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AWARENESS AND PERCEPTIONS ABOUT PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS USAGE AMONG PHYSICIANS IN INDIA: A SURVEY

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A multicentric survey of 465 Indian physicians found limited familiarity with PPI adverse effects, with most slightly concerned and nearly half reporting somewhat changed prescribing practices.

KEY POINTS

- Survey of 465 physicians across India assessed knowledge, perceptions, and prescribing behaviour regarding PPI-related adverse events
- A significant proportion of physicians were unaware of specific adverse effects with PPI use; 50.11% were only slightly familiar with published data on PPI adverse effects
- Most physicians (56.77%) were slightly concerned about adverse effects when prescribing PPIs, while 48.17% reported recent evidence slightly changed their prescribing habits
- Regarding efficacy, 55% perceived PPIs as moderately effective at reducing upper gastrointestinal bleeding risk, 26% as slightly effective, 17% as very effective, and 2% as not effective
- Half of physicians (50.11%) only slightly frequently discuss adverse effect risks with patients before starting PPI therapy

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