

# Navigating Asthma Control:



## A Severe Asthma Roadmap for Improved Diagnosis and Personalized Treatment



### Final Outcomes Summary

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## Executive Summary

### Program Design

Multimedia live (six two-hour evening symposium) and online case-based enduring activity following a guided workflow for diagnosis, assessment, and treatment selection of severe asthma designed to improve the knowledge and competence of allergists, pulmonologists, primary care physicians and pediatricians in the diagnosis, management, and treatment of severe asthma

### Key Features

- ✓ Whiteboard animation
- ✓ Challenging cases
- ✓ Infographic clinical aid
- ✓ Intra-activity polling questions
- ✓ Patient perspective video

### Program Locations and Dates

#### **(6) Live Evening Symposia:**

1.) New York, NY (8/14/19); 2.) Denver, CO (9/4/19); 3.) Phoenix, AZ (9/5/19); 4.) Dallas, TX (11/12/19); 5.) Atlanta, GA (11/14/19); 6.) Miami, FL (12/5/19)

#### **Online Enduring:**

08/07/2019-08/07/2020 (freeCME)  
01/10/2020-08/07/2020 (myCME)



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### Learning Objectives:

1. Apply current management guidelines to diagnose asthma correctly, optimize inhaled therapy, address comorbidities, and recognize when asthma is not well controlled.
2. Review evidence related to potential long-term effects of oral corticosteroids and assess their role in asthma management in the era of biologic therapies.
3. Identify key features of moderate to severe asthma that are targets for biologic therapies.
4. Individualize biologic and non-biologic therapies for patients based on their inflammatory phenotype, coexisting conditions, and other individual factors.

### Defining the Patient Impact\*

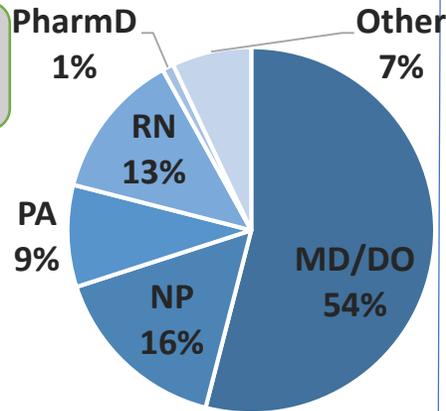
Learners were asked through a multiple choice question (MCQ) to identify the number of patients they treat per week with the condition of severe asthma. Four choices were provided ranging from 'More than 15' to '0 / Less than 5'. Totals were calculated based on conservative estimates within each category .

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## Live Activity Outcomes Summary

### Participation

**268** Learners  
79% prescribers



#### Specialties:

Family/Internal Med/  
Primary Care (50%)  
Pulmonary (13%)  
Pediatrics (15%)  
Allergy (3%)  
Other (19%)

### Satisfaction

**98%** of respondents indicated the activity:

✓ Met their educational needs

**97%** of respondents indicated the activity:

✓ Reinforced or improved current skills

**96%** of respondents indicated the activity:

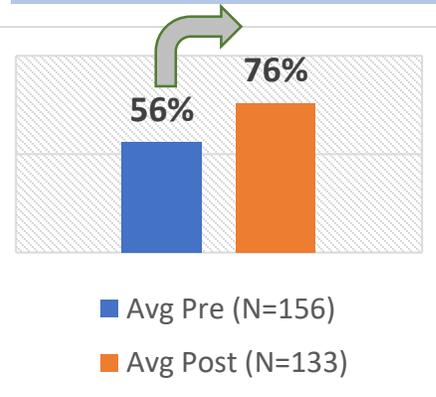
✓ Met the learning objectives

N=133

**95%** of respondents indicated the activity:

✓ Improved ability to treat/manage patients

### Educational Impact



**36%** overall  
relative  
knowledge gain

**50,760** potential  
patients impacted  
annually\*

### Narrowing the Gaps (Knowledge Gain by LO)

Apply current management  
guidelines

**48%** relative gain

Review long-term OCS use  
and assess role in asthma  
management

**35%** relative gain

Identify key features that  
are targets for biologics

**38%** relative gain

Individualize biologic and  
non-biologic therapies

**21%** relative gain

### Competence and Performance

**99%** of learners (N=132) report that they are somewhat to extremely likely to make changes to their practice

### Top (3) intended changes to practice

- (1) Incorporate different diagnostic strategies into patient evaluation (54%)
- (2) Modify treatment plans (46%)
- (3) Change screening/prevention practice (42%)

**35%** had already made changes to practice at 6 week follow up

### Key Take-Aways

- ✓ Benefit of biologics for asthma
- ✓ Heterogeneity of asthma
- ✓ New therapies and treatment options
- ✓ Understanding endotypes and phenotypes

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## Online Outcomes Summary

### Participation

**Completers**  
(take post test)

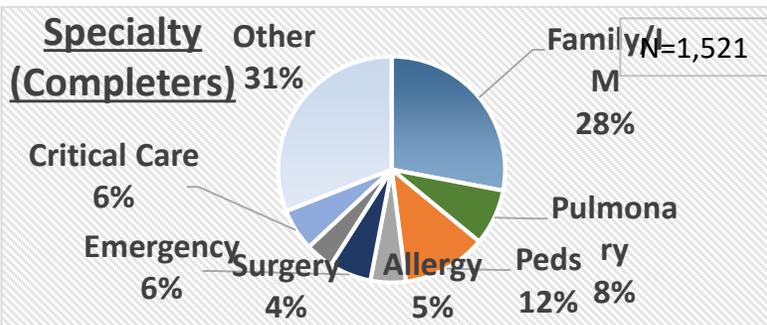
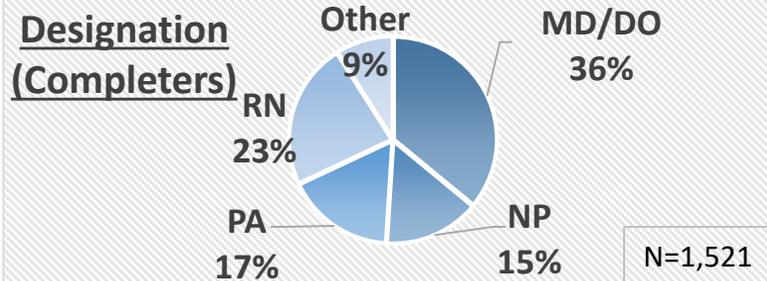
1,521

**Learners**  
(engage with content)

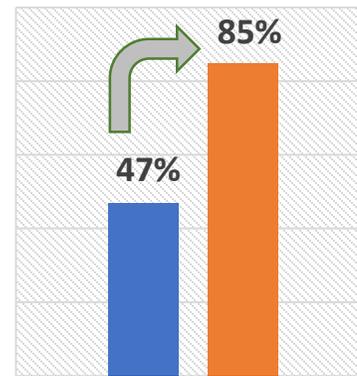
8,115

**Certificates**  
(complete evaluation)

1,442



### Educational Impact



**81%** relative knowledge gain for all data combined

**38%** absolute change for all data combined

Intent to Change: **94%** of all completers

#### Top (3) intended changes to practice

- (1) Incorporate different diagnostic strategies into patient evaluation (98%)
- (2) Modify treatment plans (91%)
- (3) Change screening/prevention (88%)

N=1,442

### Engagement and Effectiveness

209%



**RISE IN MASTERY**  
Relative Increase in Learners who show **High Confidence and Correctness**

N=730

5.9

**ENGAGEMENT SCORE**  
Average number of actions taken by each learner  
[59% higher than ArcheMedx benchmark]

N=3,052

### Projected Patient Impact

499,304\*

Annual Patient Visits Impacted

9,602\*

Weekly Patient Visits Impacted

N=1,442

# Online Posting and Links Outcomes



Original program  
launched on **August 8,  
2019** where learners  
connect to the  
ArcheMedX platform via a  
single sign-on hosted on  
FreeCME

freeCME (8/7/2019-8/7/2020):  
<https://learning.freecme.com/a/32716PAAACT>

Launched on myCME  
**January 10, 2020** to  
supplement the reach of  
original program

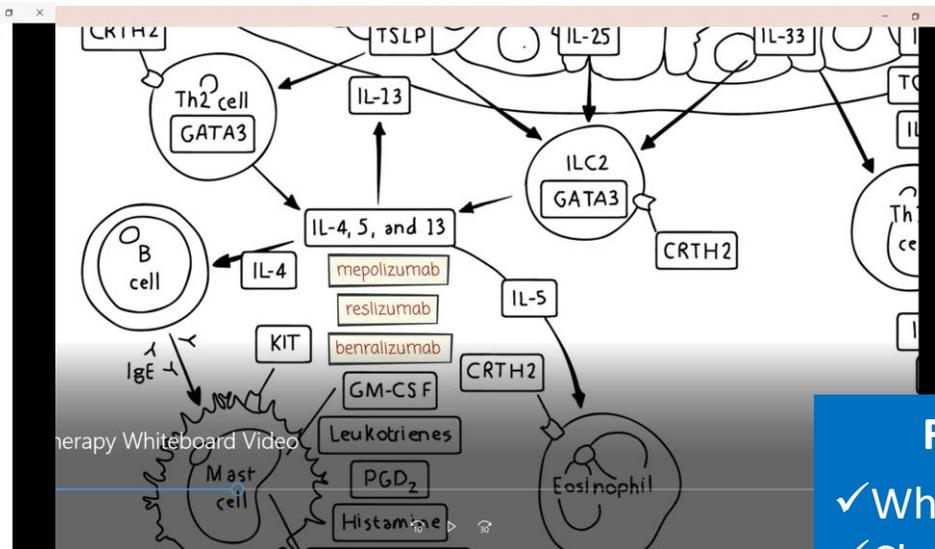
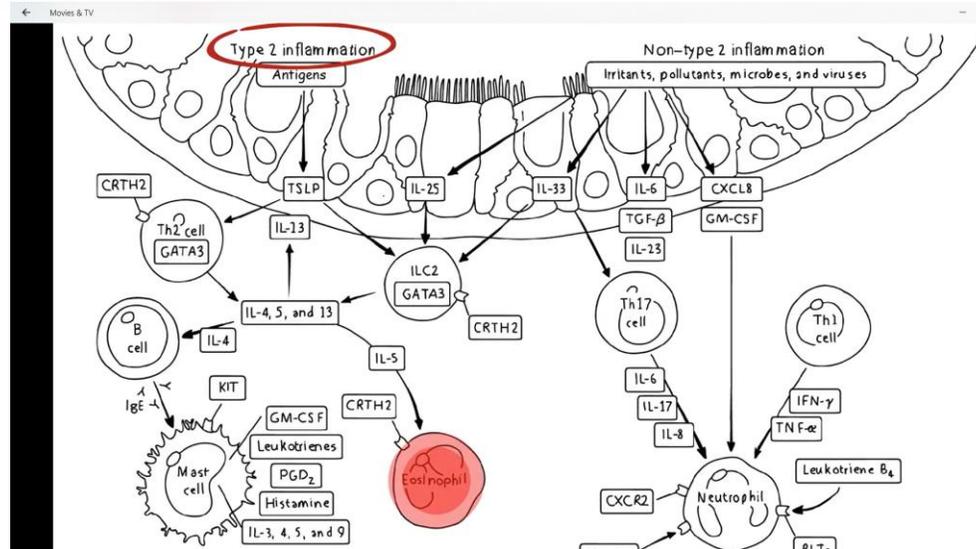


myCME (1/10/2020-8/7/2020):  
<https://www.mycme.com/navigating-asthma-control-a-severe-asthma-roadmap-for-improved-diagnosis-and-personalized-treatment/activity/6406/>

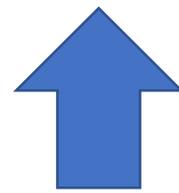
# Executive Summary: Online Activity Details



The online CME activity consisted of one 30-minute activity presented by our expert faculty, Dr. Michael Wechsler, from National Jewish Health. His presentation addressed his perspective on current and emerging treatments for severe asthma including diagnosis, current and emerging treatments, and the use of biologic therapies and oral corticosteroid reduction.



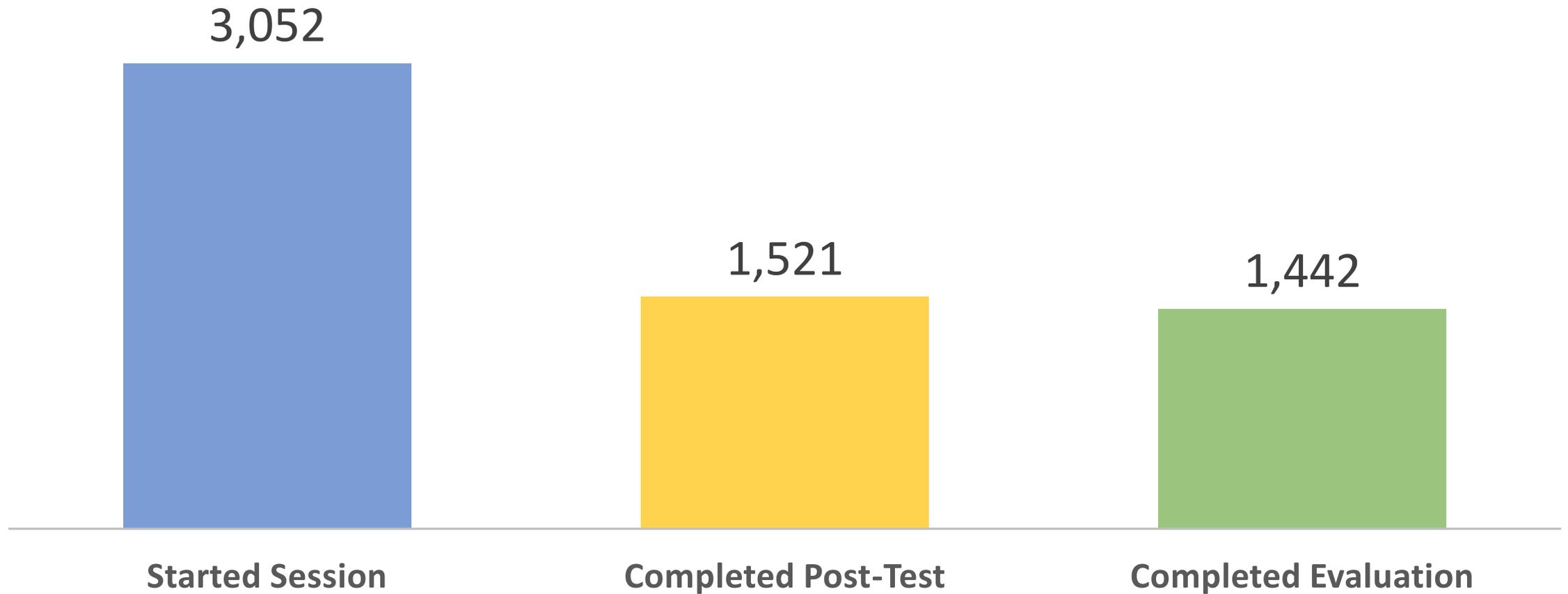
Patient Perspective Video



Screenshots of whiteboard animations

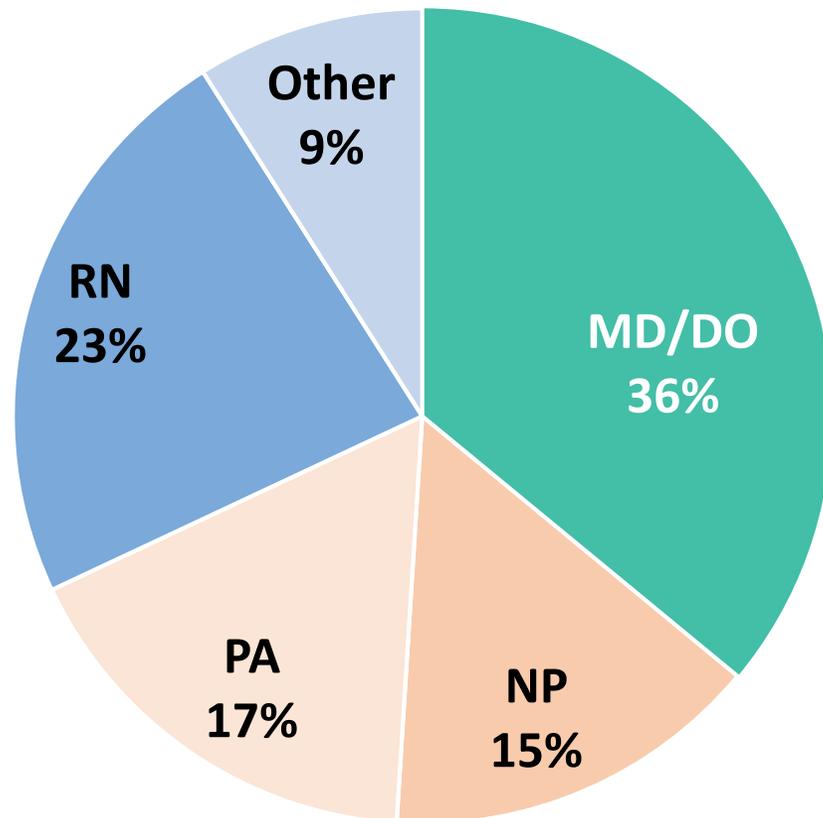
- Features included:**
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  - ✓ Intra-activity polling questions

