

Intensive care unit nurses' perceptions, perceived barriers and knowledge level related to communication of palliative care to patients, families and caregivers.

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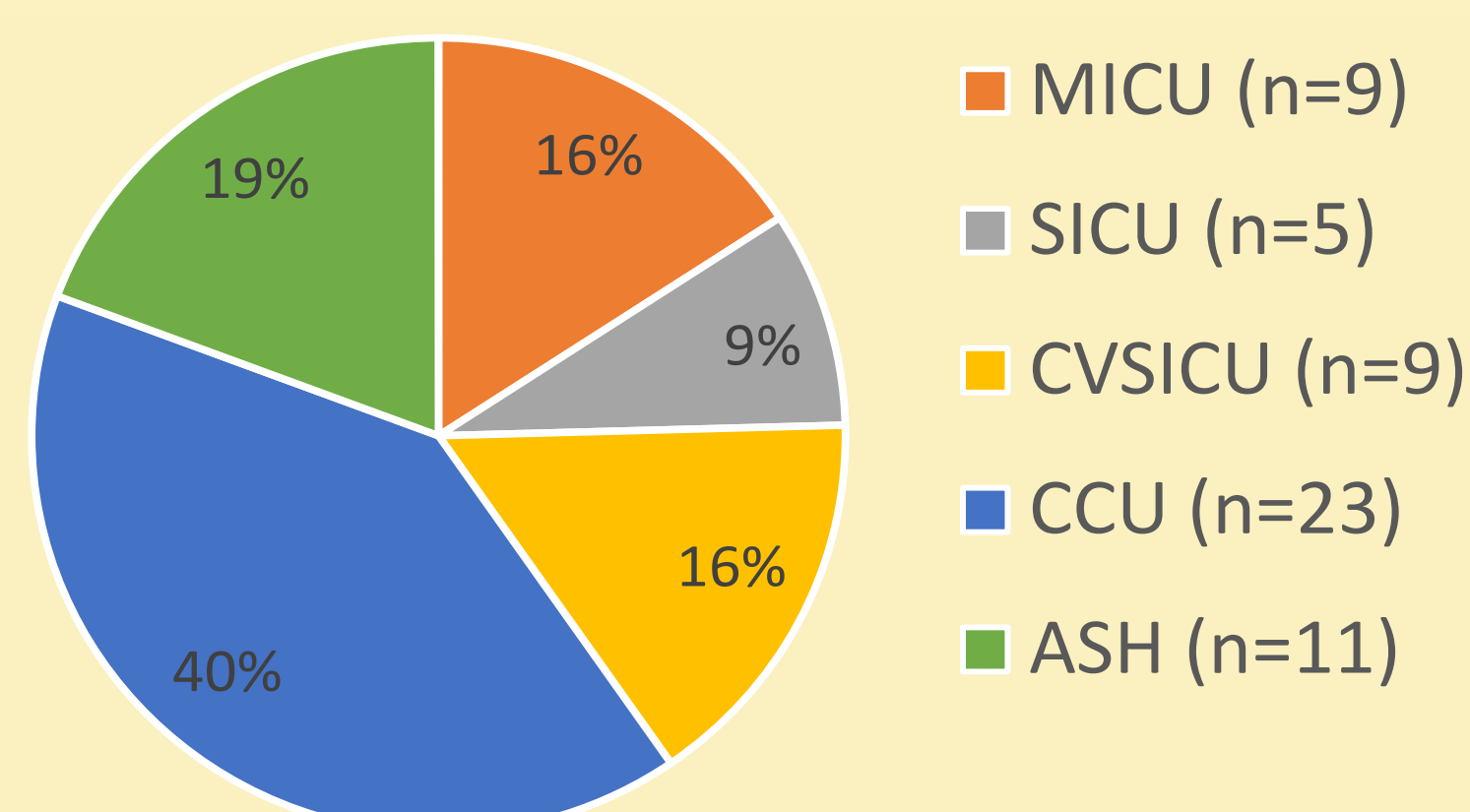
