

# Challenges in Pulmonary and Critical Care



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## **Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: New Horizons**

Final Live Outcome Report

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# Executive Summary

- ❖ This activity focused on improving the recognition, diagnosis and treatment of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD).
- ❖ 917 attendees in multiple professional specialties were reached in this program.
- ❖ Improvement across all learning domains was noted ranging from 43% to 136%.
- ❖ Overall, the program improved the ability of learners to recognize how to diagnosis and manage AATD.



## Persistent Educational Gaps

- ❖ Though improvements were observed, learners demonstrated score slippage on the PCA indicating persistent gaps in the several areas including:
  - ❖ Pathophysiology of AAT Deficiency
  - ❖ Genetic phenotyping in AATD and its impact on risk for COPD
  - ❖ AATD screening strategies
  - ❖ Laboratory evaluation for AATD

The post-test scores, and self reported confidence regarding the management of patients with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, signifies a clear gap in knowledge and an unmet need among clinicians. It continues to be an important area for future educational programs.

\*These numbers represent the total number of attendees, irrespective of assessment participation

# Learning Objectives

- 1 Discuss the pathophysiology of AAT deficiency (AATD) and its impact on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) risk
- 2 Interpret the clinical significance of laboratory test results for AATD
- 3 Discuss treatment options for AATD incorporating the latest guideline recommendations
- 4 Discuss strategies to enhance detection and treatment of AATD in clinical practice

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## LIVE CME CONFERENCE

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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**

