

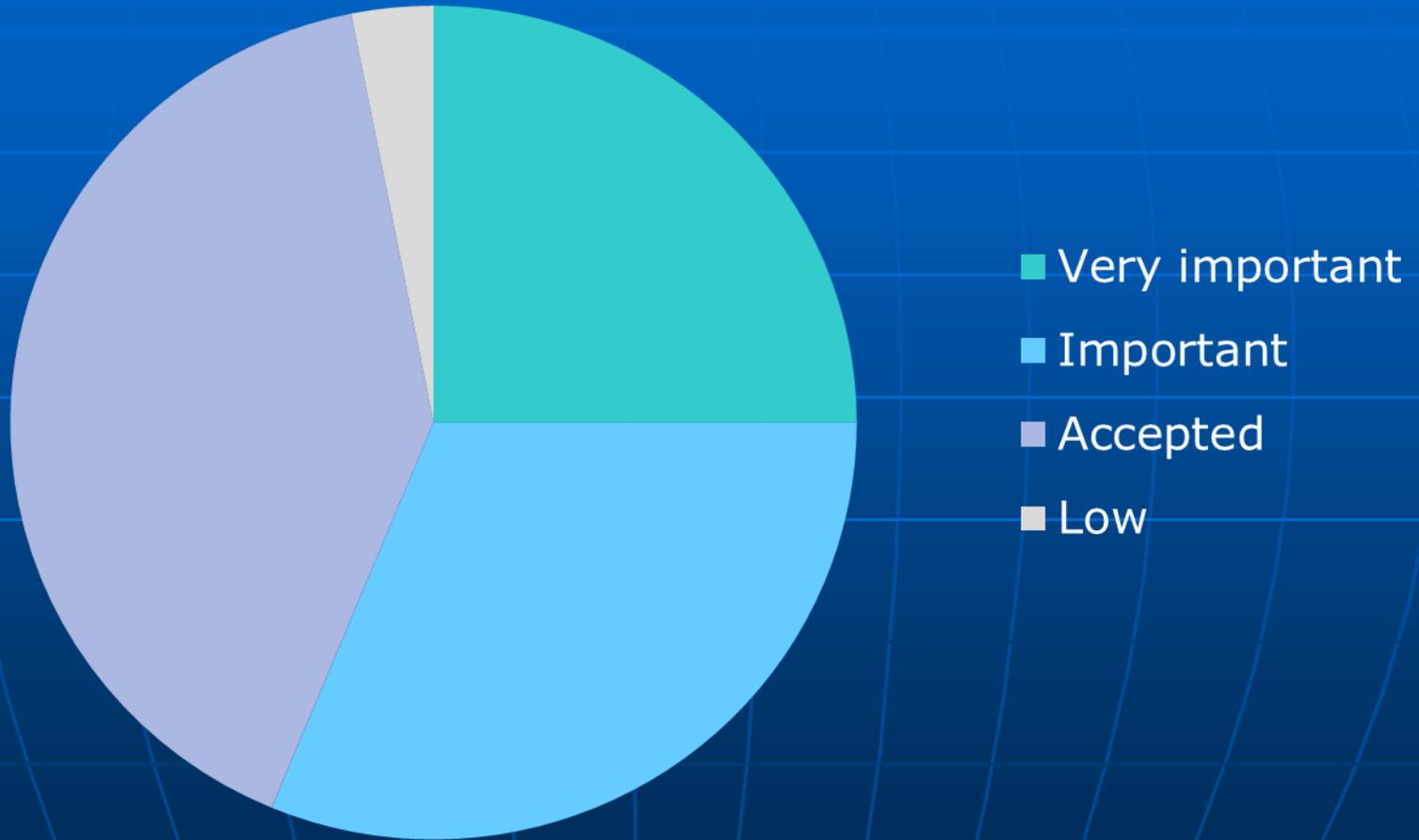
FIMS Interfederal Commission

Survey on the Importance of Medicine in International Sports Federations

Survey

1. Questionnaire included questions on structure, resources, regulations, challenges and needs of medical committees in IF, plus a subjective evaluation of their importance
2. Sent out to 62 medical chairs of IFs from Interfederal-chair@fims.org
3. First sent on 21 March, then resend two times to those that did not answer in April and May
4. 32 replies: approx. 50%
 - 24 Olympic IFs
 - 8 Non-olympic IFs
 - Not all IFs answered to all questions

