



# Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee Meeting

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FOR AGENDA ITEM 11.0**

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# CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST SURVEY RESULTS

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# SURVEY DATA EXPLANATION

- ❖ You may seem some discrepancies in the numbers for a few of the reasons as listed below:
  - ❖ *Survey was sent to all active CNS's in California, a few answered they did not hold an active California CNS license/certification*
  - ❖ *Some CNSs noted they were not certified and then listed certifications*
  - ❖ *Some listed every certification they held (ex: CCRN, Public Health Nurse, etc.) outside of CNS national certification as requested.*
    - ❖ *We did our best to group answers into the available categories*
    - ❖ *Data totals may not add up*
  - ❖ *Some listed they were not certified and then listed certifying bodies*
  - ❖ *Some put multiple certifying bodies, but only one type of certification*
    - ❖ *Gave credit to any certifying body that was chosen*
    - ❖ *Data totals may not correlate with question 2*

# CNSAC REGULATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

- ❖ CNSAC Regulations subcommittee interested in gathering data around national certification for CNS's in CA. APRN Consensus Model and national trends show national certification requirements for state licensure for all APRNs. Goal of this survey was to learn how many CNS's hold national certification, which type they hold, from which certifying body, and the potential impact on requiring national certification.
- ❖ Survey sent on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 via email by BRN staff to 3000+ currently licensed CNS' requesting participation in a brief 4 question survey. Survey end date September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- ❖ Reminder email sent out on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- ❖ 856 total responses received, for an approximate 28% response rate.