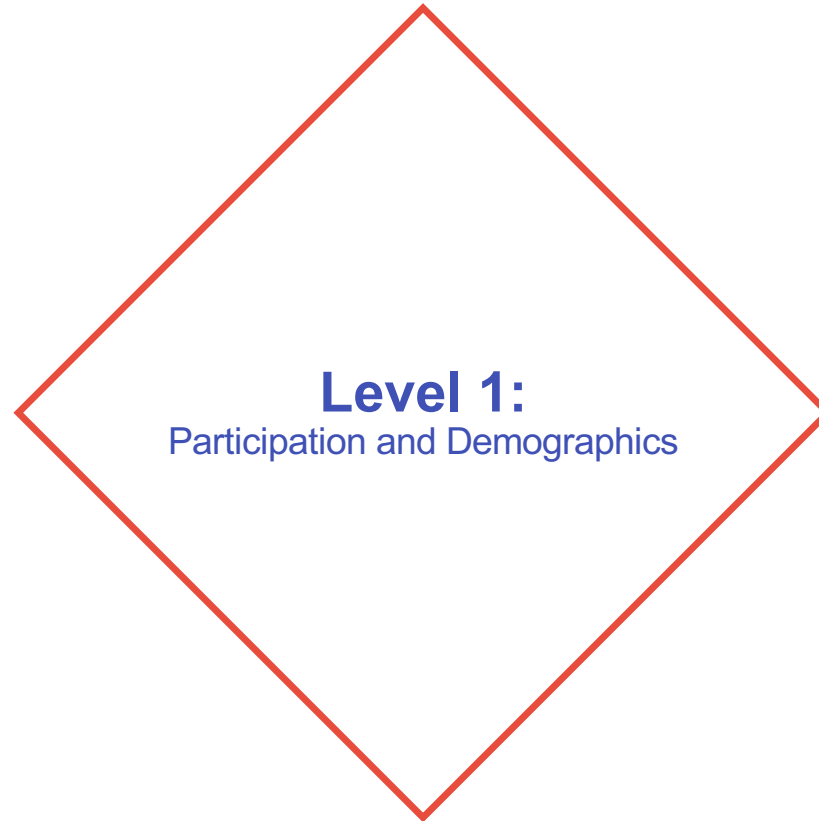
**Level 4: Competence**

**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

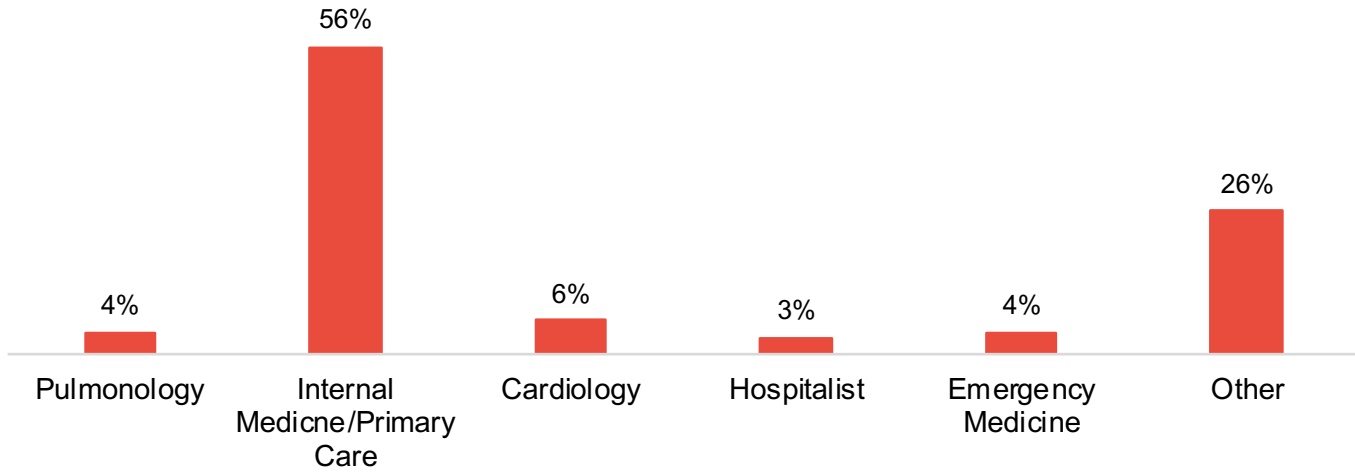


National online simulcast : **820** attendees

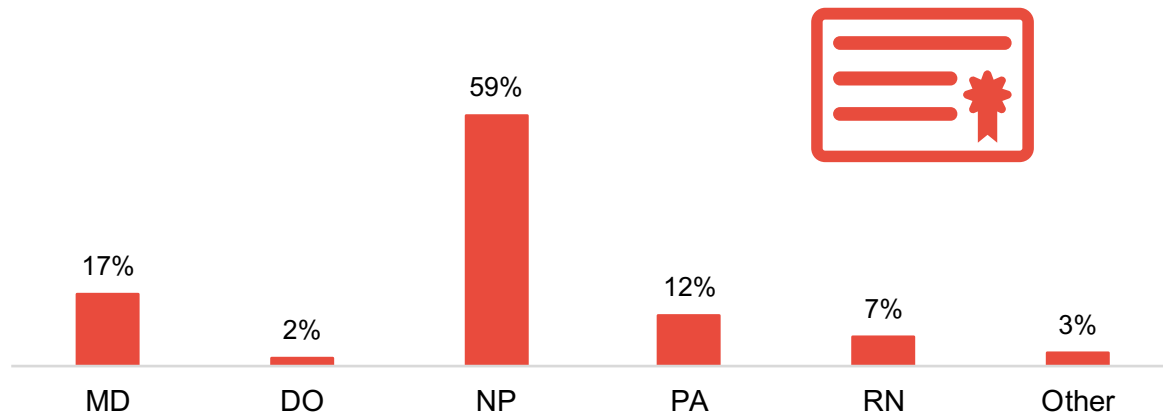


# Level 1: Demographics and Patient Reach

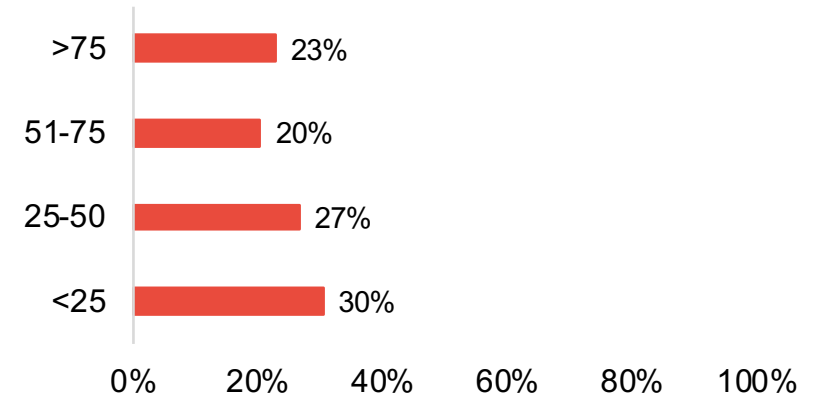
