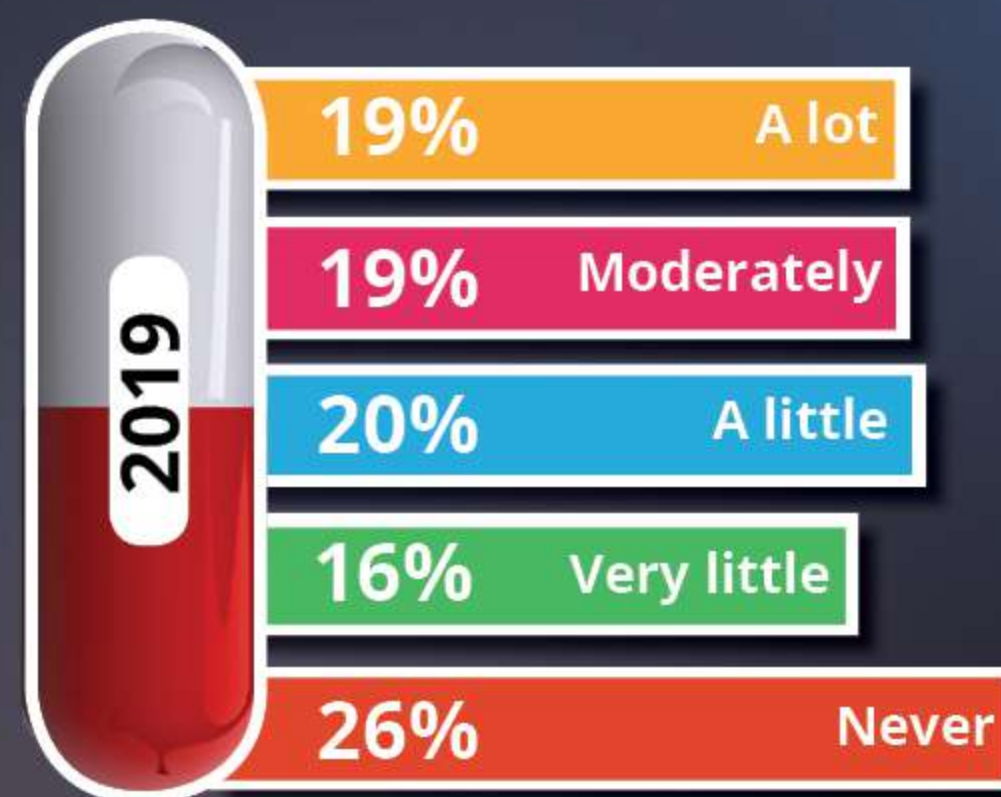
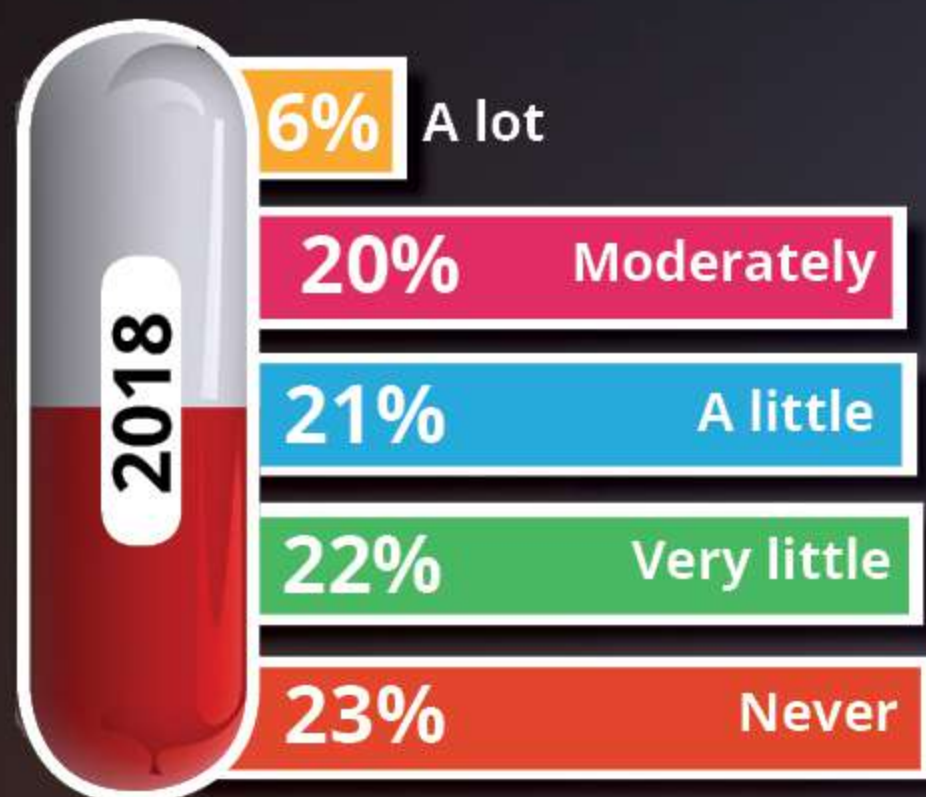


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In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2018, respondents were asked “How often do you take prescription medicines?” In response 23% said never, 22% occasionally, 21% said sometimes, 20% said fairly often and 6% said very often.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2019 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2019, 26% said never, 16% occasionally, 20% said sometimes, 19% said fairly often and 19% said very often.

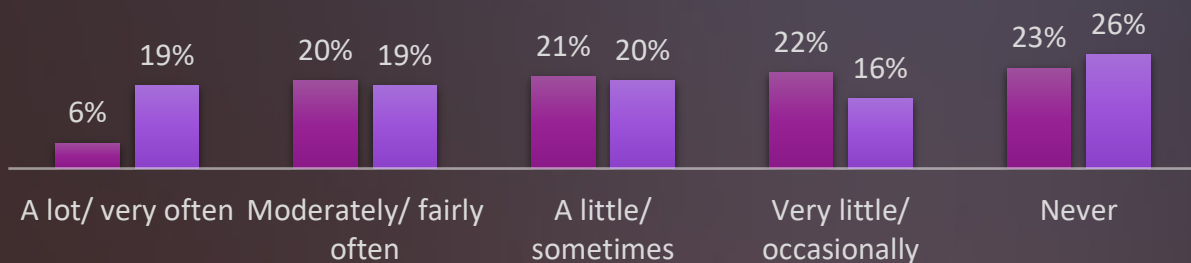
Trend Analysis: In 2018, only 26% Pakistanis reported taking prescription medicines very often or fairly often while in 2019 38% respondents reported taking prescription medicines very/ fairly often.

Implication of this Finding: A fairly high proportion of Pakistanis reported never or only sometimes/occasionally taking prescription medicines. It should be kept in mind that since prescriptions for purchase for several medicines including antibiotics is not mandatory at pharmacies, many Pakistanis often self-medicate themselves.

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Question: “How often do you take prescription medicines?”

■ 2018 ■ 2019



Don't Know/ No Response not shown

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