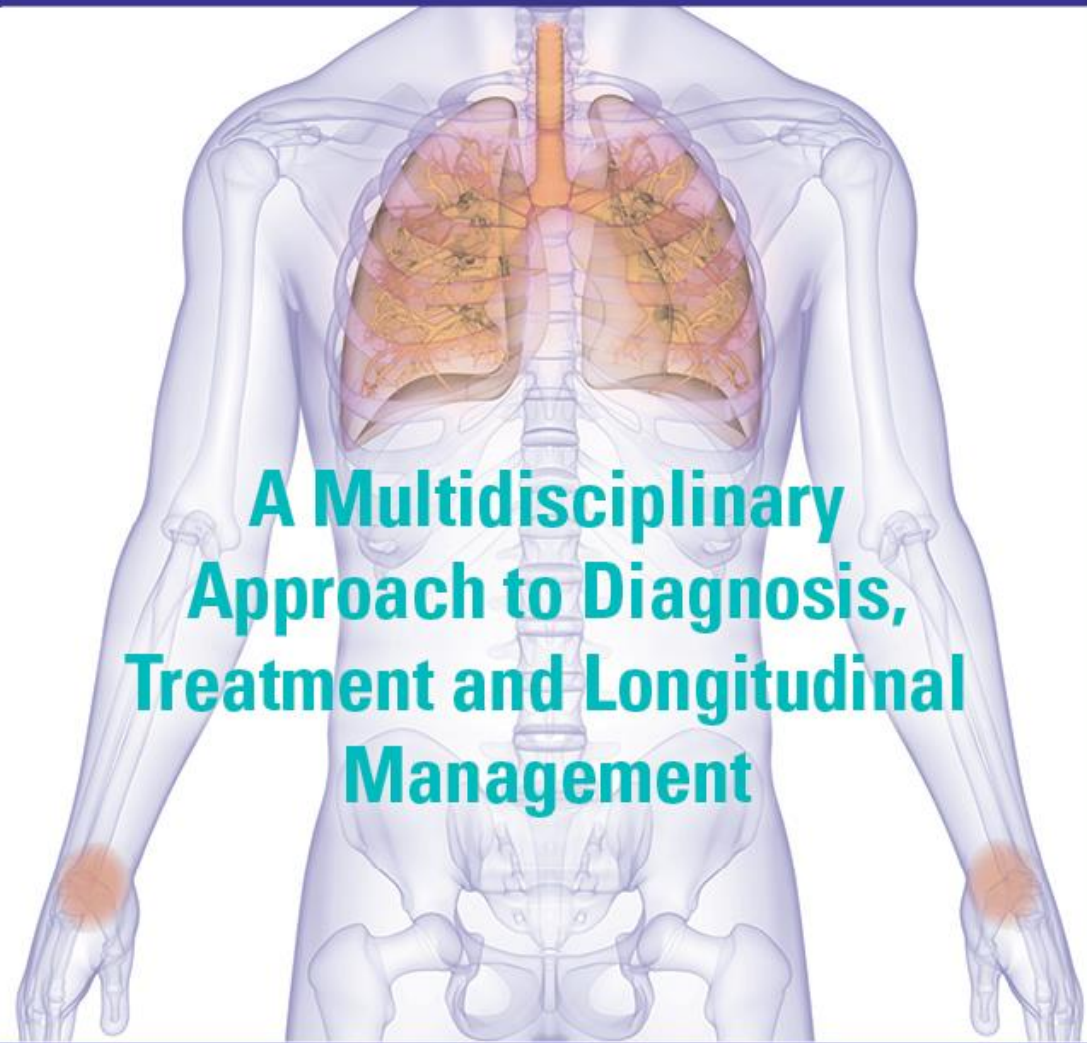


# Systemic Sclerosis Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD)



**Final Outcomes Report:**  
Live and Online Enduring Activity

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# Executive Summary: Activity Details

The CME symposium was held in conjunction with American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) Annual Meeting (CHEST 2019) in New Orleans, LA and subsequently provided as an online enduring activity. The program consisted of a one-hour roundtable discussion led by three pulmonologists considered to be key opinion leaders in ILD and one rheumatologist. They provided their perspective in the multidisciplinary approach to SSc-ILD. The experts led discussion on screening and diagnosis, current and emerging treatments, and longitudinal management. National Jewish Health is the accredited provider for the collaborative program presented with the Mount Sinai – National Jewish Health Respiratory Institute and the Jane and Leonard Korman Respiratory Institute - Jefferson Health and National Jewish Health.



## Learning Objectives

1. Identify clinical features and risk factors of SSc-ILD based upon best practices for diagnosis.
2. Apply practice guidelines and clinical evidence related to current and emerging therapies to select treatments for patients with SSc-ILD.
3. Evaluate strategies for longitudinal management of SSc-ILD using a multidisciplinary approach.

## Features included:

- ✓ Panel discussion
- ✓ Challenging cases
- ✓ Infographic clinical aid
- ✓ Audience Response System



Patient Perspective  
Video

# Faculty Presenters



**Mehrnaz Maleki Fischbach, MD**

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**Jesse Roman, MD**

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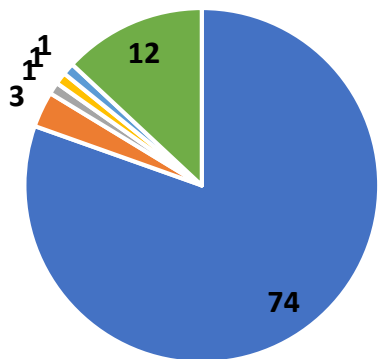


**Maria Padilla, MD**

Director, Advanced Lung Disease  
& Interstitial Lung Disease Program  
Professor of Medicine  
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Medicine  
Mount Sinai-National Jewish Health  
Respiratory Institute  
*New York City, NY*

# Activity Dashboard : Live Symposium

## Participation



**82%**  
MD/DO

### 92 Attendees

- 74 MD/DO
- 1 PA
- 3 NP
- 1 PharmD
- 1 Nurse
- 12 Other

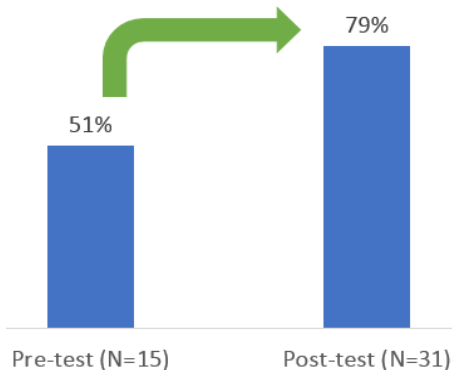
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- Reinforced or improved current skills
- Improved ability to treat patients

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## Learner Impact



**55%** overall relative knowledge gain

**70%** of all questions represented a medium to large effect

### NARROWING THE GAPS

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**44%** increase in knowledge from pre to post test

Apply practice guidelines and clinical evidence related to current and emerging therapies

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Evaluate strategies for longitudinal management

**13%** increase in knowledge from pre to post test

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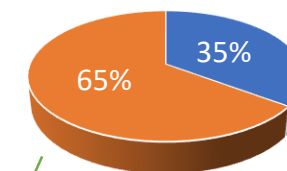
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Intended changes include:

- Start treatment earlier
- Screening tools (with HRCT)
- Work up for dyspnea

## Persistent Gaps/Needs

A gap persists related to identifying clinical features and risk factors of SSc-ILD based upon best practices for diagnosis.



**65%** were unable to identify the risk for progressive ILD

# Online Outcomes: Overview

## Online Enduring Activity on ReachMD: November 18, 2019 - November 17, 2020

Systemic Sclerosis Interstitial Lung Disease: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Diagnosis, Treatment, & Longitudinal Management



Guest Mehrnaz Maleki Fischbach, MD  
Guest Maria Padilla, MD  
Guest Jesse Roman, MD  
Guest Jeffrey Swigris, DO, MS

This program will highlight strategies for the diagnosis, treatment, and longitudinal management of SSc-ILD using a multidisciplinary approach.

Released: 11/18/2019  
Valid until: 11/17/2020

Available credits: 1.00  
Time to complete: 60 minutes

**Take Post-Test** If you've already completed the activity.

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<https://reachmd.com/programs/cme/systemic-sclerosis-Interstitial-lung-disease-a-multidisciplinary-approach-to-diagnosis-treatment-man/11055/>

Because streaming learners on ReachMD are less likely to engage with the post-test and evaluation, National Jewish Health posted the online enduring activity on two distribution platforms to ensure robust program data.

## Online Enduring Activity on FreeCME: April 24, 2020 - November 17, 2020



### Systemic Sclerosis Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD): A Multidisciplinary Approach to Diagnosis, Treatment and Longitudinal Management



**Systemic Sclerosis Interstitial Lung Disease: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Diagnosis, Treatment and Longitudinal Management**

Released On  
April 24, 2020

Expires On  
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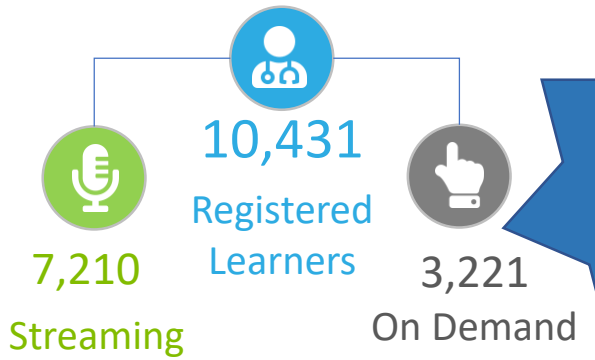
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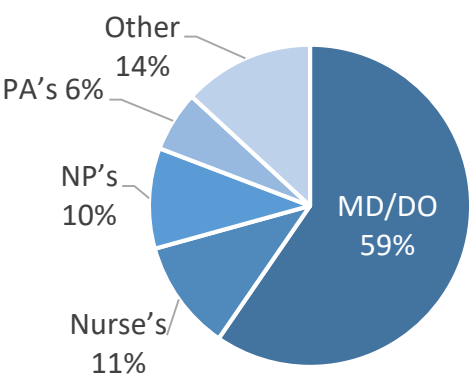
## Reach



**Exceeded anticipated reach by 90%!**

714 completers (measured by post-test engagement)

## Participation

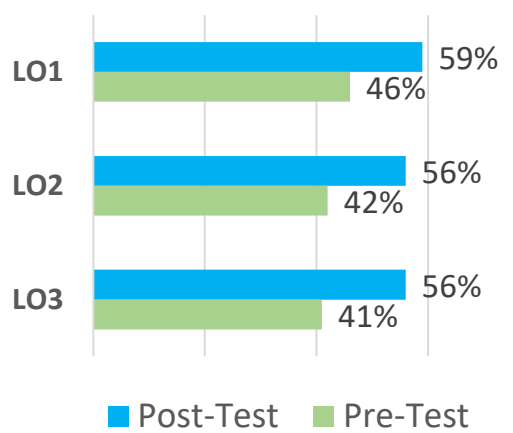
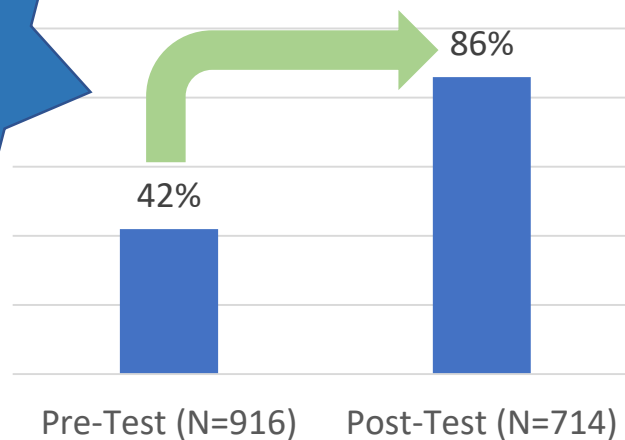


**76%** of learners were physicians and advanced practice providers

N = 10,431

## Educational Impact

**105%** overall relative gain in knowledge from pre to post activity.



**33%** overall increase in confidence across all learning objectives

## Practice Change

**80%** of evaluation respondents (N=572) report that they are somewhat to extremely likely to make changes to their practice following the activity.

“In the surgical setting, I will be able to identify abnormal lung tissue.”

“I will utilize a multidisciplinary approach more frequently.”

“Additional antibody testing for new ILD evaluations and move earlier to anti-fibrotic therapy.”