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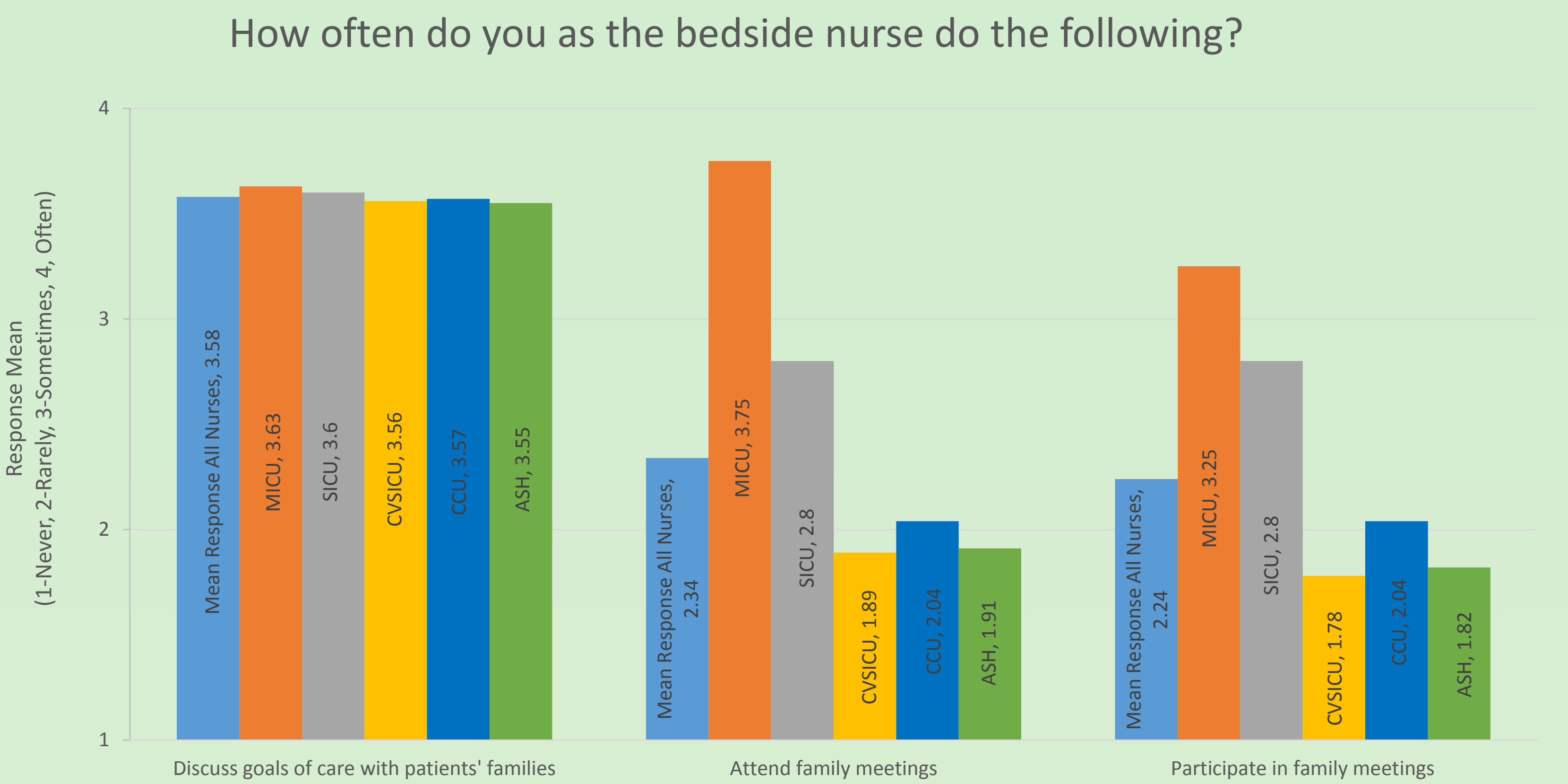
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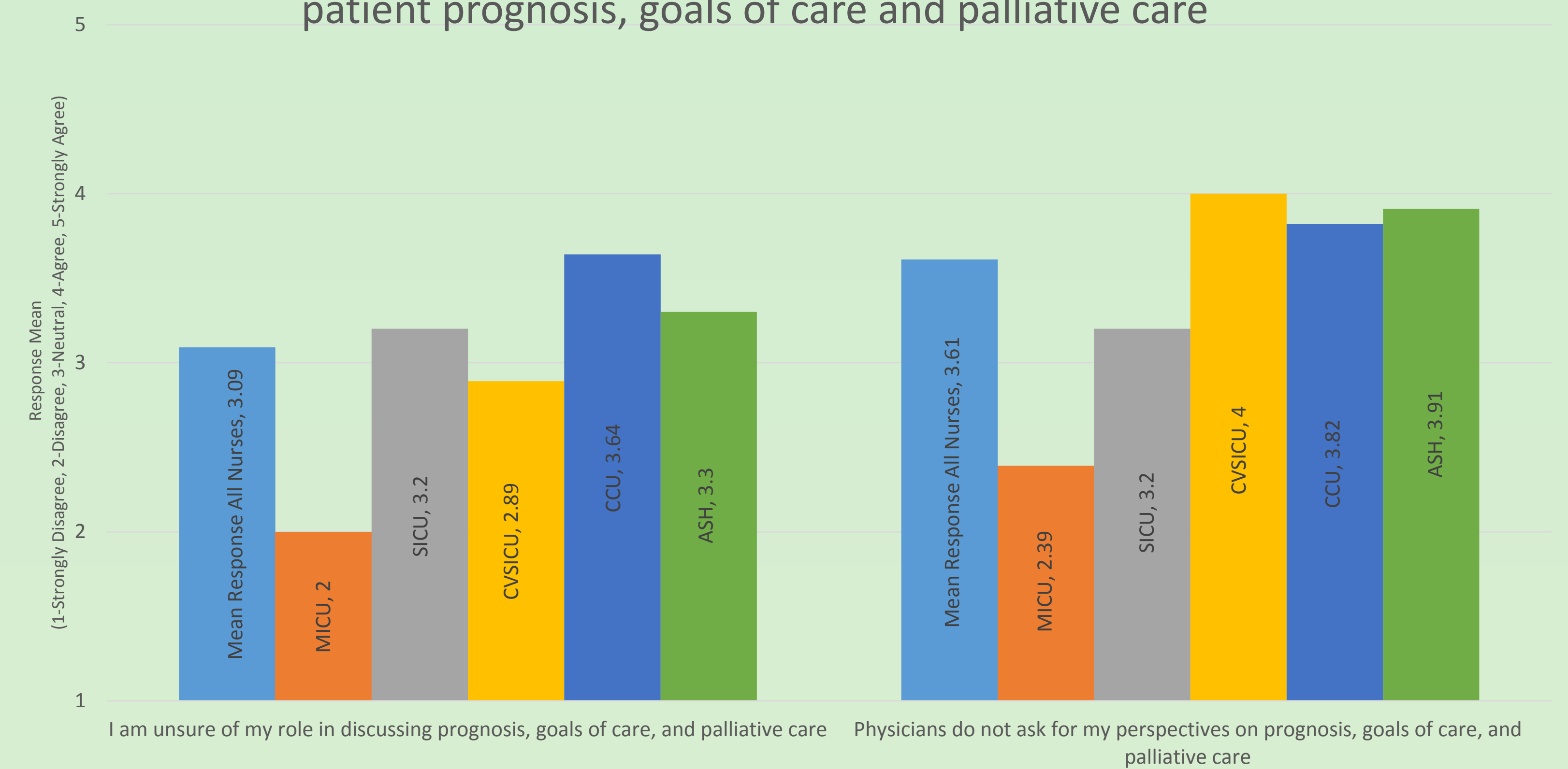
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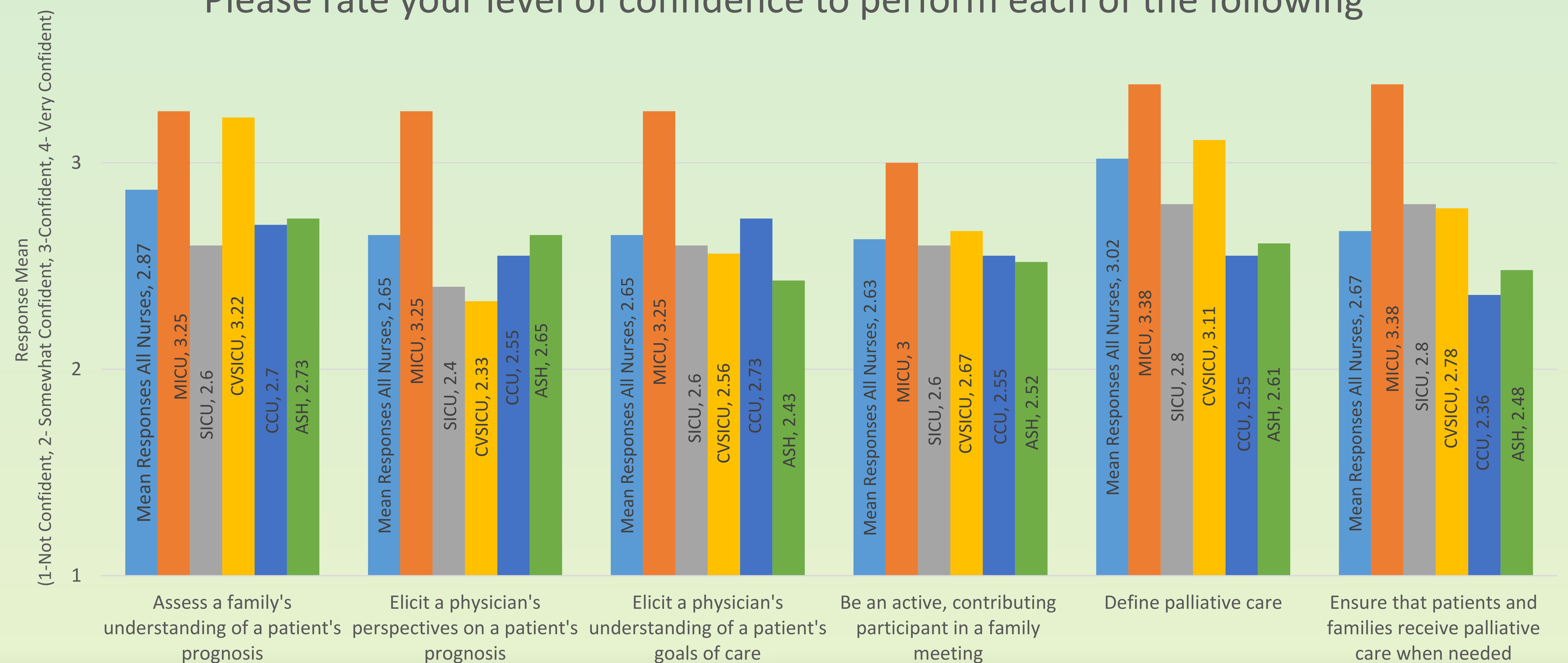
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Please rate your level of agreement with the following potential barriers to your involvement in discussion with families and clinicians about patient prognosis, goals of care and palliative care



Please rate your level of confidence to perform each of the following



CONCLUSIONS

Mean responses of all nurses revealed ICU nurses believe they are able to discuss goals of care with patients and families, but are often unsure of their role in discussing Palliative Care. Nurses feel uncomfortable initiating a Palliative Care conversation if the physician has not discussed prognosis with the patient.