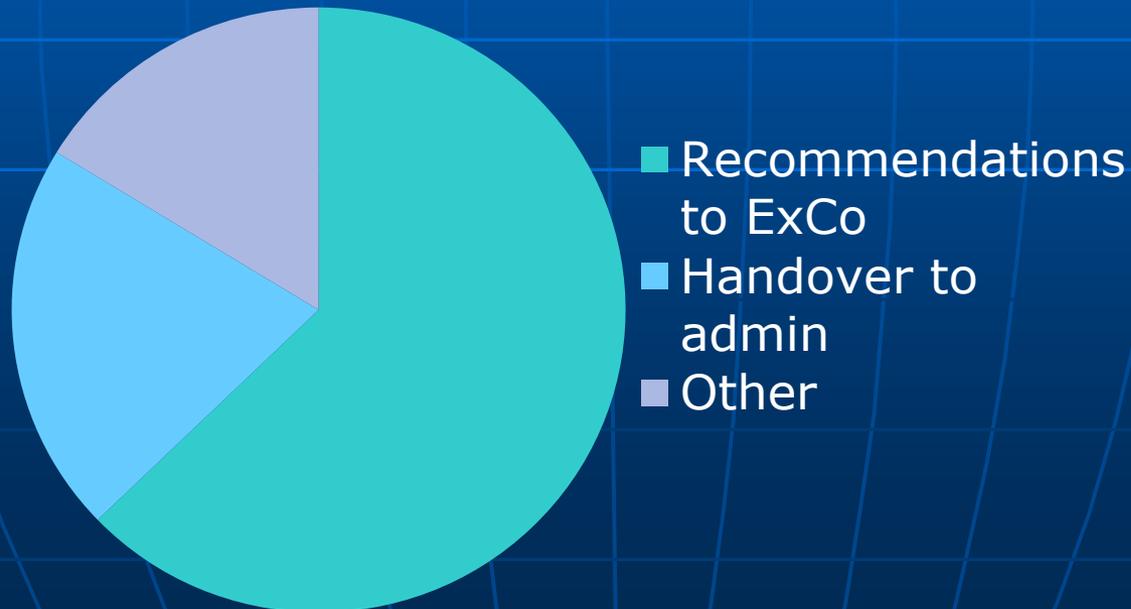
Importance of Medicine within your Federation



Structure and resources

	Yes	No
Medical person within highest executive body	14	18
Medical commission existent	30	1

