

Risks and Liabilities of Delayed Diagnosis: Survey Finds Lung Function Testing Has Decreased During COVID-19

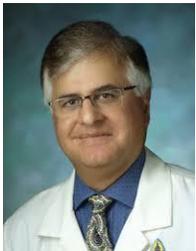
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Agenda

- Who is Physician-Patient Alliance?
- Results of lung function survey showing lung function testing has significantly reduced during COVID pandemic.
- Survey respondents desire improved lung function testing.
- Legal implications of delayed care.

Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety



Who We Are

Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety (PPAHS) is a 501c3 advocacy group dedicated to improving patient health and safety. PPAHS seeks to advance key patient health and safety initiatives that significantly impact patient lives and to do so in a prescriptive and practical manner by:

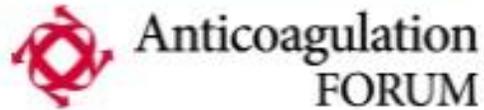
- *Endorsing and publicizing health expert opinion that is supported by healthcare organizations and medical societies.*
- *Surveying healthcare professionals to determine current practices and using these responses to encourage improvement.*
- *Sharing best practices to encourage their spread and adoption.*
- *Developing safety checklists and advocating for the adoption of standards to help eliminate adverse events.*



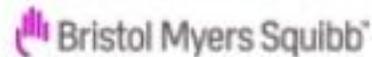
Helping Patients During COVID-19

Organizational Supporters/Involvement/Resources

American Heart Association



Unrestricted Grant Support

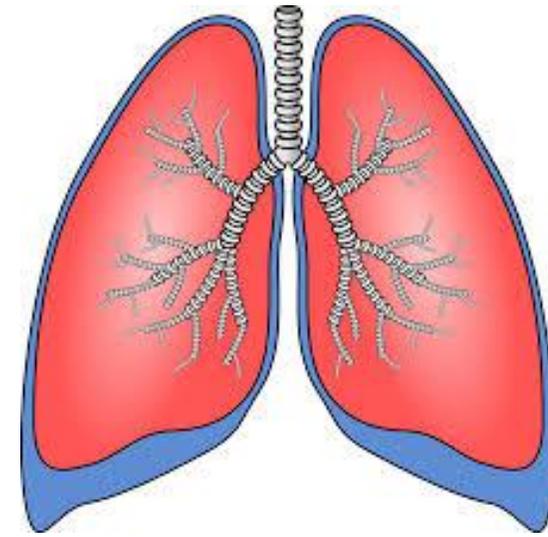


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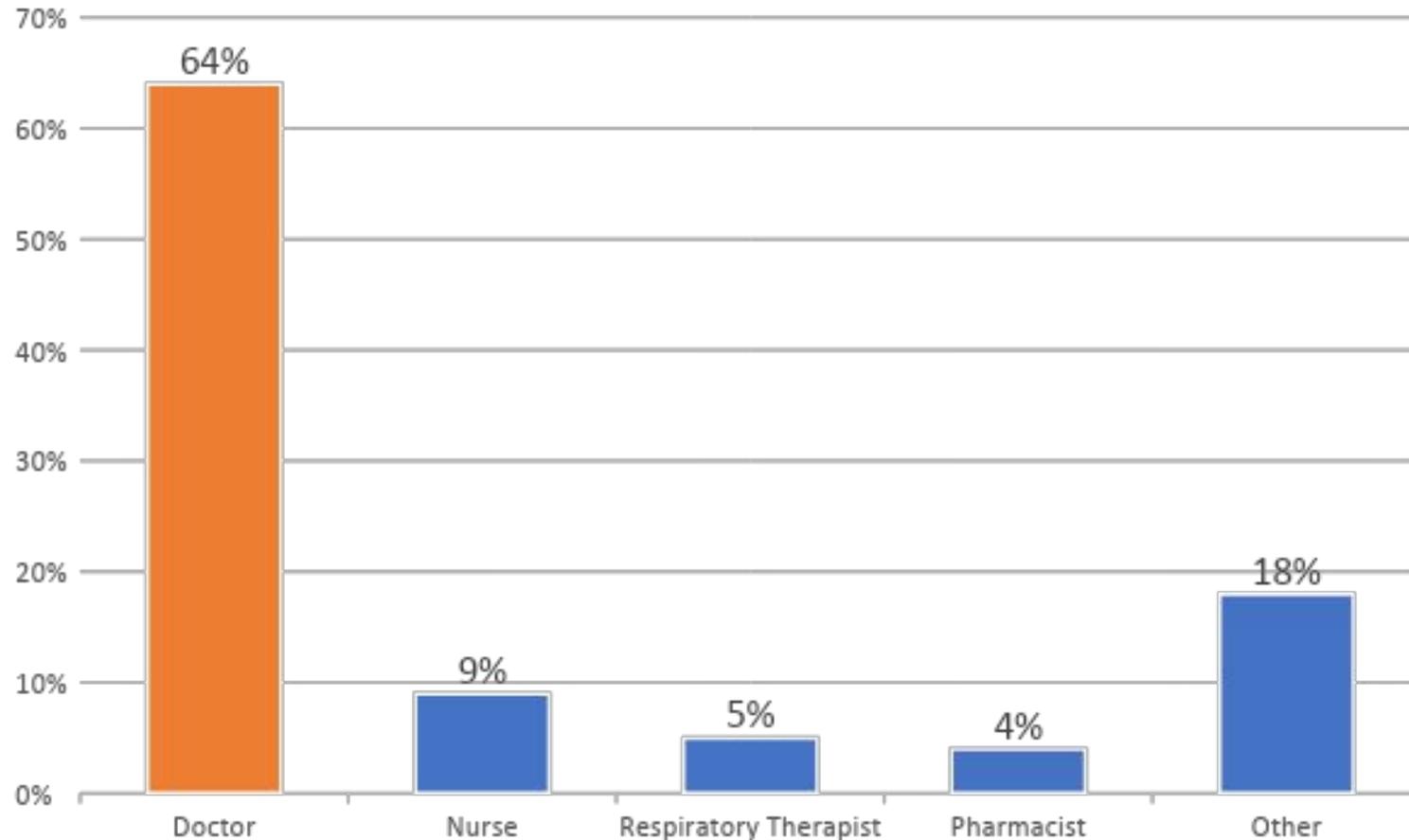
44% of patients have delayed or avoided doctor's visits because of fear of COVID-19 (PPAHS online survey conducted with patients)

Lung Function Survey Results



Respondents Reported Medical Training

(Respondents = 122)



Other mostly identified as
"research" or "academic"

