correct?

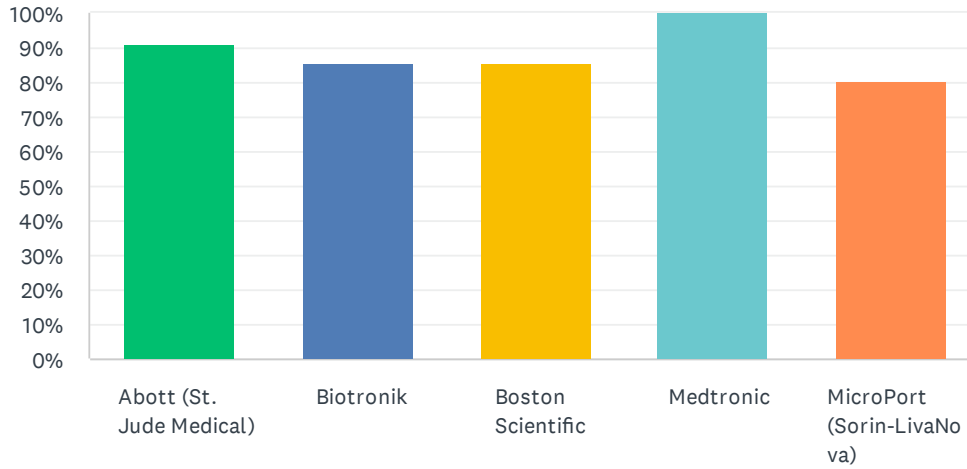
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
I do not check pacemakers	0.00%	0
I check pacemakers and/or ICDs (defibrillators), usually in the presence of an industry technician	1.75%	1
An industry technician carries out pacemaker checks in my practice for my patients, while I normally do something else.	0.00%	0
I check pacemakers, at least most of the time independently	100.00%	57
I check CRTs, at least most of the time independently	92.98%	53
I check ICDs, at least most of the time independently	91.23%	52
I monitor patients by telecardiology (remote-monitoring for implantable event monitors and/or pacemakers and/or ICDs)	64.91%	37
I have passed the EHRA pacemaker exam	26.32%	15
I am a member of the SSC "Cardiac stimulation and electrophysiology" working group	42.11%	24
Befragte insgesamt: 57		

F3 Which programmers do you have permanently available in your practice ?

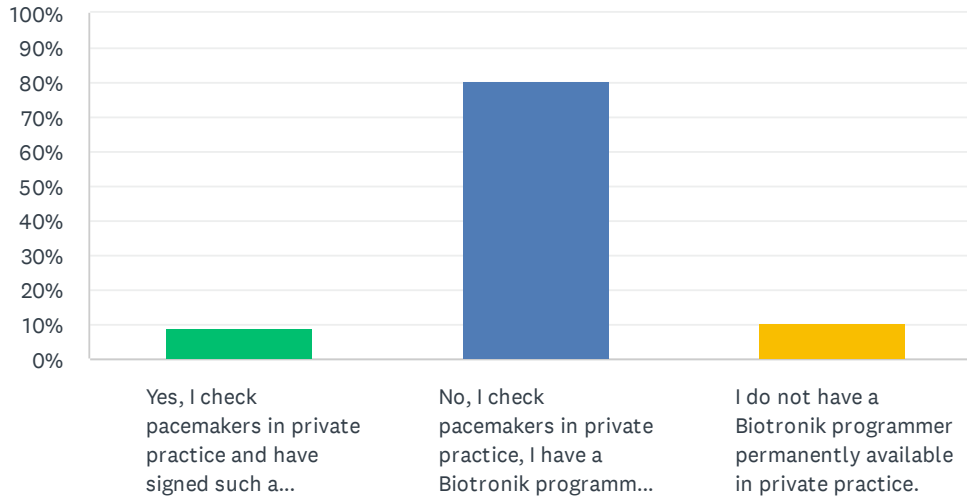
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
Abott (St. Jude Medical)	91.23%	52
Biotronik	85.96%	49
Boston Scientific	85.96%	49
Medtronic	100.00%	57
MicroPort (Sorin-LivaNova)	80.70%	46
Befragte insgesamt: 57		

F4 Have you ever signed a maintenance contract for your Biotronik programmer that included an annual technical safety check for a fee?