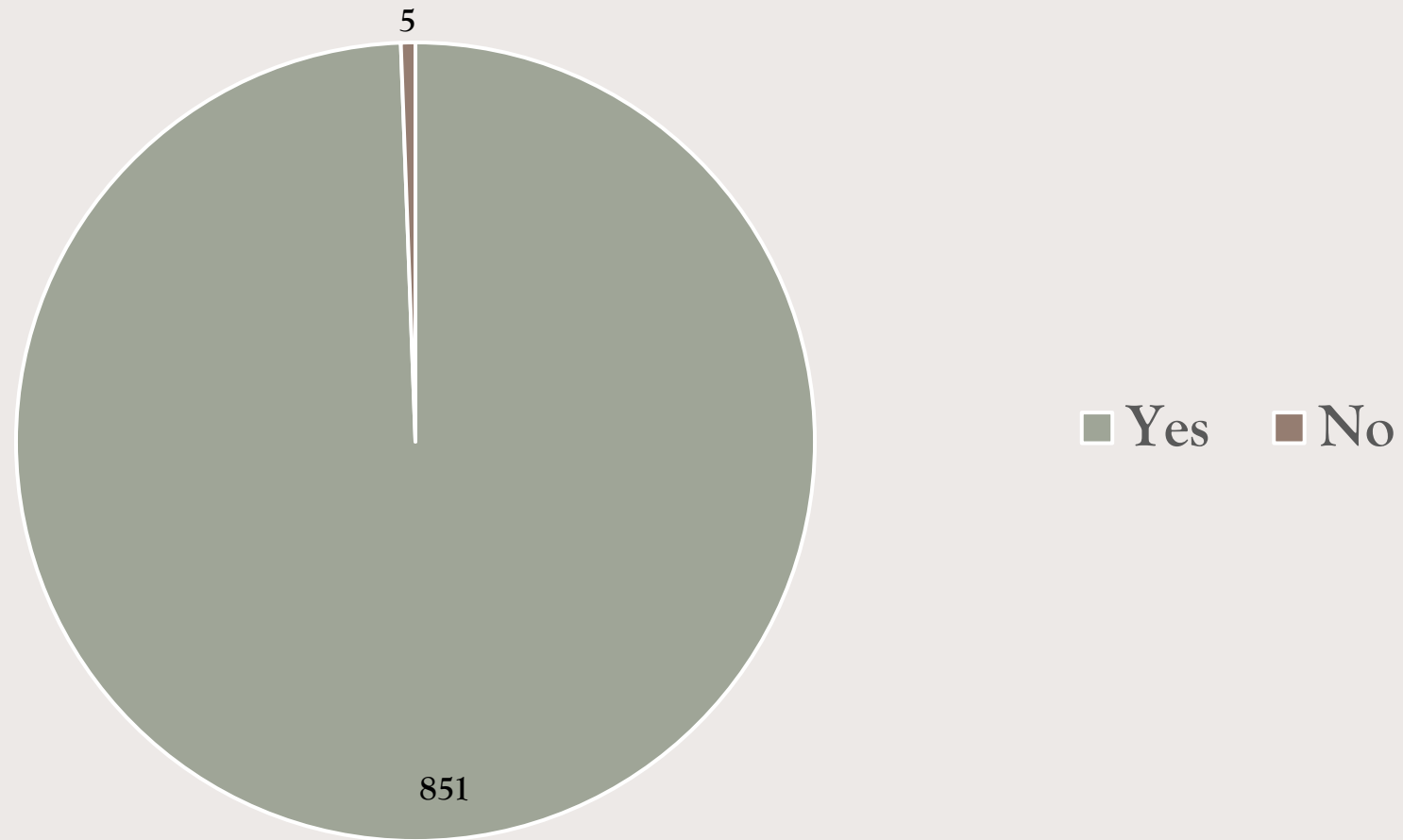


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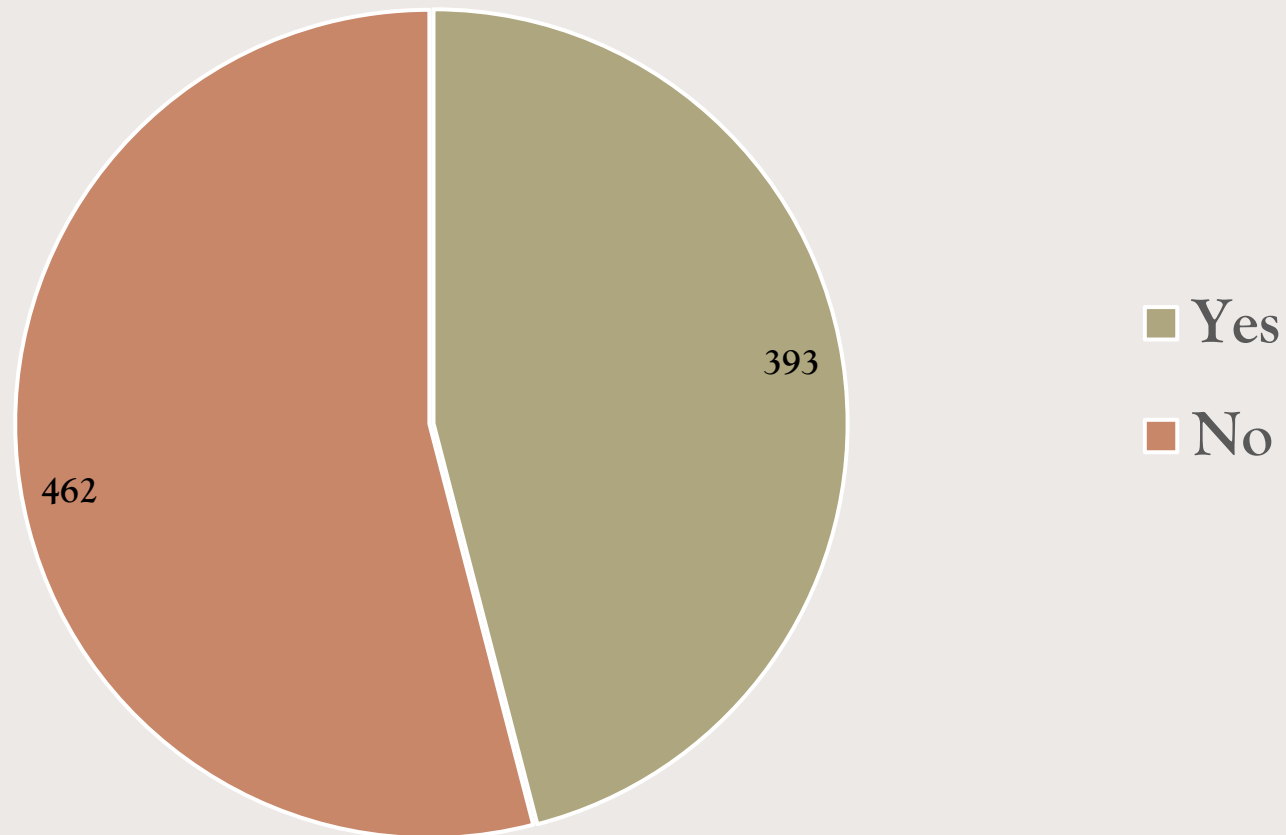
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SURVEY RESULTS