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

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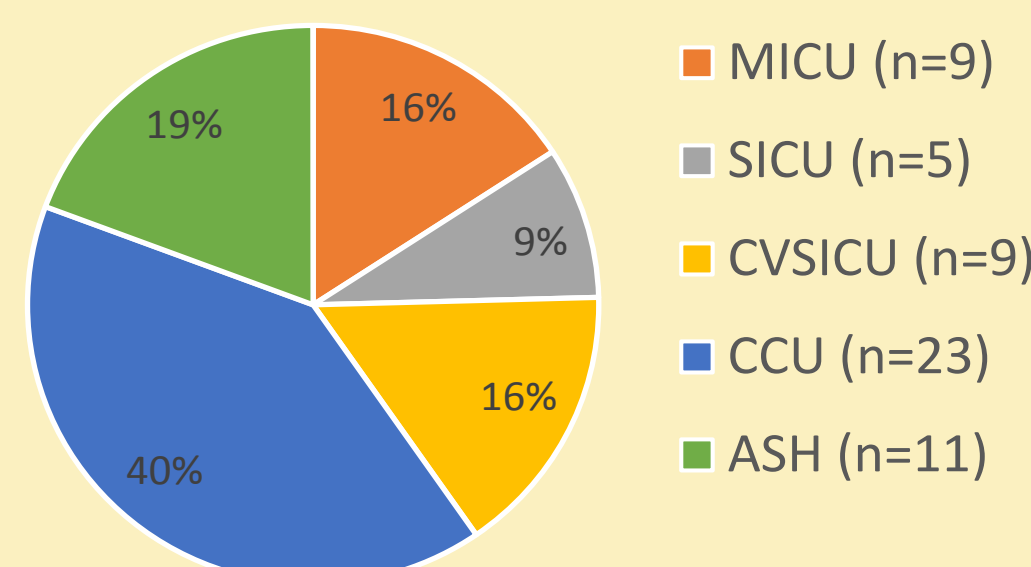
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