# Level 1 Outcomes: Learner Participation

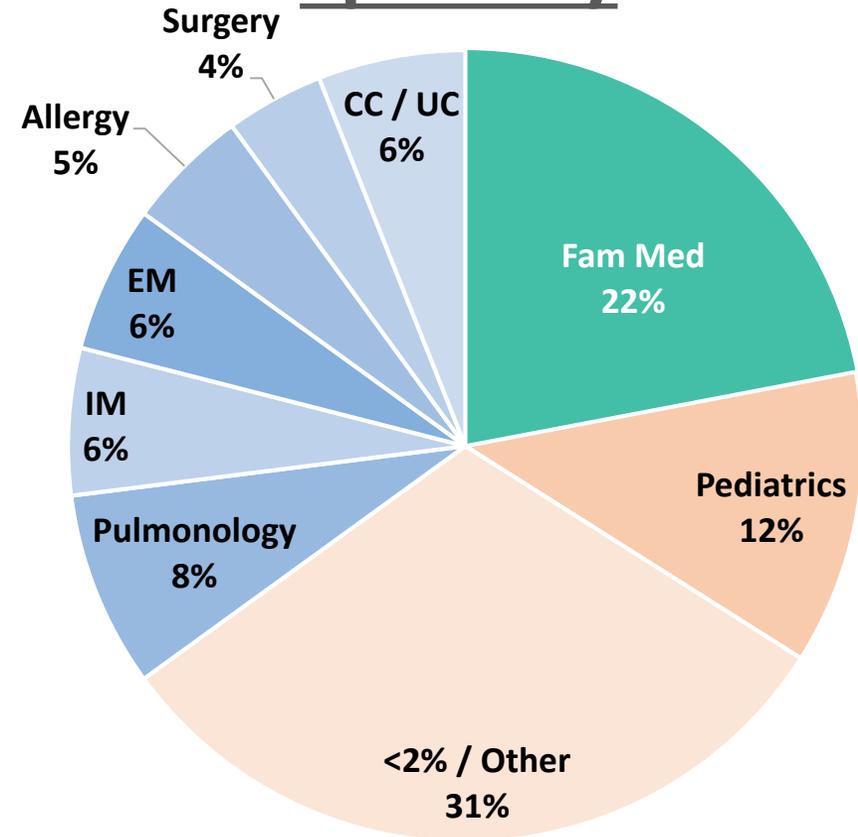


# Level 1 Outcomes Participation: Profession and Specialty

## Profession



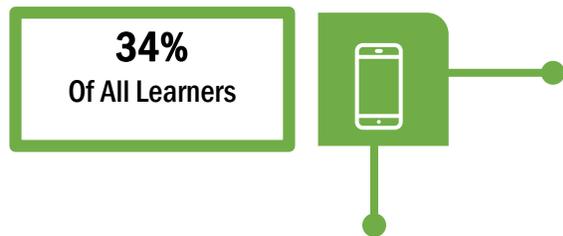
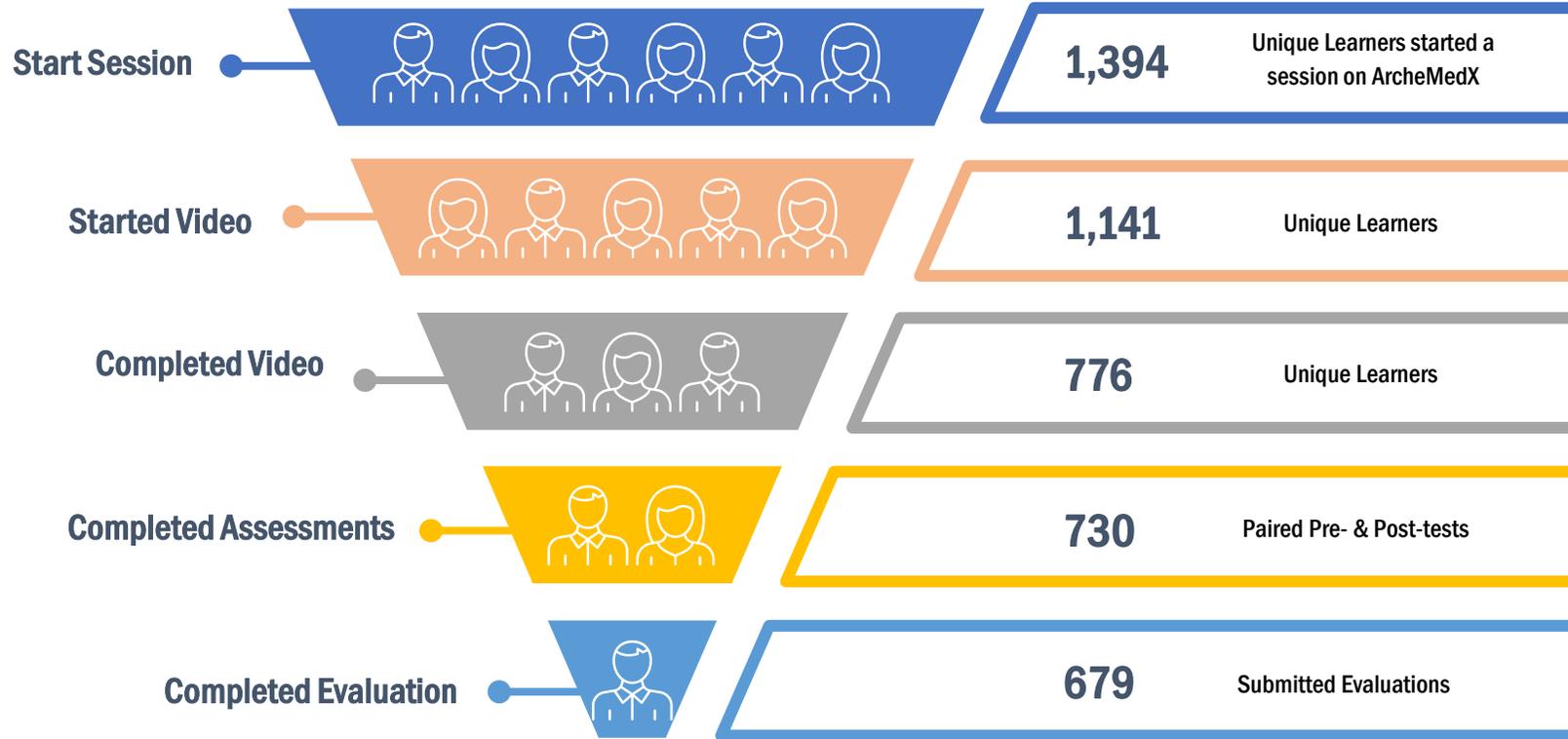
## Specialty



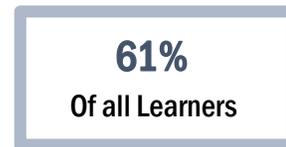
N=1521 Post-tests Completed

# ArcheMedX Insights: Participation Funnel

Final Report



**Mobile Use**  
Learners who accessed the curriculum via a mobile device



**Time Watching Video**  
Learners who watched a portion of every minute of the video

4% utilized multiple devices across multiple sessions



**Estimated Patient Visits Impacted**

# 5,135

## Learning Actions\*

QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED  
**2,651**



RESOURCES  
VIEWED  
**1,301**



NOTES TAKEN  
**66**



RESOURCES  
DOWNLOADED  
**1,003**



# 5.9

## ENGAGEMENT SCORE

Average number of actions taken by  
each learner

Engagement Score for this  
activity is

# 59%

higher than the  
ArcheMedX Benchmark

*\*actions taken while watching the educational videos. Includes all learners who started a session*

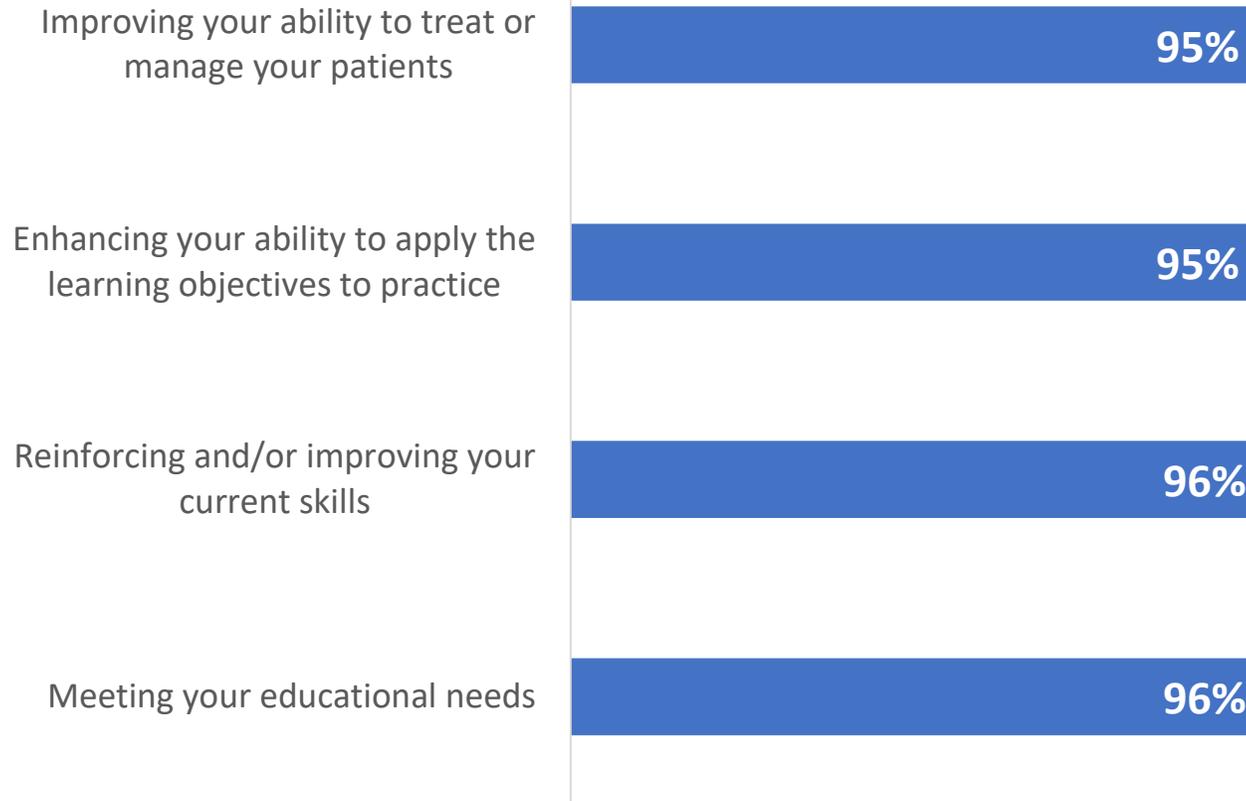
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# Level 2 Outcomes: Satisfaction

## Learner Response to Educational Needs

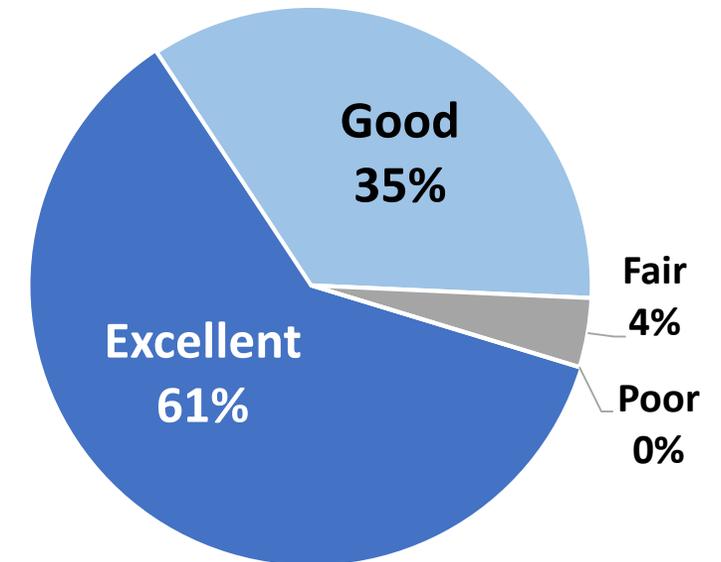
Final Report

### *Learners Who Responded Excellent or Good*



**98%** of Learners indicated the activity was **free** of any commercial bias

*How well did the educational content meet the learning objectives?*



N=1442 Evaluations Completed

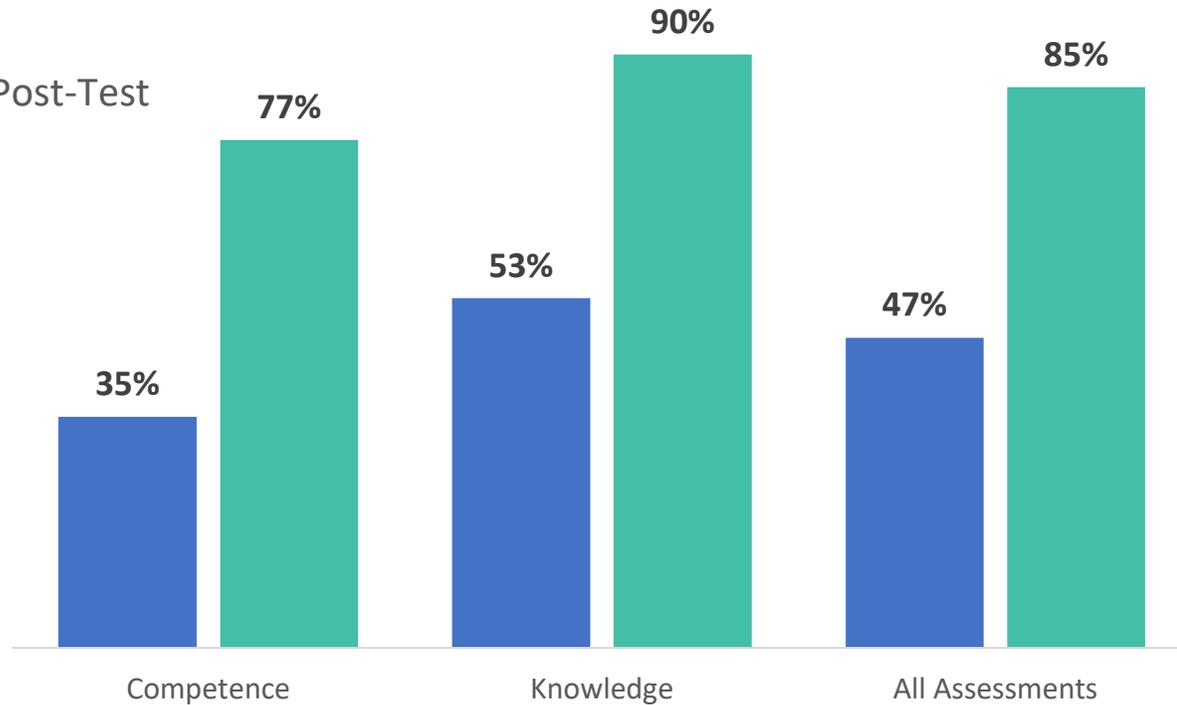
# Levels 3&4: Gains in Knowledge and Competence