## Specialty



## Profession

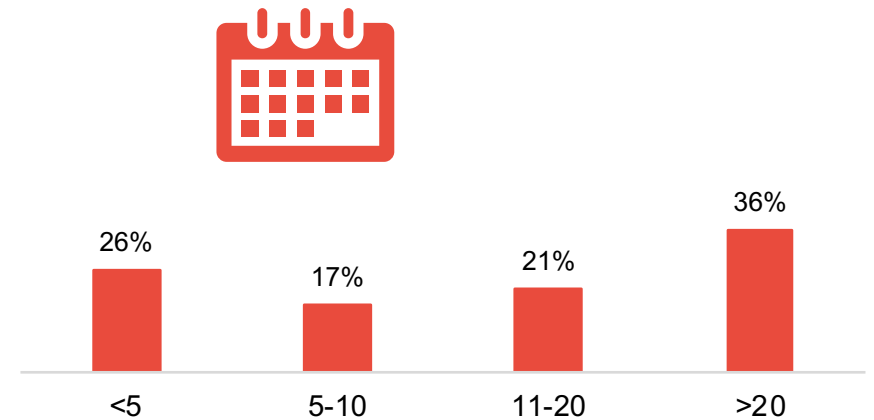


## Patients seen each week, in any clinical setting:



**Patient Care Focus: 90%**

## Years in Practice



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**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



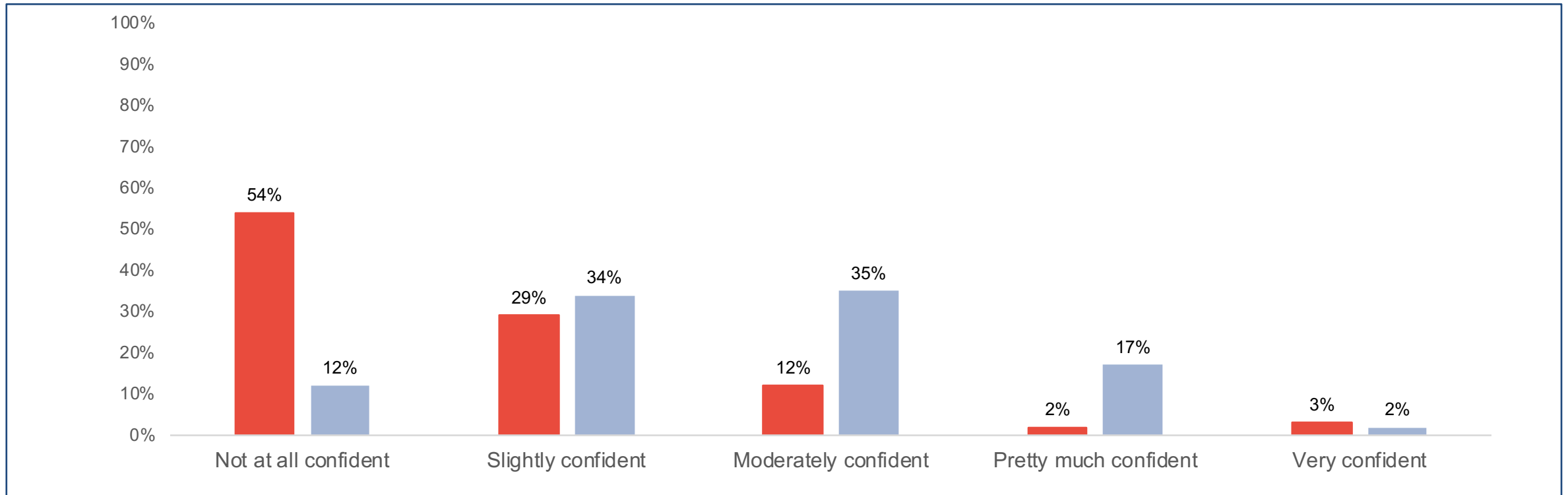
**91%** said they would implement new strategies that they learned