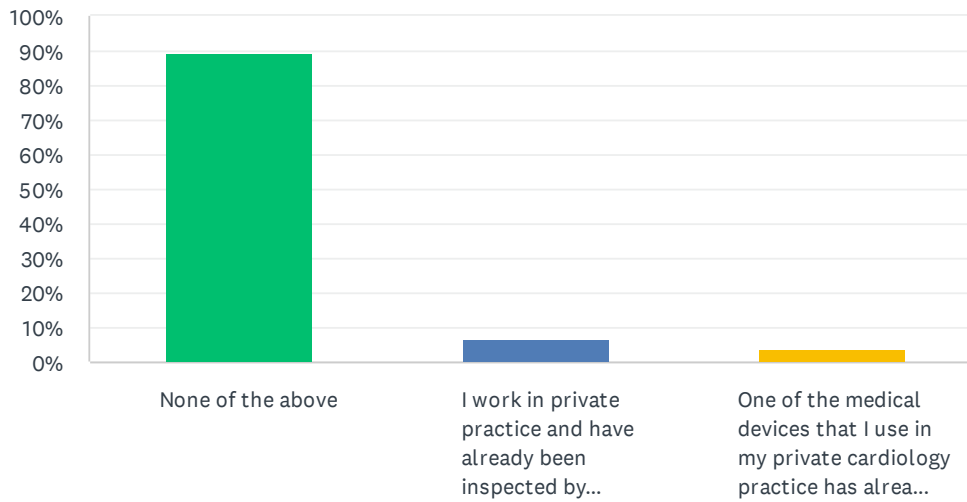
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
Yes, I check pacemakers in private practice and have signed such a contract.	8.77%	5
No, I check pacemakers in private practice, I have a Biotronik programmer permanently available, and I have not signed such a contract.	80.70%	46
I do not have a Biotronik programmer permanently available in private practice.	10.53%	6
GESAMT		57

F5 Which of the following statements are correct?

Beantwortet: 57 Übersprungen: 0

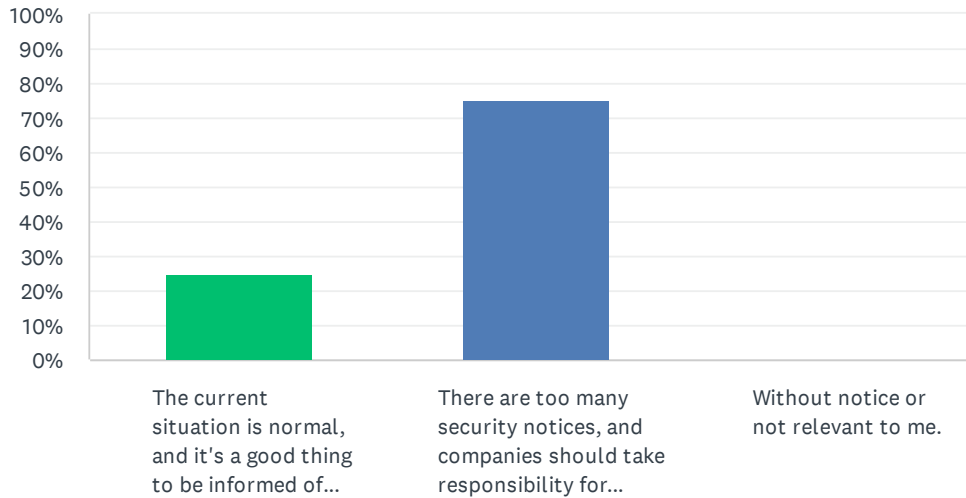


ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
None of the above	89.47%	51
I work in private practice and have already been inspected by Swissmedic or a cantonal supervisory authority in the last ten years regarding the maintenance of medical equipment used in my cardiology practice (not including laboratory equipment for blood tests).	7.02%	4
One of the medical devices that I use in my private cardiology practice has already suffered a technical failure that has resulted in harm to the patient (other than having to repeat the examination, for example due to failure of the Holter or Remler).	3.51%	2
Befragte insgesamt: 57		