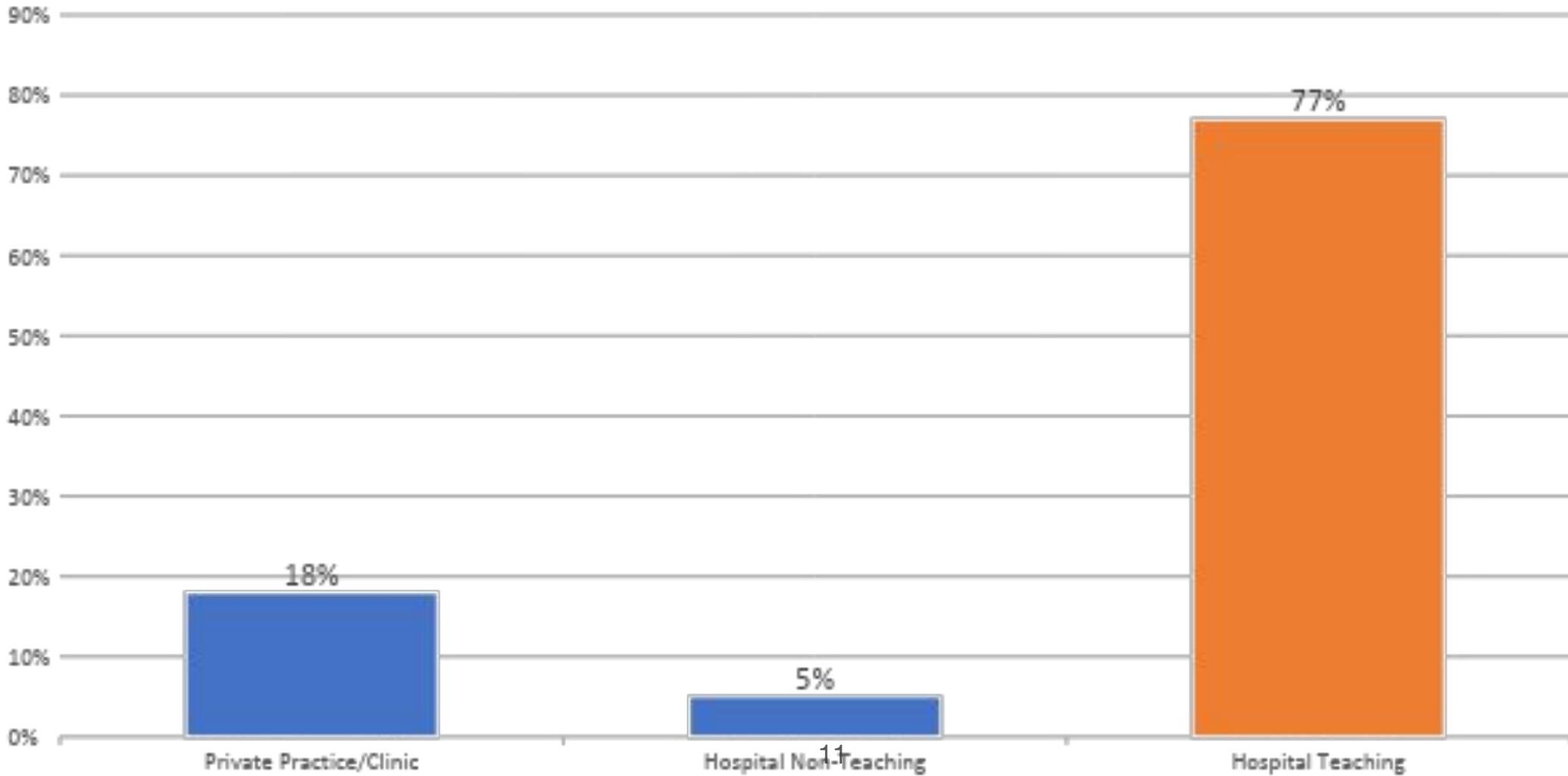
How the Survey Was Conducted:

- By email invitation to about 2,683 PPAHS followers classified as "respiratory care" practitioners
- Administered online from September 10-15, 2020 through SurveyMonkey