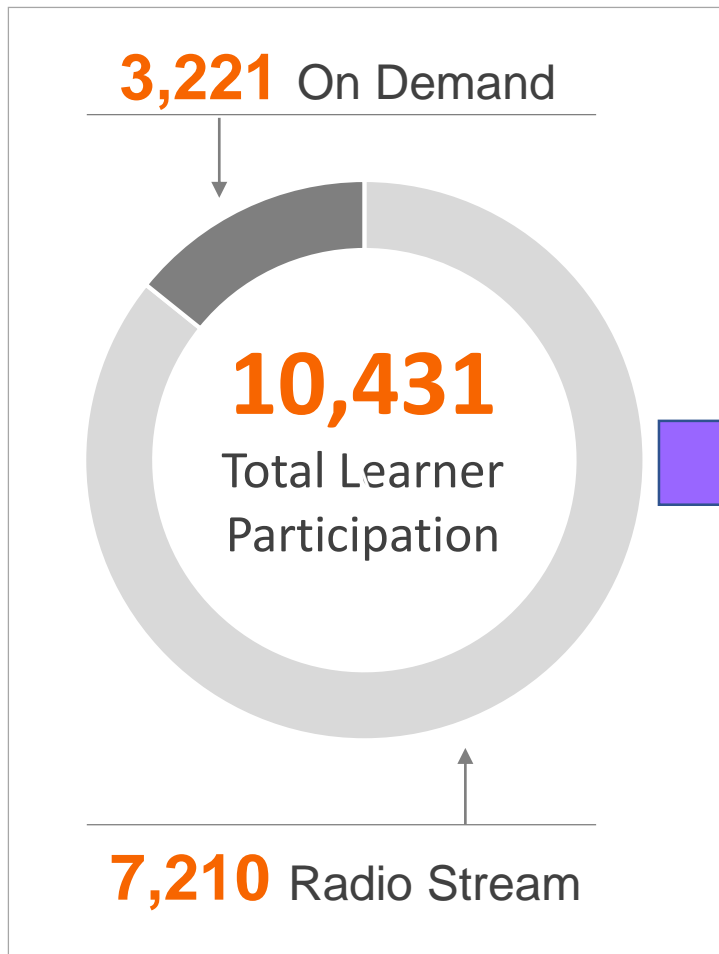
**81%** are likely to use the infographic clinical reference aid in their practice.

# Online Outcomes: ReachMD Distribution

Accessible on websites, mobile apps, and podcast in connected cars across the ReachMD Network



# Level 1 Online Outcomes: Participation Breakdown



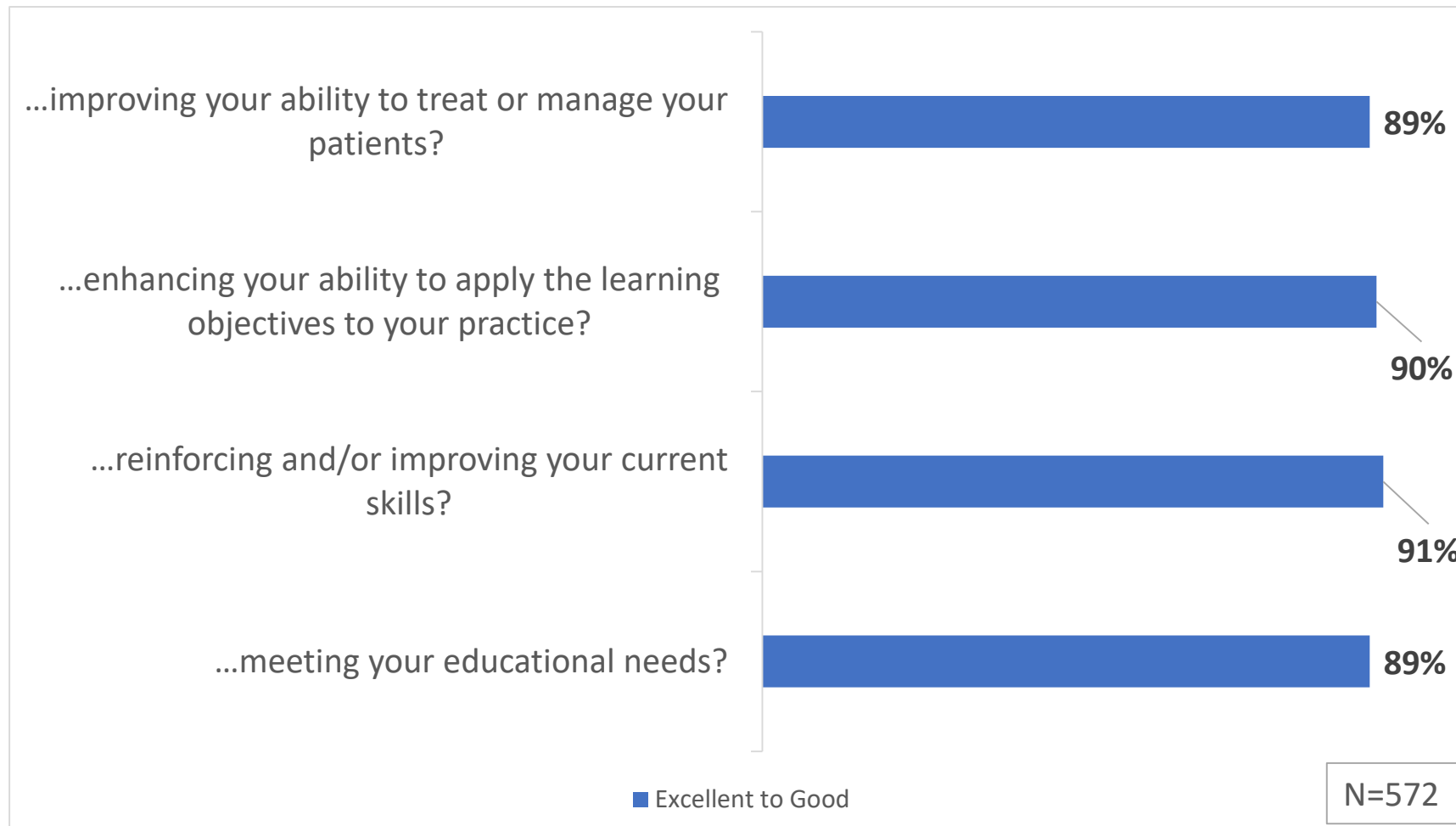
Profession	Learner Participation
Physician	6,185
Nurse	1,153
NP	1,086
PA	647
PharmD	4
Other	1,356
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,431</b>

Specialty	Learner Participation
Primary Care	3,444
Oncology	780
Cardiology	506
Psychiatric/Mental Health	491
Rheumatology	486
Pain Management	399
Ophthalmology	392
Surgery	342
Pulmonary	332
Neurology	298
Hospital Medicine	212
Family/Internal/Adult	98
Other	2,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,431</b>



# Level 2 Online Outcomes: Satisfaction

Evaluation respondents report the activity was “Excellent” to “Good” at:



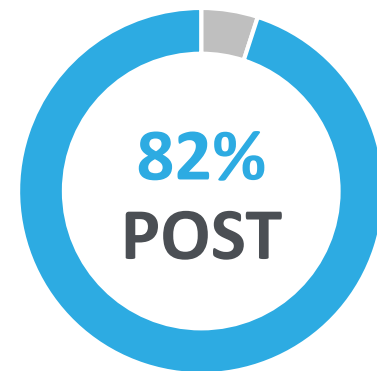
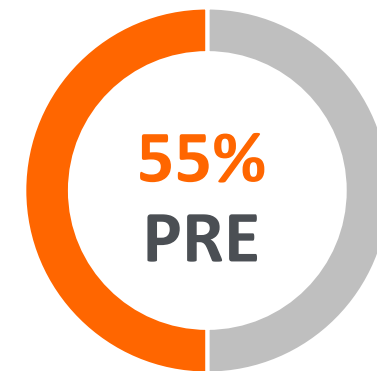
**Evaluation**

- ✓ **97%** reported the material was presented without commercial bias
- ✓ **98%** reported the content presented was evidence-based and clinically relevant

# Level 4 Online Outcomes: Pre/Post Assessment

**Learning Objective:** *Identify clinical features and risk factors of SSc-ILD based upon best practices for diagnosis.*

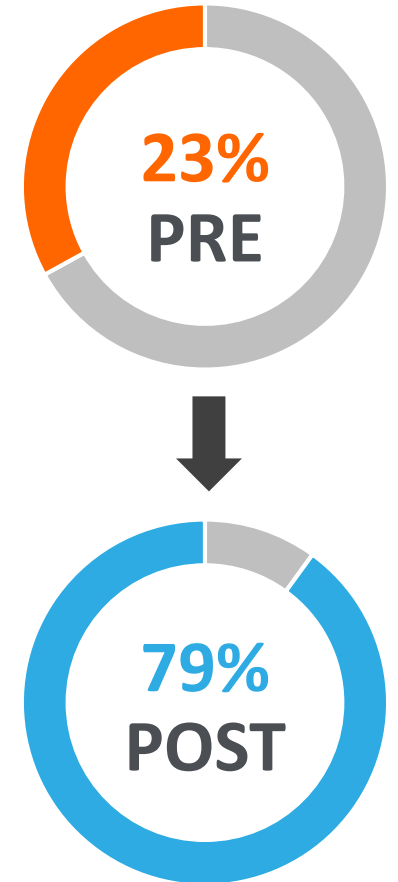
Q1: A 60 year old patient with SSc presents with progressive shortness of breath and evidence of interstitial lung disease on a chest radiograph. You order a HRCT scan of the chest and expect the following:	Pre-test N = 916	Post-test N = 714
<b>NSIP or UIP pattern</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>82%</b>
Interstitial reticulation and pleural involvement	24%	7%
Apical fibrosis	12%	6%
Significant air trapping on expiratory images	6%	3%
Diffuse cysts	2%	2%



**49%** relative  
knowledge gain

**Learning Objective:** *Identify clinical features and risk factors of SSc-ILD based upon best practices for diagnosis.*

Q2: Your patient is diagnosed with SSc-ILD and the HRCT pattern shows fibrotic NSIP. Which of the following is the most important to determine prognosis?	Pre-test N = 917	Post-test N = 714
The % of neutrophils in Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL)	38%	8%
Extent of skin involvement	22%	7%
<b>Autoantibody status</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>79%</b>
Serum TGF-beta levels	16%	7%

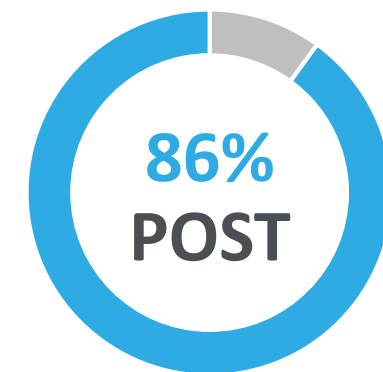
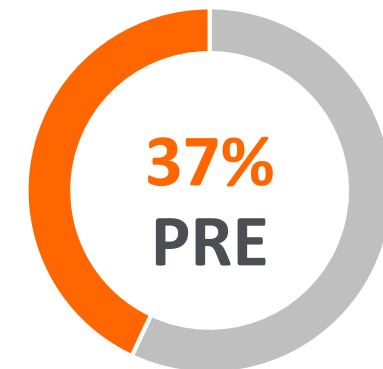


**243%** relative knowledge gain

# Level 4 Online Outcomes: Pre/Post Assessment

**Learning Objective:** *Apply practice guidelines and clinical evidence related to current and emerging therapies*

Q3: Your patient is a 50 y/o female with diffuse cutaneous SSc & SSc-ILD that is progressive & very severe (FVC 38% DLCO 38%) despite attempts with IV & oral cyclophosphamide, MMF, azathioprine, rituximab salvage therapy. Stem cell transplant is not an option. What is the next step?	Pre-test N = 913	Post-test N = 714
Consider starting pirfenidone and refer to a center with experience transplanting SSc patients	33%	8%
<b>Consider starting nintedanib and refer to a center with experience transplanting SSc patients</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>86%</b>
IV solumedrol 1000mg QD x 3 days then prednisone start at 1 mg/kg QD	19%	3%
Hospitalize and start intravenous therapy for pulmonary hypertension	11%	3%

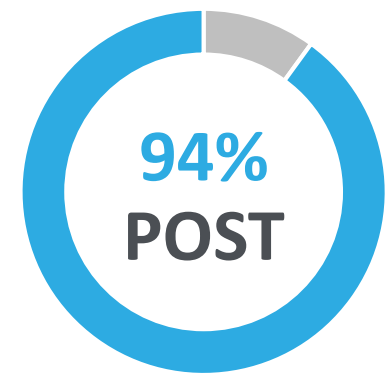
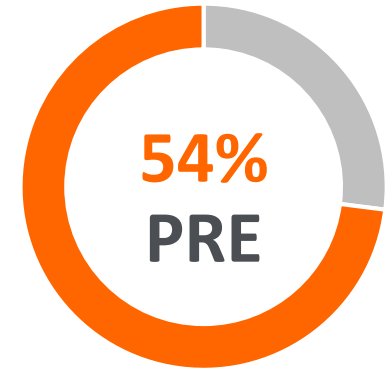


