

# Challenges in Pulmonary and Critical Care



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## **Asthma Frontiers: Right Treatment for the Right Phenotype**

Final Live Outcome Report

Prepared For Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

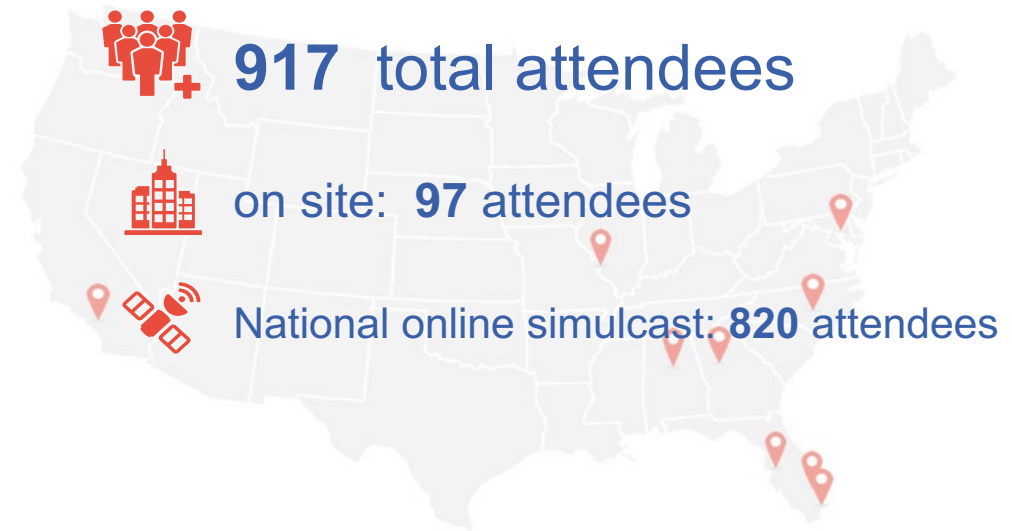
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# Executive Summary

- ❖ This activity focused on helping participants integrate current concepts of Asthma pathophysiology into patient care while recognizing appropriate candidates for biologic therapy
- ❖ 917 attendees in multiple professional specialties were reached in this program.
- ❖ Improvement across all learning domains was noted ranging from 35% to 135%.
- ❖ Overall, the program improved the ability of learners to individualize therapy for patients with severe Asthma



## Persistent Educational Gaps

- ❖ Though improvements were observed, learners demonstrated persistent gaps in the several areas including:
  - ❖ Key Type 2 cytokines involved in the pathophysiology of Asthma
  - ❖ The impact of inflammatory markers on treatment selection in patients with severe Asthma
  - ❖ Clinical assessment of Asthma control
  - ❖ Asthma treatment selection and the impact of co-morbid conditions

The post-test and 4 week follow up scores regarding the diagnosis and management of patients with severe Asthma, signifies a clear gap in knowledge and an unmet need among clinicians. It continues to be an important area for future educational programs.

# Learning Objectives

- 1 Describe the current concepts in the pathophysiology of asthma and type 2 inflammation, and the implications of biologic therapies in the era of precision medicine.
- 2 Discuss the clinical assessment of asthma control and risk factors for poor asthma outcomes.
- 3 Individualize the treatment approach for patients with moderate to severe asthma while recognizing appropriate candidates for biologicals and other advanced therapies.
- 4 Recognize the impact of comorbid conditions on asthma control and evidence-based approaches to their treatment.

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# Challenges in Pulmonary and Critical Care



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# Levels of Evaluation

Consistent with the policies of the ACCME, NACE evaluates the effectiveness of all CME activities using a systematic process based on Moore's model. This outcome study reaches Level 5.