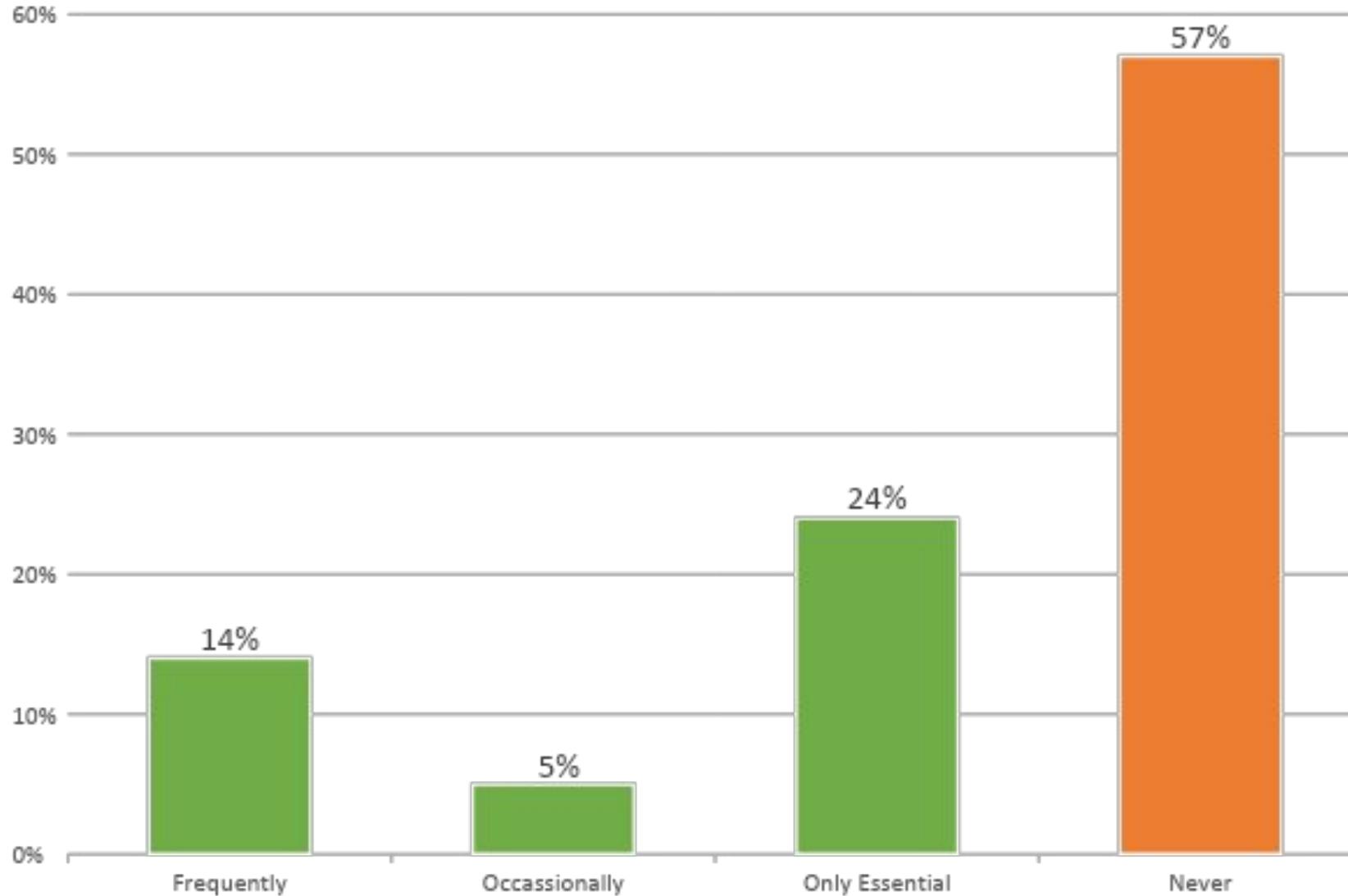


Respondents Reported Medical Practice

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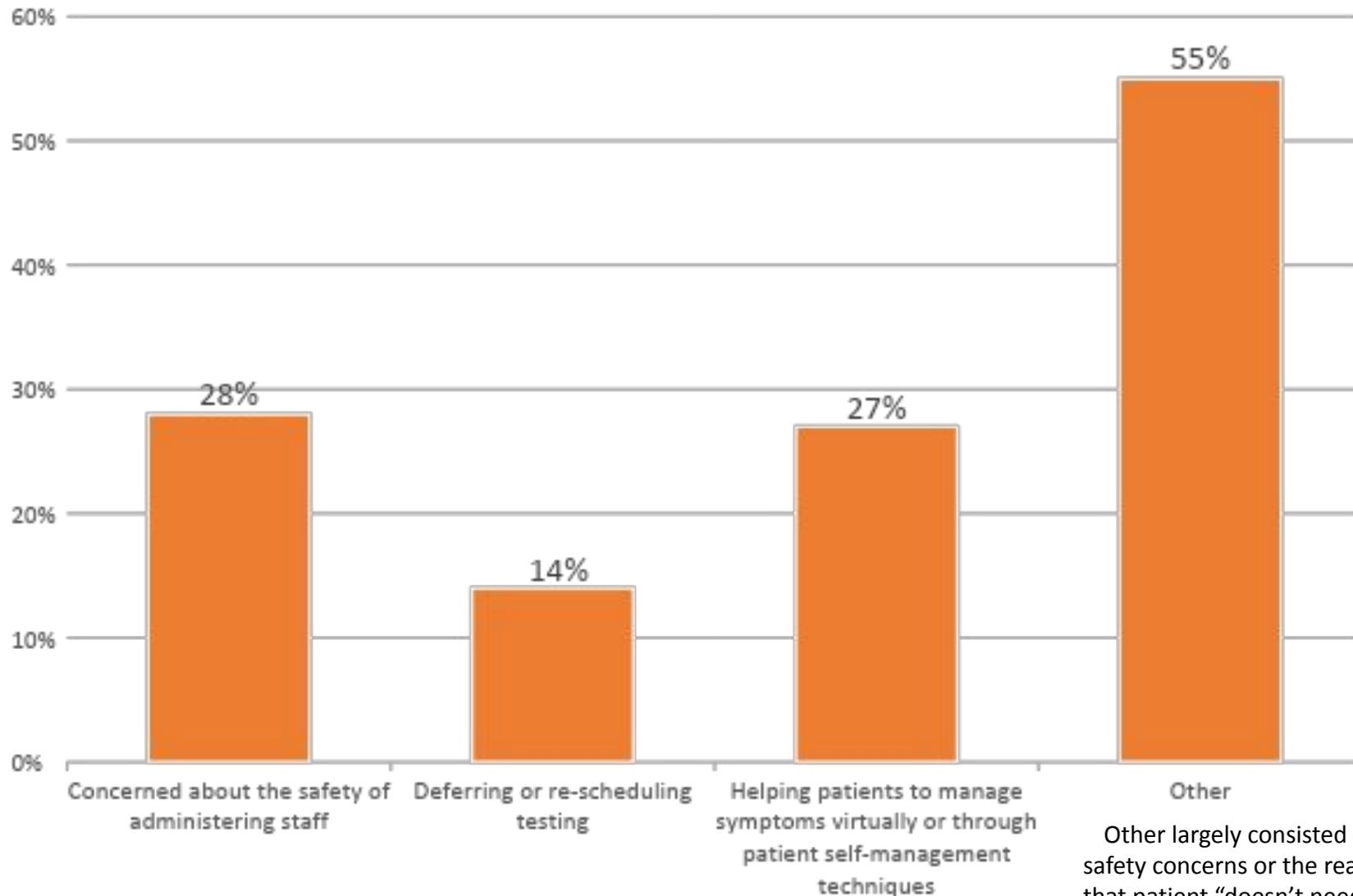
Have you recommended patients receive a lung function test during this COVID pandemic?



Very few lung function tests are being recommended during COVID-19



If not, why have you not been recommending a lung function test (please check all that apply)?



COVID-19 Safety is the overwhelming concern of clinicians whether to recommend a lung function test