**132%** relative knowledge gain

# Level 3 Online Outcomes: Pre/Post Assessment

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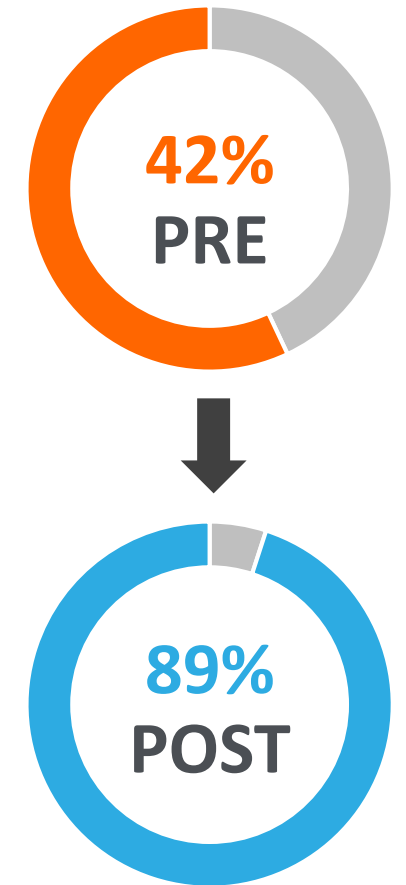
Q4: You have a patient with SSc-ILD whose vaccinations are up to date and is stable on current therapy. Which of the following is the most important intervention?	Pre-test N = 914	Post-test N = 714
Encourage adding B vitamin complex	22%	2%
<b>Refer to Pulmonary Rehabilitation</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>94%</b>
Limit activity (data suggests it will worsen skin and cause exercise induced pulmonary hypertension)	13%	3%
Avoid shingles vaccination because of risk for adverse events	12%	2%



**74%** relative knowledge gain

**Learning Objective:** Evaluate strategies for longitudinal management of SSc-ILD using a multidisciplinary approach

Q5: The comprehensive management of SSc is continuous and multidisciplinary. Baseline and periodic evaluations include all of the listed EXCEPT:	Pre-test N = 916	Post-test N = 714
Pulmonary Function tests : spirometry, diffusing capacity, TLC, 6MWT	24%	3%
Skin score assessment, GI evaluation, screening for comorbidities and monitoring for treatment toxicity or side effects	12%	3%
<b>Bronchioalveolar lavage</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>89%</b>
HRCT	7%	3%
Echocardiogram and Cardiac catheterization, if indicated	14%	3%



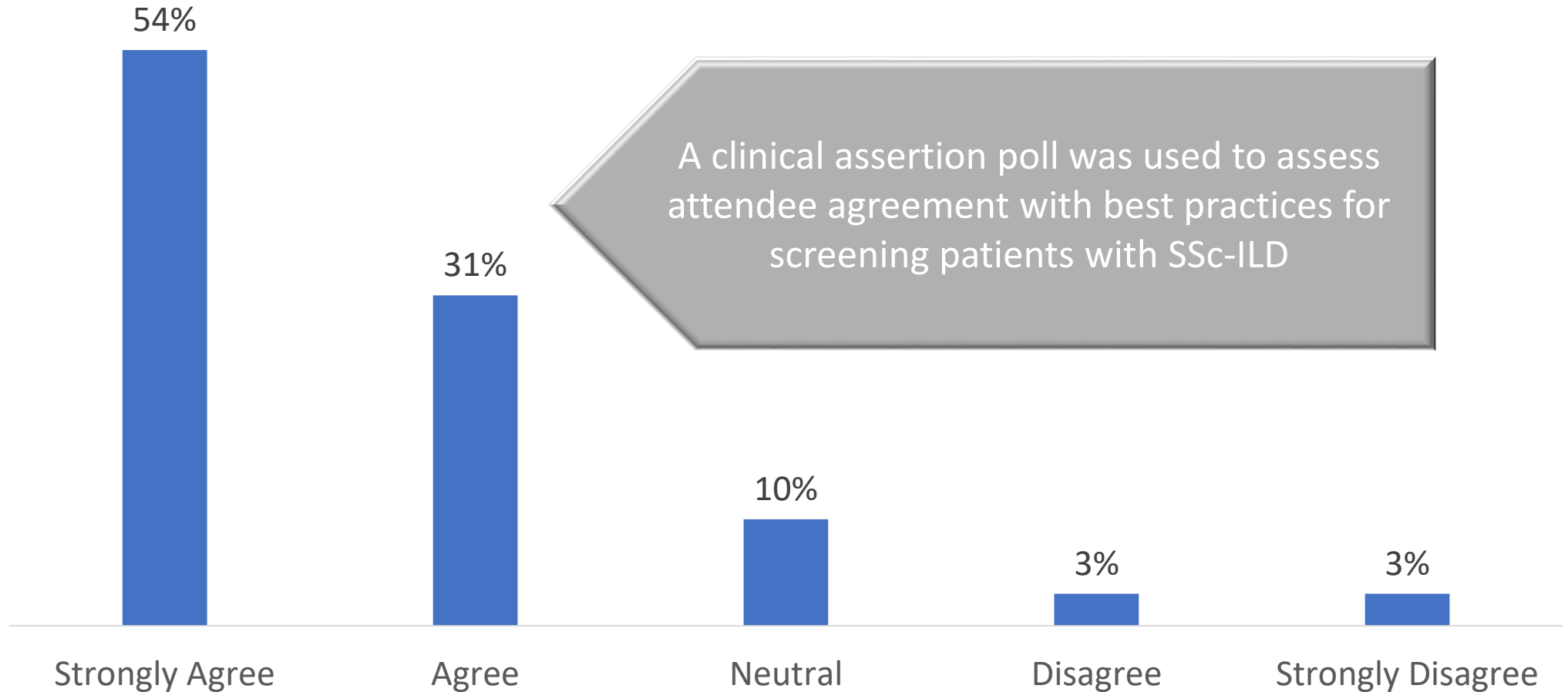
**112%** overall relative knowledge gain

# Embedded Polling Question (Online Activity)

Please rate the degree to which you agree with the following statement:

N = 71

**All patients with Systemic Sclerosis should get a high resolution CT scan.**



A clinical assertion poll was used to assess attendee agreement with best practices for screening patients with SSc-ILD

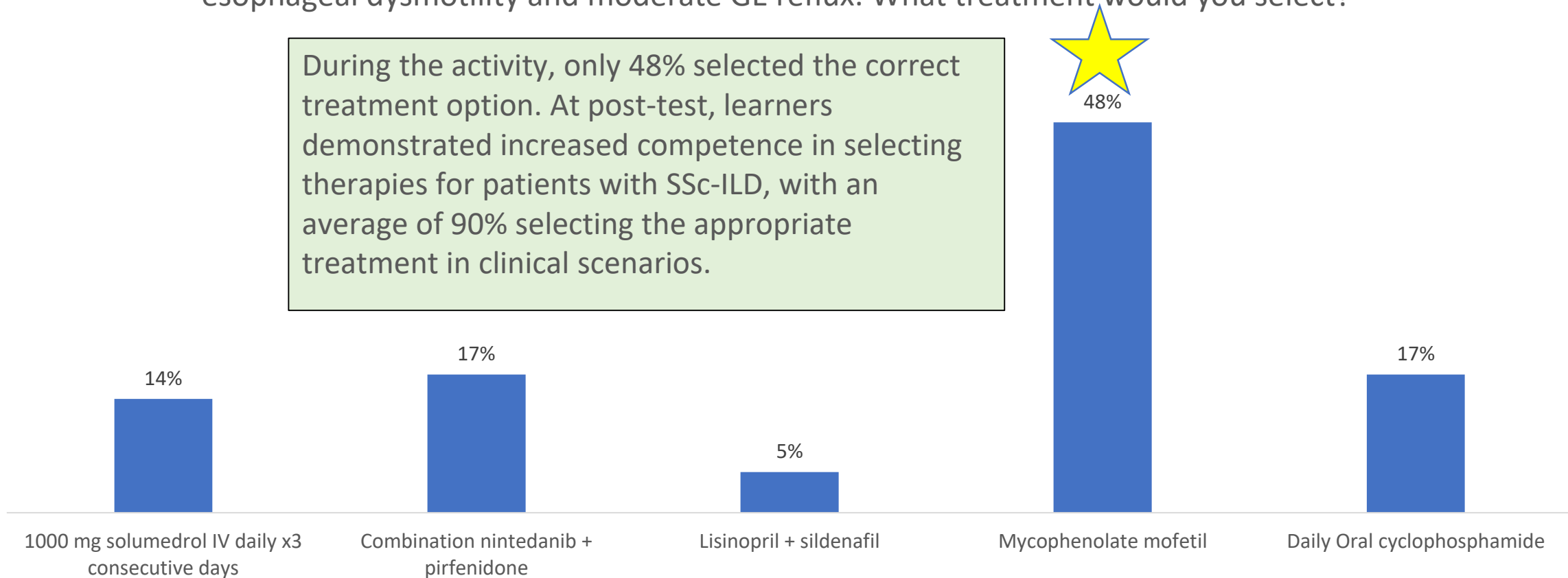
# Embedded Polling Question (Online Activity)

**Learning Objective:** Apply practice guidelines and clinical evidence related to current and emerging therapies

You complete the eval with echocardiogram, assessment of esophageal motility and reflux, and it appears there is no pulmonary hypertension or renal dysfunction, but moderate esophageal dysmotility and moderate GE reflux. What treatment would you select?

N = 66

During the activity, only 48% selected the correct treatment option. At post-test, learners demonstrated increased competence in selecting therapies for patients with SSc-ILD, with an average of 90% selecting the appropriate treatment in clinical scenarios.



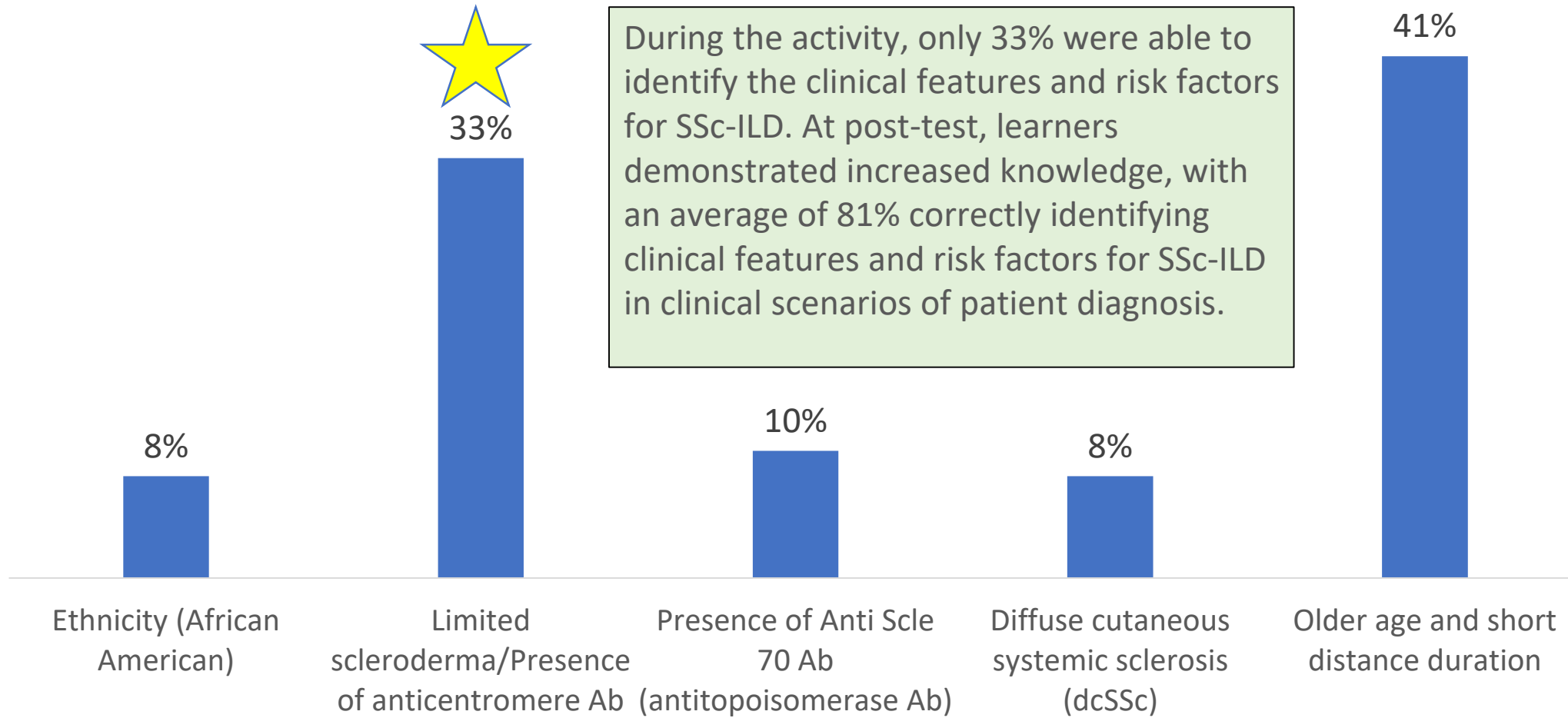


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ILD may develop in any patient with SSc. All of the following are clinical features and factors that increase risk for SSc-ILD, except:

