

**Table 2 Attitudes and practices of physicians in Gaza Strip towards the essential drugs list (EDL) by current use of the list**

Variable	Currently using EDL		Used in the past		Not used at all		$\chi^2$ -value	P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
<b><i>Influence on physicians of clients' request for drugs</i></b>								
Very strong	10	55.6	4	22.2	4	22.2	16.13	0.013
To some extent	52	74.3	2	2.9	16	22.9		
Weak	45	58.4	14	18.2	18	23.4		
Never	42	72.4	2	3.4	14	24.1		
<b><i>Physicians have evaluation for their prescribing practices</i></b>								
Yes	49	83.1	4	6.8	6	10.2	13.22	0.01
No	69	58.0	15	12.6	35	29.4		
Don't know	33	73.3	2	4.4	10	22.2		
<b><i>Physicians receive feedback about their prescribing practices</i></b>								
Yes, written	15	83.3	2	11.1	1	5.6	5.89	0.208
Yes, verbal	55	71.4	4	5.2	18	23.4		
None	79	63.2	14	11.2	32	25.6		
<b><i>Ease of use of EDL</i></b>								
Yes, easy	136	91.3	13	8.7	n/a	-	17.17	0.001
No, not easy	11	57.9	8	42.1	n/a	-		
<b><i>Availability of EDL drugs in the pharmacy</i></b>								
Exclusively present	16	94.1	1	5.9	0	0.0	27.33	0.001
Partially present	118	73.3	15	9.3	28	17.4		
No	14	48.3	4	13.8	11	37.9		
Don't know	3	23.1	2	15.4	8	61.5		
<b><i>Attended training course on EDL</i></b>								
Yes	64	83.1	8	10.4	5	6.5	19.03	0.001
No	85	58.6	13	9.0	47	32.4		

*n/a = not applicable.*