#	IF YOU ANSWER YES TO EITHER OF THESE TWO QUESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF YOU AGREE:	DATE
1	We are inspected by the SAS (Swiss accreditation) as we belong to a laboratory	3/20/2024 5:19 PM

F6 With regard to the safety notices received by pacemaker manufacturers concerning potential technical problems with pacemakers, which statement best reflects your point of view?

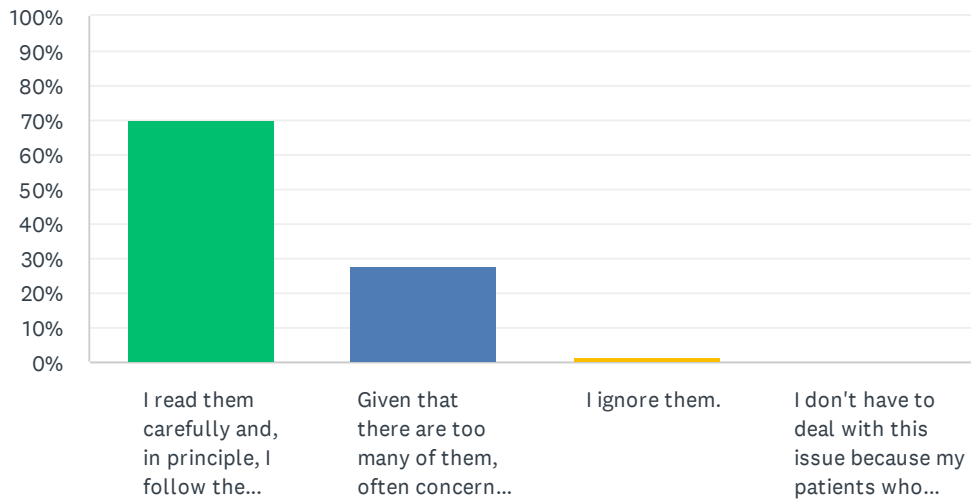
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
The current situation is normal, and it's a good thing to be informed of potential technical problems so that we can take the necessary measures.	24.56%	14
There are too many security notices, and companies should take responsibility for problems that have only an anecdotal risk of occurring, rather than transferring responsibility for harm to us; they should continue to update software accordingly, and only inform us of the most important problems, in a way that is proportionate to the risk involved. I'm potentially less inclined to want to work with a company that sends out security notices too often.	75.44%	43
Without notice or not relevant to me.	0.00%	0
GESAMT		57

F7 How do you react to these safety notices?