N = 51

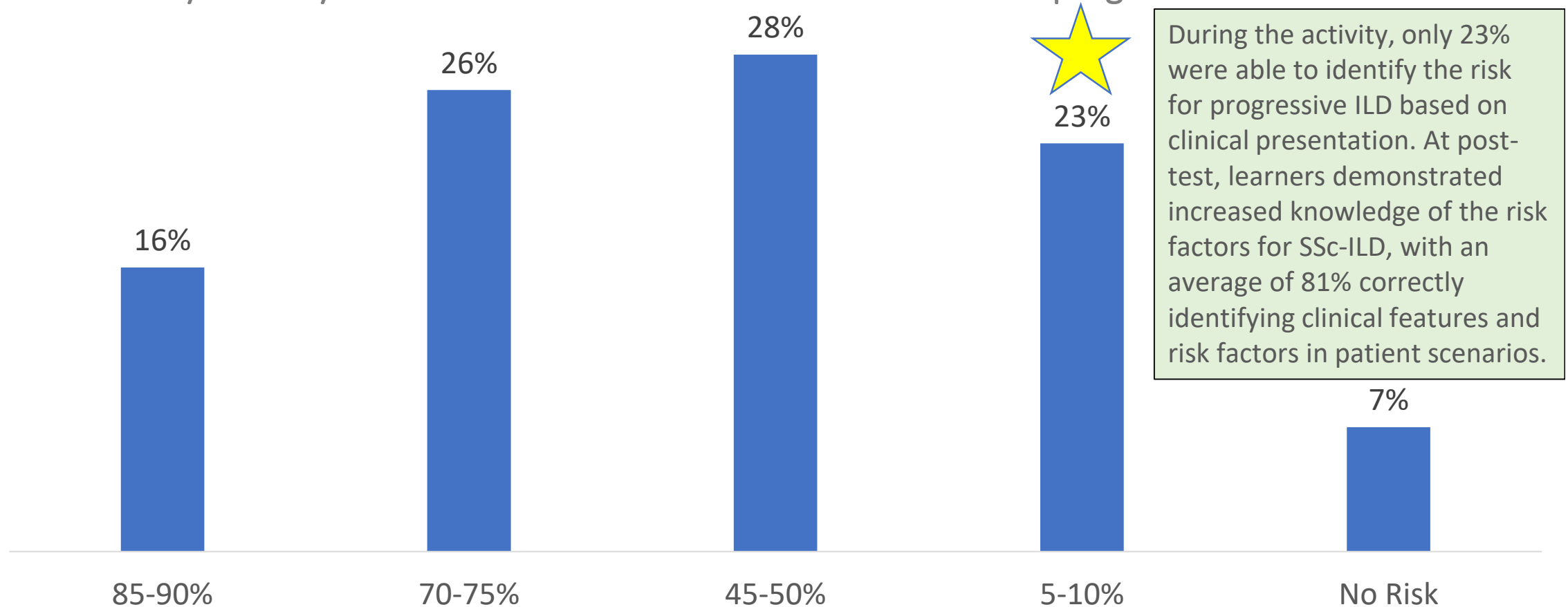


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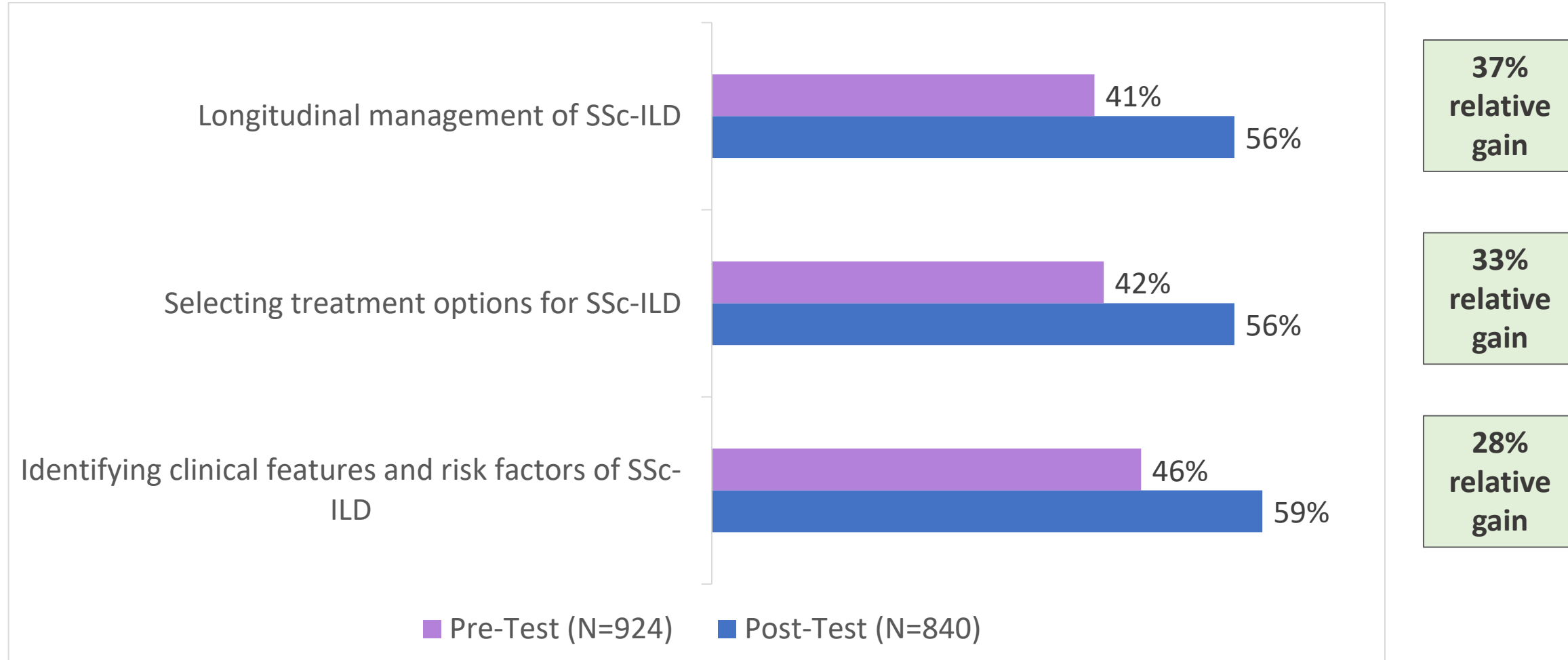
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N = 43



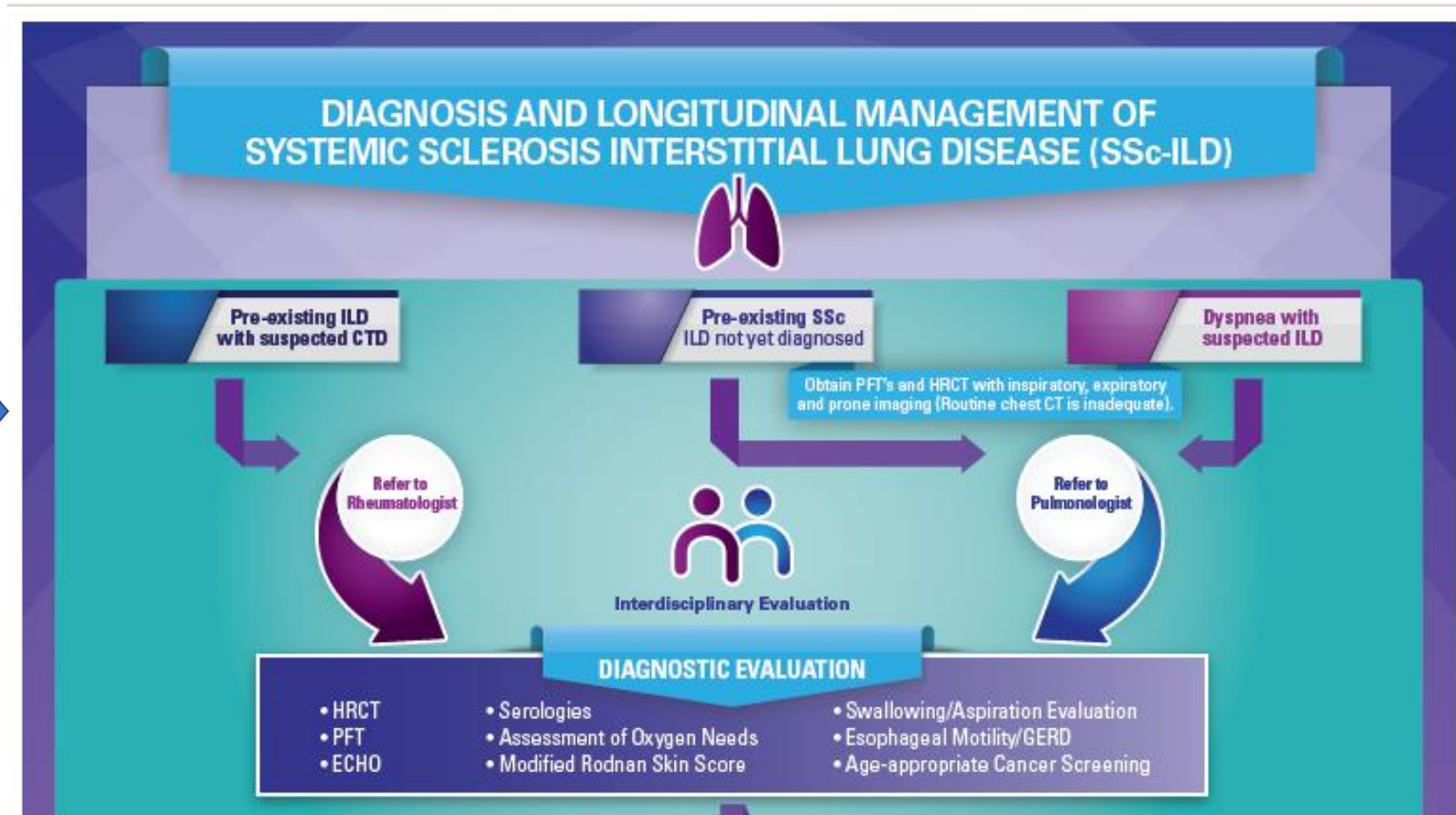
# Online Outcomes: Evaluation Assessment

Respondents indicated they were **very** or **extremely confident** with each of the following:

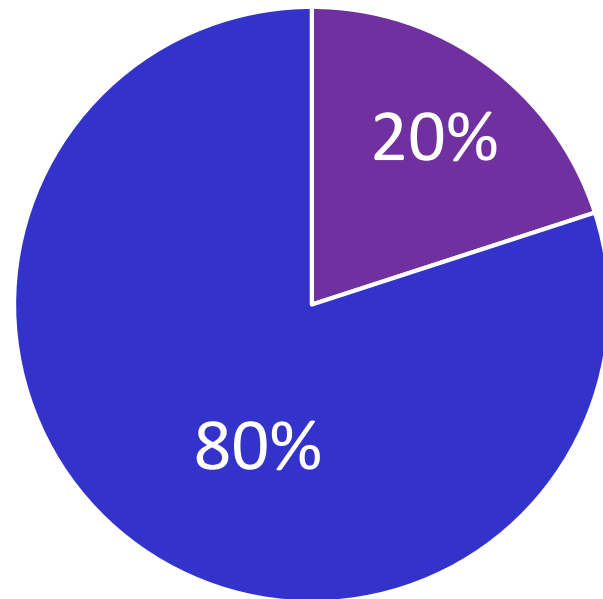


# Online Outcomes: Infographic

83% indicated that they were likely to use the infographic reference aid in practice



**80%** of evaluation respondents indicated that they planned to make changes to their practice.



■ Not likely ■ Likely

N = 572

**Specific changes that respondents indicated they would make to clinical practice include:**

- More comprehensive screening in patients
- Additional antibody testing for new ILD evaluations
- Move earlier to anti-fibrotic therapy
- Initiate new medications
- Utilize a multidisciplinary approach more frequently
- Refer patients more appropriately