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

## Confidence Assessment

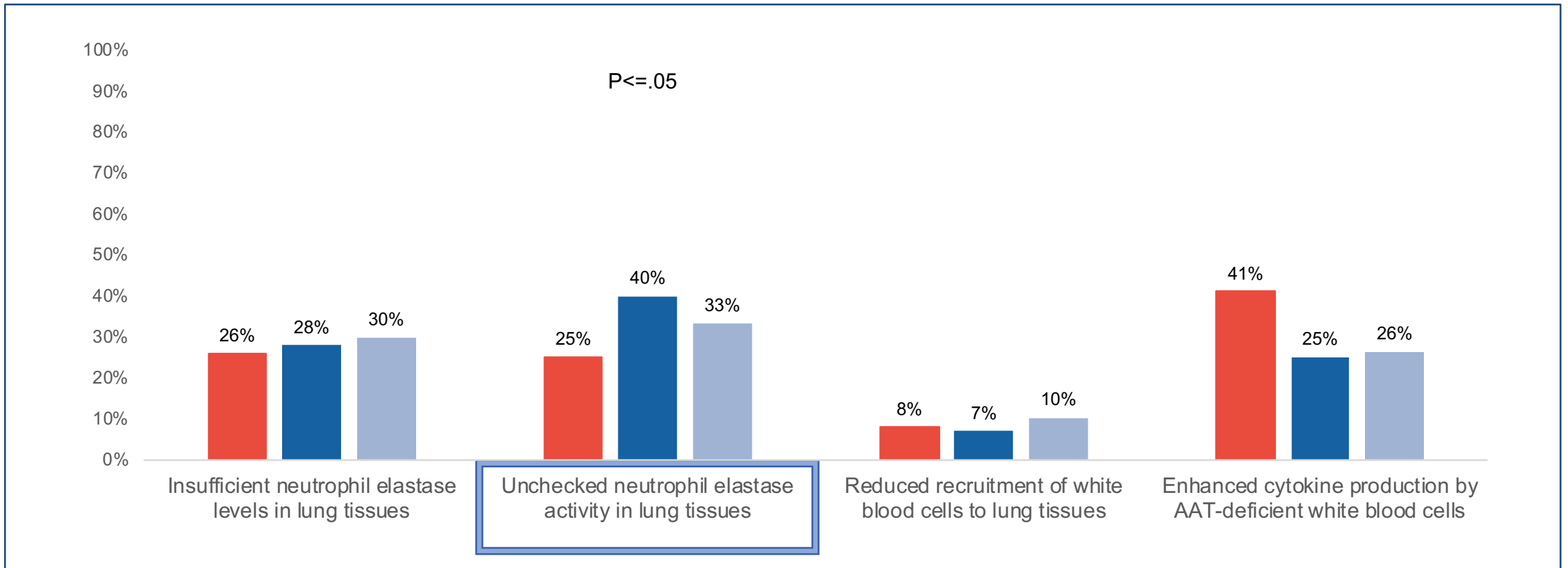
**Please rate your confidence in your ability to integrate the assessment and management of AATD into the care of patients with COPD:**  
(Learning Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4)



N= Pre: 316 PCA: 161

# In patients with AAT deficiency, which of the following mechanisms contributes to breakdown of lung tissue?

(Learning Objective 1)

