

An Assessment of Honesty/Ethics in Various Health Care Professions vs. the Pharmacy Profession

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Objective

The objective of this study is to analyze previous data regarding honesty/ethics in various health care professions in comparison to pharmacy as well as to explore the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on patients' perception of honesty/ethics in various health care professions.

Methods

Gallup polling on honesty and ethics in the listed professions starting in 1976 was administered via telephone interviews with a random sample of about 1,000 adults, ages 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Samples were weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, nonresponse and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They were also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density and phone status.

Results

The data was analyzed by Pearson correlation to determine whether there was a change in the survey results over time. Results between professions were compared using ANOVA and Tuckey's and possible differences from before and after the COVID-19 pandemic were compared by independent

sample t-test. Correlation analysis revealed a significant increase in survey results across time.

Conclusion

Specific significant differences were observed between most professions. Statistically significant increases in the ratings for medical doctors in the time period before the COVID-19 pandemic as compared to the period afterward were observed but this difference did not reach statistical significance for the pharmacy profession.