## Pre- and Post-Test Assessment

■ Pre-Test

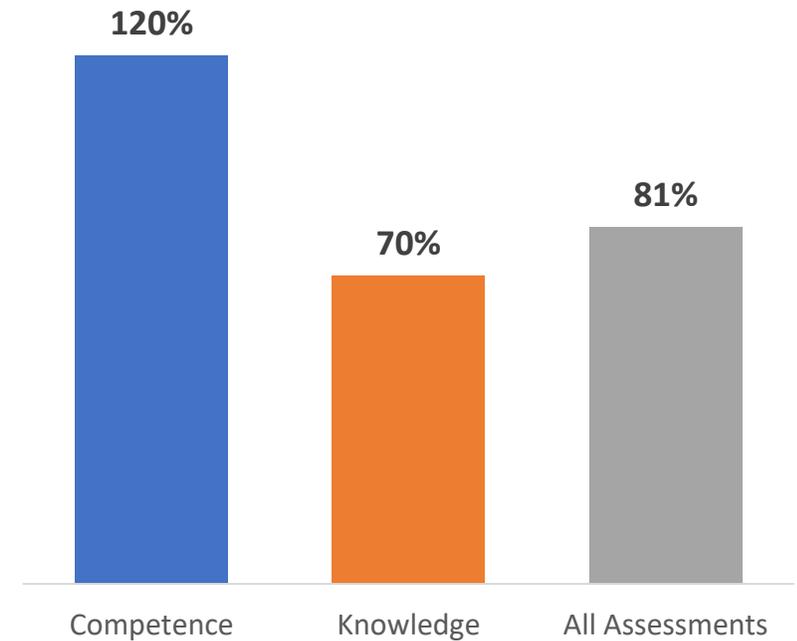
Pre-Test n=2001 / Post-Tests n=1521

■ Post-Test

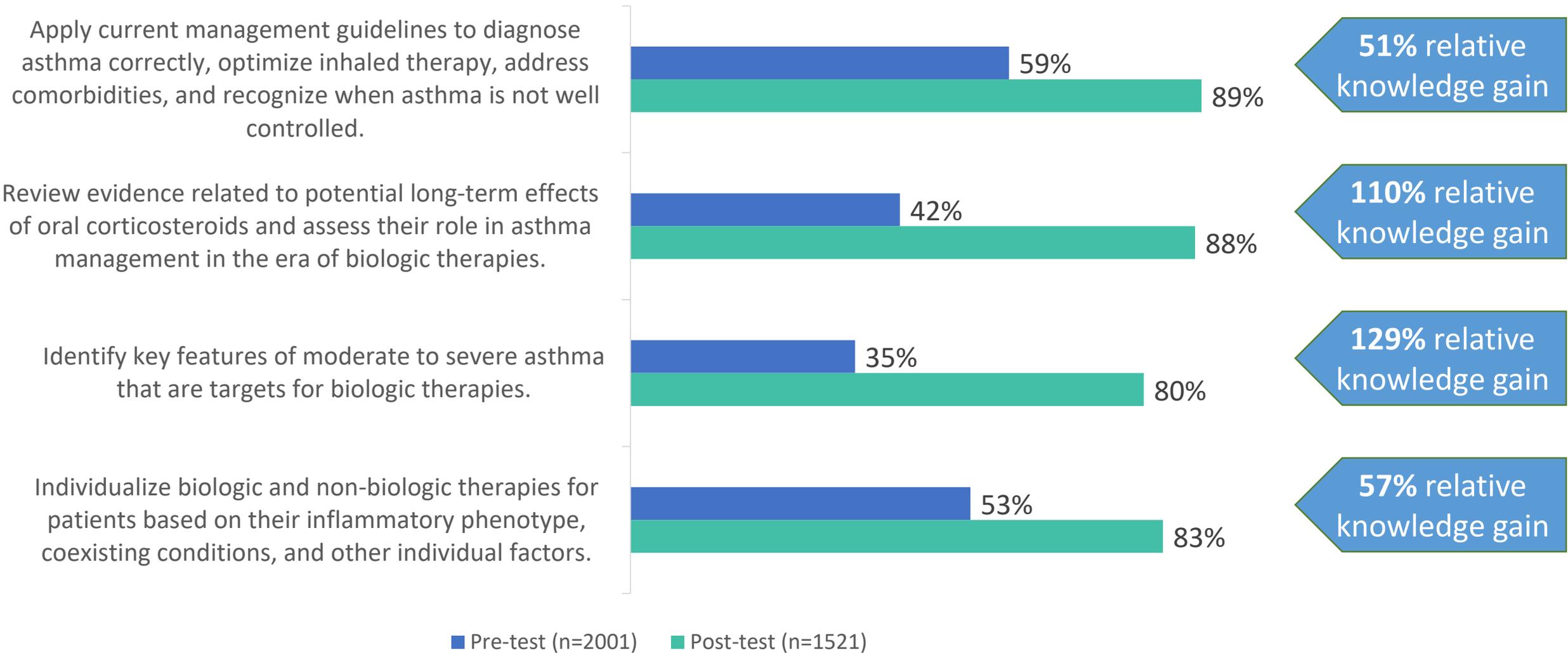


## Relative Change

*Pre-Test to Post-Test*



# Level 3 & 4 Outcomes: Learning by Objective

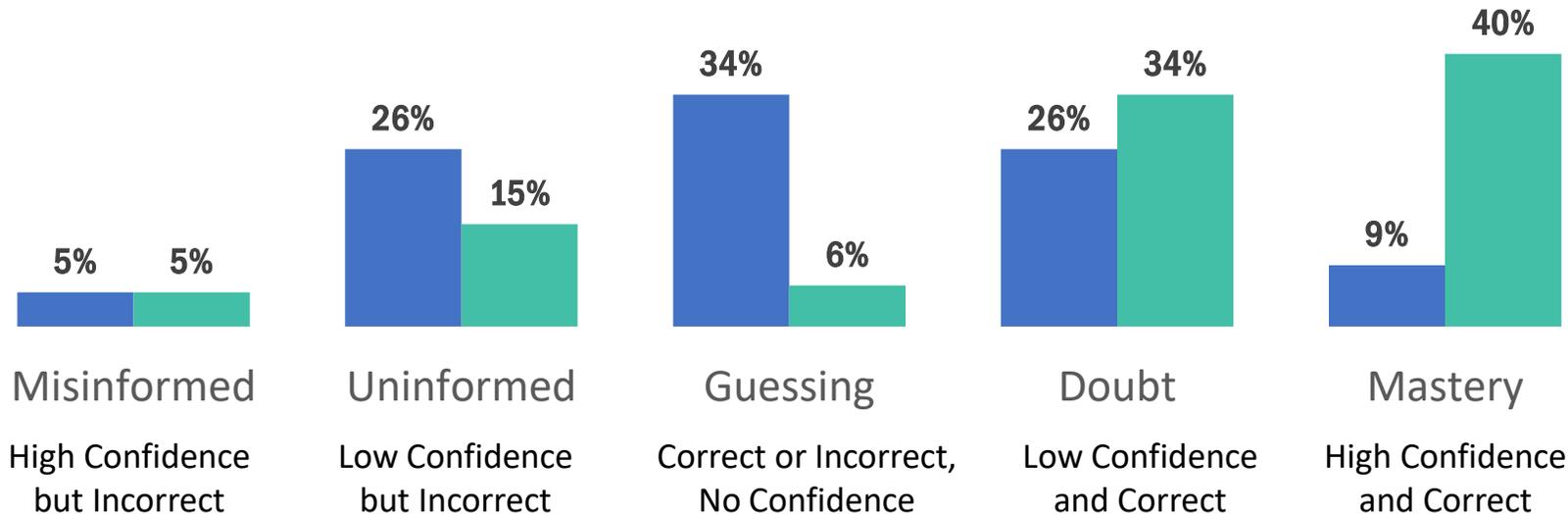


# ArcheMedX Insights: Confidence Based Assessment

**Confidence-based Assessment** goes beyond measuring correctness and dives deep into understanding a learner's belief (confidence) in their knowledge and competence, specifically looking at each question and requiring the learner to indicate the confidence in their answers.

■ Pre-Test

■ Post-Test



209%



## RISE IN MASTERY

Relative Increase in Learners who show **High Confidence** and **Correctness**

34%



## STILL HAVE DOUBT

Learners who are **Correct** but have **Low Confidence**

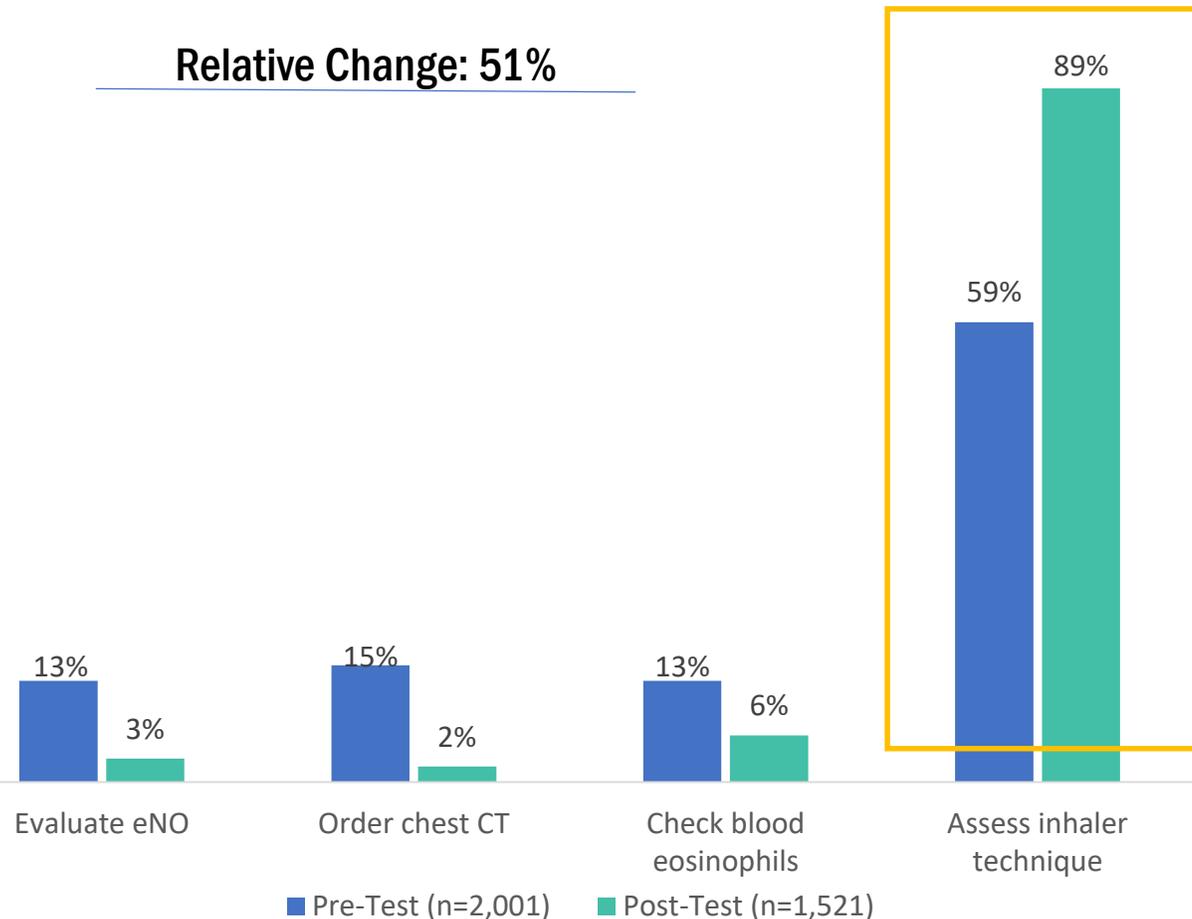
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# Assessment Questions

## Question 1

*Q1: When a patient presents with uncontrolled asthma despite high intensity therapy, what is the most important initial assessment to consider?*

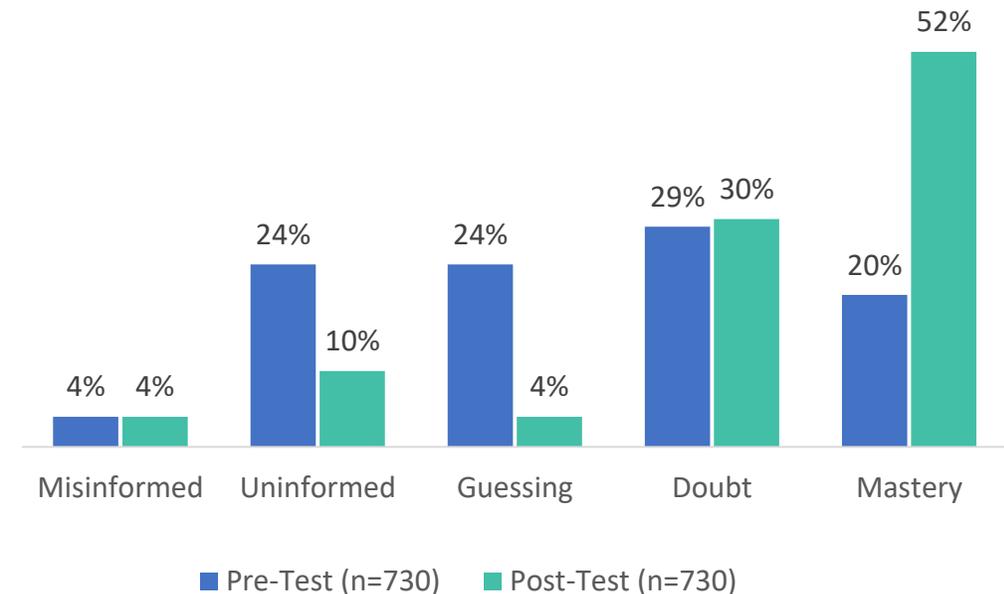
Relative Change: 51%



ArcheMedX Only  
Confidence-based Assessment

**RISE IN MASTERY 160%**

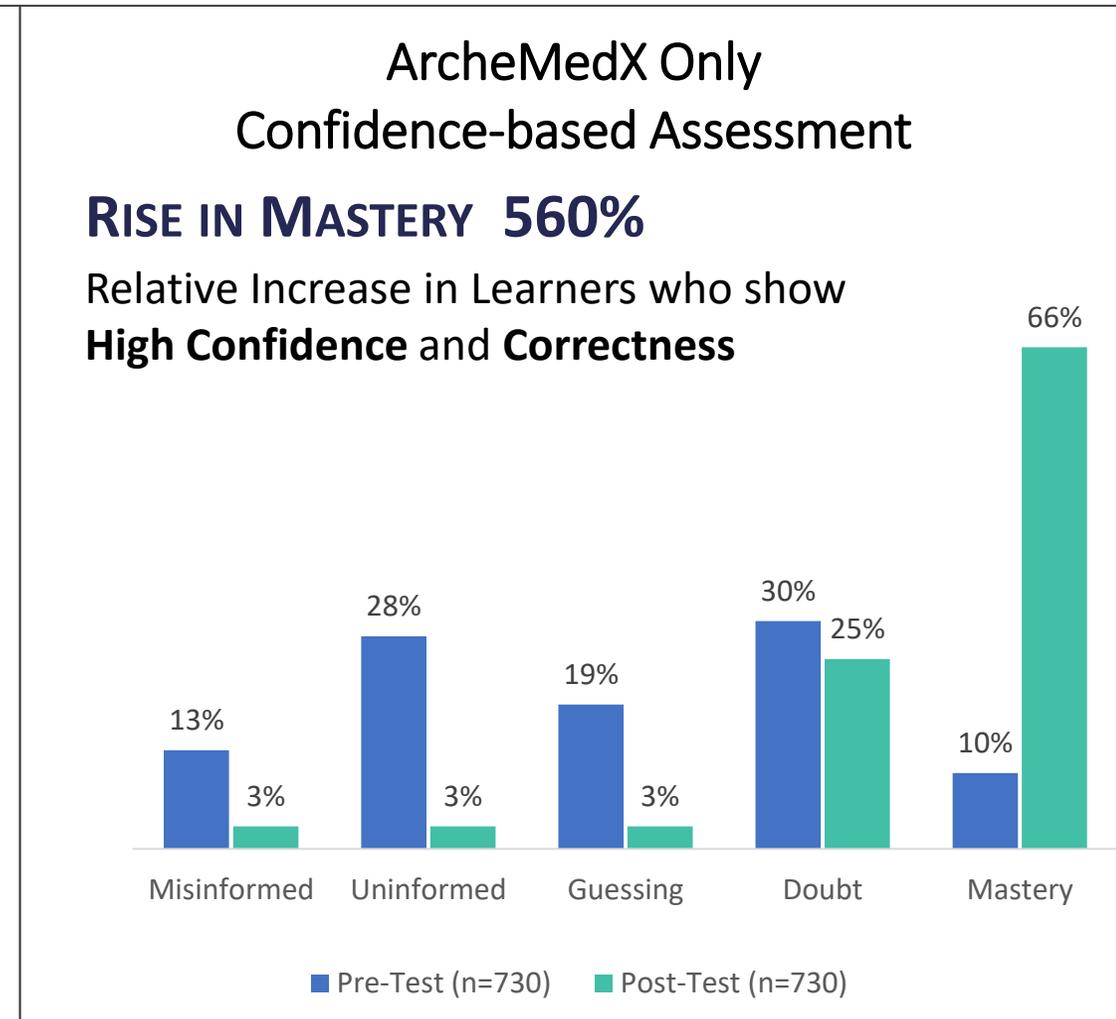
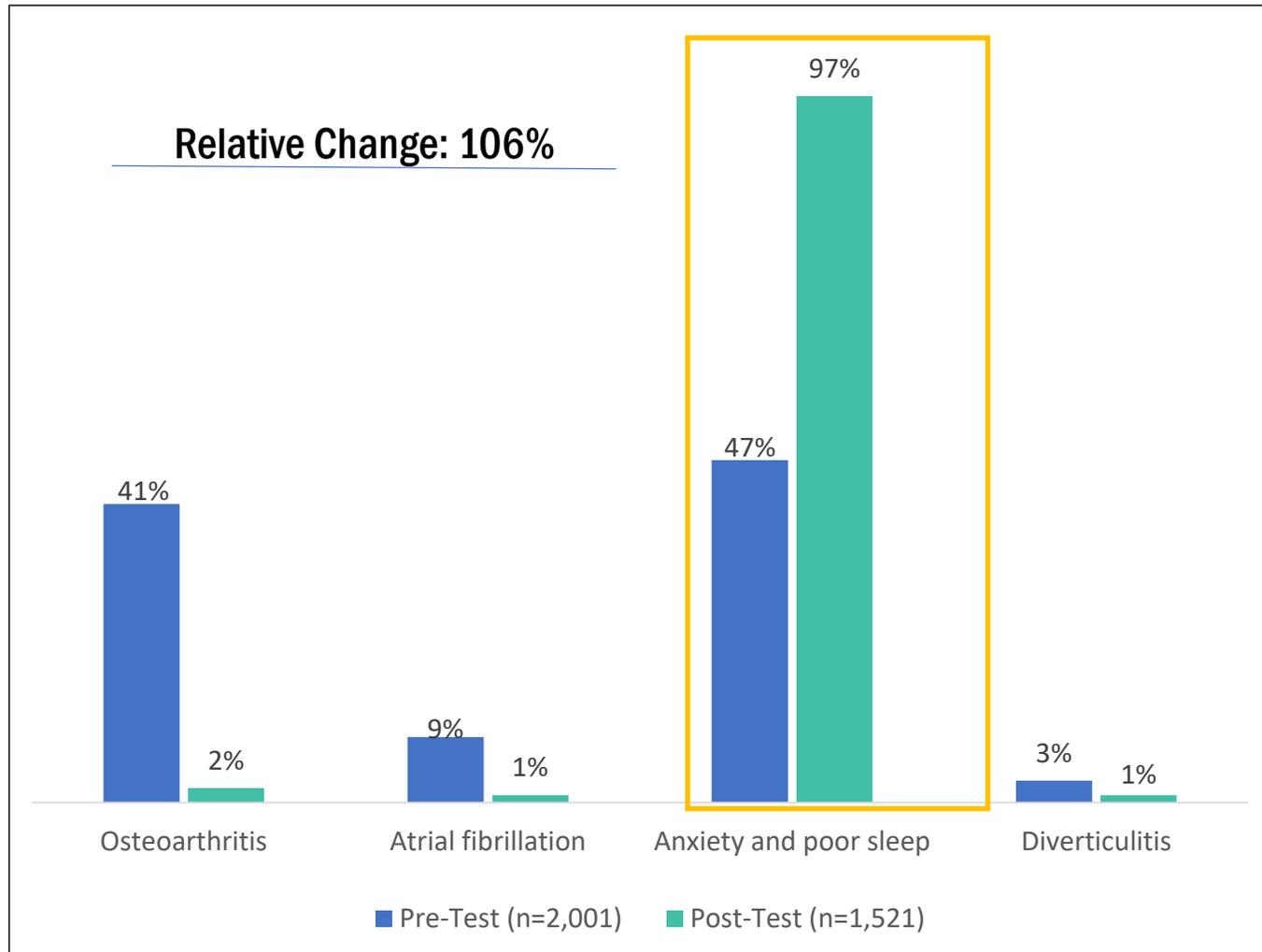
Relative Increase in Learners who show **High Confidence** and **Correctness**