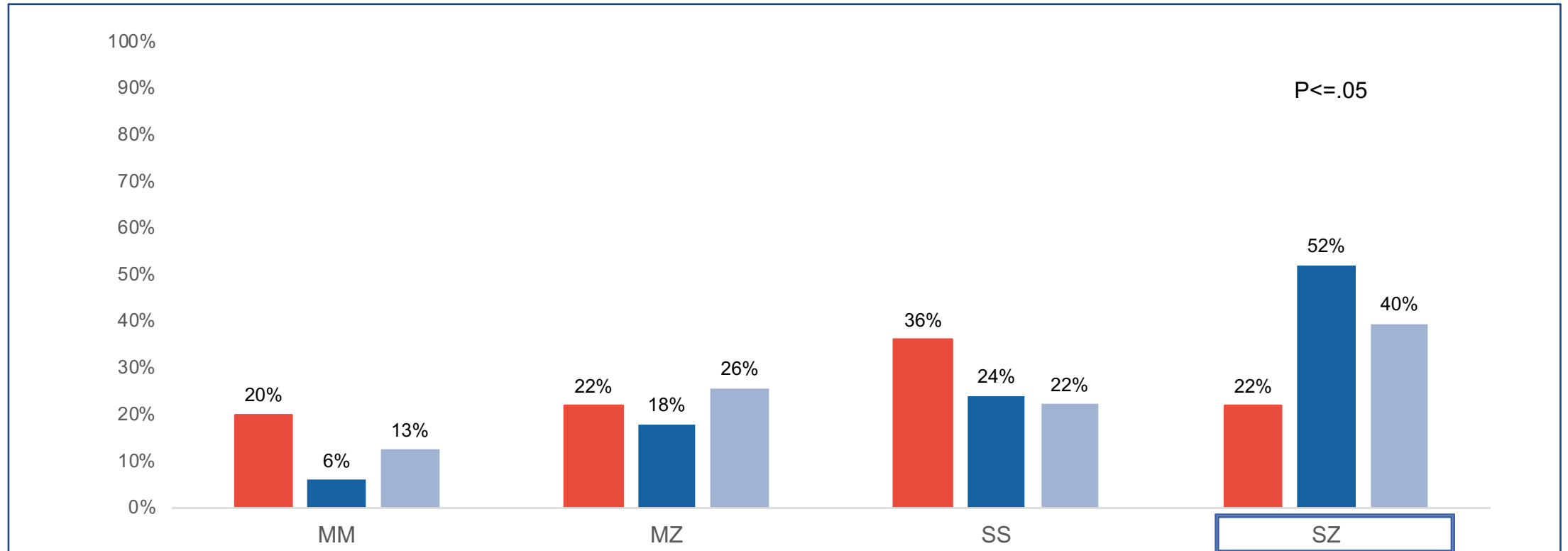


N= Pre: 246 Post: 249 PCA: 161

Pre to Post Change	60%
Pre to PCA Change	32%

# On genetic testing for AAT deficiency, which of the following genotypes is associated with greatest risk for development of COPD?

(Learning Objectives 1, 2)