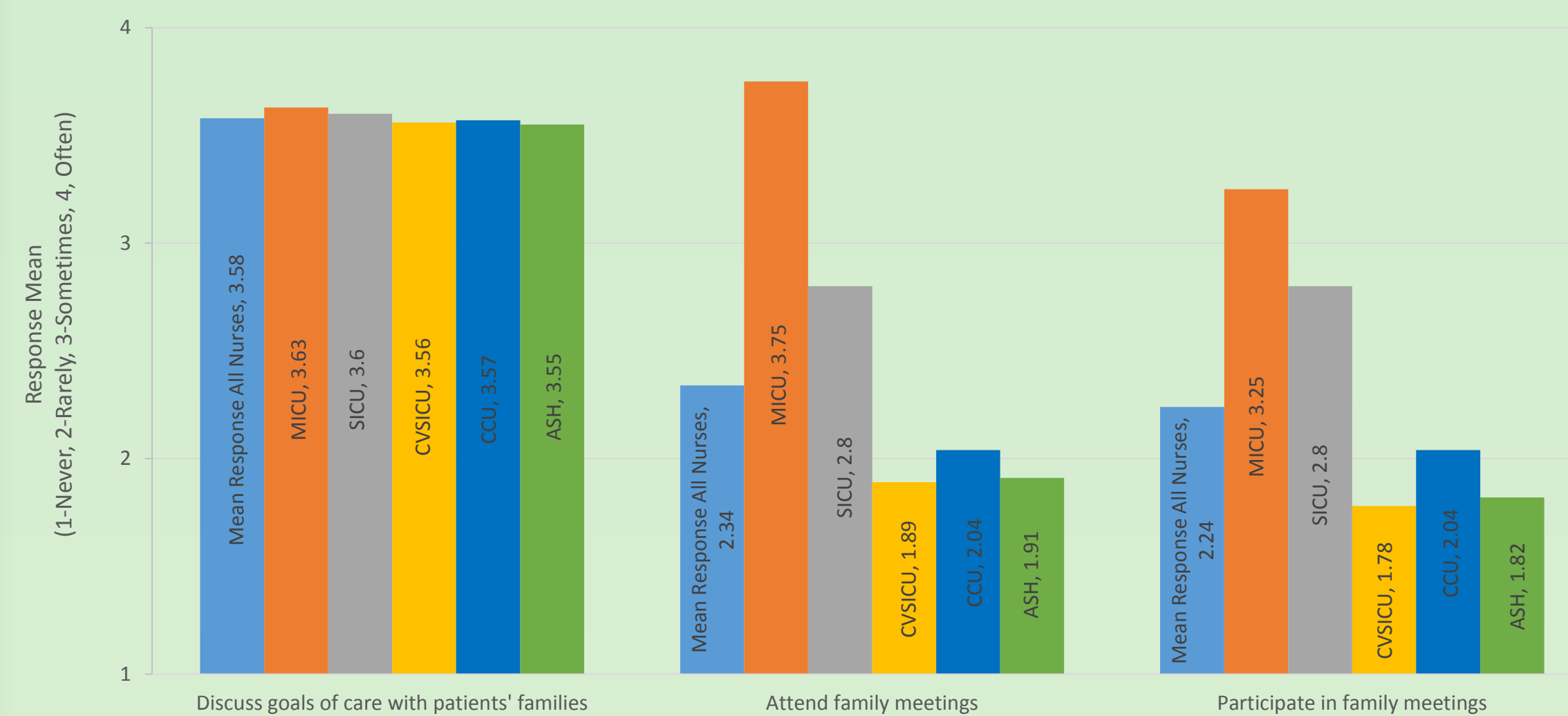
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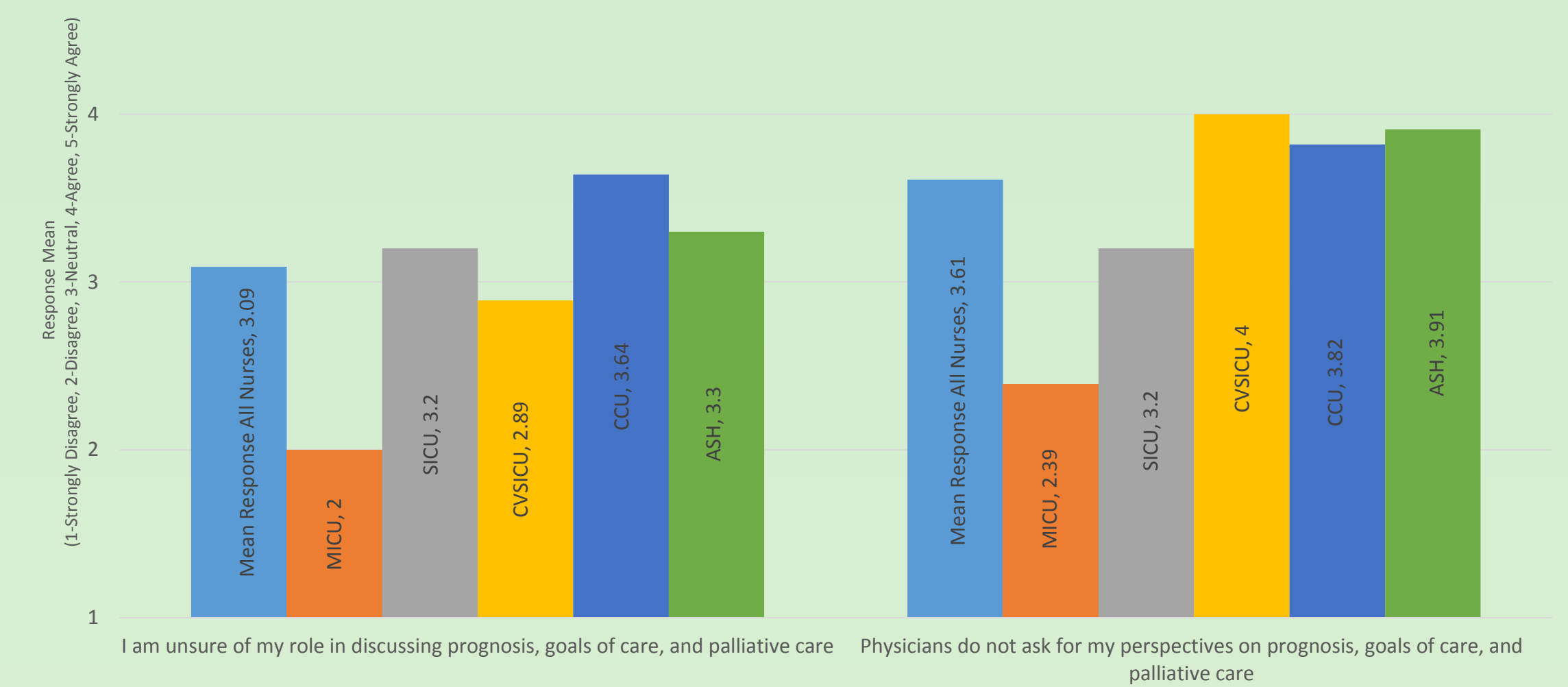