# Assessment Questions

## Question 2

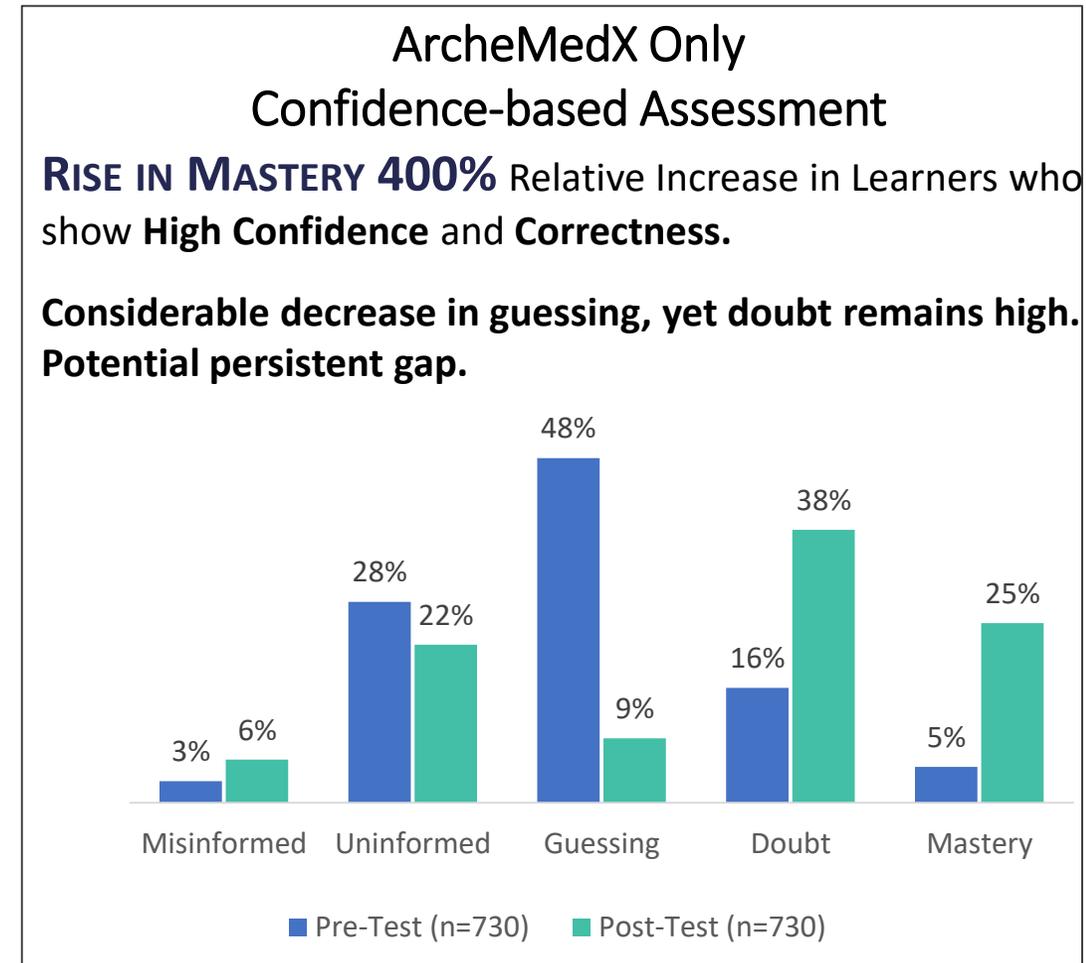
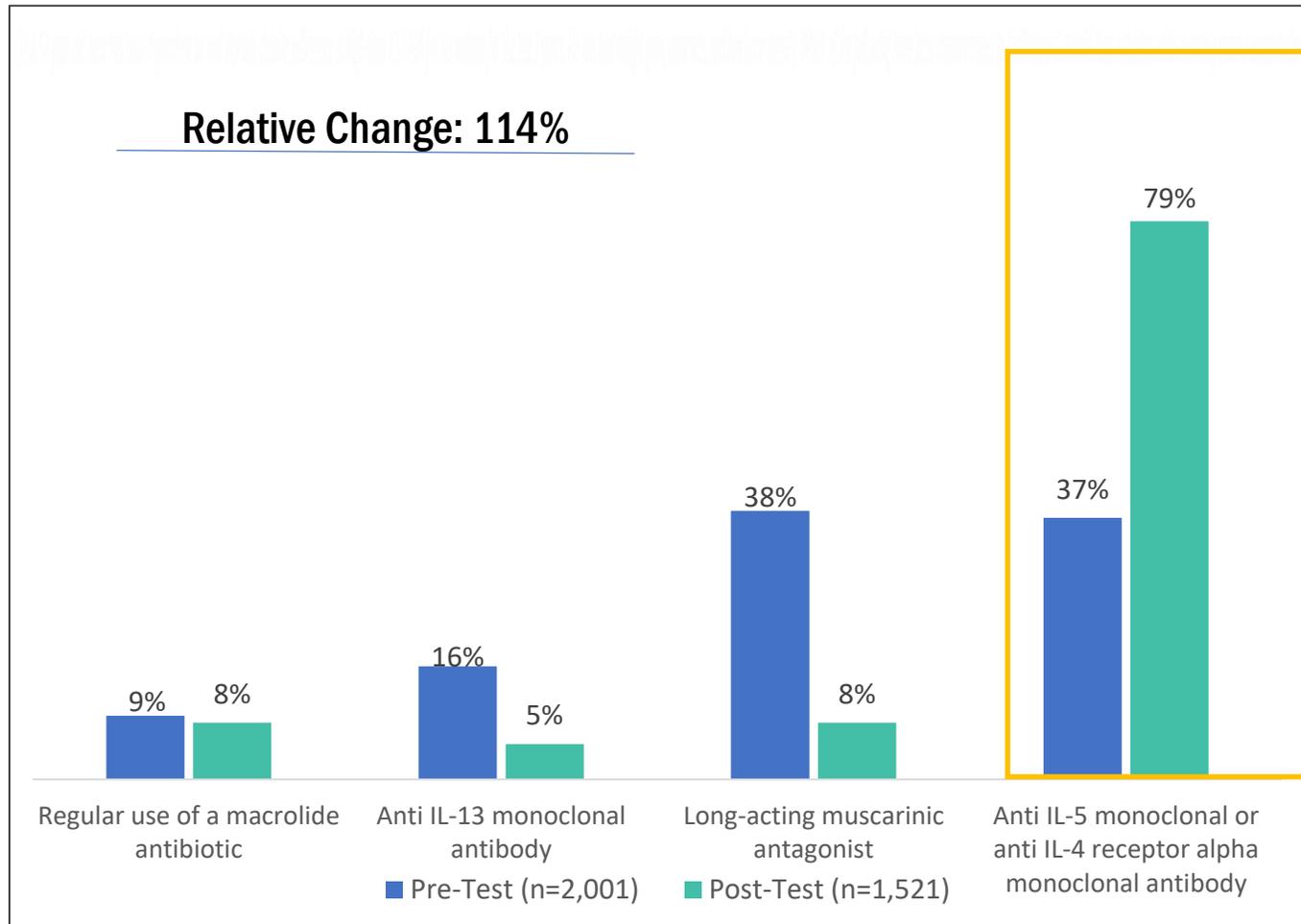
Q2: Chronic oral corticosteroid use has been associated with which of the following adverse effects?



# Assessment Questions

## Question 3

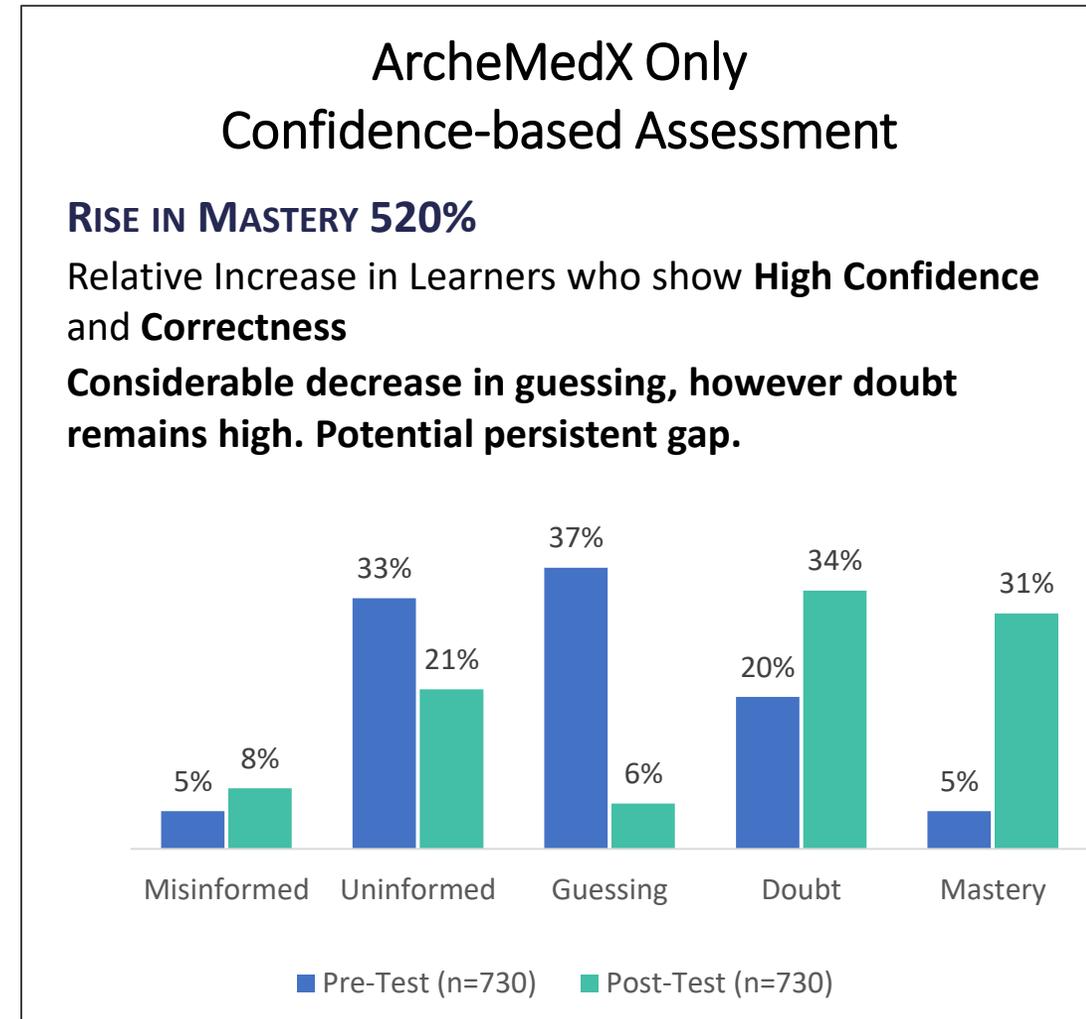
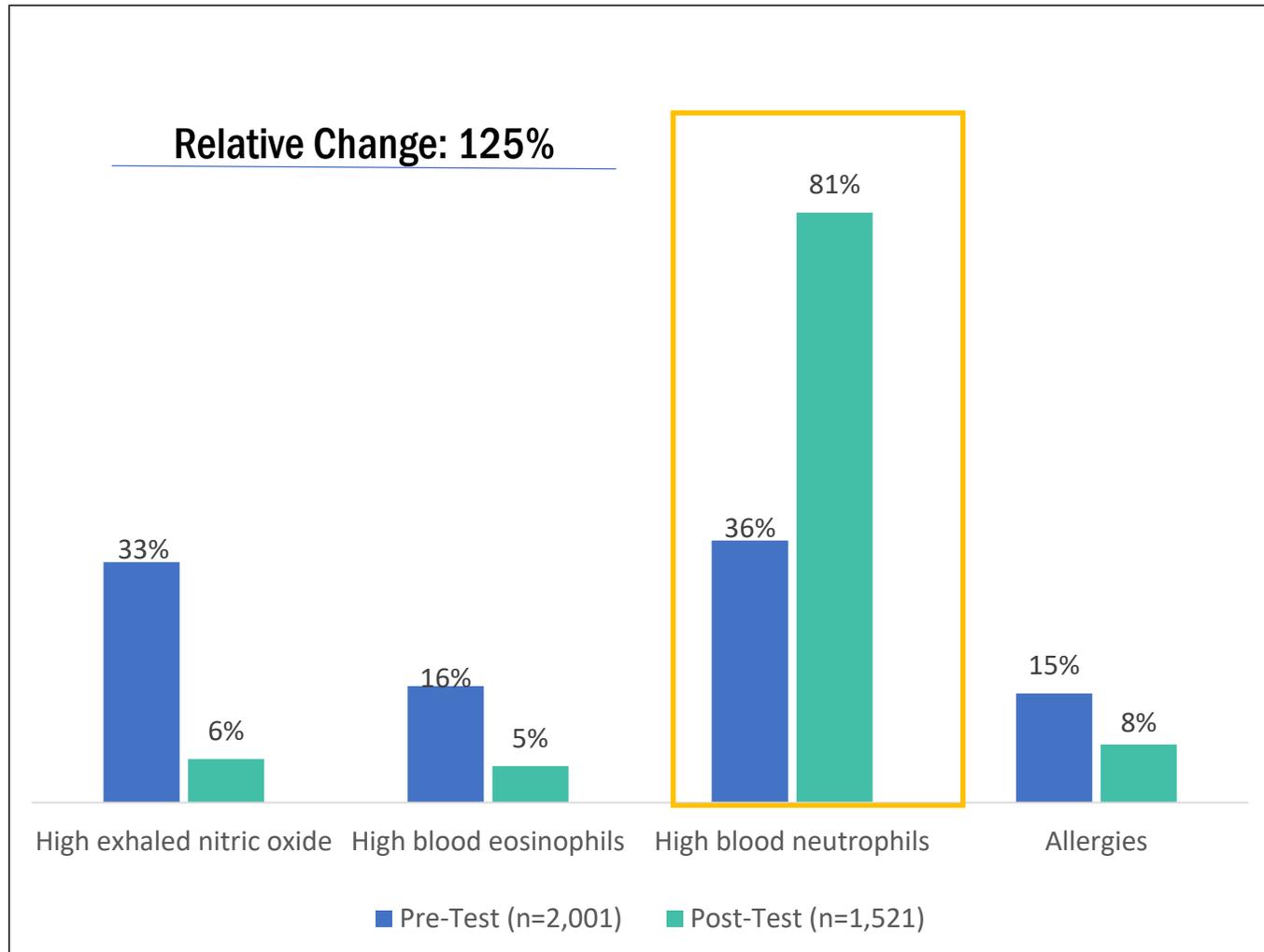
*Q3: A 52-year old man has been dependent on oral steroids despite adherence to high dose ICS/LABA for his asthma for the last 3 years. He has had weight gain, cataracts, and low bone density. Which of the following have been demonstrated to facilitate oral steroid dose reduction while reducing asthma exacerbations:*