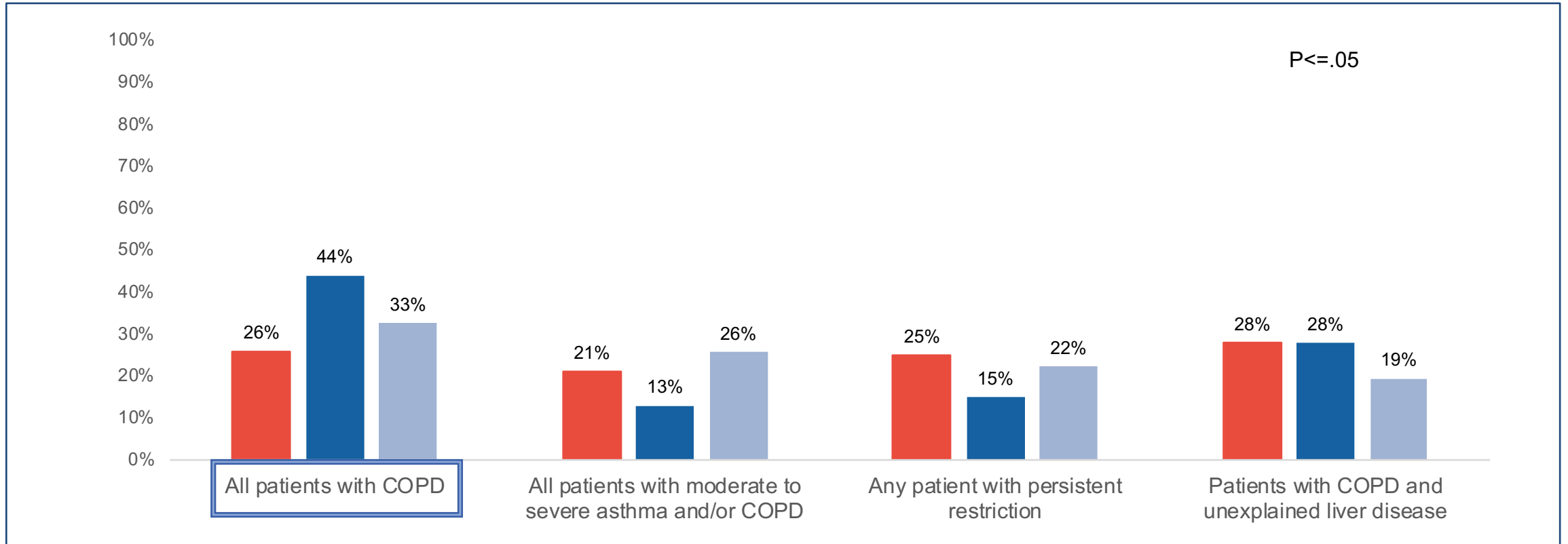
N= Pre: 288 Post: 325 PCA: 161

Pre to Post Change	136%
Pre to PCA Change	82%



# According to current guidelines, which of the following groups should be screened for AAT deficiency?

(Learning Objective 4)



N= Pre: 300 Post: 316 PCA: 161

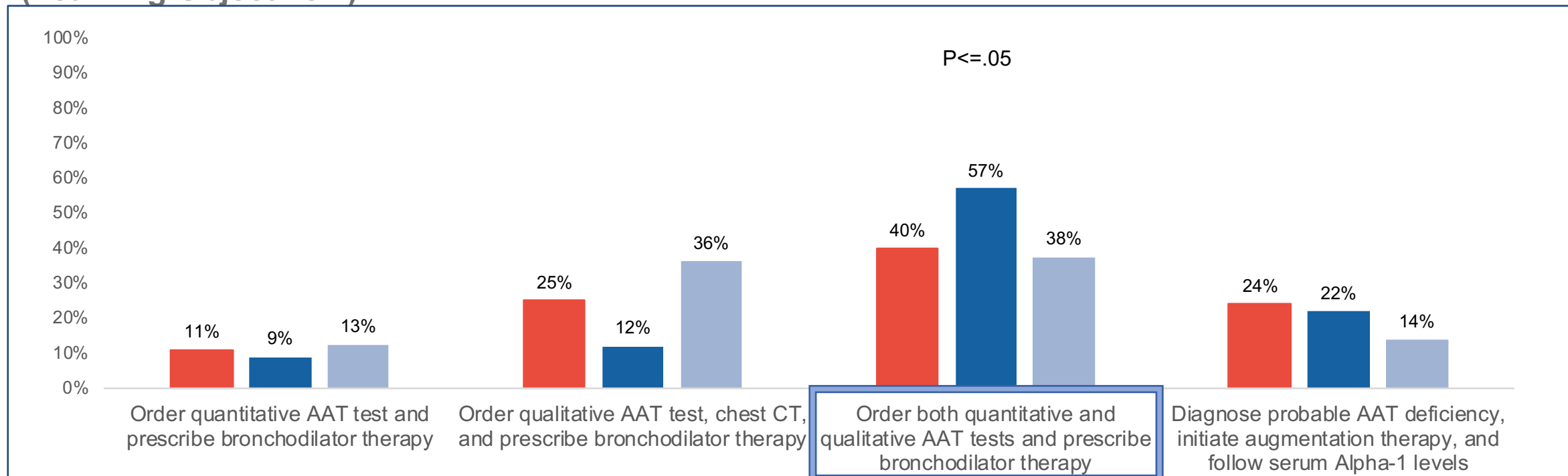
Pre to Post Change	69%
Pre to PCA Change	27%

## Competence Assessment

**A 62-y/o woman presents with progressive dyspnea and productive cough. She has no smoking history. Workup identifies FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC of 0.50 and FEV<sub>1</sub> 40% predicted. Chest X-ray shows mild emphysema with apical predominance. Other findings are WNL.**