N = 68

## **Key take-aways:**

- Increased clinical knowledge
- Shortness of breath and skin changes need screening
- Early diagnosis is important for the best prognosis
- Appropriate testing for antibodies is essential
- New and evolving therapies
- Hope for better treatment options in the near future
- Pulmonary Function Testing
- Team-based approach for treatment of systemic-sclerosis ILD
- Use of pulmonary rehab for SSc-ILD patients

# Live Outcomes: Overview

## Location:

CHEST 2019, New Orleans, LA

## Date:

October 22, 2019

## Faculty:

Mehrnaz Maleki Fischbach, MD

Maria Padilla, MD

Jesse Roman, MD

Jeffrey Swigris, DO, MS

## Target Audiences:

Pulmonologists, Rheumatologists

## Reach:

92 Attendees

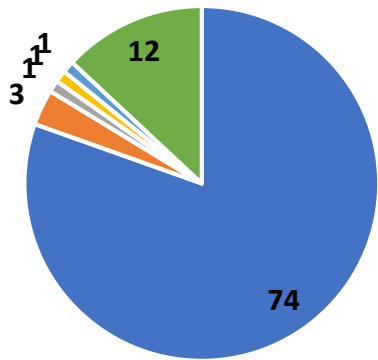


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# Activity Dashboard - Live Symposium

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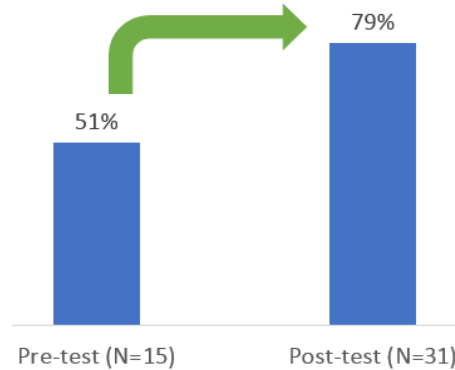
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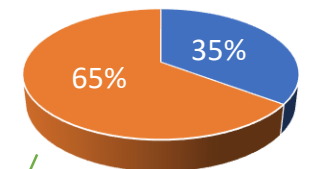
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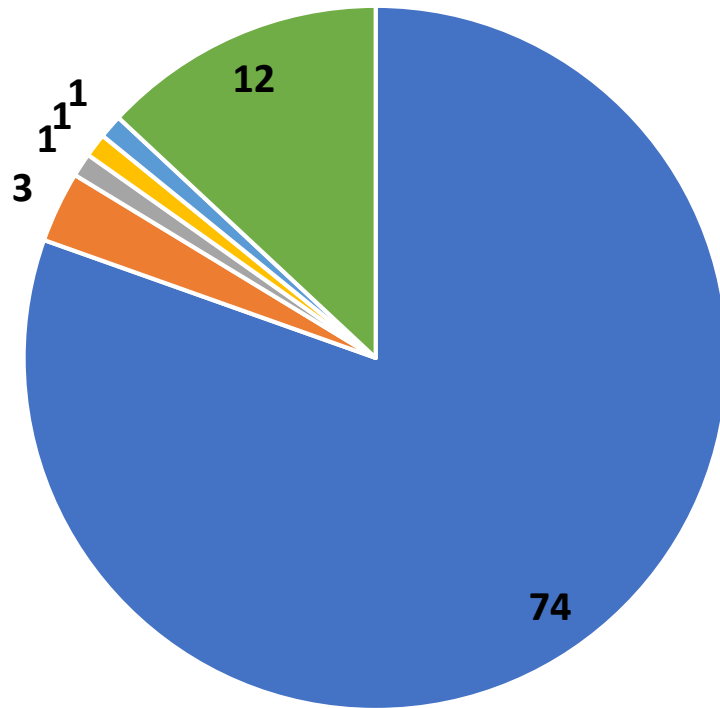
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# Level 1 Live Outcomes: Participation



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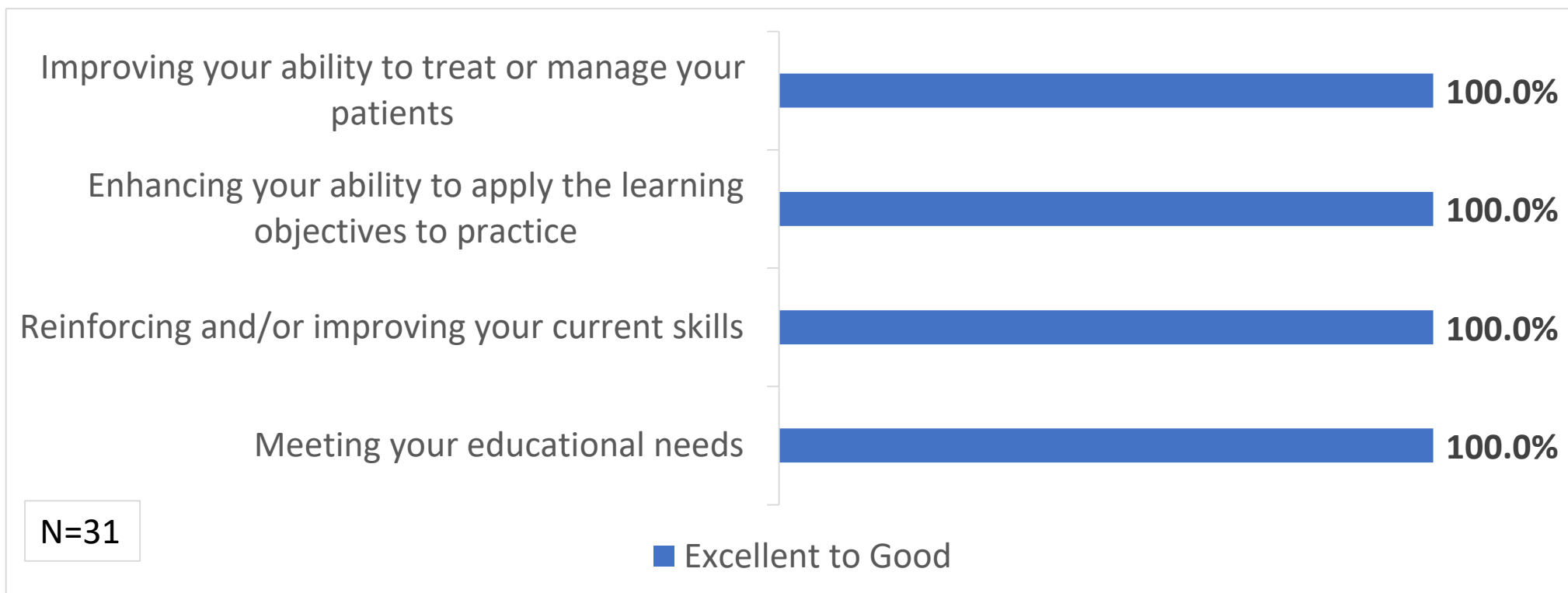


**85%**  
of attendees were  
MDs/DOs and advanced  
practice providers

# Level 2 Live Outcomes: Satisfaction

## *Analysis of participants responses related to educational needs*

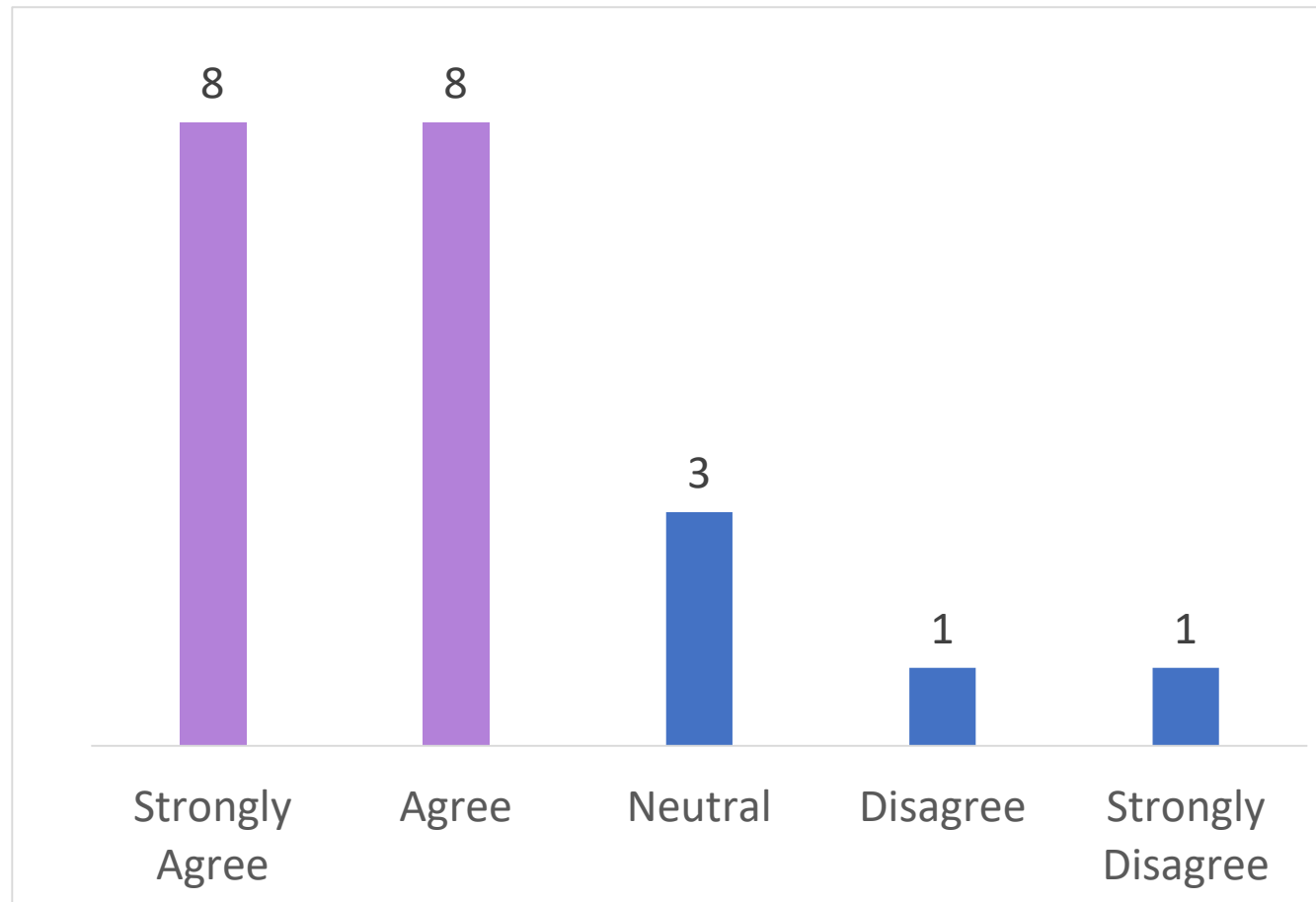
Participants reported the activity was “Excellent” to “Good” at:



# Level 2 Live Outcomes: Learning

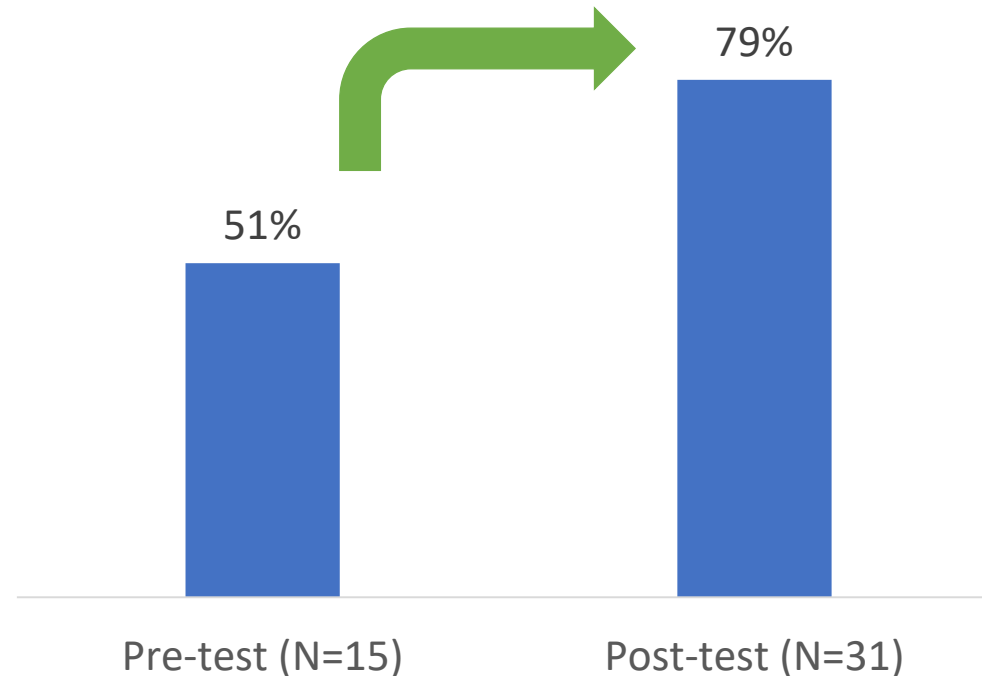
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# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Overall Live Course