**Level 1: Participation**

**Level 2: Satisfaction**

**Level 3: Declarative and Procedural Knowledge**

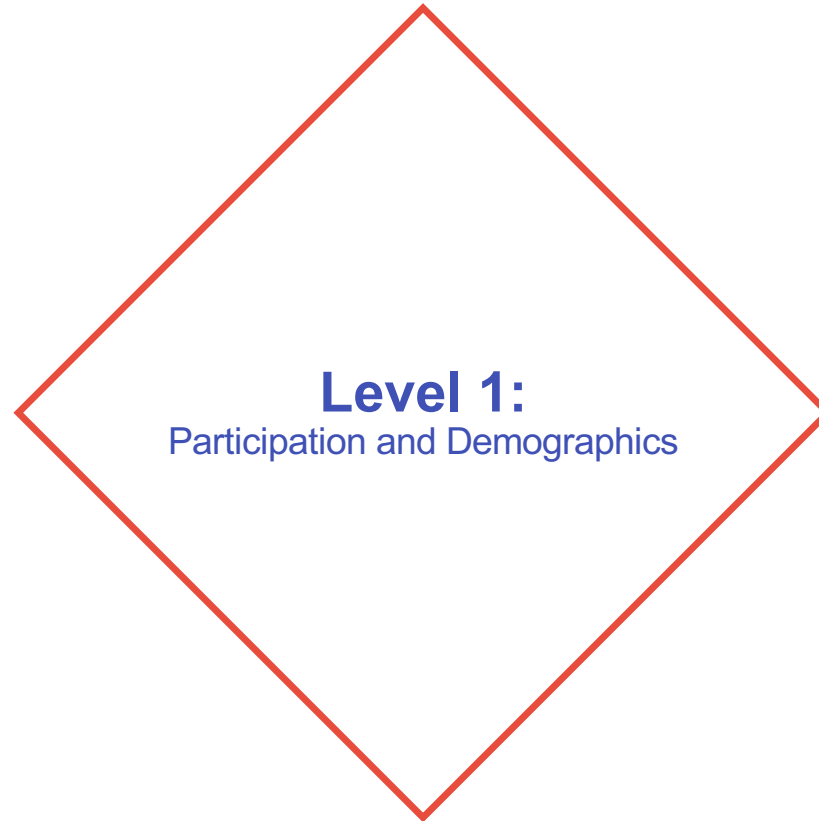
**Level 4: Competence**

**Level 5: Performance**

**Level 6: Patient Health**

**Level 7: Community Health**

Moore DE Jr, Green JS, Gallis HA. Achieving desired results and improved outcomes: integrating planning and assessment throughout learning activities. J Contin. Educ. Health Prof. 2009 Winter;29(1):1-15