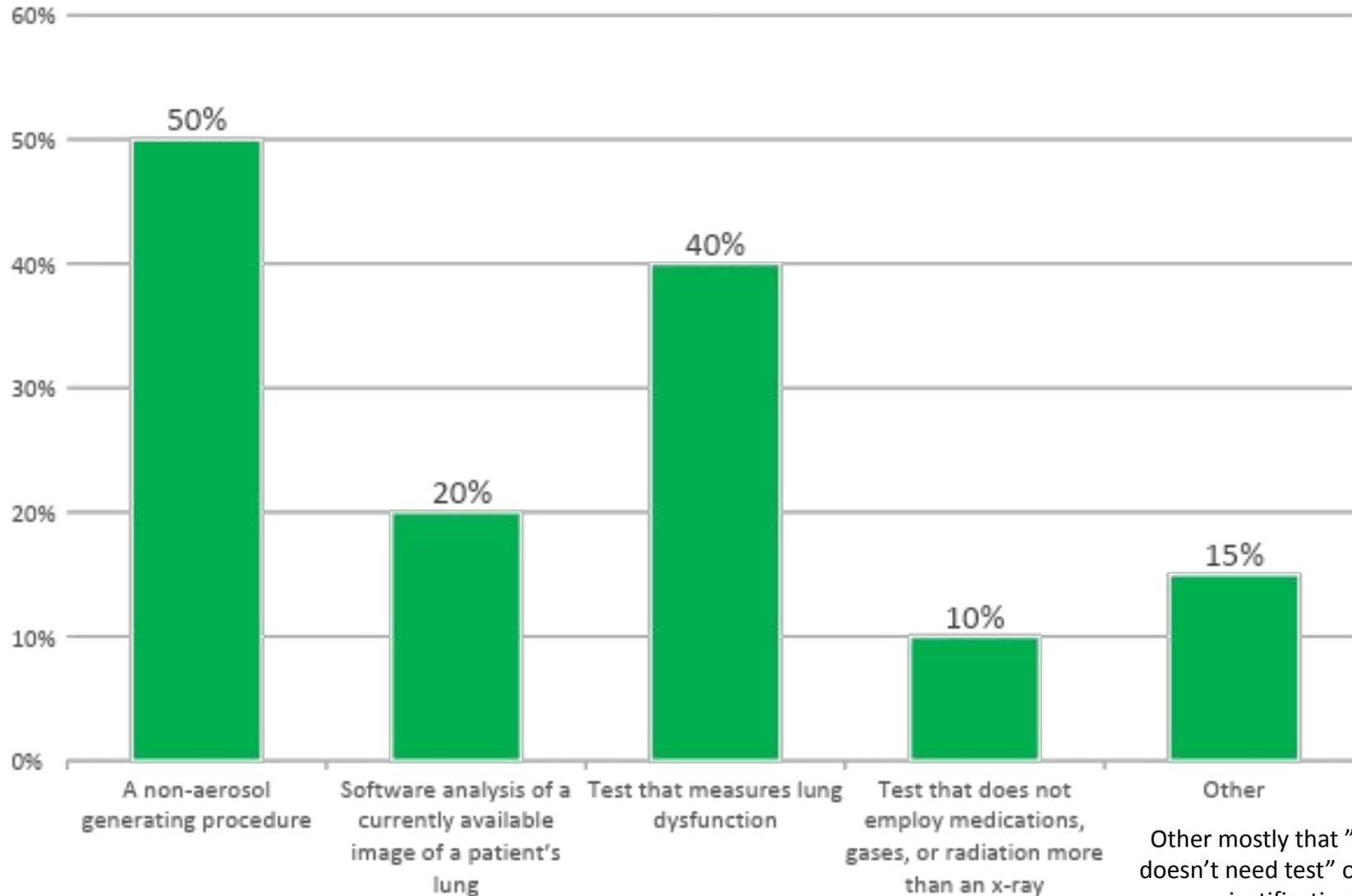
Other largely consisted of safety concerns or the reason that patient “doesn’t need it”



Survey respondents
desire improved lung
function testing



What factors would make you recommend a lung function test during COVID or would improve lung function testing?