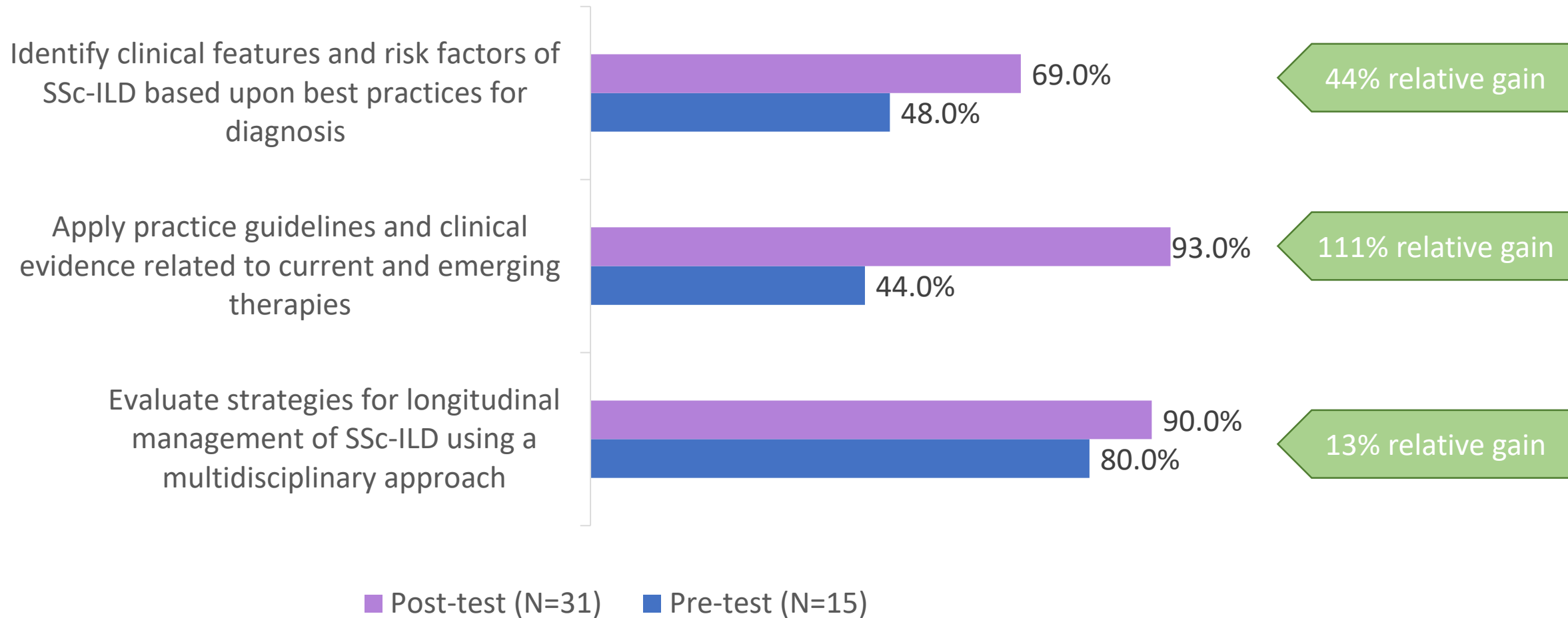
Level 3 and 4 outcomes were measured by comparing participants' pre- and post-test answers. The attendees' responses to these questions demonstrated that **participants gained knowledge as a result of the activity.**

Overall relative knowledge gain from pre- to post-activity **55%**

Greater than 70% of the questions posed for this activity represented a medium to large effect size\*

\*Cohen (1988) .2=small, .5=medium, .8=large  
\*Wolf (1966) 0.25=educationally significant

## Learning Objective Knowledge Gain

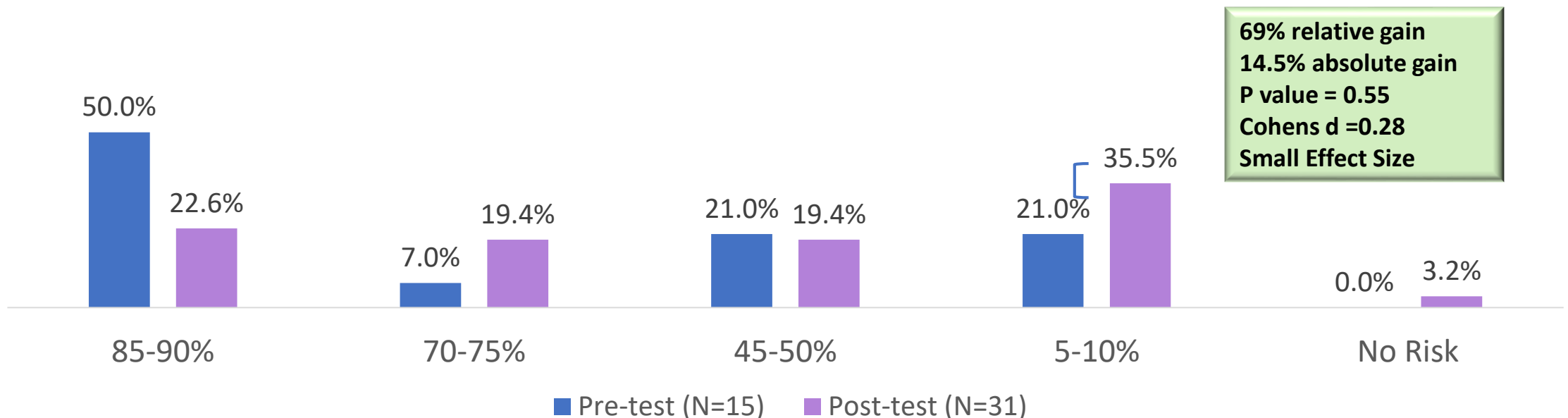


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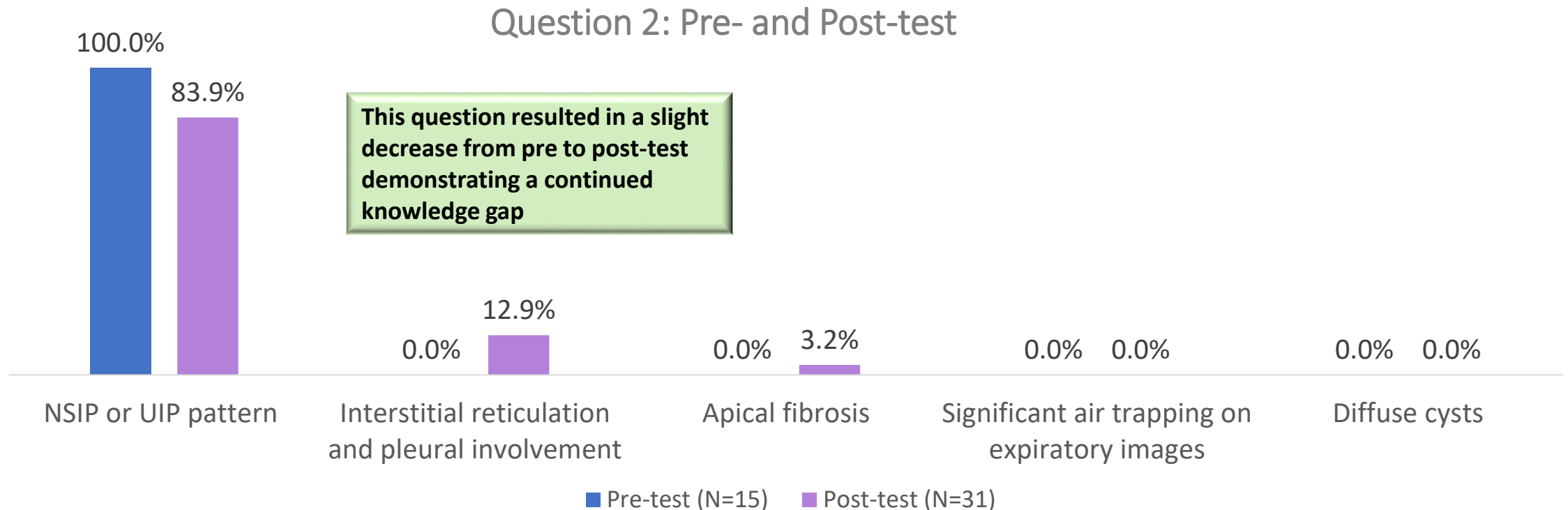


# Level 4 Live Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 2

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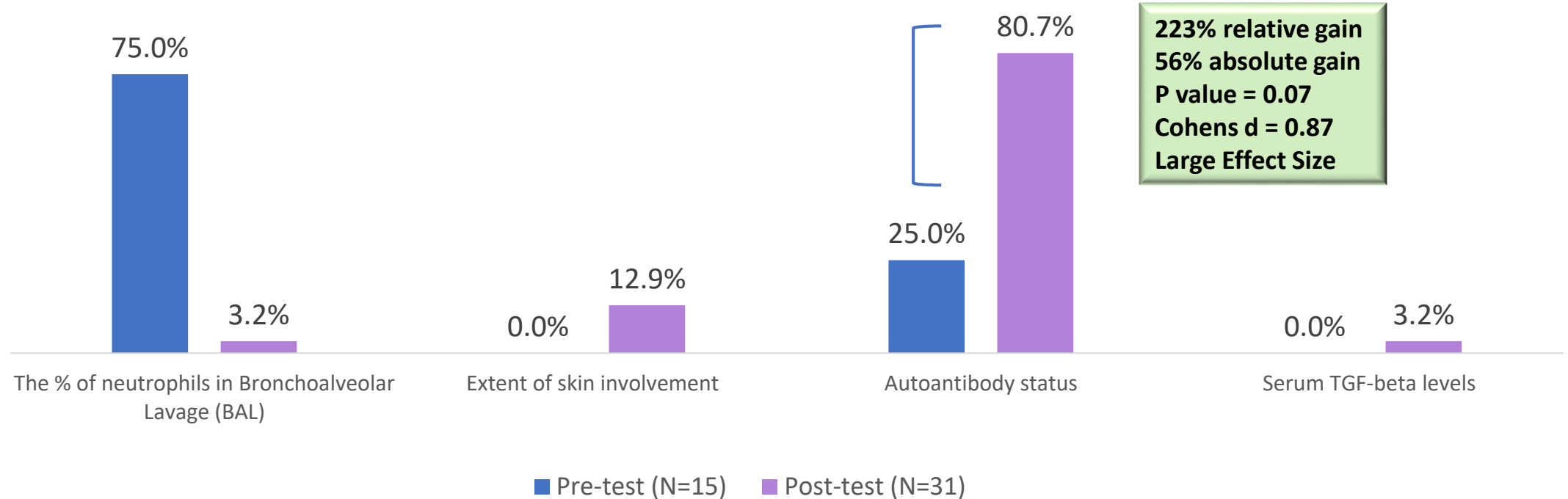


## Question 3

**Learning Objective:** *Identify clinical features and risk factors of SSc-ILD based upon best practices for diagnosis.*

**Q3:** Your patient is diagnosed with SSc-ILD and the HRCT pattern shows fibrotic NSIP. Which of the following is the most important to determine prognosis?