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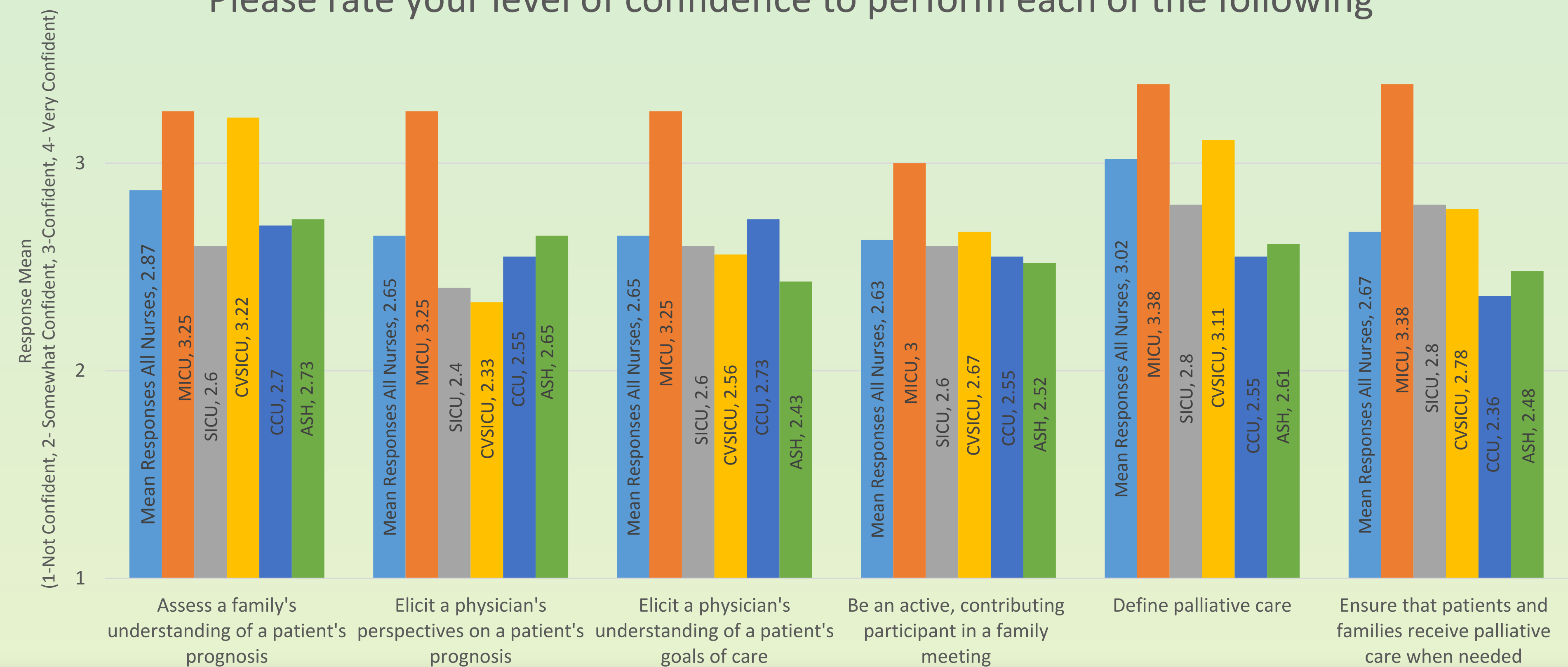
How often do you as the bedside nurse do the following?



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