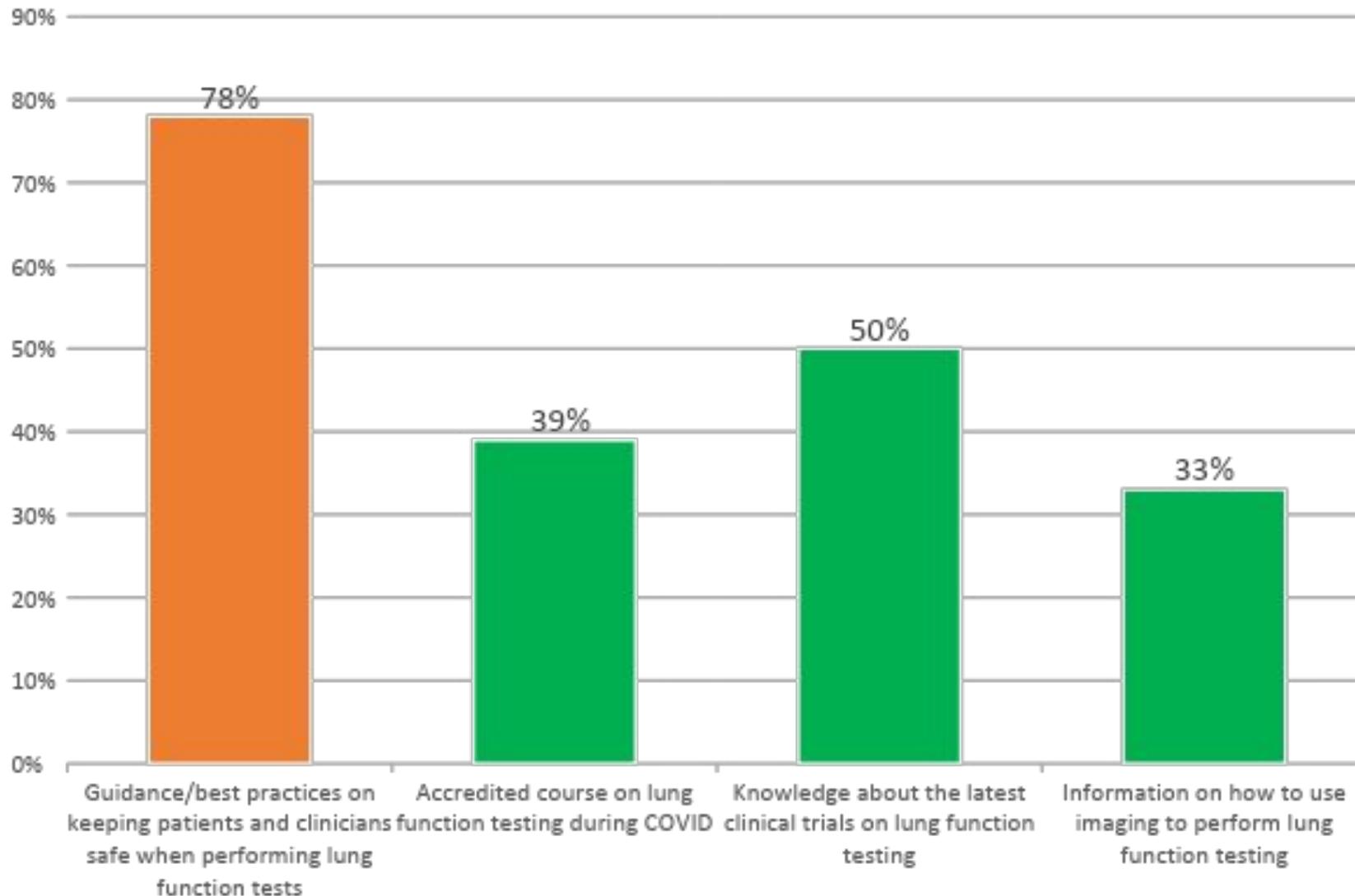


Having a safer way to test lung function is needed

Other mostly that "patient doesn't need test" or similar justification



What factors would make you recommend a lung function test during COVID or would improve lung function testing?



Large need for guidance/best practices on lung function testing needed



Legal Implications of Delayed Care



Establishing Liability for Delayed Care

- Was there a legally-recognizable relationship?
- Was the delay a result of negligence?
- Did the patient suffer harm?