# Level 1: Participation



November 23, 2019 Coral Springs, FL



**90%**  
Provide direct  
patient care



**917** total attendees



On site: **97** attendees

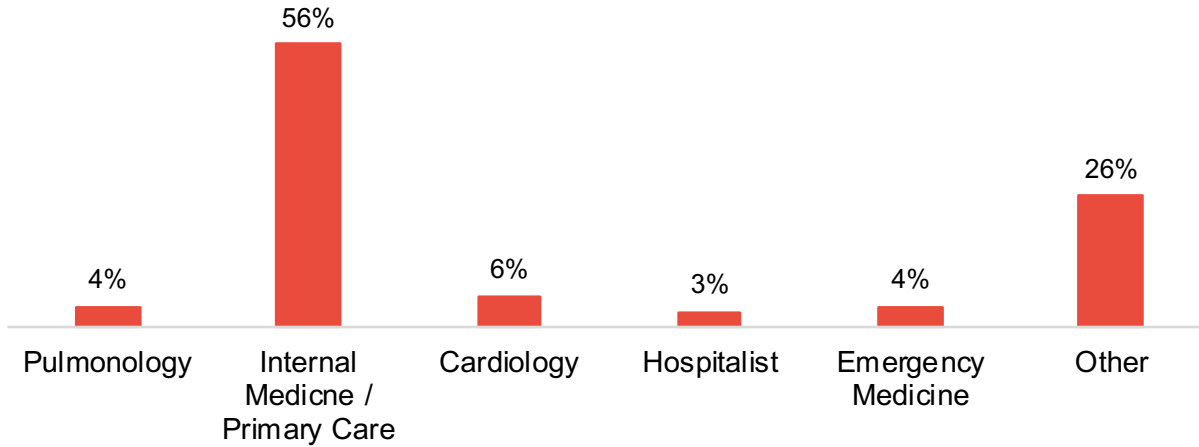


National online simulcast : **820** attendees

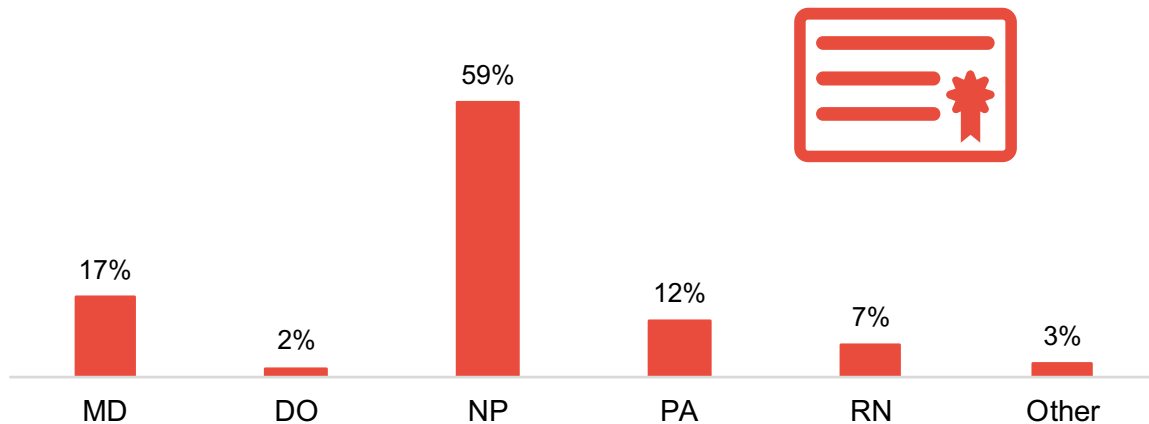


# Level 1: Demographics and Patient Reach

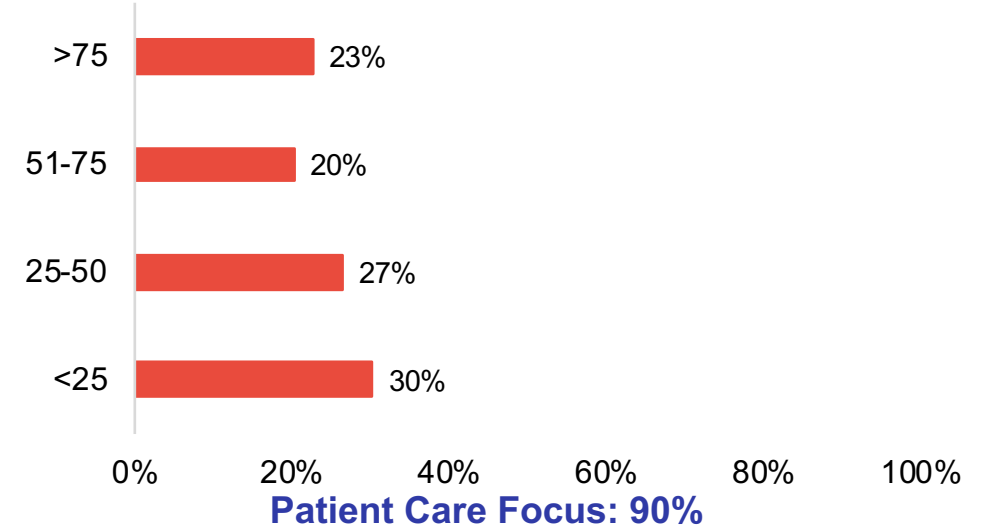
## Specialty



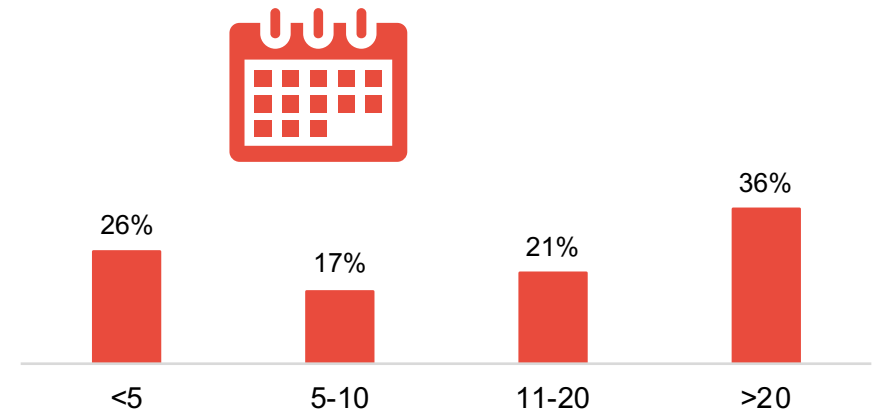
## Profession



## Patients seen each week, in any clinical setting:



## Years in Practice





**Level 2-5:**  
Outcomes Metrics

## Level 2: Satisfaction



**88%** rated the activity as excellent



**89%** indicated the activity improved their knowledge



**88%** stated that they learned new and useful strategies for patient care



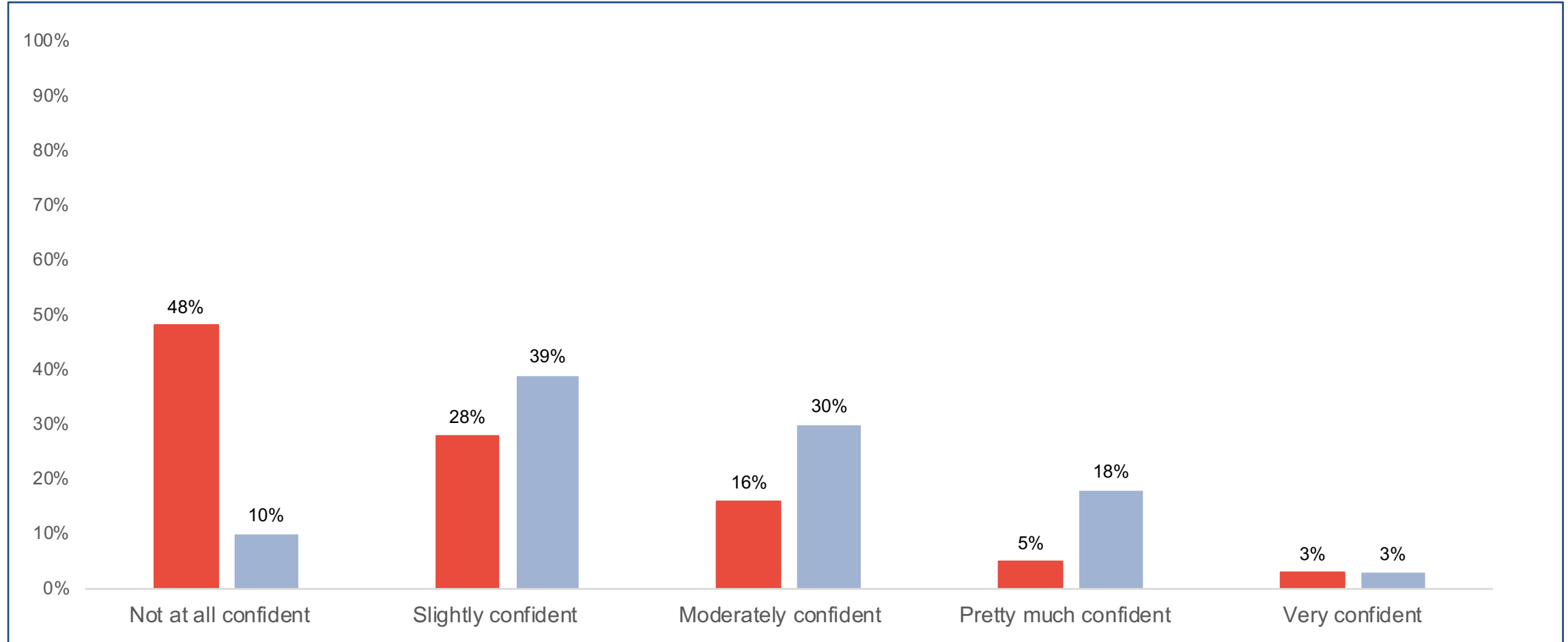
**91%** said they would implement new strategies that they learned