**Based on this information, what might be an appropriate next step?**

**(Learning Objective 4)**

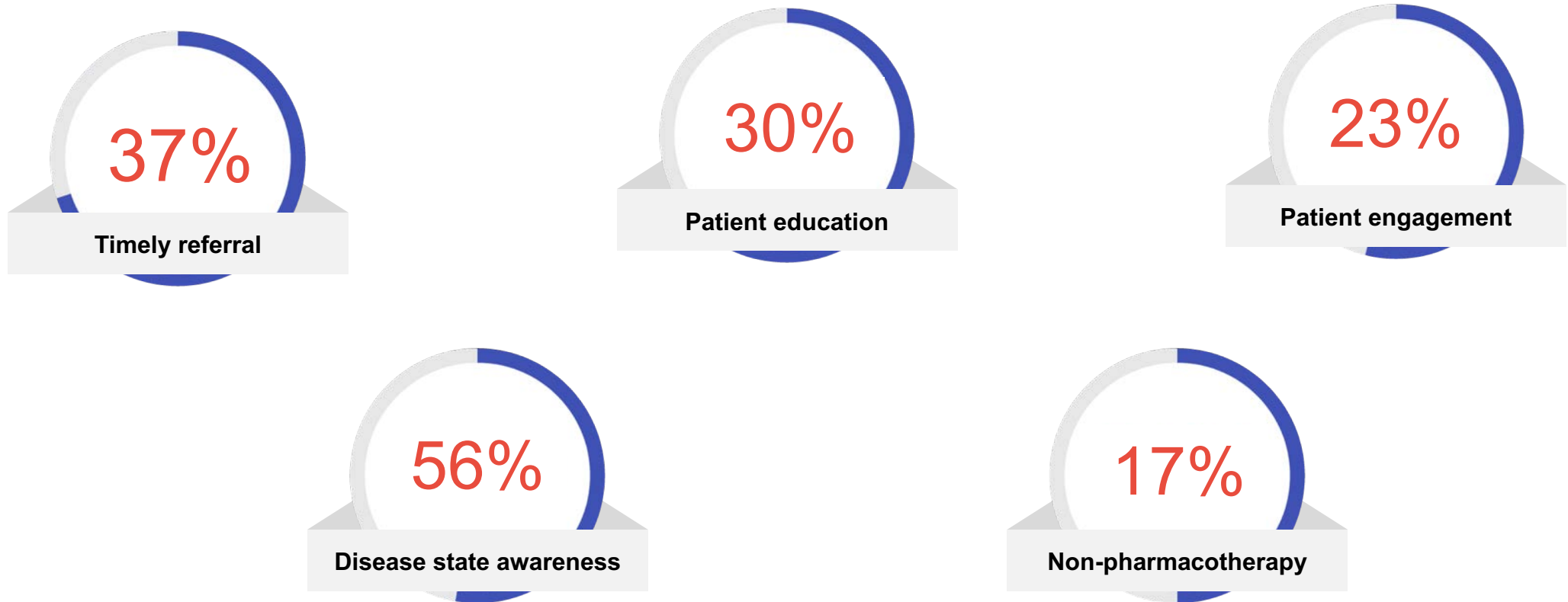


N= Pre: 175 Post: 162 PCA: 161

Pre to Post Change	43%
Pre to PCA Change	-5%

Please select the specific areas of *skills, or practice behaviors*, you have improved regarding the screening, diagnosis and treatment of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency since this CME activity. (Select all that apply.)