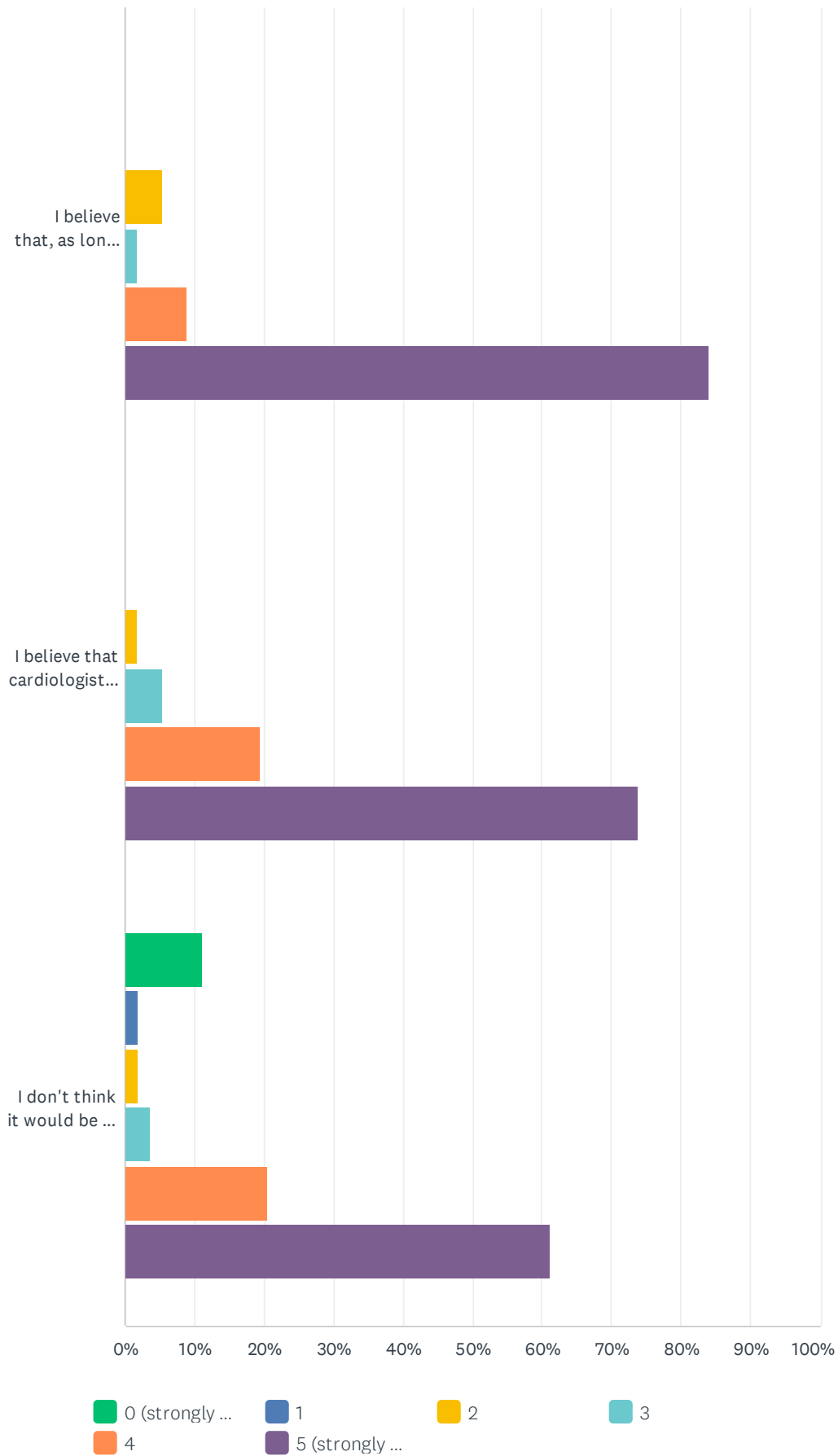
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
I read them carefully and, in principle, I follow the recommendations they contain.	70.18%	40
Given that there are too many of them, often concerning an extremely low risk of problems or with no serious consequences, I read them quickly and only rarely take them into account when monitoring patients.	28.07%	16
I ignore them.	1.75%	1
I don't have to deal with this issue because my patients who have pacemakers are monitored elsewhere.	0.00%	0
GESAMT		57

F8 To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please rate from 0 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