**98%** said the program was fair-balanced and unbiased

## Confidence Assessment

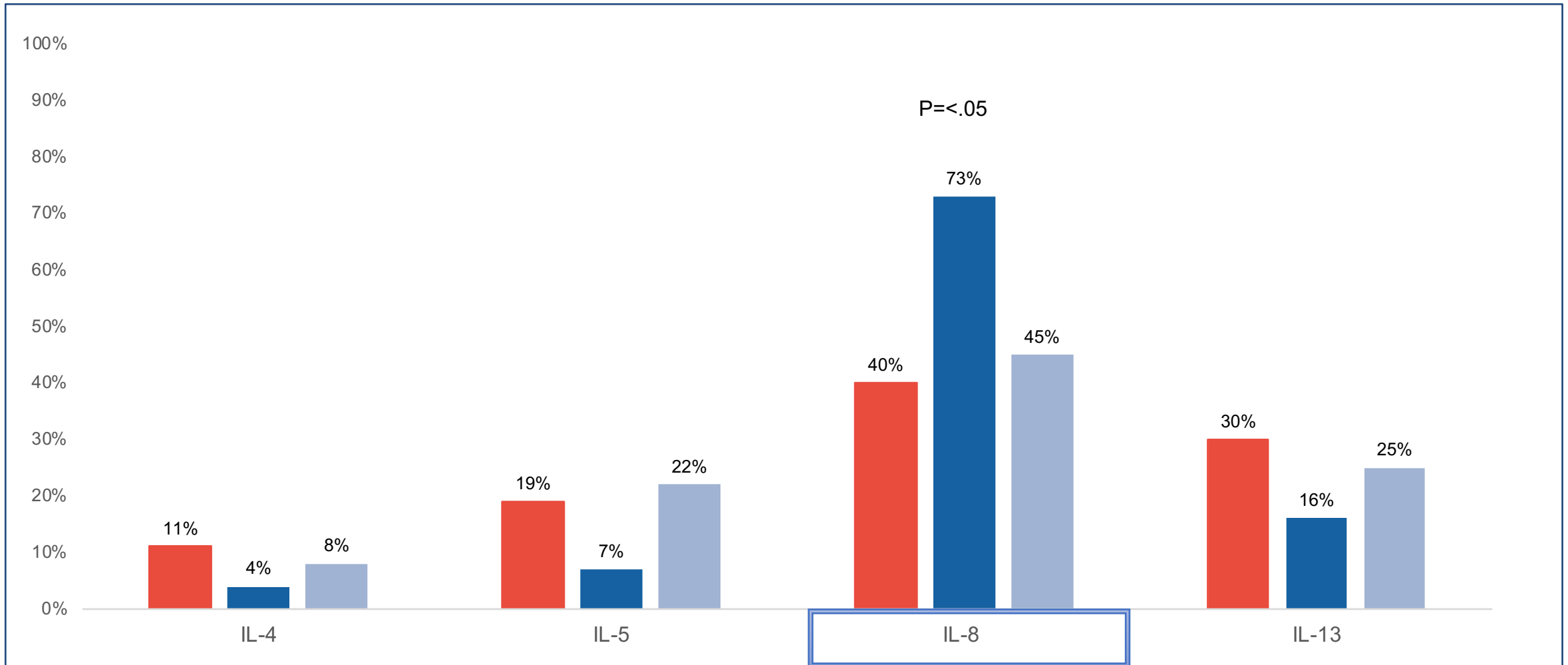
**Please rate your confidence in your ability to integrate biologic therapy into the care of patients with severe asthma:(Learning Objective 2,3,4)**