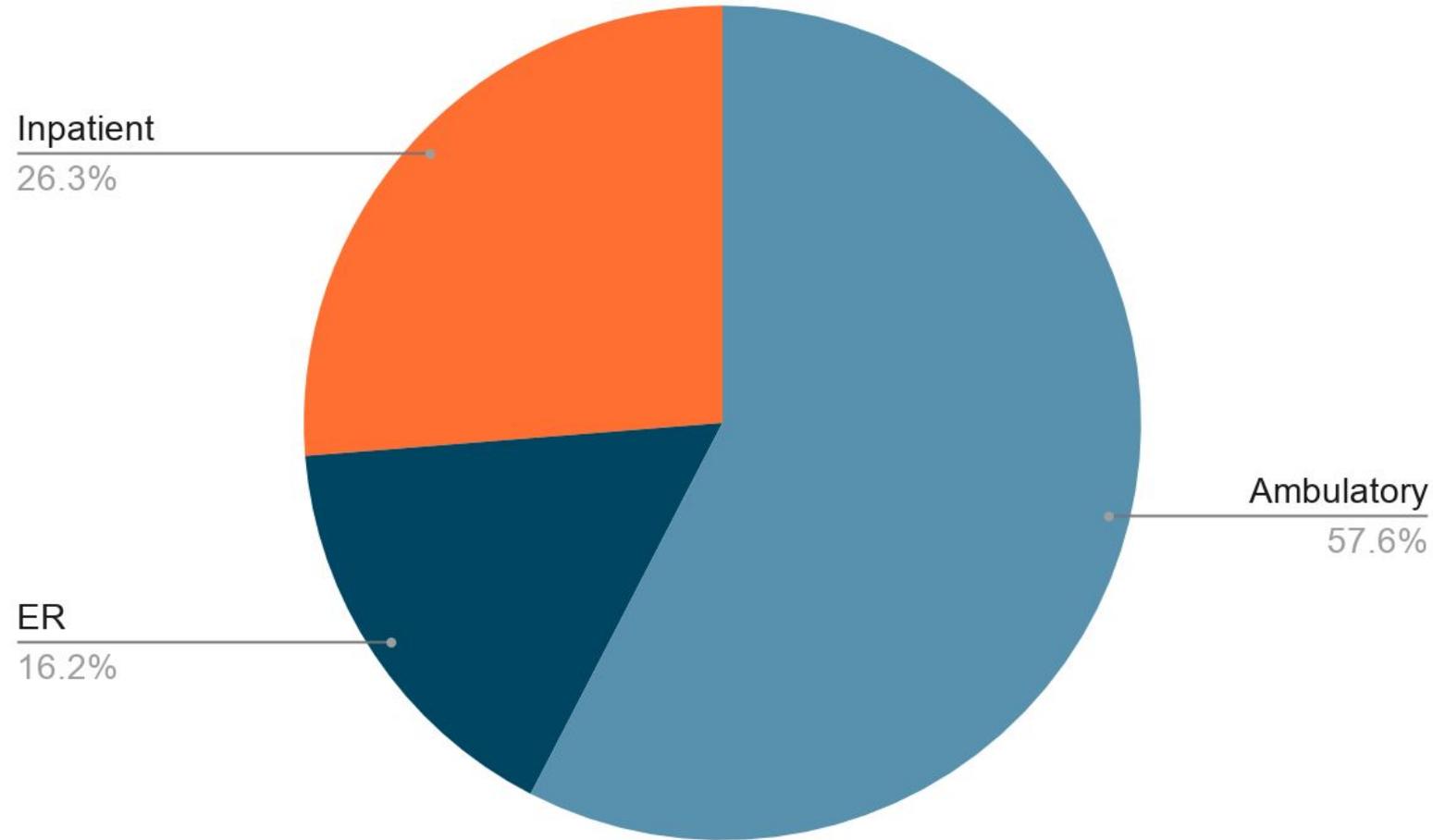


Failure or Delay in Diagnosis

Crico (Risk Management Foundation of the Harvard Medical Institutions) database - more than 300,000 open and closed medical malpractice cases representing 400+ hospitals and 165,000+ physicians from both commercial and captive insurers.

20% of the more than 23,000 malpractice claims filed from 2008-2012 alleged failure in diagnosis

Medical Setting - Failure or Delay in Diagnosis



- includes doctor's office visits
- 2,685 cases (out of 4,703 diagnosis-related cases)
- \$631 million incurred losses



Leading Cause - Failure or Delay in Diagnosis

31% of cases because of failure to or delay in ordering a diagnostic test