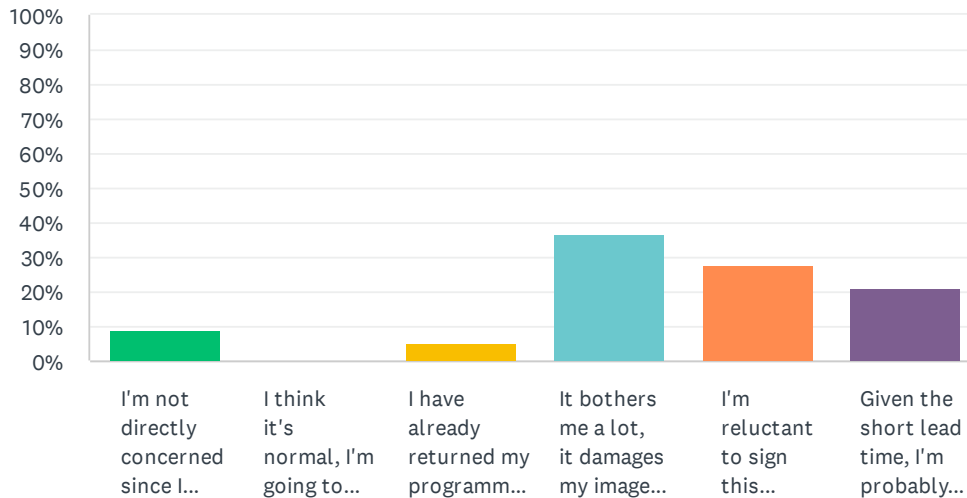
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	0 (STRONGLY DISAGREE)	1	2	3	4	5 (STRONGLY AGREE)	INSGESAMT	GEWICHTETER MITTELWERT
I believe that, as long as it is not possible to interrogate and program pacemakers other than with a brand-specific programmer, the provision and maintenance of programmers, the training of cardiologists in brand-specific elements, and sporadic troubleshooting assistance are part of after-sales service and that the cost can be included in the pacemaker and defibrillator casing.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.36% 3	1.79% 1	8.93% 5	83.93% 47	56	5.71
I believe that cardiologists should be self-sufficient so that they can carry out most of the checks on pacemakers or defibrillators that they bill to patients without assistance.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.75% 1	5.26% 3	19.30% 11	73.68% 42	57	5.65
I don't think it would be a problem for the companies to charge their costs to cardiologists who systematically ask them to carry out the checks by a technician; these costs should not be passed on to the price of the devices or to the price of hiring the programmers to cardiologists who carry out the checks independently.	11.11% 6	1.85% 1	1.85% 1	3.70% 2	20.37% 11	61.11% 33	54	5.04

F9 What is your current position on the Boston Scientific programmer rental scheme?

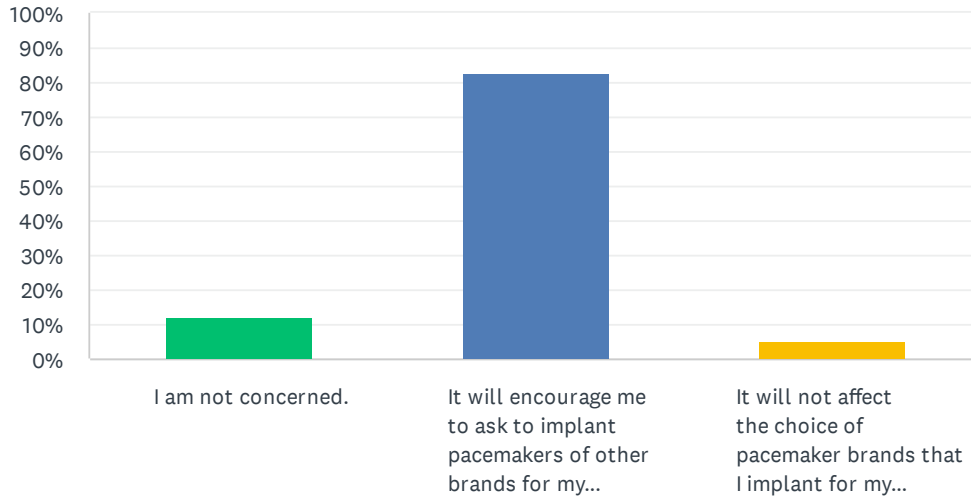
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ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
I'm not directly concerned since I don't work mainly in private practice and/or don't have this programmer permanently available.	8.77%	5
I think it's normal, I'm going to sign the contract.	0.00%	0
I have already returned my programmer following the letter from Boston.	5.26%	3
It bothers me a lot, it damages my image of this company, but I have no choice, I'll probably sign the contract to be able to keep the programmer permanently in the long term.	36.84%	21
I'm reluctant to sign this contract, and it's more likely that I won't sign it and will return the programmer if I'm asked for it, and I'll ask for it to be loaned to me from time to time when I need it.	28.07%	16
Given the short lead time, I'm probably going to sign the contract so that I can keep the programmer for the first year without having to disrupt my monitoring schedule, then I'm going to plan a grouping of checks, and then ask for a programmer to be loaned to me when I need one.	21.05%	12
GESAMT		57

F10 Which statement best applies to this new rental contract for the Boston Scientific programmer?