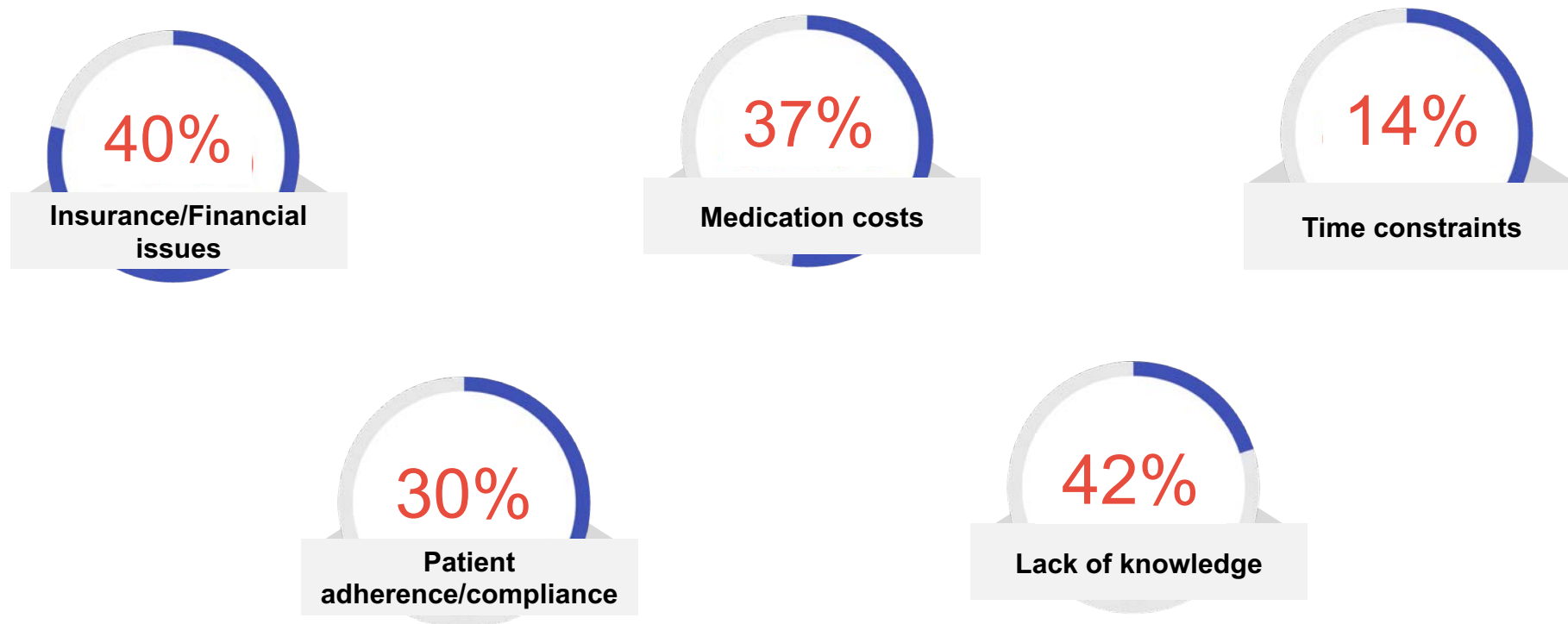
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(4-week Post Assessment)

**What specific *barriers* have you encountered that may have prevented you from successfully implementing screening, diagnosis and treatment of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency since this CME activity? (Select all that apply)**

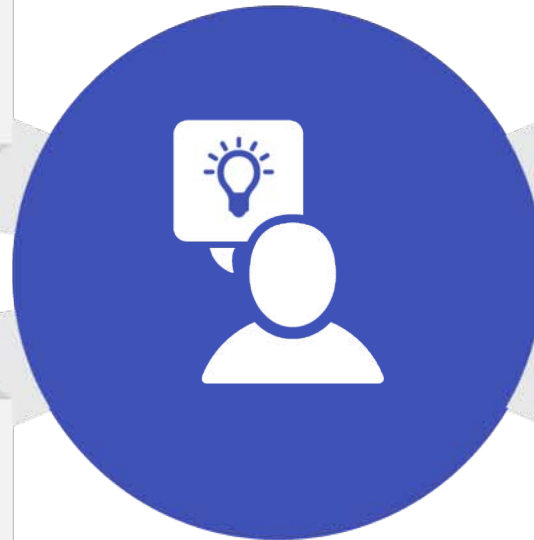
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# Participant Educational Gains

60% increased recognition of the mechanism by which AATD contributes to lung tissue breakdown

136% increased awareness of the AATD genotype most associated with an increased risk of COPD



69% increased recognition of the need to screen all patients with COPD for AAT Deficiency

43% increased competence in ordering appropriate quantitative and qualitative AAT tests for a patient with symptomatic COPD, in addition to appropriate bronchodilator therapy

# Persistent Educational Gaps After 4 Weeks

Pathophysiology of AAT Deficiency

Genetic phenotyping in AATD and its impact on risk for COPD

AATD screening strategies

Laboratory evaluation for AATD





# Key Take-home Points

Significantly increased confidence in the ability to integrate the assessment and management of AATD into the care of patients with COPD

After 4 weeks, participants reported the following improved skills regarding the screening, diagnosis and treatment of AATD: 56% disease state awareness, 37% timely referral, and 30% patient education



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

After 4 weeks, participants reported the following barriers regarding the screening, diagnosis and treatment of AATD: 42% lack of knowledge, 37% medication costs, and 40% insurance/financial issues