N= Pre: 446

PCA: 161

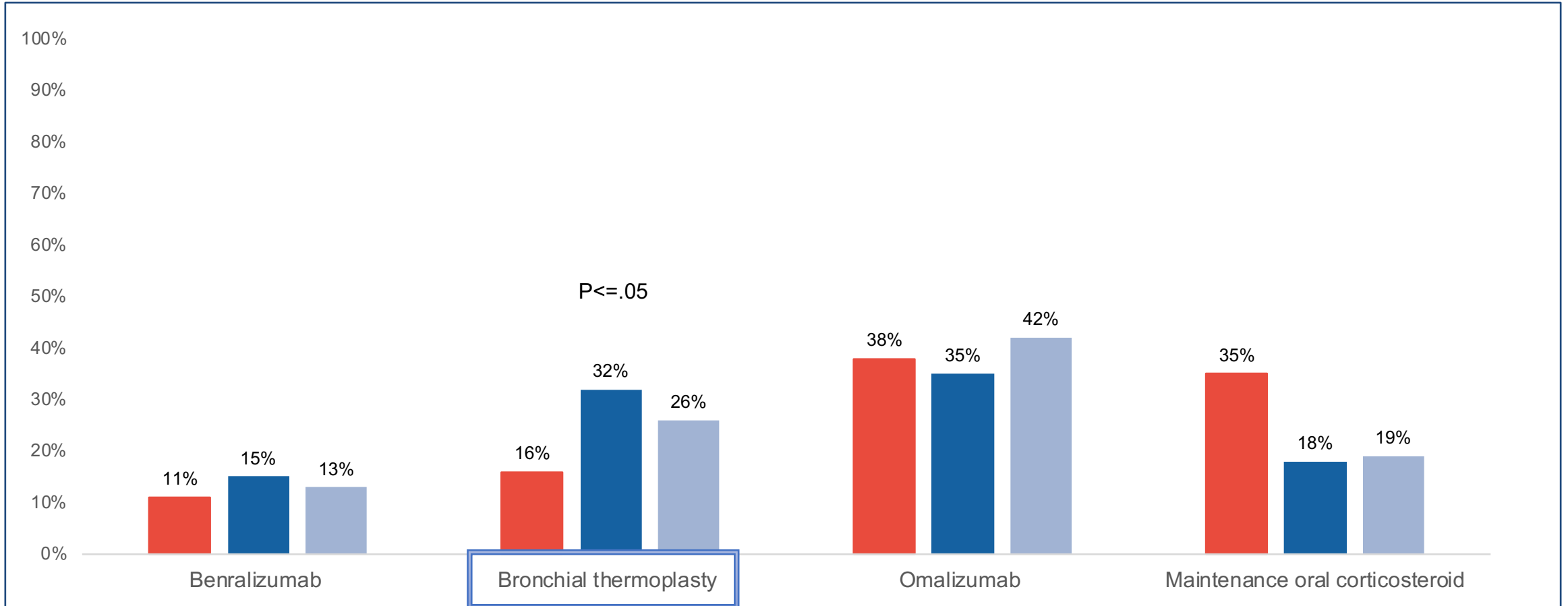
### All of the following are key Type 2 cytokines except:? (Learning Objective 1,3)



N= Pre: 344 Post: 347 PCA: 161

Pre to Post Change	83%
Pre to PCA Change	13%

**Which of the following add-on therapies would be most appropriate for a patient who has severe uncontrolled asthma despite GINA step 4 therapy and low levels of Type 2 inflammation? (Learning Objective 1,3)**