# Assessment Questions

## Question 4

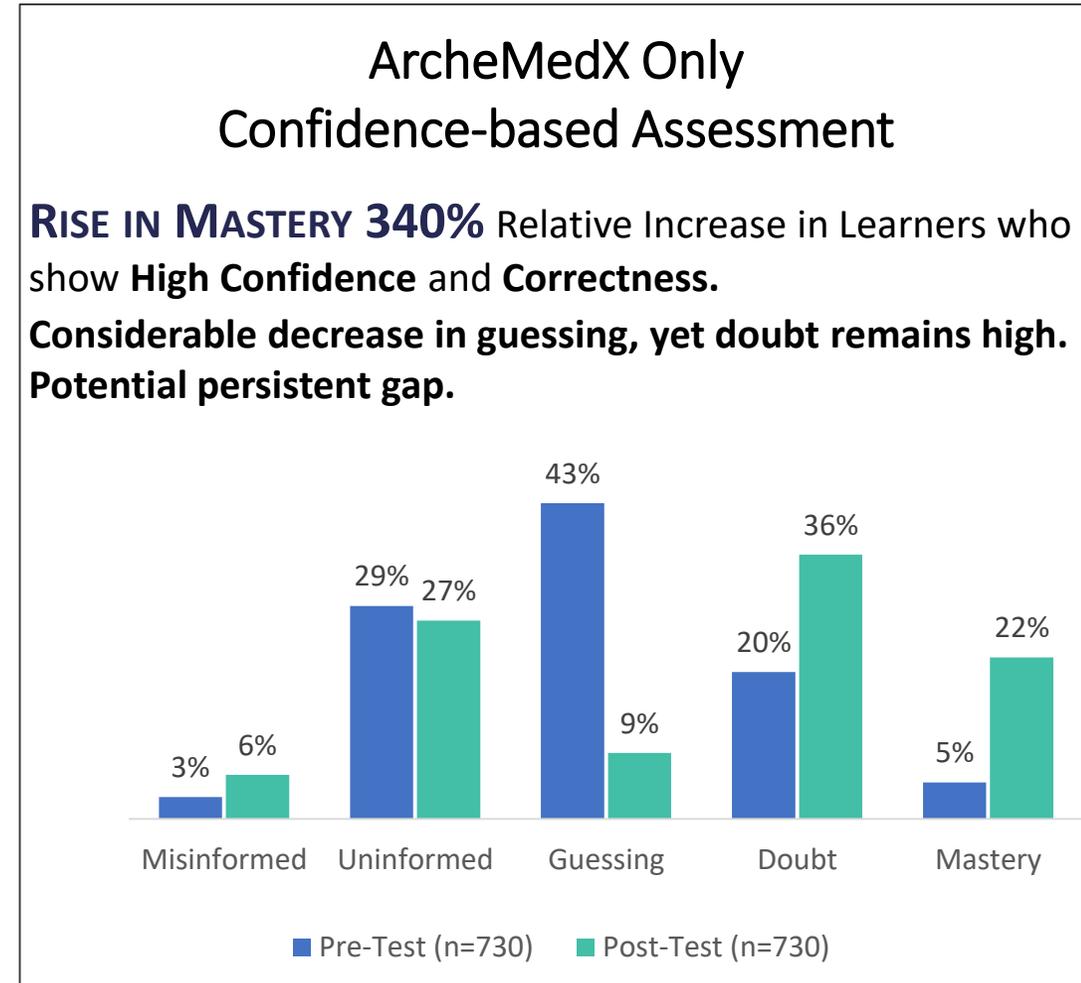
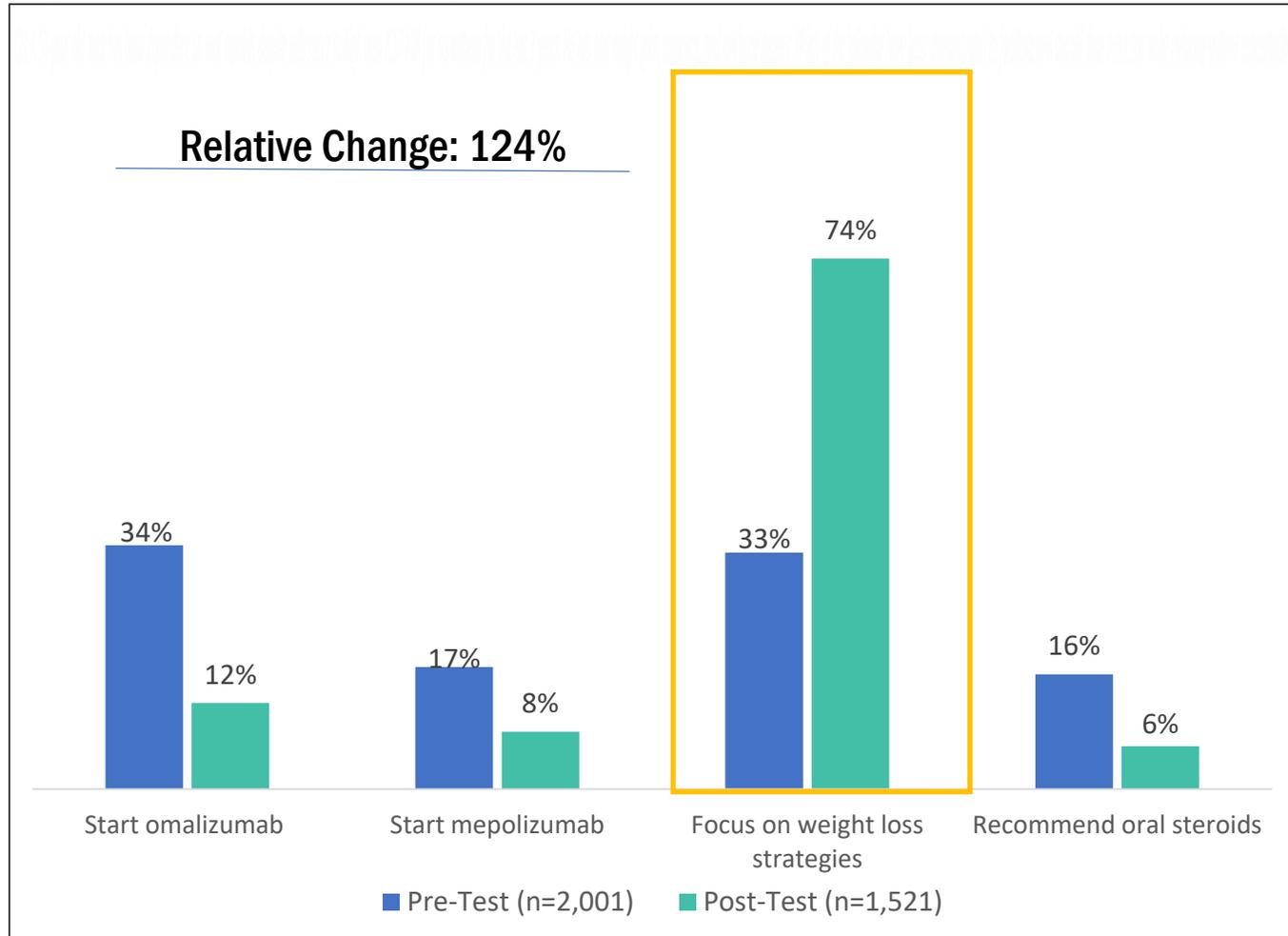
*Q4: Type 2 inflammation is associated with all of the following except:*



# Assessment Questions

## Question 5

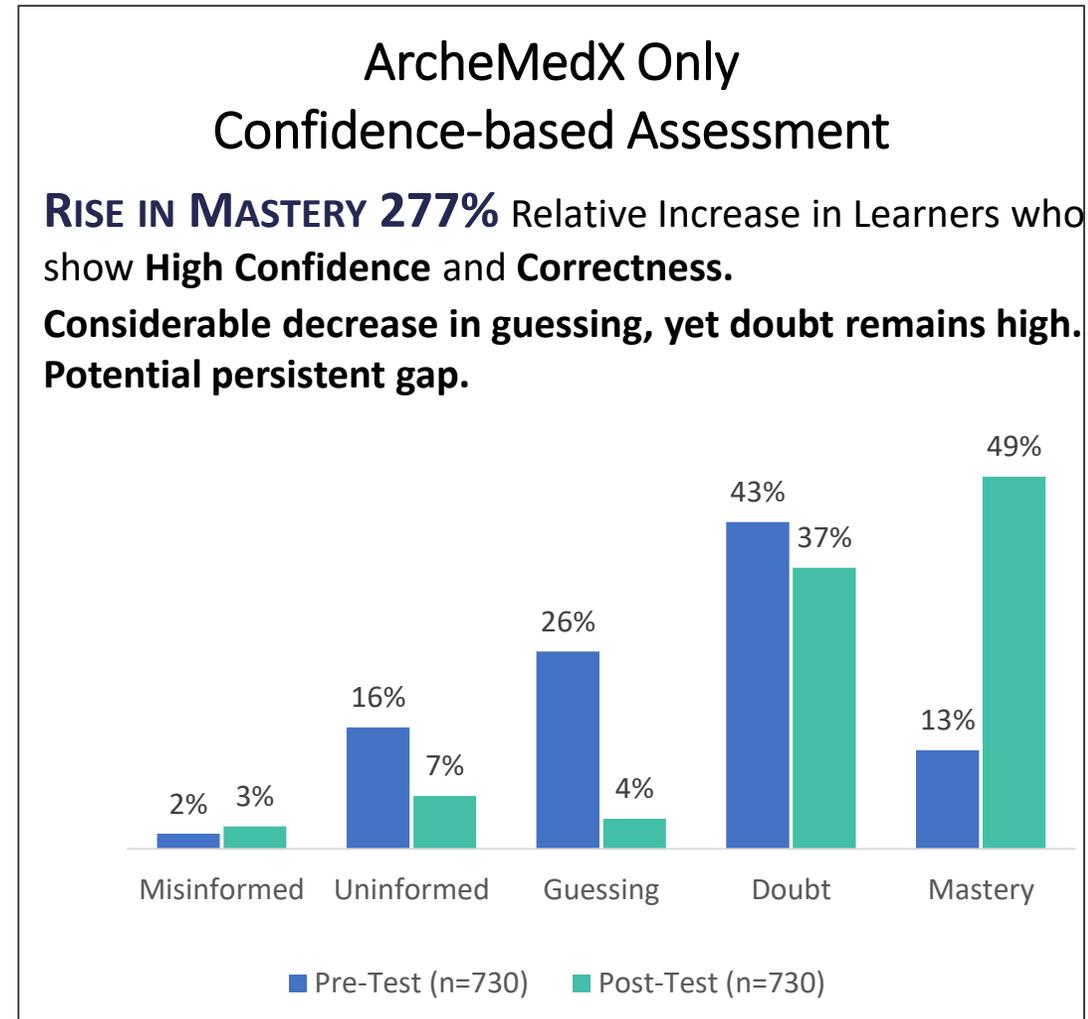
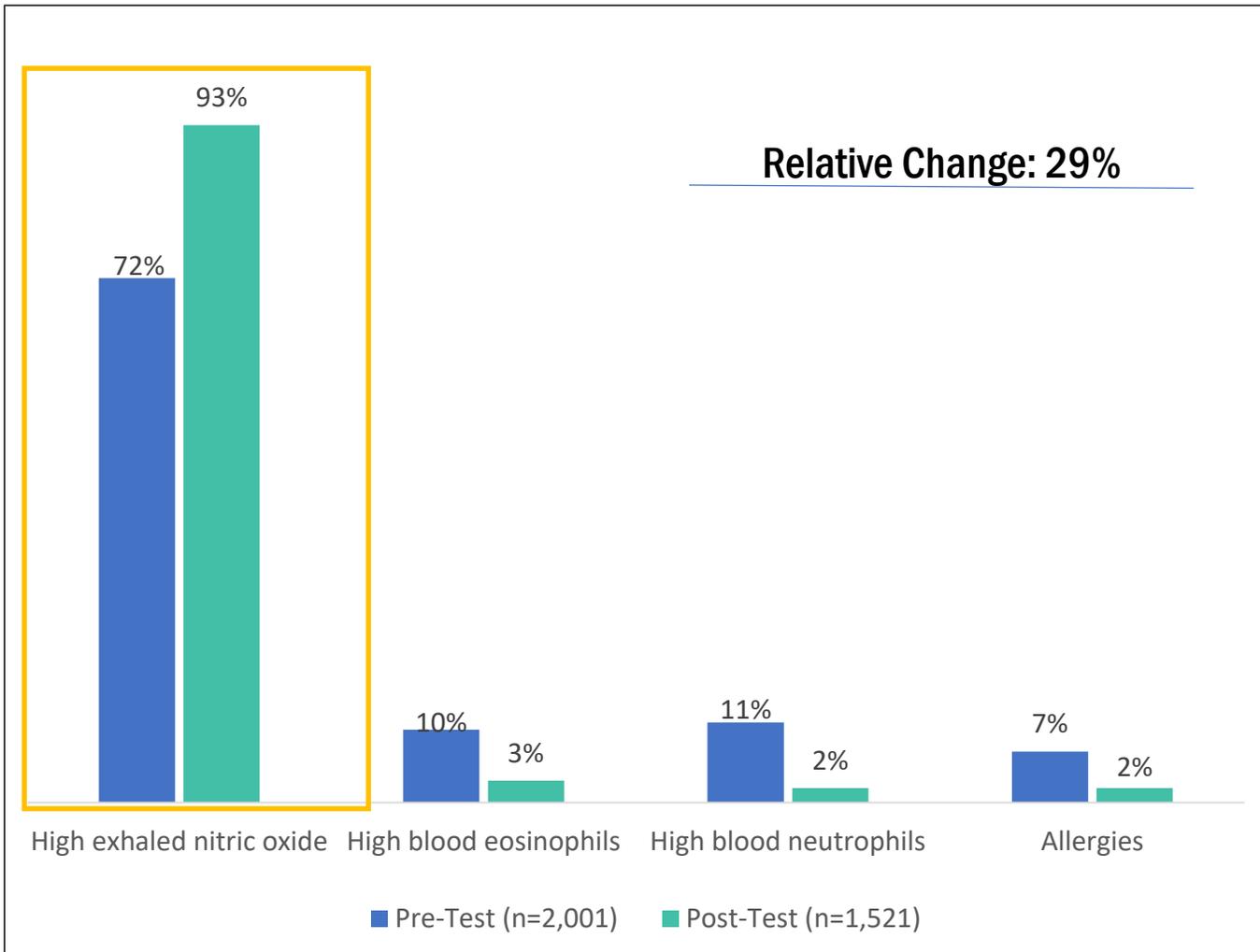
Q5: Your patient is a 55-year-old obese woman (BMI 35 mg/kg<sup>2</sup>) with severe persistent asthma (onset at age 39) with uncontrolled symptoms despite intensive therapy. Comorbidities include GERD and sleep apnea controlled with PPI and CPAP. Skin prick testing negative for common aeroallergens. IgE = 100 IU/L but allergy testing is negative. Absolute eosinophil count is 100/uL. FeNO = 10 ppb. Induced sputum shows neutrophilic inflammation. What would you do next?



# Assessment Questions

## Question 6

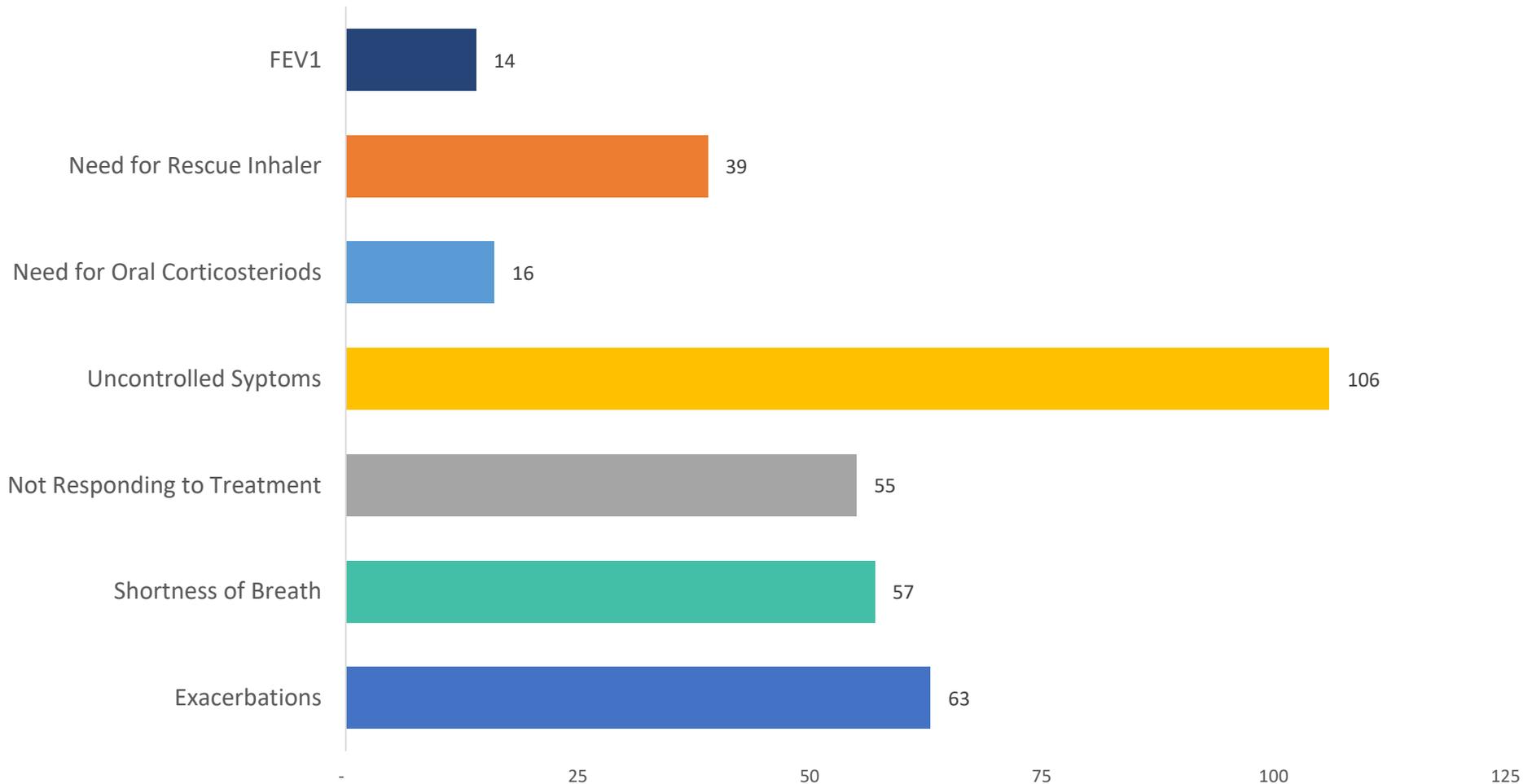
*Q6: When a patient presents with uncontrolled asthma despite high intensity therapy, what is the most important initial assessment to consider?*