Beantwortet: 57 Übersprungen: 0



ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
I am not concerned.	12.28%	7
It will encourage me to ask to implant pacemakers of other brands for my patients	82.46%	47
It will not affect the choice of pacemaker brands that I implant for my patients	5.26%	3
GESAMT		57

F11 Which of the following statements best describes the fact that Biotronik offers an optional fee-based technical inspection of their programmers?

Beantwortet: 56 Übersprungen: 1



ANTWORTOPTIONEN	BEANTWORTUNGEN	
I am not concerned	8.93%	5
I am satisfied with this proposal. It makes it easier for me to comply fully with legislation on the maintenance of medical equipment.	1.79%	1
I believe that Biotronik should spontaneously carry out maintenance on the programmers, not only software updates as at present, but also technical safety checks if they are required, without billing us for them.	89.29%	50
GESAMT		56

F12 What comment would you like to make on this subject? (optional, answer also possible in French or German)

Beantwortet: 9 Übersprungen: 48

#	BEANTWORTUNGEN	DATE
1	Ich bin mit dieser Entwicklung überhaupt nicht zufrieden und haben das Biotronik auch schon persönlich mitgeteilt. Und danke, dass die SCCP sich dafür einsetzt!	3/21/2024 1:37 PM
2	I think we should as a group tell the industry that these fees directly influence our choice & consumer behaviour in terms of which brand we choose for our patients	3/21/2024 7:32 AM
3	I do not see why I should pay for something I don't have the choice to choose.	3/21/2024 12:29 AM
4	I (stupidly) signed the contract with BSCI 3 weeks ago before I heard about the concerns from the SCCP. But I need the BSCI programmer because I have quiet a lot of BSCI PM in my private practice.	3/20/2024 8:16 PM
5	- Die Firmen sind selbst verantwortlich für ein Malfunctioning und können diese Verantwortung nicht einfach auf die Ärzte, welche Pacemaker abfragen abwälzen - warum das bisher akzeptiert wurde, ist mehr als fraglich. Die Firmen wollen sich so der Verantwortung entziehen und der Arzt ist letztendlich mal wieder der "Blöde" - Durch die Gebühren entsteht ein völliges Missverhältnis zwischen dem Prinzip vom "Geben und Nehmen" - wenn ich z.B. mehr Biotroniks einbaue oder einbauen lassen, dann kann es ja nicht sein, dass die Firma noch zusätzlich Geld von mir bekommt, damit ich das Abfragegerät bei mir stehen haben kann - eigentlich muss die Firma mir irgendeinen "Wert" geben, statt zu nehmen. - Aktuell habe ich alle 5 Geräte in der Praxis - wenn ich nun dafür zahlen muss, werde ich einfach z.B. auf 2 reduzieren, das kann auch nicht im Interesse der Firmen sein - Ich plädiere ganz stark dafür (auch bewusst gegen die Meinung der Elektrophysiologiegruppe), dass die Geräte weiterhin für den niedergelassenen Kardiologen kostenfrei bleiben	3/20/2024 6:40 PM
6	Besten Dank für Euer Engagement!	3/20/2024 5:56 PM
7	de Schrittmacherfirmen verdienen in der Schweiz ein Vielfaches an der Implantation eines Devices, verglichen mit z.B. Deutschland. Der hohe Preis sollte die kostenlose Bereitstellung der Geräte beinhalten.	3/20/2024 3:56 PM
8	free market competition should solve the problem.	3/20/2024 3:35 PM
9	Swiss cardiology society should support independence of private cardiologist and simplify their work instead of over regulating basic acts like PM or ICD controls. Most of cardiologists are in private practice in the country. The SSCP members committee should reflect this repartition	3/20/2024 3:15 PM