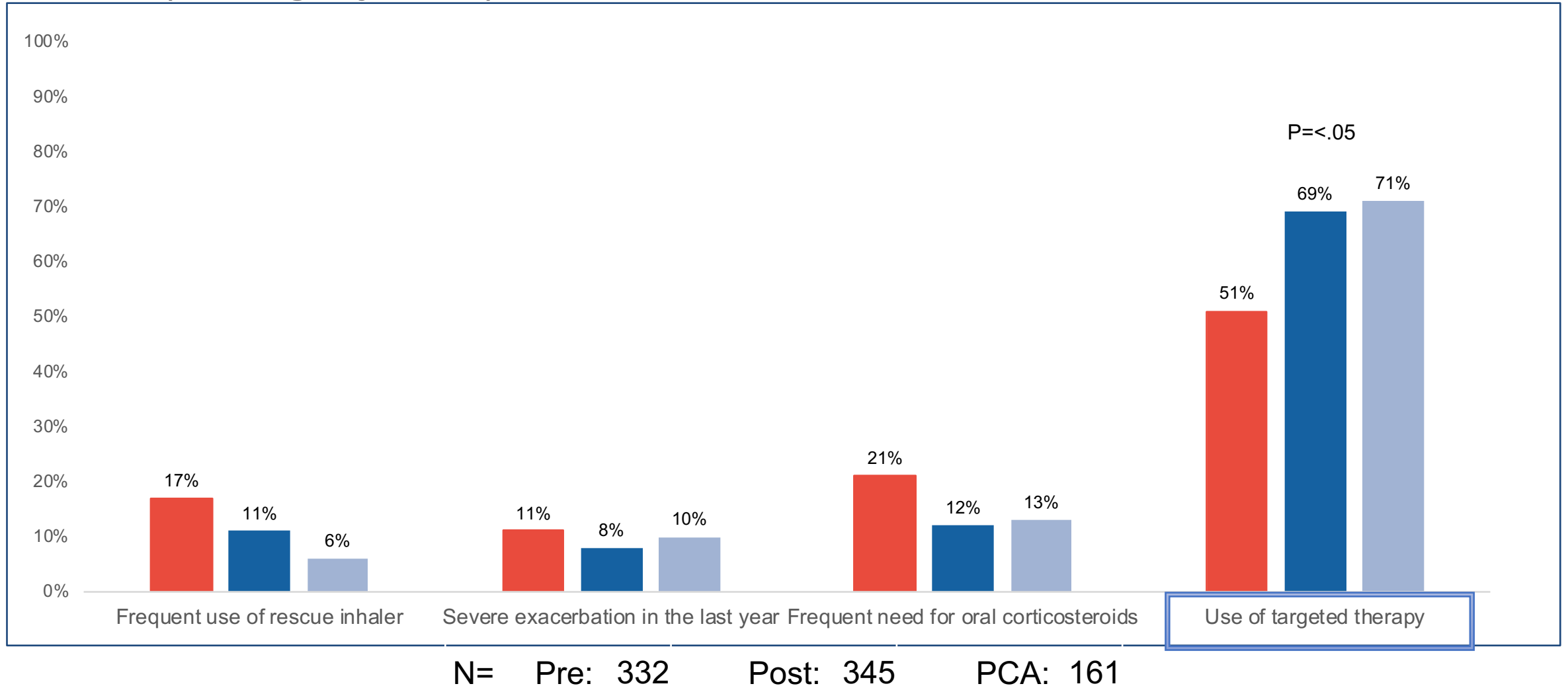


N= Pre: 348 Post: 347 PCA: 161

Pre to Post Change	100%
Pre to PCA Change	63%



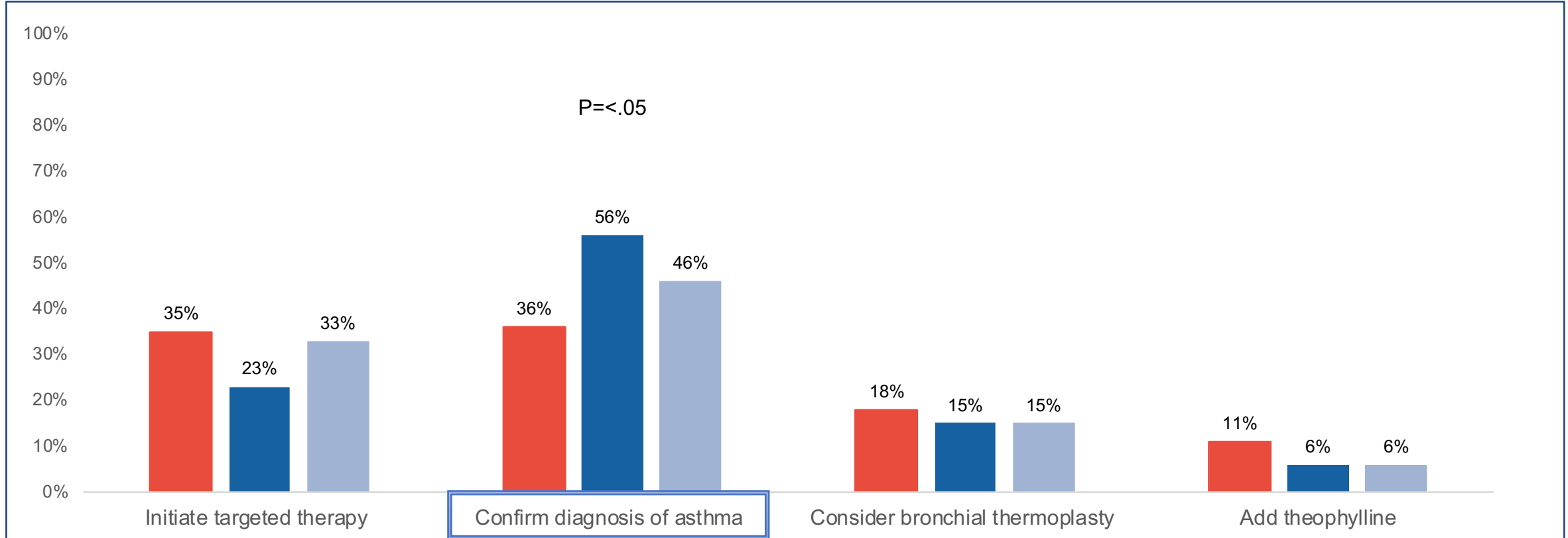
**All of the following are associated with increased future risk for poor asthma outcomes, EXCEPT: (Learning Objective 2)**



Pre to Post Change	35%
Pre to PCA Change	39%

## Competence Assessment

**A 59-year-old obese woman with 20-year history of physician diagnosed asthma presents with daily asthma symptoms, nighttime awakenings 2-3 nights per week, and frequent use of a rescue inhaler. She reports difficulty walking uphill or a flight of stairs. Current medications include high-dose ICS/LABA and LAMA. Which of the following would be the appropriate next step? (Learning Objective 2,3,4)**