# ArcheMedX Insights: Learning Moments Questions

*What indicator or indicators currently prompt you to classify a patient's asthma as severe? (top 7 responses)*

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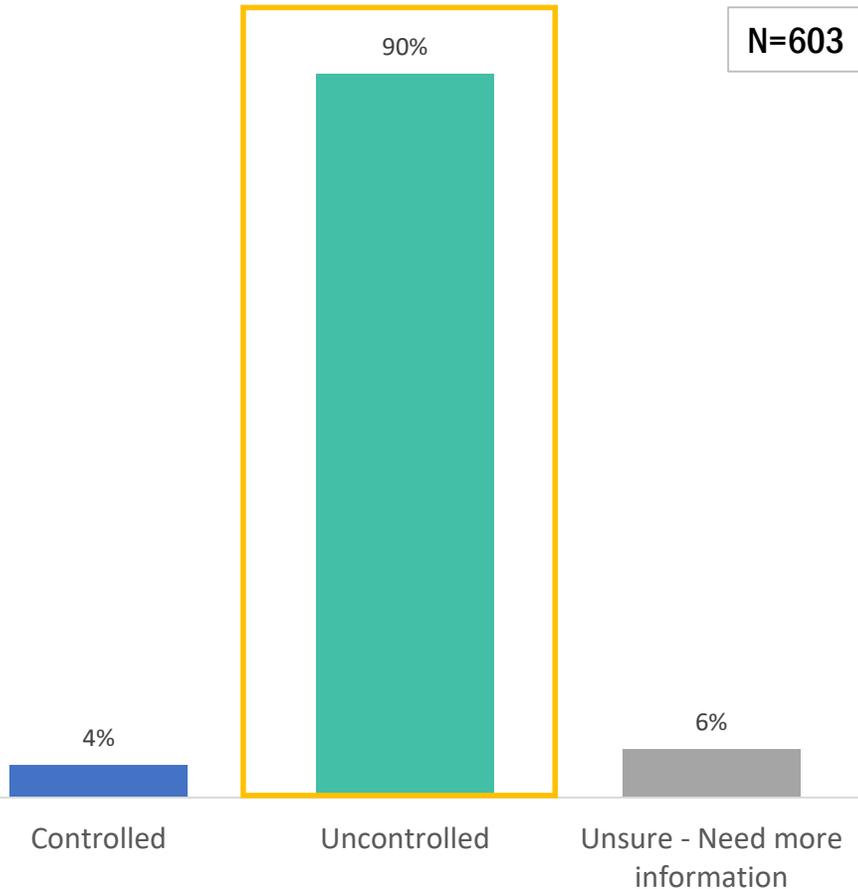


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# ArcheMedX Insights: Learning Moments Questions

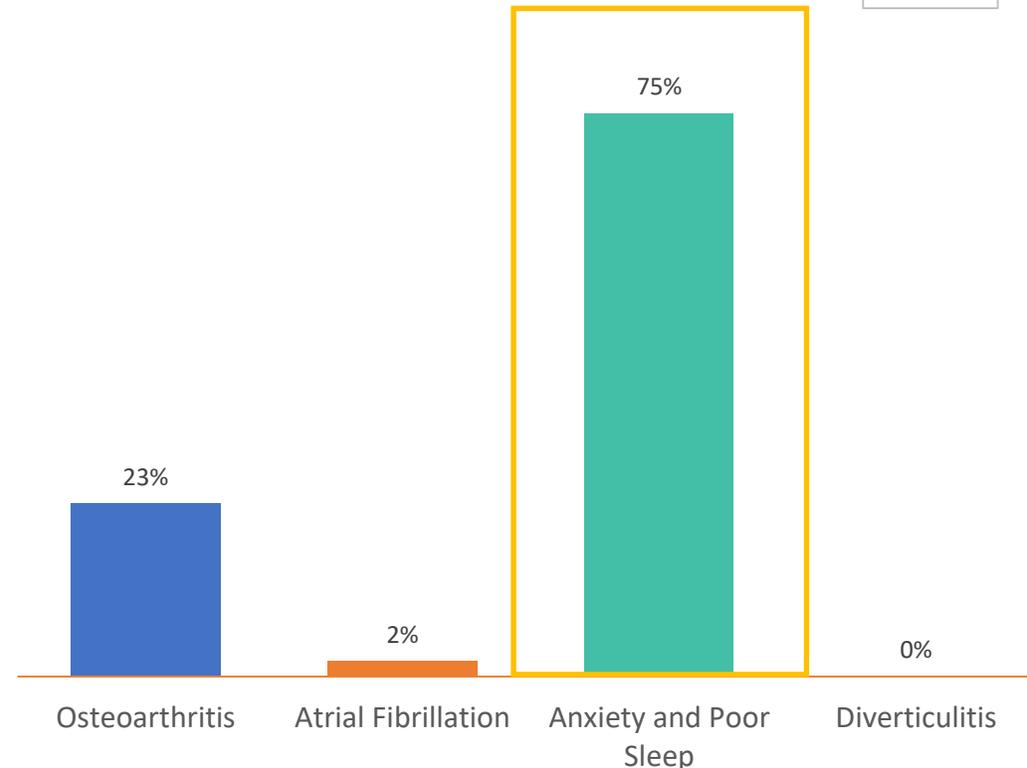
*Based on the information you have so far, how would you characterize Greg's asthma?*

N=603



*Chronic oral corticosteroid use has been associated with which of the following adverse effects?*

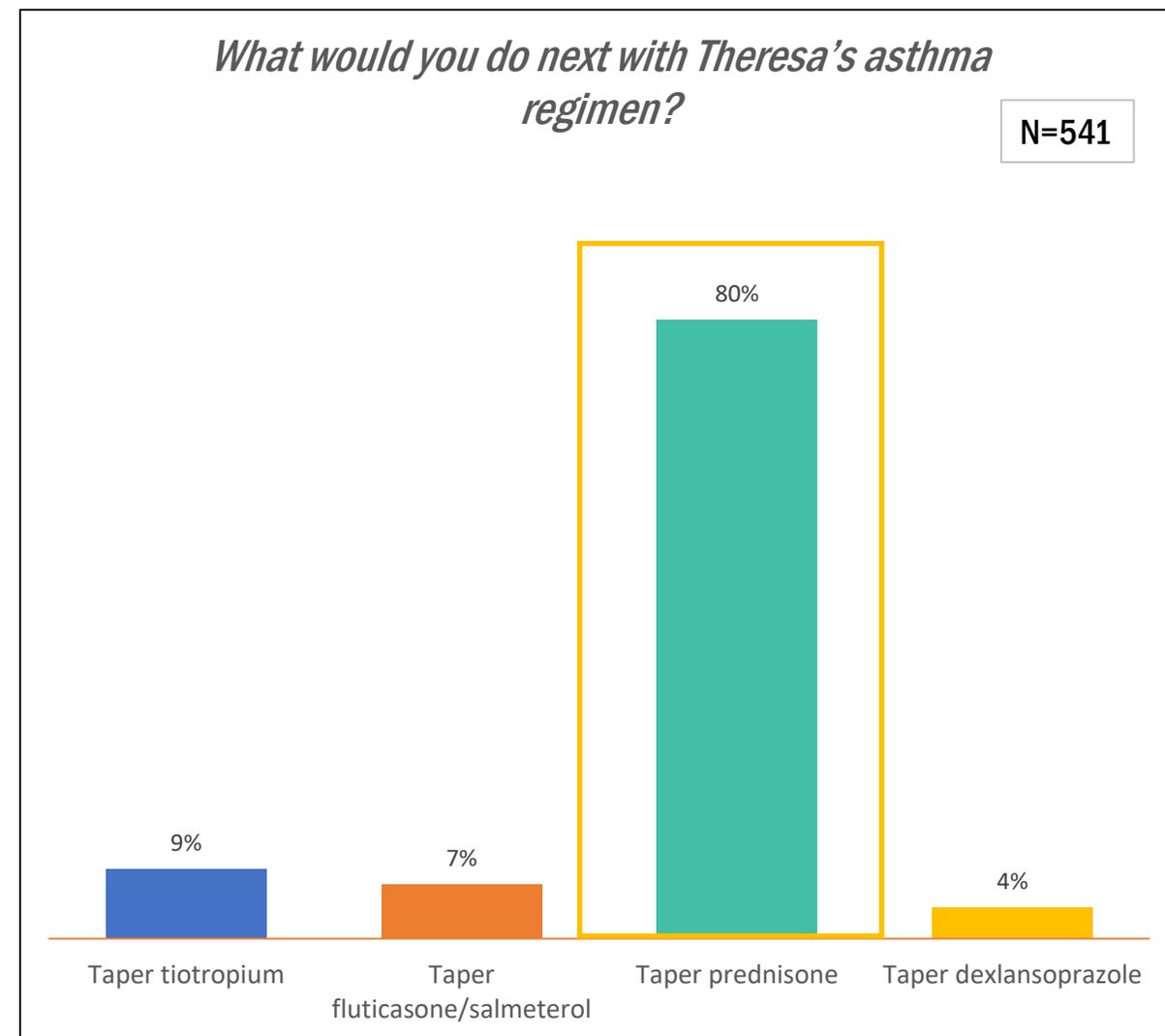
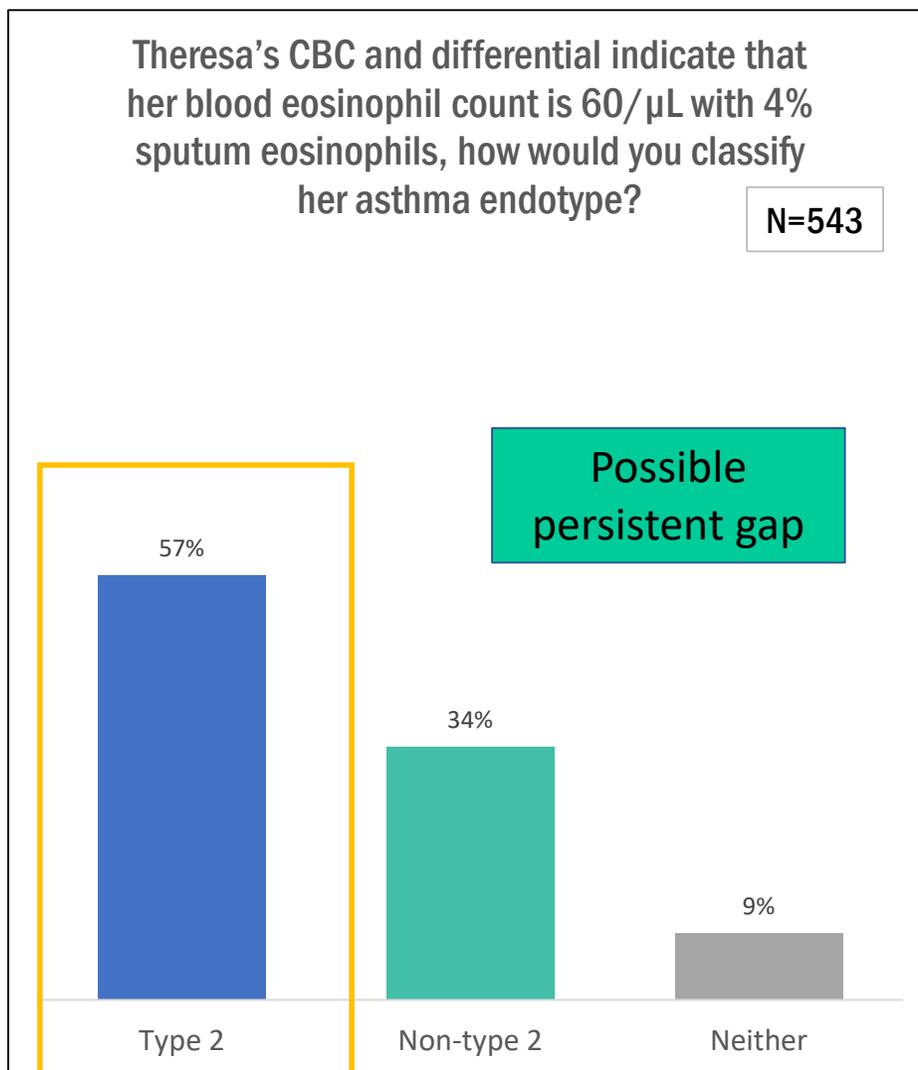
N=573



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# ArcheMedX Insights: Learning Moments Questions

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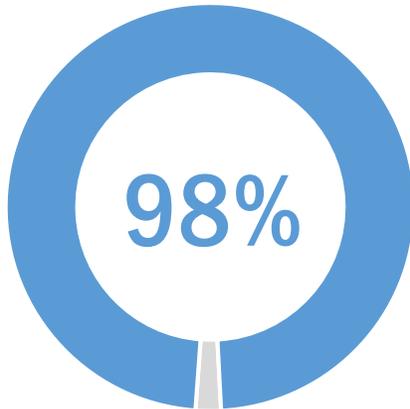


# Level 4 Outcomes: Intent to Change

**94%** of respondents indicated that they are **extremely likely (50%)** or **somewhat likely (44%)** to make changes to their practice after participating in the education

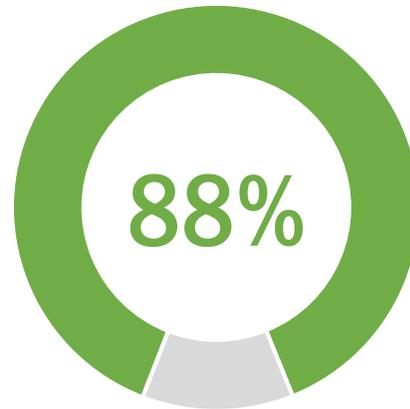
## POTENTIAL PRACTICE CHANGES INCLUDE

**Diagnostic Strategies**



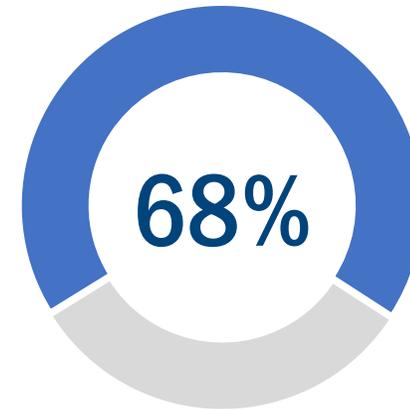
Incorporate different diagnostic strategies into patient evaluations

**Screening/Prevention**



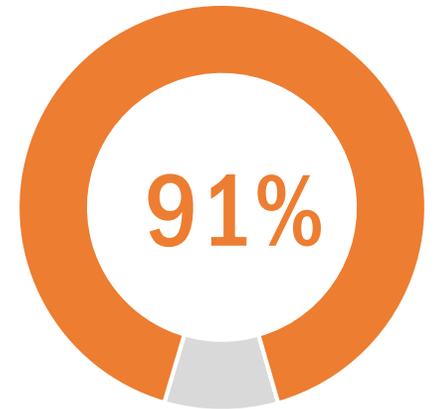
Change my screening/prevention practice

**Communication Methodologies**



Use alternative communication methodologies with patients and families

**Treatment Plans**

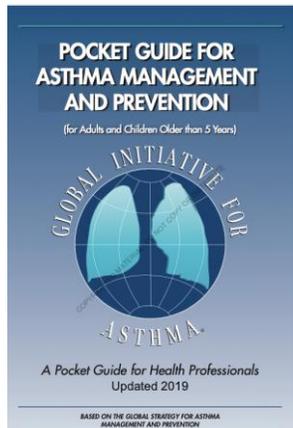
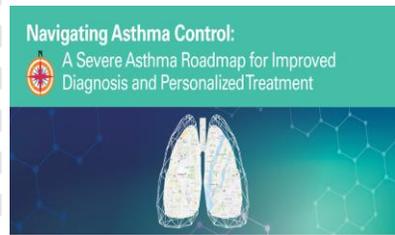
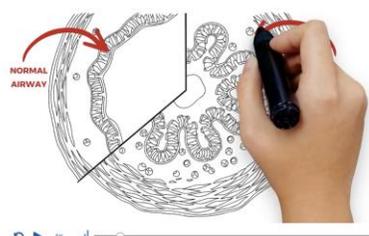


Modify treatment plans

N=1442 Evaluations Completed

# ArcheMedX Insights: Top Resources Viewed, Downloaded

	SEVERE ASTHMA ROADMAP	GUIDELINES	SLIDE DECK	PATHOBIOLOGY	MEDFACTS (4)
Description	Navigating Asthma Control: A Severe Asthma Roadmap	2019 GINA Guidelines	Navigating Asthma Control Slide Deck	Video: Pathobiology of Asthma	Respiclick, Aerochamber, Using a Diskus, Respimat
Views	<b>417</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>135</b>
Downloads	<b>201</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>316</b>