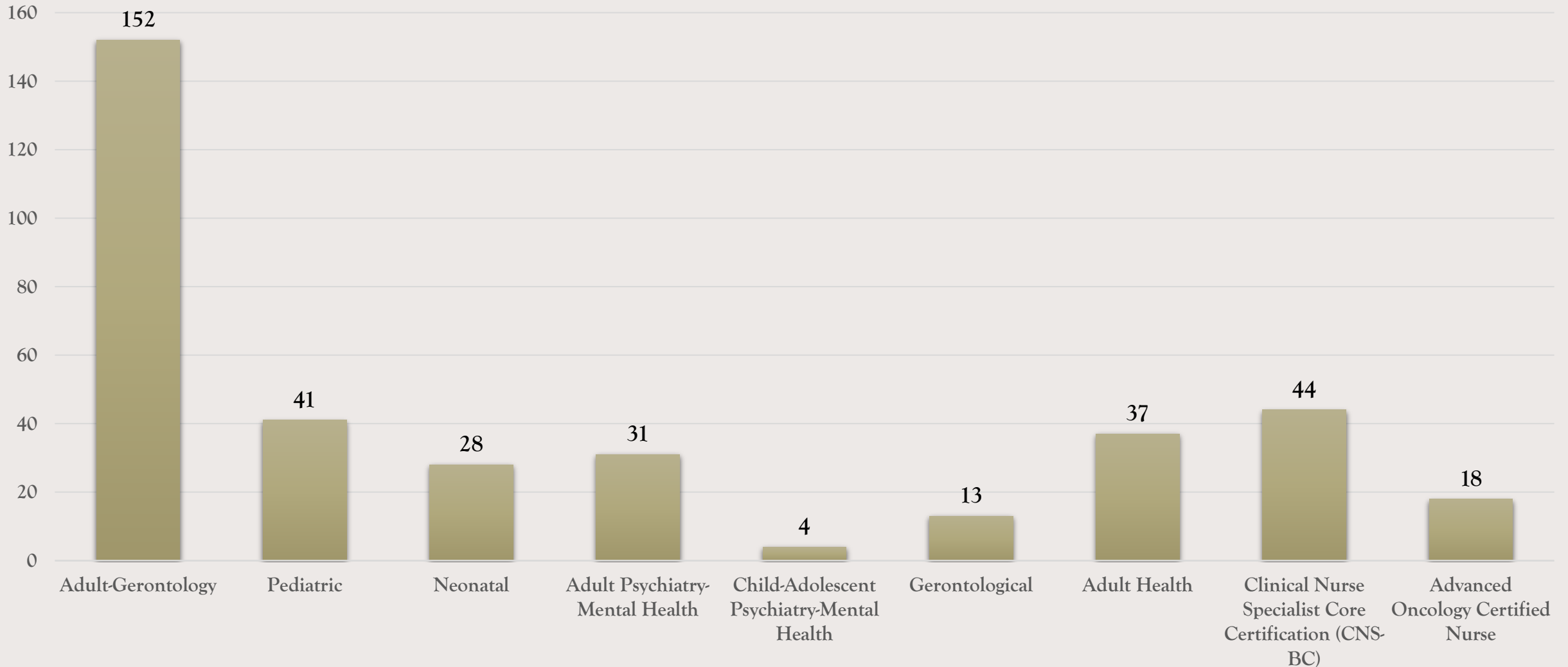
# QUESTION 1: DO YOU HOLD AN ACTIVE CALIFORNIA CNS LICENSE/CERTIFICATION?



## QUESTION 2: DO YOU CURRENTLY HOLD A NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR CNS PRACTICE?



# QUESTION 3: IF YES, WHAT CURRENT NATIONAL CERTIFICATION DO YOU HOLD?



# QUESTION 4: THROUGH WHICH NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODY IS YOUR CERTIFICATION AS A CNS?