N= Pre: 350 Post: 335 PCA: 161

Pre to Post Change	56%
Pre to PCA Change	28%

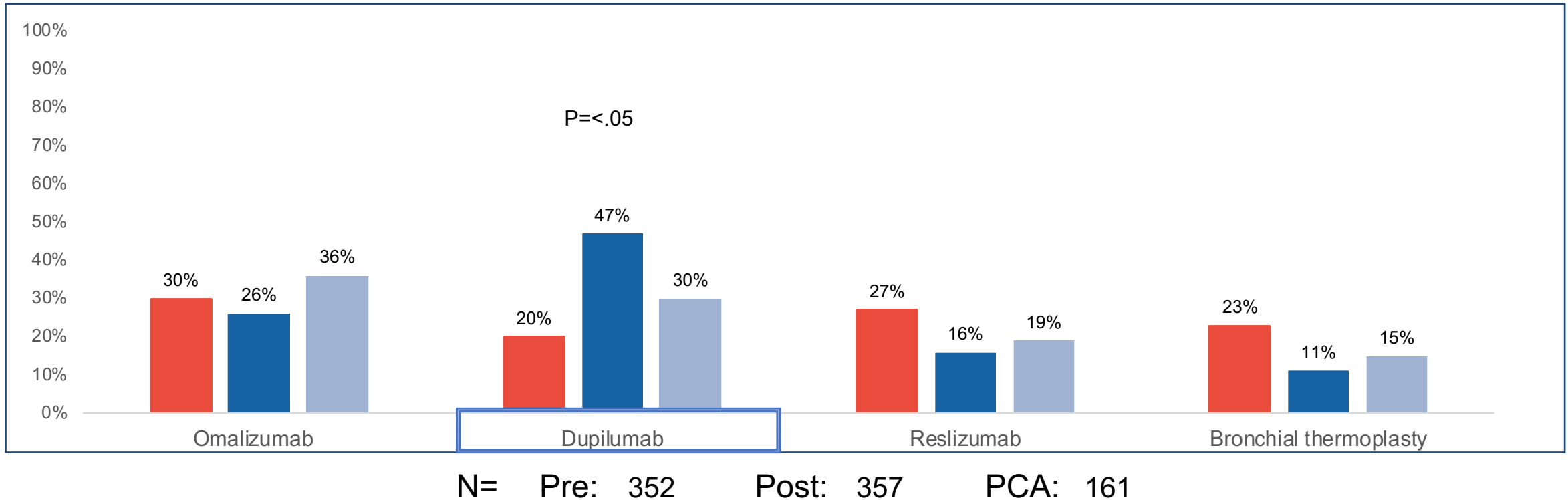
## Competence Assessment

44-y/o man with history of asthma since childhood presents with frequent asthma symptoms despite treatment with high-dose ICS/LABA plus LAMA, and prednisone 10 mg/day. He has required two hospitalizations in the last one year for acute asthma. Comorbidities include atopic dermatitis, poorly controlled with topical agents.

Spirometry reveals moderate airflow obstruction with bronchodilator reversibility. Patient demonstrates good inhaler technique and confirms regular use of medications. Serum IgE 20 kU/l. Negative allergen skin testing. Blood eosinophils 450 cells per mL.

Which of the following agents might be most appropriate at this time?

(Learning Objective 2,3,4)

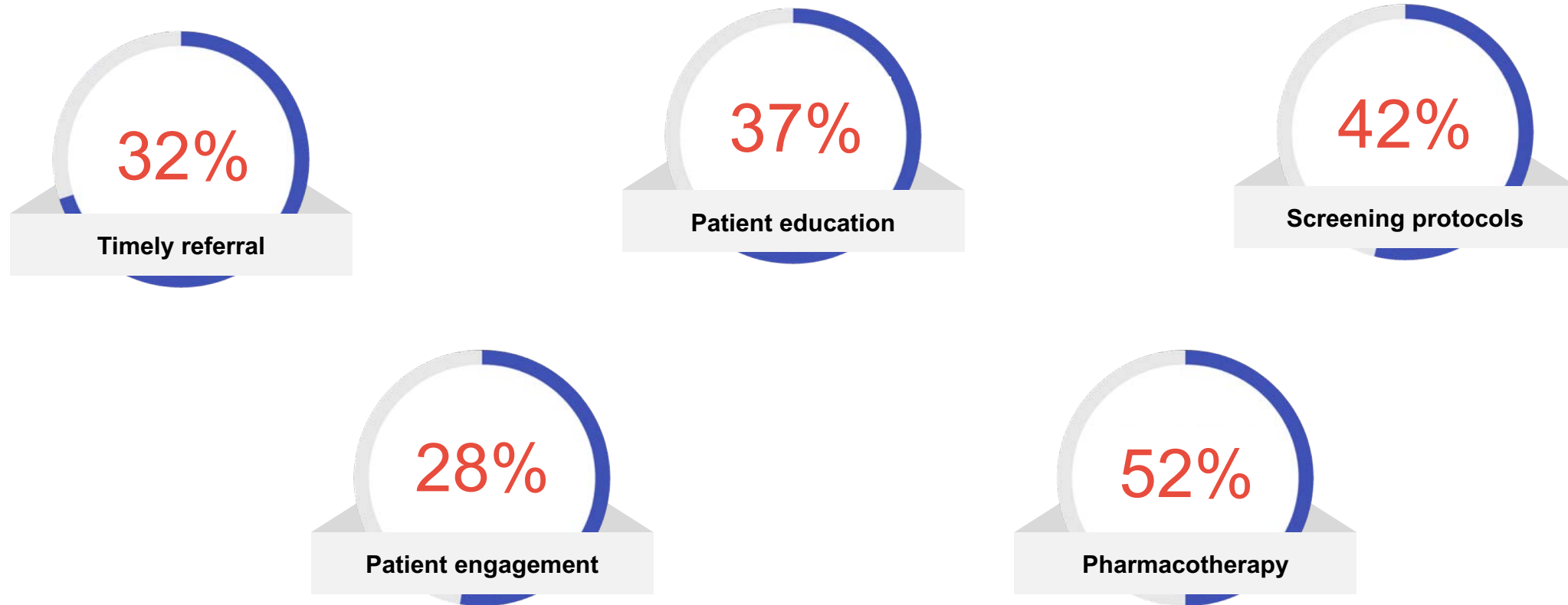


Pre to Post Change	135%
Pre to PCA Change	50%

(4-week Post Assessment)

**Please select the specific areas of *skills, or practice behaviors*, you have improved regarding the screening, diagnosis and treatment of Asthma since this CME activity. (Select all that apply.)**