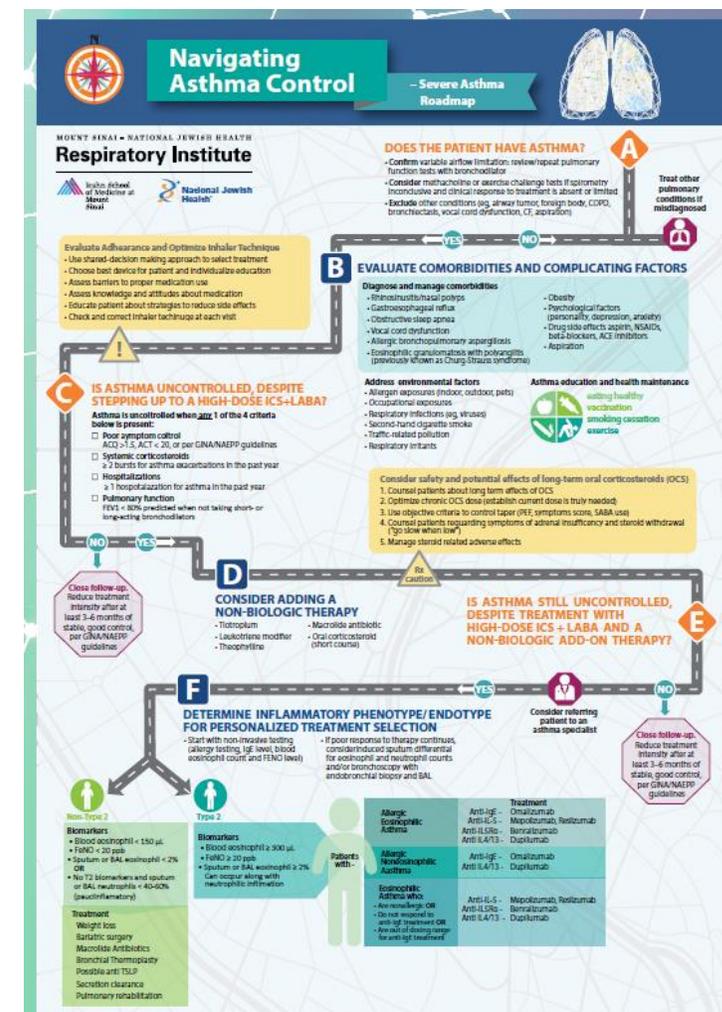
Thumbnail	SEVERE ASTHMA ROADMAP	GUIDELINES	SLIDE DECK	PATHOBIOLOGY	MEDFACTS (4)
					

# Infographic Clinical Reference Aid

93% of completers indicated that they were likely to use the infographic clinical reference aid in practice.

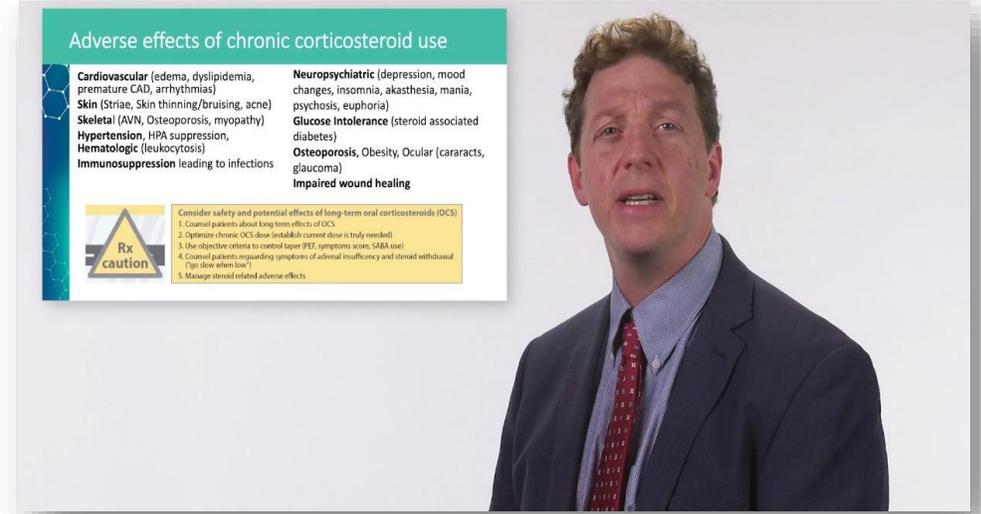
“Excellent program. Great educational aids. I like the road map.”  
– online participant

n=1,442



# Learner Take Aways

- Classification of asthma type 2 versus non-type 2 and the different treatment avenues for reducing the use of OCS
- Improving history taking skill, evaluate comorbidities and complicating factors
- Indications for Biologic therapy of uncontrolled asthma
- How important it is to determine asthma endotype in poorly controlled asthma
- Identify features of moderate to severe asthma that are targets for biologic therapy
- Assessment evaluation of inflammatory markers for treatment of asthma
- The role of biologics in reducing use of OCS
- Effects of chronic use of corticosteroids, phenotype and FeNO relevance
- Importance of measuring Eosinophils and IGE in patients
- Refer sooner to determine best regimen for better outcomes
- Better understanding of the complexities of asthma
- Road map – great resource



**Adverse effects of chronic corticosteroid use**

<b>Cardiovascular</b> (edema, dyslipidemia, premature CAD, arrhythmias)	<b>Neuropsychiatric</b> (depression, mood changes, insomnia, akathisia, mania, psychosis, euphoria)
<b>Skin</b> (Striae, Skin thinning/bruising, acne)	<b>Glucose Intolerance</b> (steroid associated diabetes)
<b>Skeletal</b> (AVN, Osteoporosis, myopathy)	<b>Osteoporosis, Obesity, Ocular</b> (cataracts, glaucoma)
<b>Hypertension</b> , HPA suppression,	<b>Impaired wound healing</b>
<b>Hematologic</b> (leukocytosis)	
<b>Immunosuppression</b> leading to infections	

**Rx caution**

Consider safety and potential effects of long-term oral corticosteroids (OCS)

1. Counsel patients about long-term effects of OCS
2. Optimize chronic OCS dose (establish current dose is truly needed)
3. Use objective criteria to control taper (PEF, symptoms score, SABA use)
4. Counsel patients regarding symptoms of adrenal insufficiency and steroid withdrawal ("go slow when low")
5. Manage steroid related adverse effects

# Recommendations for Future Topics

- COVID-19 management
- Atopic Dermatitis
- COPD management
- Pediatric asthma
- More asthma and COPD
- Asthma exacerbation during COVID treatment
- EoE
- Biologic therapy
- Hypertension
- Immunotherapy for Allergies/Asthma
- Asthma COPD/Overlap
- Pediatric COVID-19
- How to select biologics



## Examples of positive feedback:

- One of the best online CME programs I've participated in.
- Very clear and valuable information.
- The presentation format was effective, straightforward and held my attention. Specifically enjoyed the mix of video, slides, animation, and interactive questions. The case studies were excellent.
- Excellent program. Great educational aids. I like the road map.
- It was very thorough and up to date.
- Excellent presentations and resources right at hand with just one click instead of looking up on my own resources which I would never have time to look up. Clear presentations and concise to the point to keep the audience attentive even without caffeine load. I would take more courses if the quality is this good.

## Constructive feedback and observations:

- Any use of combined anti-IL therapy in EGPA?
- I'm a dermatologist. I took it for the atopic dermatitis patients.
- It is not always possible to implement suggested management protocols in resource poor countries because of unavailability of equipment, laboratory facilities and newer and more expensive drugs.
- This needs to be a 60 min activity.

# Root Cause Analysis

**Significant learning gains were noted across all learning objectives and across all questions; however, data from confidence-based assessment demonstrate that gaps persist in the following areas:**

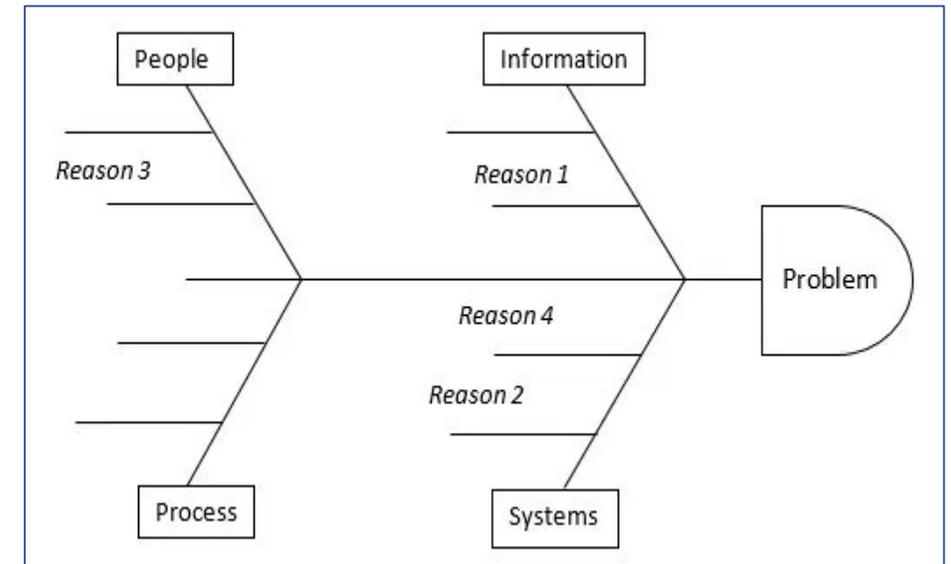
## **Persistent Gap (1): Stepping up therapy to a biologic (Question 3)**

While 79% of learners got the answer right upon post-test (an overall relative increase of 116%), 38% of learners reported low confidence in their post-test answer, demonstrating they haven't quite mastered that gap (N=730)

## **Persistent Gap (2): Pathophysiology and Type 2 Inflammation (Question 4)**

While 81% of learners got the answer right regarding pathophysiology and type 2 inflammation upon post-test (an overall relative increase of 127%), 34% of learners reported low confidence in their post-test answer, demonstrating they haven't quite mastered that gap (N=730)

### Fishbone Diagram



# Root Cause Analysis

In order to attempt to understand the root cause of these persistent gaps, NJH conducted an analysis upon completion of the online enduring activity to include a summary of focused interviews and key insights from program faculty.

- ❑ *The consequences of physicians not understanding the importance of identifying and classifying phenotypes/endotypes and associated biomarker is that patients are not getting the treatment they need. If physicians don't know biologic options they may keep patients on steroids with serious long-term effects. Steroid burden is high.*
- ❑ *Physicians are uncomfortable selecting biologic treatments without hands-on experience. This educational program provides important guidance, but confidence requires experience. You can close the knowledge gaps with education, but you can't necessarily resolve barriers within logistics or comfort/confidence with selecting treatments.*
- ❑ *Further, if physicians don't have the infrastructure to support prescribing biologics, that is a barrier. That infrastructure and practice burden includes: the ability to manage prior authorizations, communicating with patients, providing resources for payor or other coverage.*
- ❑ *Physicians seem to be fairly comfortable with ordering and interpreting tests to support identifying and classifying phenotypes/endotypes and associated biomarkers. What they are not comfortable with is identifying Type 2 Low (Non-eosinophilic) asthma, the nuances of selecting biologics for severe asthma, and coverage eligibility of biologics for patients.*
- ❑ *Regarding the target audience: It is important for primary care to learn about the process of diagnosing and treating Type 2 asthma so that they can make effective referrals to allergists and pulmonologists. This education should be most effective for the Specialty audience (allergists and pulmonologists).*
- ❑ *Future education should be focused on when to step up therapy and what biologic treatments to select for patients.*



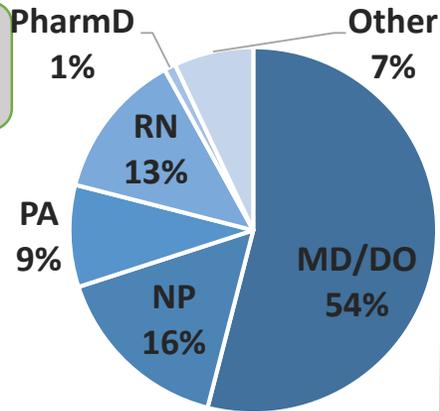
# Live Outcomes

# Navigating Asthma Control: A Severe Asthma Roadmap for Improved Diagnosis and Personalized Treatment

## Live Activity Outcomes Summary

### Participation

**268** Learners  
79% prescribers



#### Specialties:

Family/Internal Med/  
Primary Care (50%)  
Pulmonary (13%)  
Pediatrics (15%)  
Allergy (3%)  
Other (19%)

### Satisfaction

**98%** of respondents indicated the activity:

✓ Met their educational needs

**97%** of respondents indicated the activity:

✓ Reinforced or improved current skills

**96%** of respondents indicated the activity:

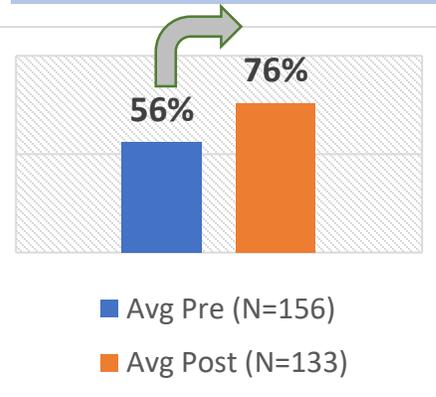
✓ Met the learning objectives

N=133

**95%** of respondents indicated the activity:

✓ Improved ability to treat/manage patients

### Educational Impact



**36%** overall  
relative  
knowledge gain

**50,760** potential  
patients impacted  
annually\*

### Narrowing the Gaps (Knowledge Gain by LO)

Apply current management  
guidelines

**48%** relative gain

Review long-term OCS use  
and assess role in asthma  
management

**35%** relative gain

Identify key features that  
are targets for biologics

**38%** relative gain

Individualize biologic and  
non-biologic therapies

**21%** relative gain

### Competence and Performance

**99%** of learners (N=132) report that they are somewhat to extremely likely to make changes to their practice

#### Top (3) intended changes to practice

- (1) Incorporate different diagnostic strategies into patient evaluation (54%)
- (2) Modify treatment plans (46%)
- (3) Change screening/prevention practice (42%)

**35%** had already made changes to practice at 6 week follow up

### Key Take-Aways

- ✓ Benefit of biologics for asthma
- ✓ Heterogeneity of asthma
- ✓ New therapies and treatment options
- ✓ Understanding endotypes and phenotypes

# Executive Summary: Activity Details

The CME evening symposium consisted of six two-hour dinner meetings presented by one of two expert faculty from National Jewish Health and Mt. Sinai. They provided their perspective on current and emerging treatments for severe asthma. The experts lead discussion on diagnosis, current and emerging treatments, and the use biologic therapies and oral corticosteroid reduction.