Question 3: Pre- and Post-test





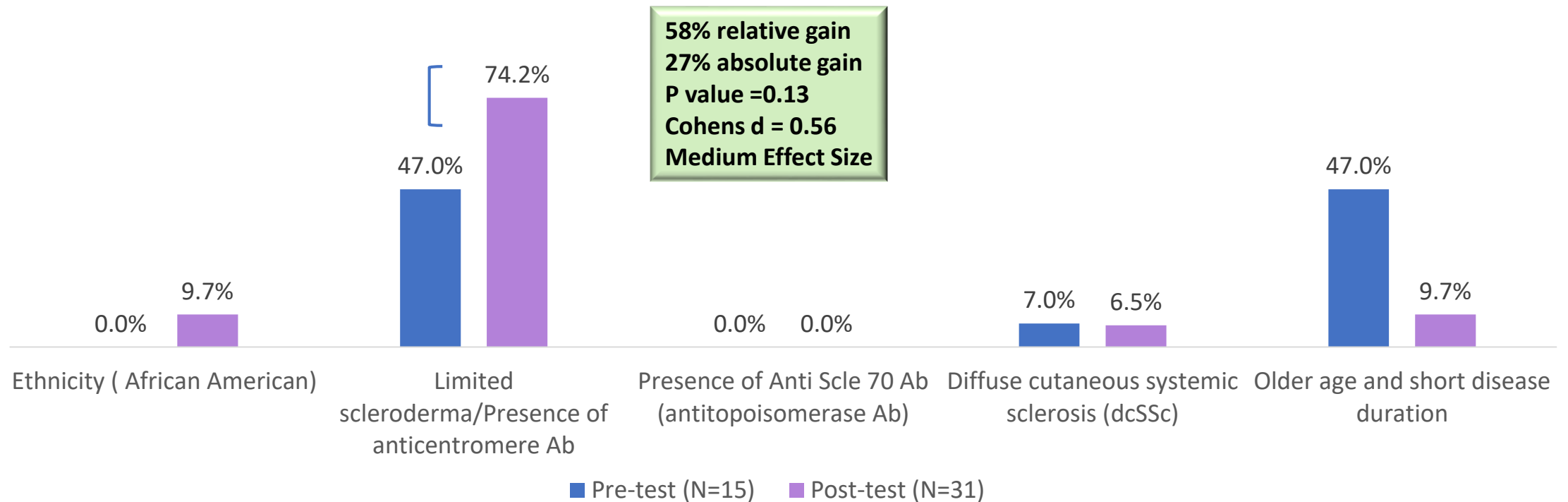


## Question 4

**Learning Objective:** *Identify clinical features and risk factors of SSc-ILD based upon best practices for diagnosis.*

**Q4:** ILD may develop in any patient with SSc. All of the following are clinical features and factors that increase risk for SSc-ILD EXCEPT:

Question 4: Pre- and Post-test

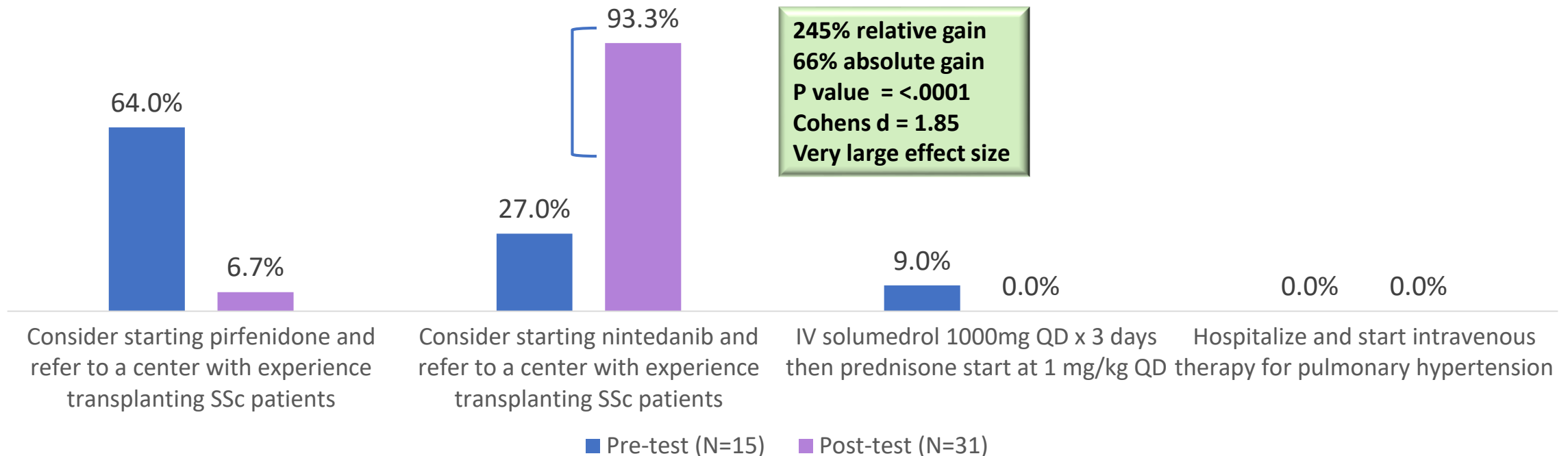


## Question 5

**Learning Objective:** *Apply practice guidelines and clinical evidence related to current and emerging therapies*

**Q5:** Your patient is a 50 year old female with diffuse cutaneous scleroderma and SSc-ILD that is progressive and very severe (FVC 38% DLCO 38%) despite attempts at therapy with IV and oral cyclophosphamide, MMF, azithiaprine, rituximab salvage therapy. Stem cell transplant is not an option. What is the next step:

Question 5: Pre- and Post-test

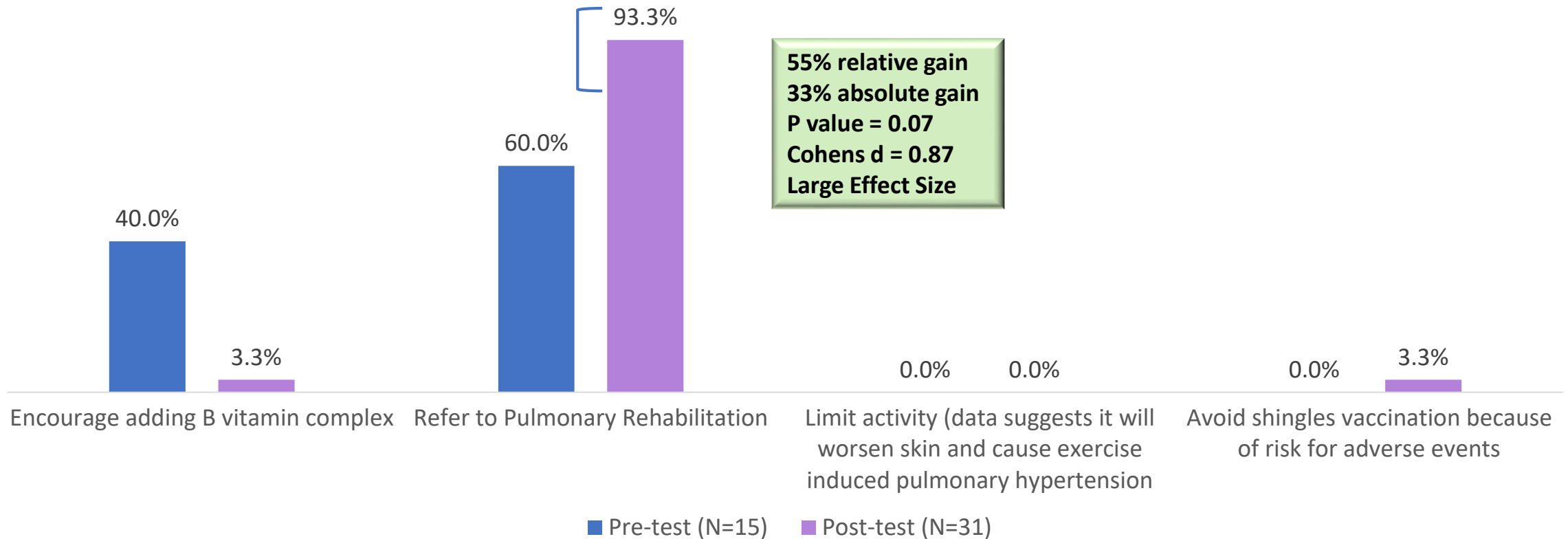


## Question 6

**Learning Objective:** *Apply practice guidelines and clinical evidence related to current and emerging therapies*

**Q6:** You have a patient with SSc-ILD whose vaccinations are up to date and stable on current therapy. Which of the following is the most important intervention?

Question 6: Pre- and Post-test

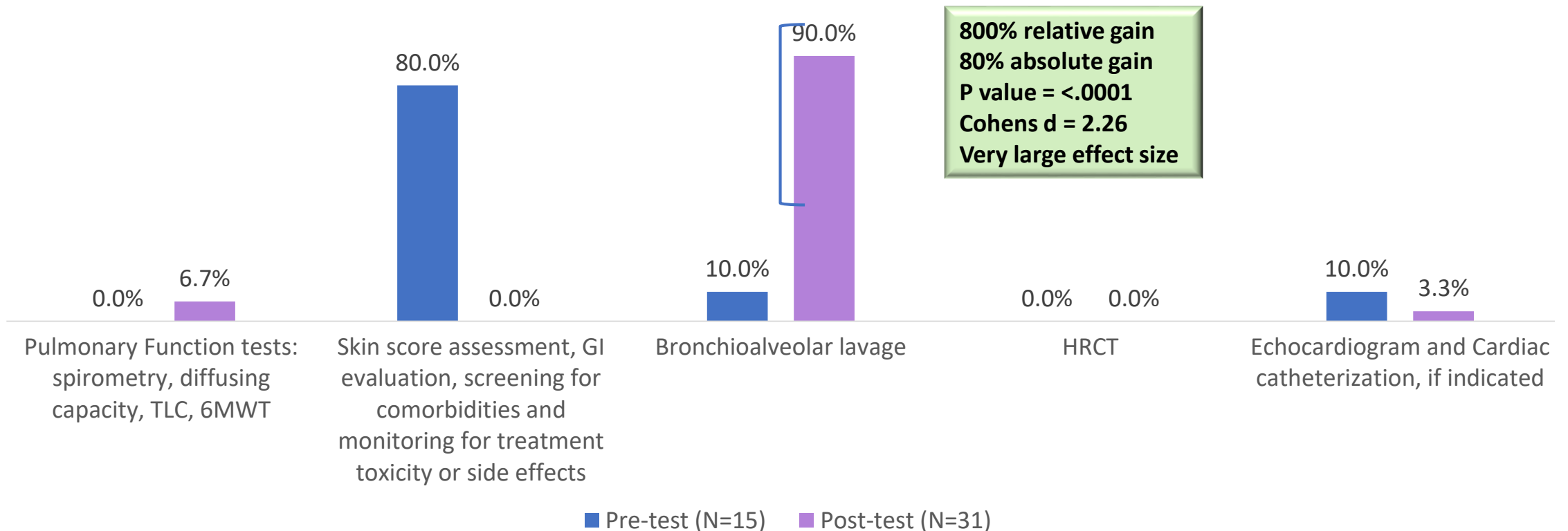


## Question 7

**Learning Objective:** Evaluate strategies for longitudinal management of SSc-ILD using a multidisciplinary approach

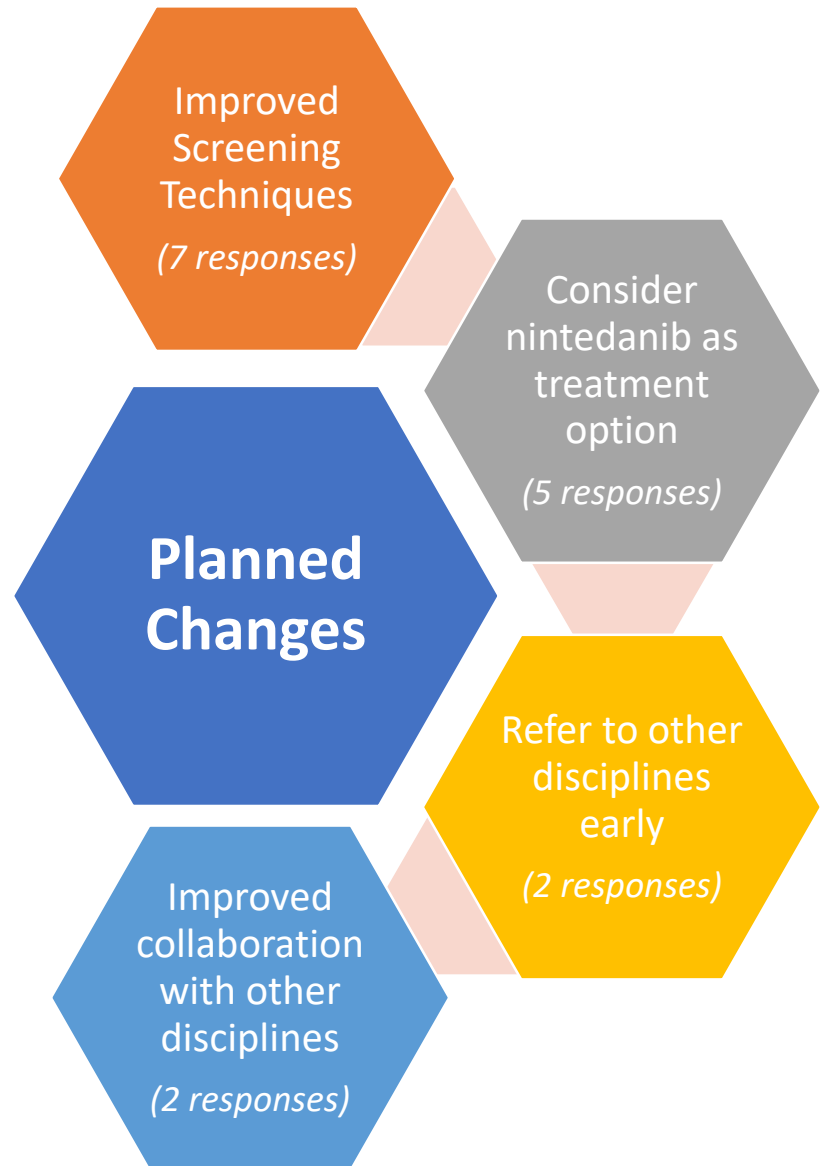
**Q7:** The comprehensive management of SSc is continuous and multidisciplinary. Baseline and periodic evaluations include all of the listed except:

Question 7: Pre- and Post-test



**97%** of learners indicated that they planned to make practice changes following the activity.

An analysis of open-ended responses related to intended changes revealed the following four categories.