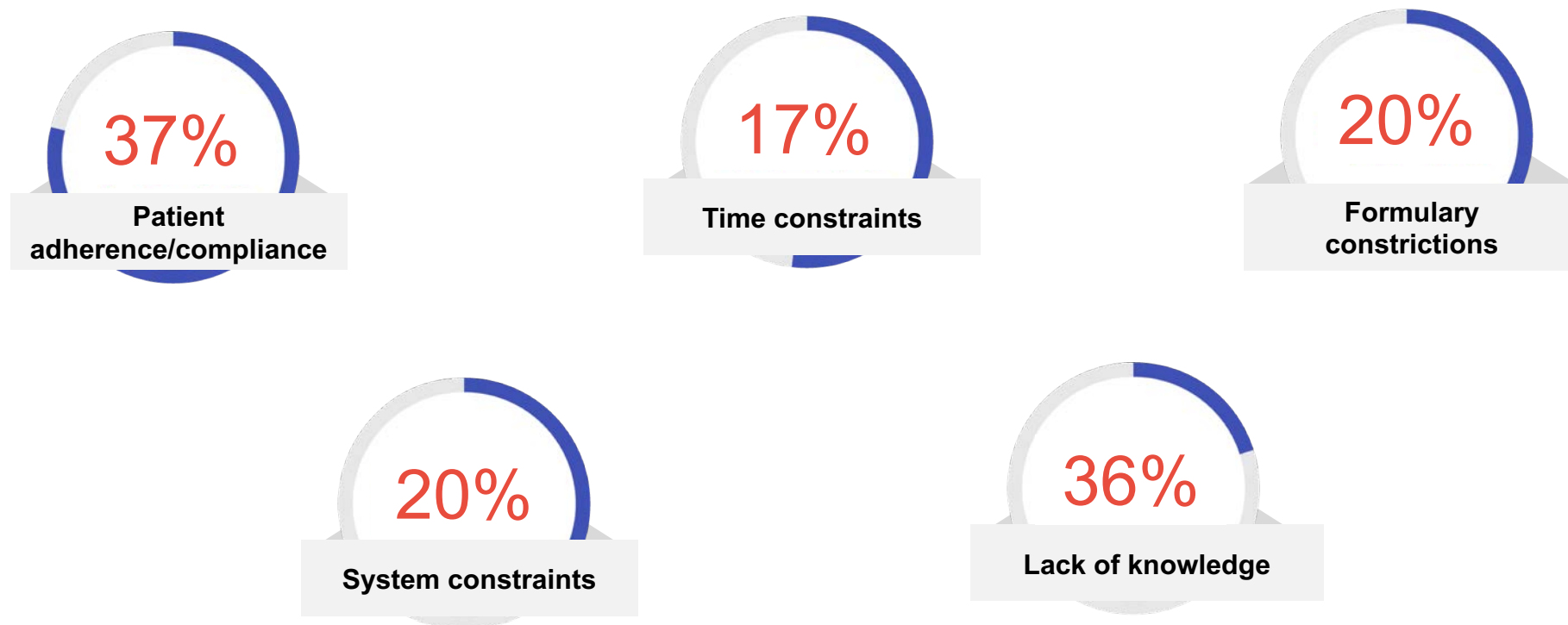
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(4-week Post Assessment)

**What specific *barriers* have you encountered that may have prevented you from successfully implementing screening, diagnosis and treatment of Sarcoidosis since this CME activity?  
(Select all that apply)**

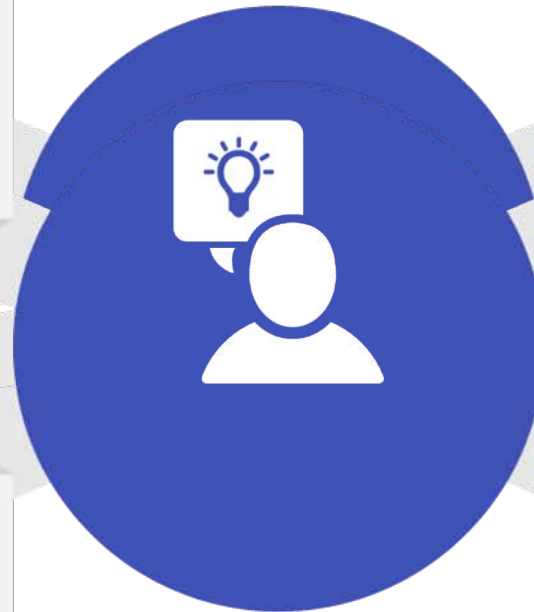
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# Participant Educational Gains

83% increased recognition that IL-8 is not a key Type 2 cytokine but that IL-4, IL-5 and IL-13 are.

100% increased awareness of appropriate modalities for patients with uncontrolled asthma and low levels of Type 2 inflammation



35% more aware of the factors causing an increased future risk of poor Asthma outcomes

56% more competent to recognize the importance of confirming a diagnosis in a patient with an unclear work up that appears to have severe, uncontrolled asthma despite triple inhaler therapy



# Persistent Educational Gaps After 4 Weeks

Key Type 2 cytokines involved in the pathophysiology of Asthma

The impact of inflammatory markers on treatment selection in patients with severe Asthma

Clinical assessment of Asthma control

Asthma treatment selection and the impact of co-morbid conditions



# Key Take-home Points

135% increased competence in selection of biologic therapy for a patient with severe Asthma

After 4 weeks, participants reported improved skills regarding screening, diagnosis and treatment of Asthma: 52% pharmacotherapy, 42% screening protocols, and 37% patient education

90% of learners are engaged in direct patient care and 91% reported that they will implement new strategies they learned

Significant improvement in learner confidence in their ability to integrate biologic therapy into the care of patients with severe Asthma

