Health Conditions Addressed by Oregon’s School Nurses

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The prevalence and complexity of children’s health problems affect Oregon’s schools and the role of the school nurse.

According to the survey of school nurses in Oregon, 179 school nurses work with students having many medical conditions that can negatively influence safety and capacity for learning. The numbers indicate the percentage of respondents who identify managing this type of health condition as a school nurse.

- Anaphylaxis to food, bee stings & latex: 96%
- Asthma management: 95%
- Cancer support: 65%
- Central intravenous lines: 34%
- Cystic Fibrosis: 45%
- Emotional disorders: 69%
- Insulin administration: 93%
- Blood sugar monitoring: 92%
- Insulin pump management: 66%
- Emergency glucagon injections: 90%
- Do Not Resuscitate orders: 17%
- Students with impaired mobility: 77%
- Kidney disorders including dialysis at school: 53%
- Clean intermittent catheterization: 46%
- Colostomy/ileostomy care and bag maintenance: 27%
- Seizure management including vagal nerve stimulator & rectal medication administration: 99%
- Tracheotomy care, suctioning/replacement: 33%
- Tube feeding: 70%
- Stomach venting: 32%
- Ventricular shunt management: 61%