**100%** Learners indicated material was presented in an objective manner & free of commercial bias

**100%** Learners indicated the content presented was evidence-based and clinically relevant

**87%** Learners indicated that the activity addressed strategies for overcoming barriers to optimal patient care.

# Attendee Take-Aways (Live Symposium)

- Risk factors for progressive ILD in this group
- SSc-ILD involves multidisciplinary approach
- The benefit of regular pulmonary assessment for SS -ILD patients
- Importance of early diagnosis and collaboration
- Standardize approach and work up
- Early diagnosis and starting treatment as soon as possible. How to manage the diagnosis
- Early screening and treatment decisions
- Work up patients for SSC with ILD
- Changes in treatment based on organs involved
- Review of something I don't see often
- Treatment options
- Scleroderma management
- SSc-ILD needs to be screened and intervened with early



# Recommendations for Future Topics (Live Symposium) National Jewish Health®

- Immunosuppression in ILD - management
- PAH CTD
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Evaluation and management
- More multidisciplinary topics
- Future therapy directed care of SSc-ILD
- Management of difficult to control asthma
- Asthma
- Progression of the research
- Results of future studies
- Role of anti fibrotic therapy
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Summaries of important but not usual diseases
- Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
- Scleroderma Rehabilitations
- Particular expert panel personal input /experience sharing in different unequivocal cases, especially, therapy choices



# Social Media Presence: Facebook *Live*



Immediately after the live course, faculty provided insights related to the management of SSc-ILD via Facebook *Live*.

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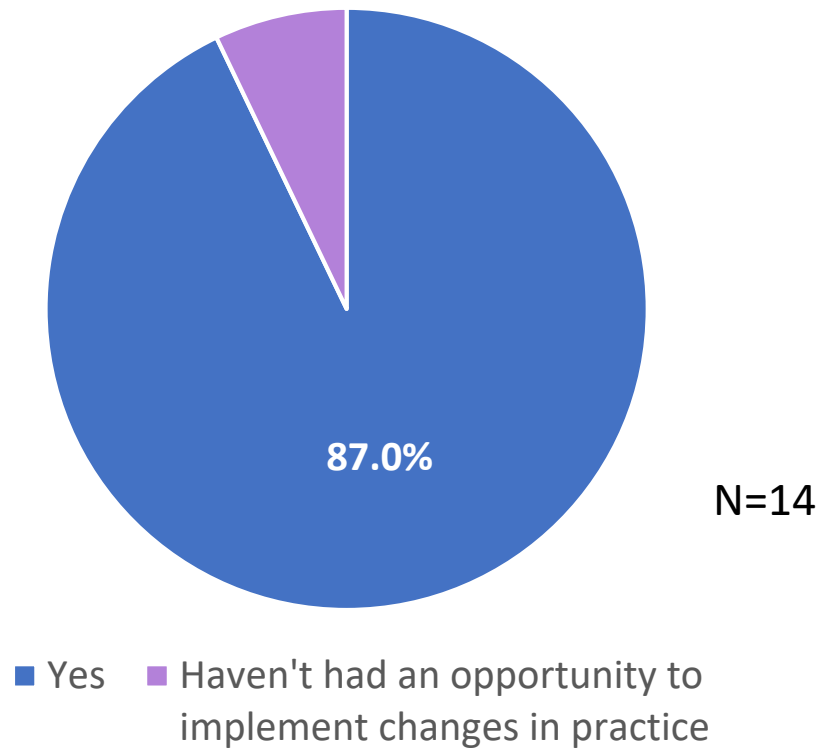
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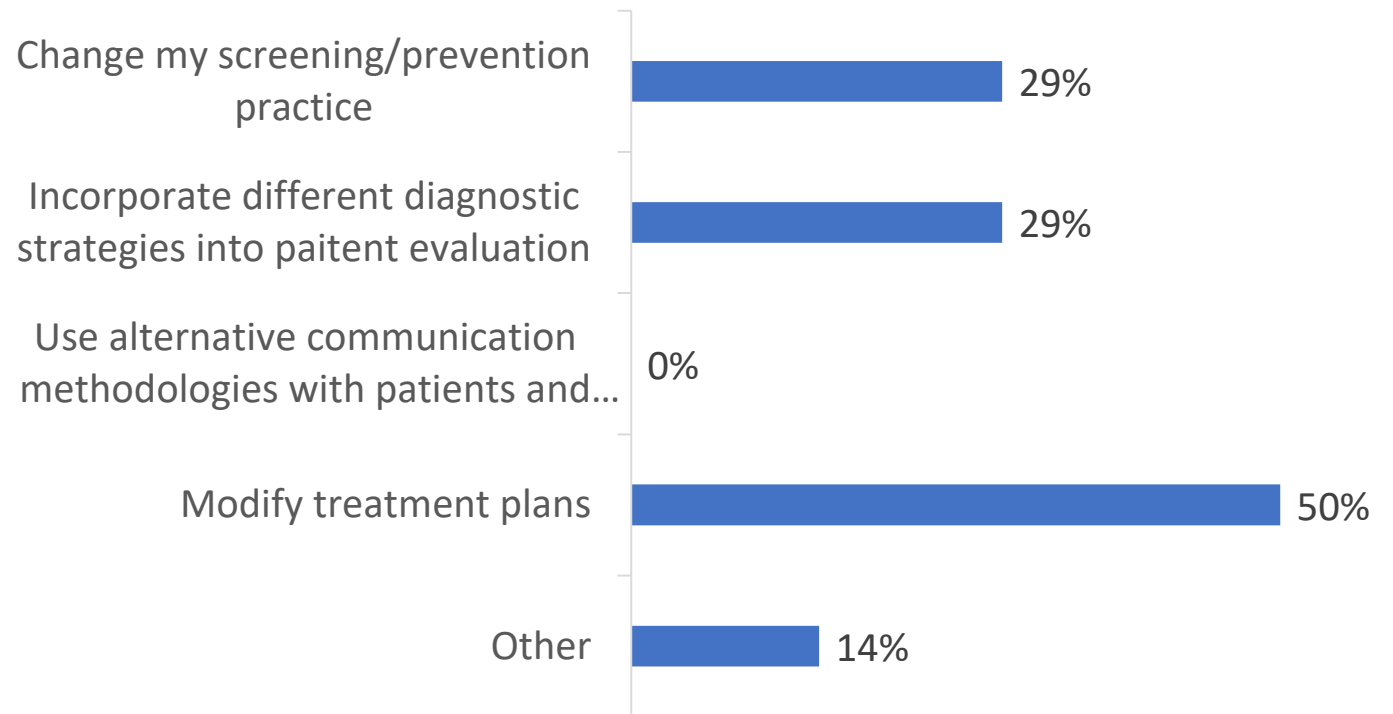


# Live Outcomes: Self-Reported Performance

Did this activity provide new ideas or information you have used in practice?



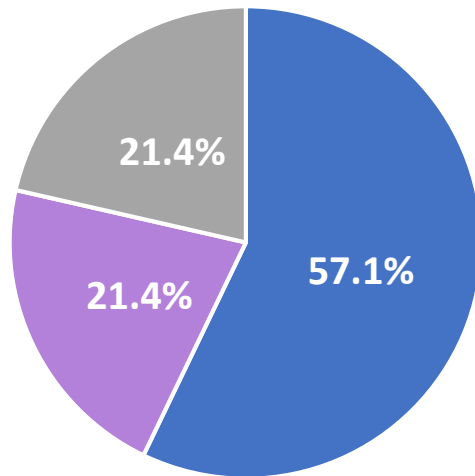
What change will you incorporate into your practice as result of the knowledge acquired during the activity?



87% of respondents have put new ideas/information in practice as a result of this activity. Those who haven't made changes yet are 100% "somewhat" to "very committed" to make changes

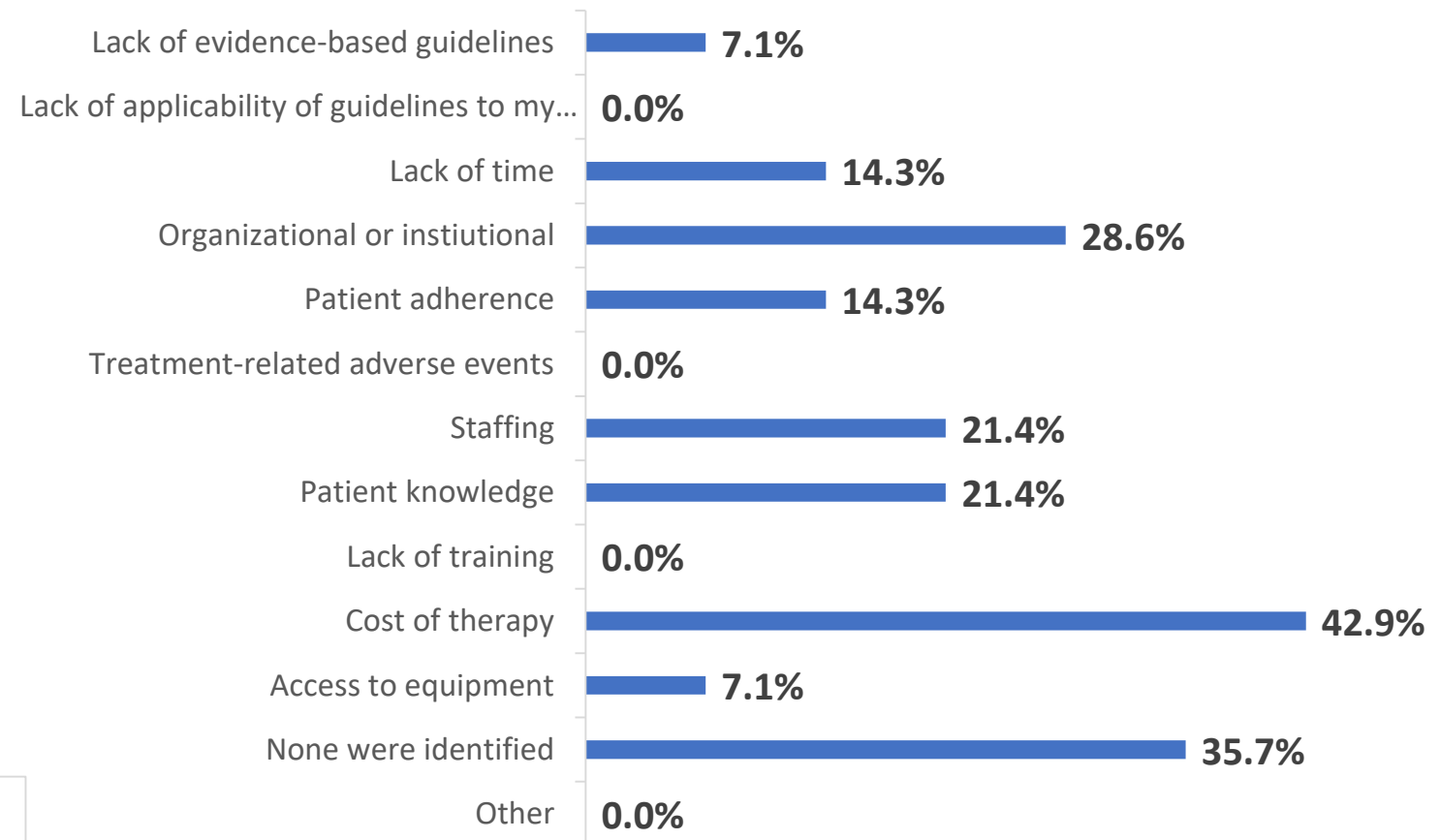
# Live Outcomes: Self-Reported Performance

Did the activity provide information, education, tools or resources to be able to address any of those barriers?



- Yes
- No
- I did not experience any barriers

What barriers have you experienced since this activity that may impact patient outcomes or optimal patient care?



N=14

# Live Outcomes: Self-Reported Performance



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Patients have already benefited from this education within 6 weeks of the activity



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