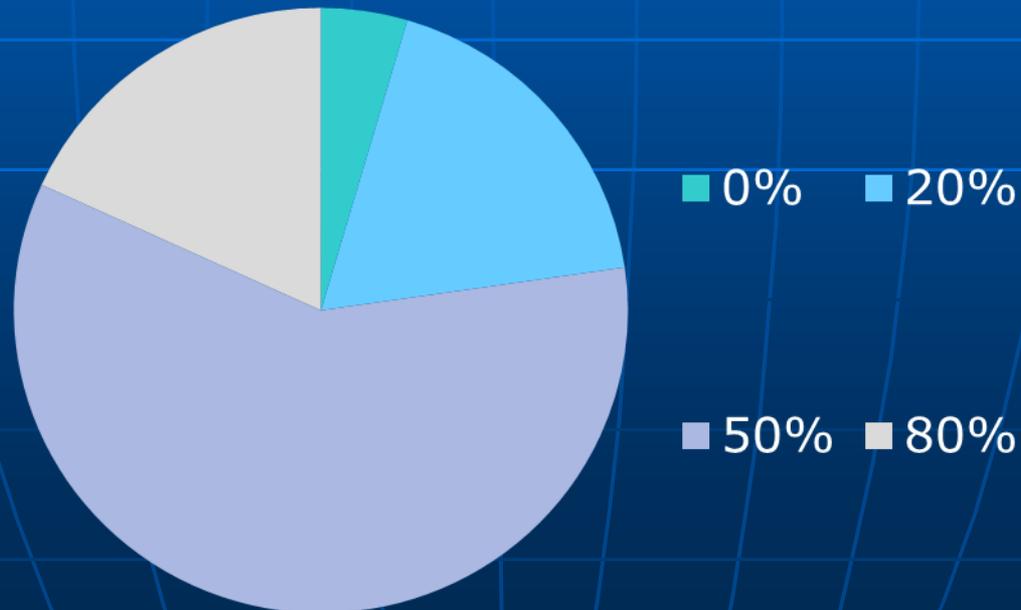
Decisions implemented via



Structure and resources

	Yes	No
Medical commission also responsible for anti-doping	22	7

Time spent on anti-doping

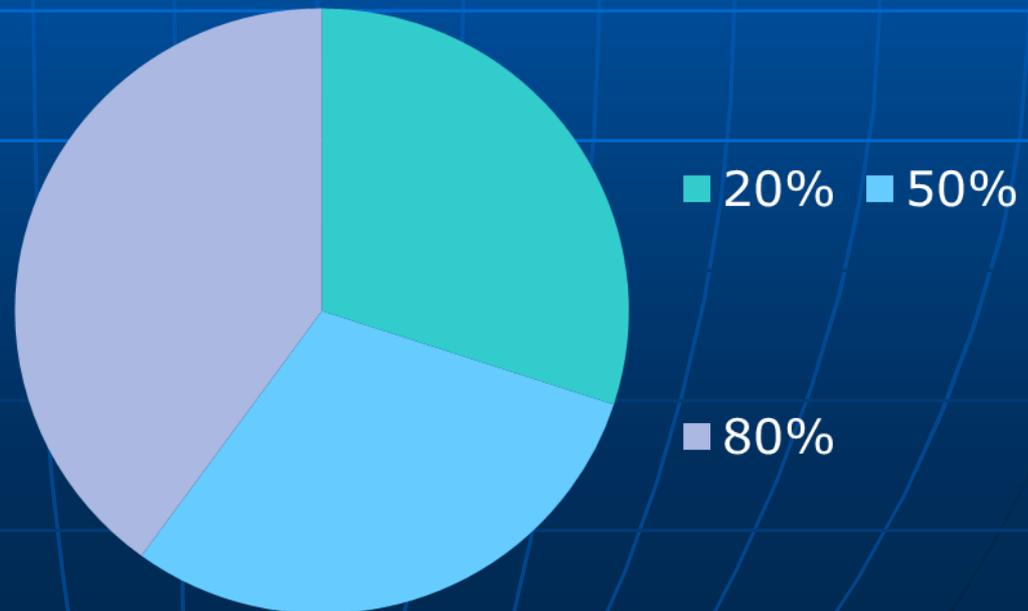


Structure and resources

	Yes	No
Administrative staff existent to support medical commission	1 IF: 10 1 IF: 4 2 IFs: 2 12 IFs: 1 8 IFs: part-time	10

Time spent on anti-doping

Full-time physician employed: 3 IFs



Regulations and directives

	Yes	No
Ethical Code existent	13	18
Requirements for having athlete / team physician	8	20
Requirements for qualifications of physicians	9	22
Responsibilities and rights of physicians	6	21
Standards for medical care at competitions	26	4

Challenges and needs

Lack of evidence base and best practice guidelines	7
Lack of financial resources	18
Lack of manpower / time	15
Lack of consideration and recognition on behalf of decision makers	5
No challenges	2

What information would you consider helpful in your daily activities?

Joint statements of medical commissions of IFs	21
Provide platform for sharing experiences	20
• Internet	14
• Email	12
• Meeting	10
Licensing regulations worldwide	18
Responsibilities, roles, tasks of physicians in IFs	16
Joint education initiatives	16

What information would you consider helpful in your daily activities?

Contact and information on centres of competence worldwide	15
Import regulations for medications worldwide	11
FIMS Courses for IF physicians	7
Not interested	1
Own courses	3
Team physician course	10
Emergency sports medicine	2
Sport rehabilitation – practical field skills	

Conclusions

Standing, structure and resources of medicine within ISFs limited, but generally improving

Assistance required in

- Platform for sharing experiences
- Joint statements and initiatives
- Organisational matters: licensing, import regulations, competence centres
- Framework for work of physicians
- Course offers / education

Medicine in international federations is more than anti-doping