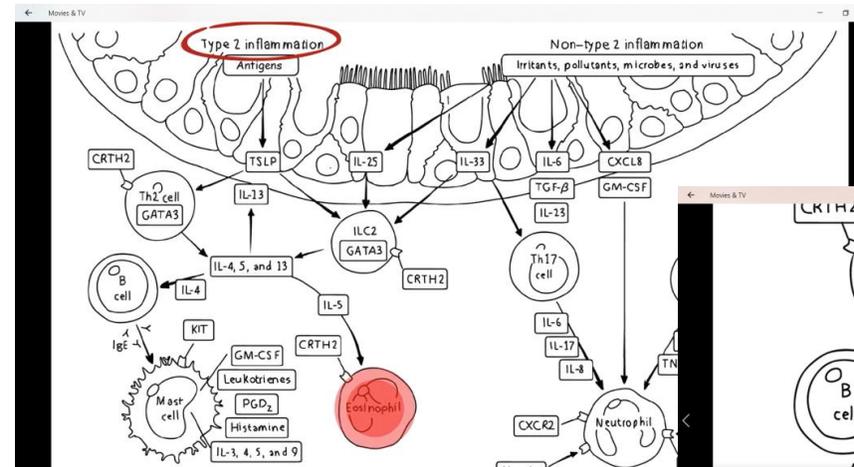
- Features included:**
- ✓ Whiteboard animation
  - ✓ Challenging cases
  - ✓ Infographic clinical aid
  - ✓ Audience Response System



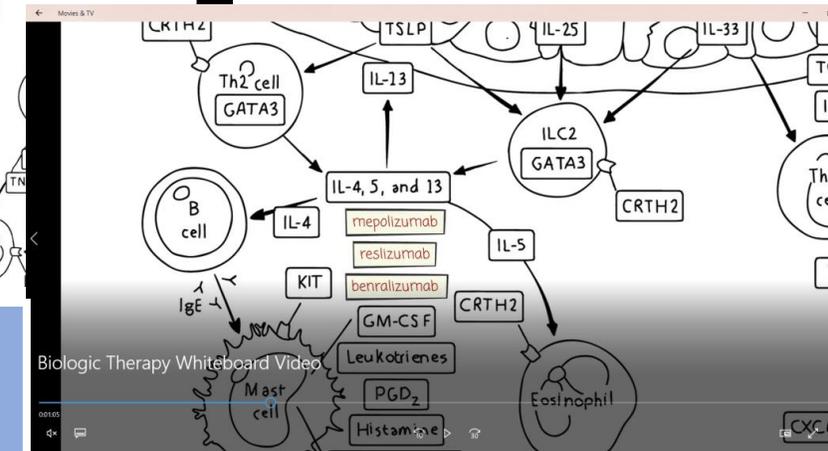
Patient Perspective Video

## Live Meetings

New York, NY (8/14/2019): 78 Learners  
Denver, CO (9/4/2019): 53 Learners  
Phoenix, AZ (9/5/2019): 47 Learners  
Dallas, TX (11/12/2019): 23 Learners  
Atlanta, GA (11/14/2019): 36 Learners  
Miami, FL (12/5/2019): 31 Learners  
**Total: 268 Learners**

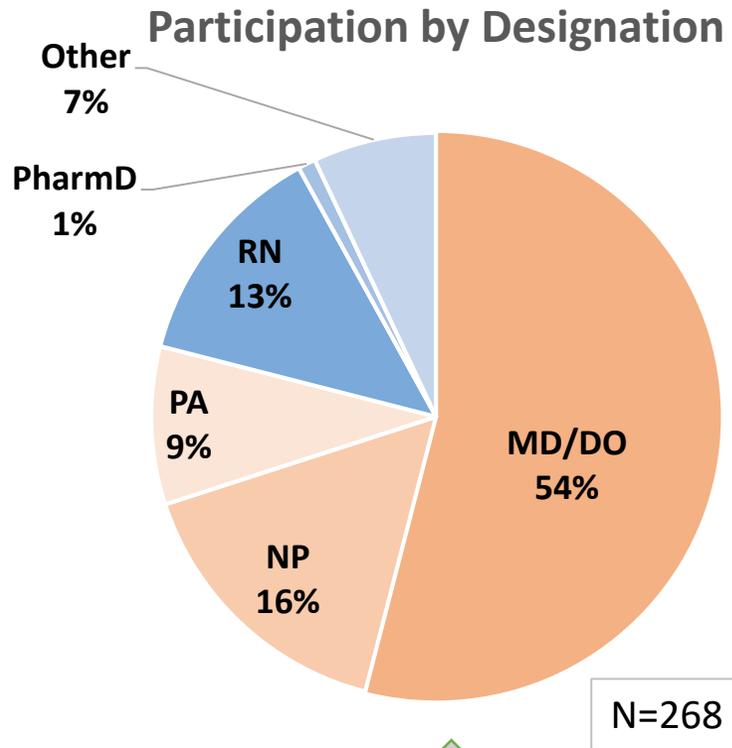


Screenshots of whiteboard animations



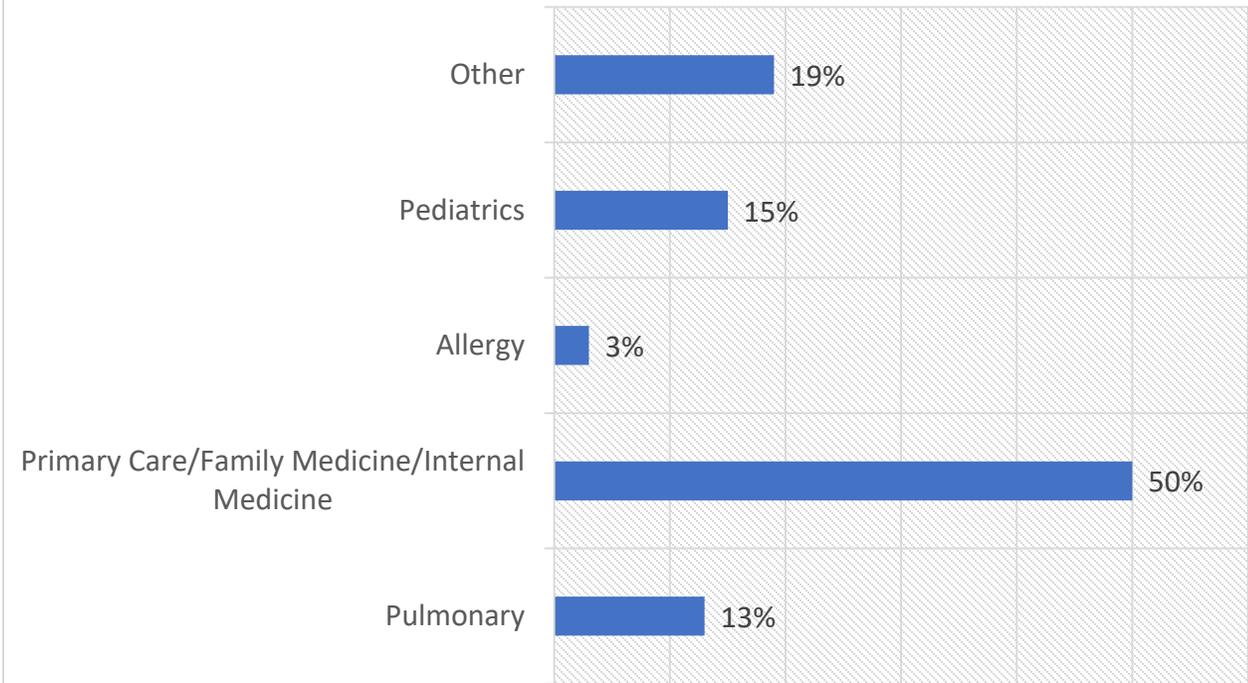
Biologic Therapy Whiteboard Video

# Level 1 Outcomes: Participation



**79% of attendees are prescribers**

### Participation by Specialty



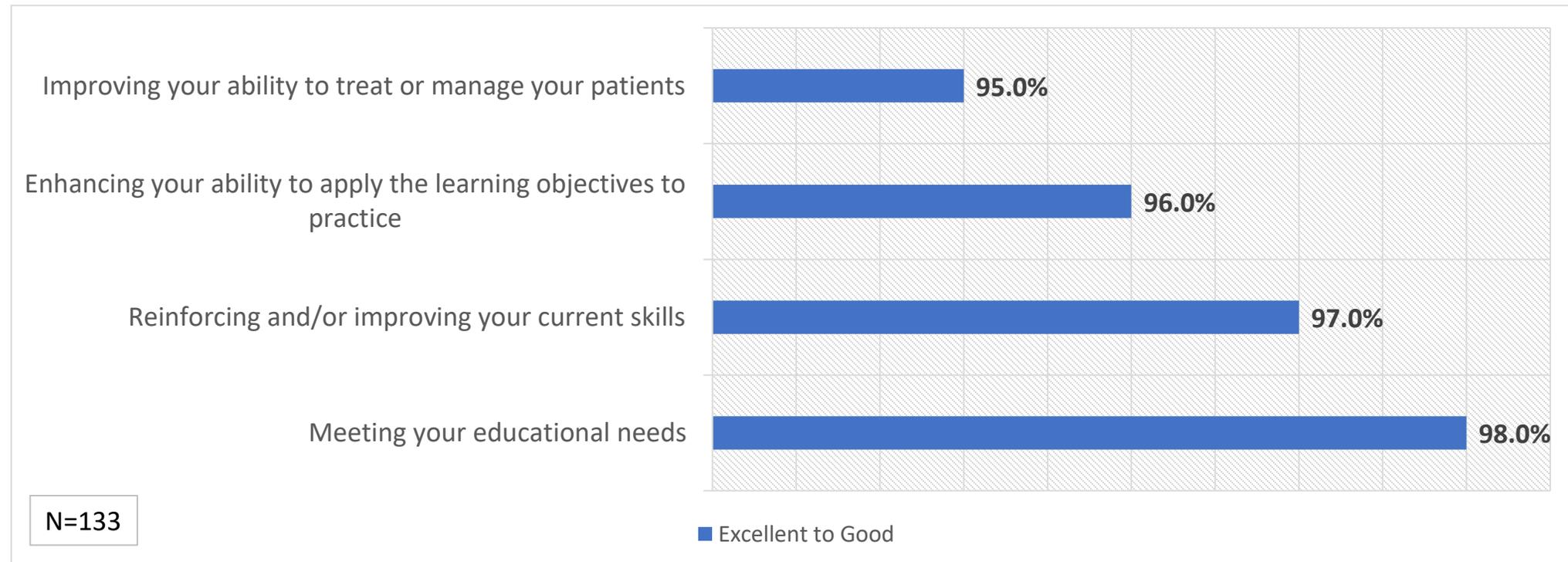
### Target Audience

Allergists, Pulmonologists, along with Primary Care Physicians, Pediatricians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Registered Nurses who treat patients with asthma.

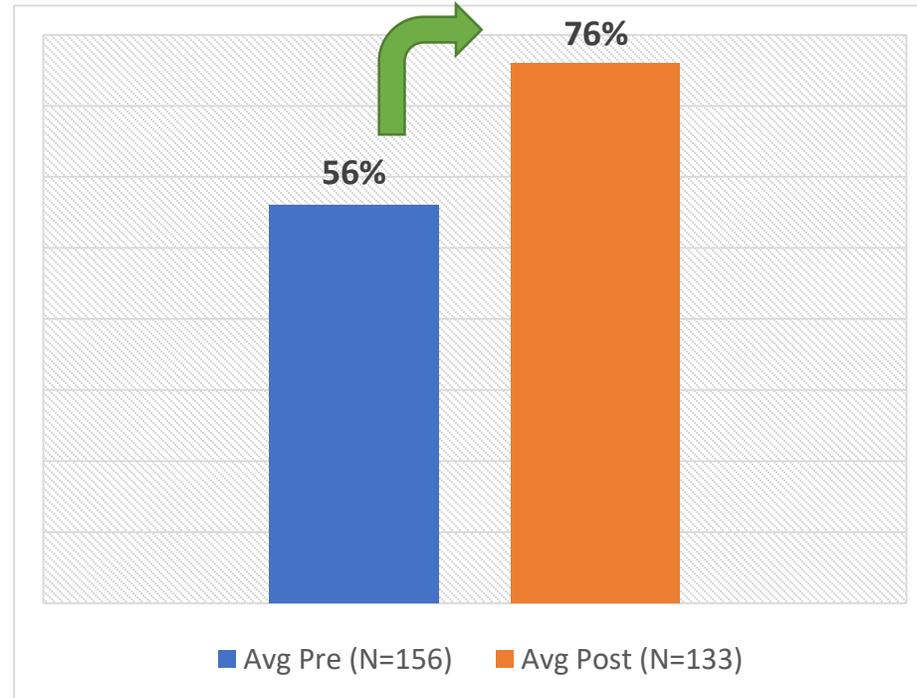
# Level 2 Outcomes: Satisfaction

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

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



# 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.**

**36%** Overall relative knowledge gain from pre to post-activity.

Greater than 75% 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

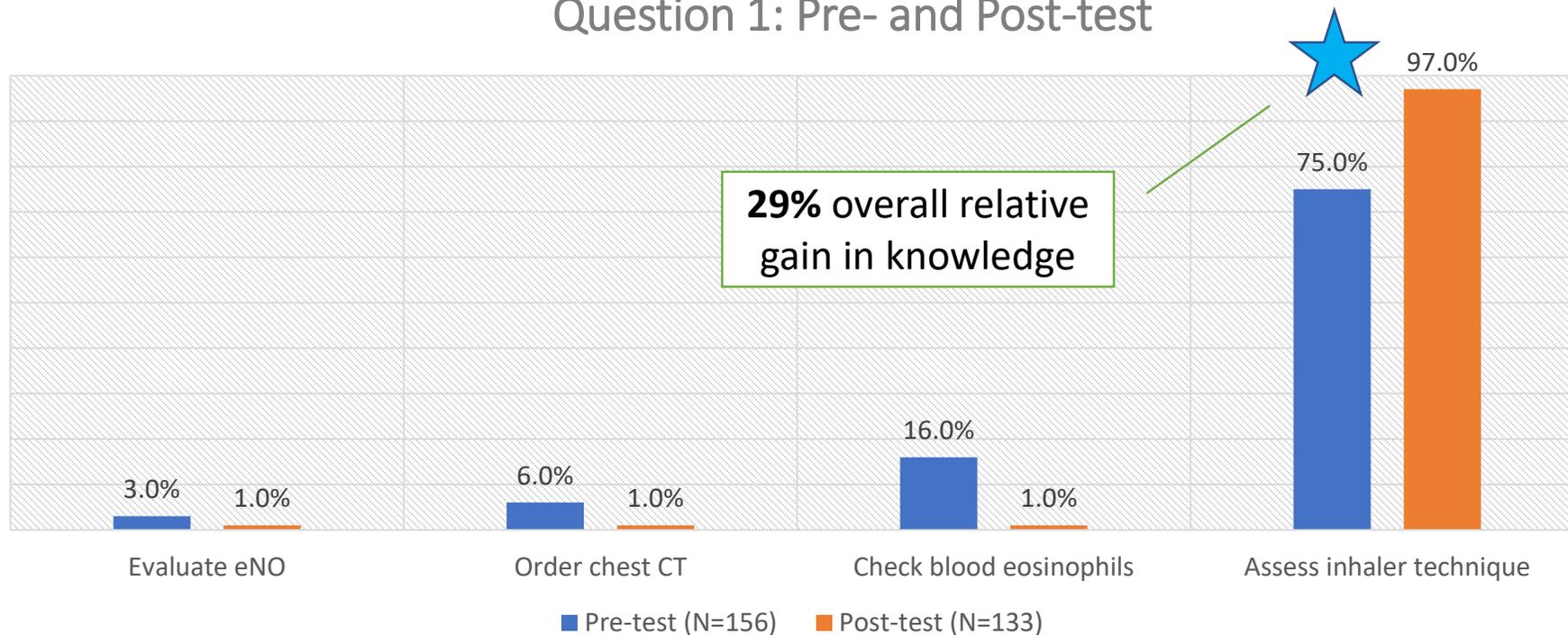
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 1

**Learning Objective:** Apply current management guidelines to diagnose asthma correctly, optimize inhaled therapy, address comorbidities, and recognize when asthma is not well controlled.

**Q1:** When a patient presents with uncontrolled asthma despite high intensity therapy, what is the most important initial assessment to consider?

Question 1: Pre- and Post-test



P value < .0001  
Cohens d = 0.72  
Medium Effect Size

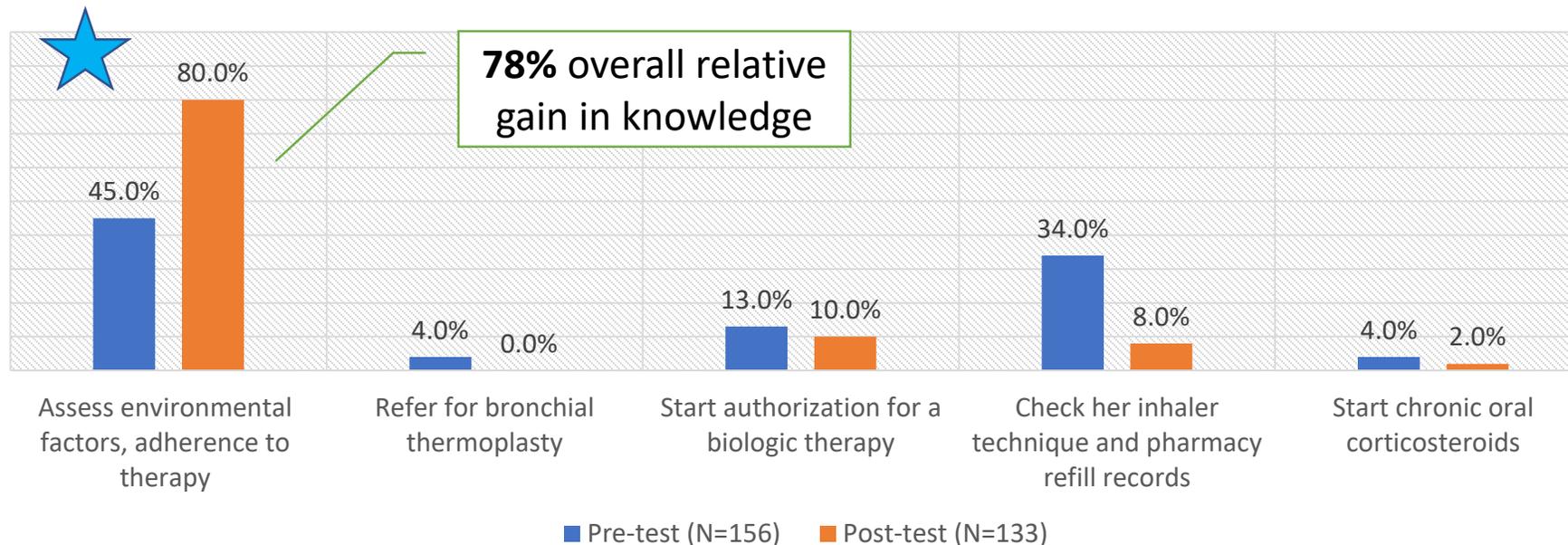
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 2

**Learning Objective:** Apply current management guidelines to diagnose asthma correctly, optimize inhaled therapy, address comorbidities, and recognize when asthma is not well controlled.

**Q2:** 40 y.o. man with life-long severe asthma has persistent symptoms and exacerbations every 3 months despite prescribed controller medicines include high dose ICS + LABA, LAMA and a LTM. What intervention should be considered next?

Question 2: Pre- and Post-test



**P value < .0001**  
**Cohens d = 0.98**  
**Large Effect Size**

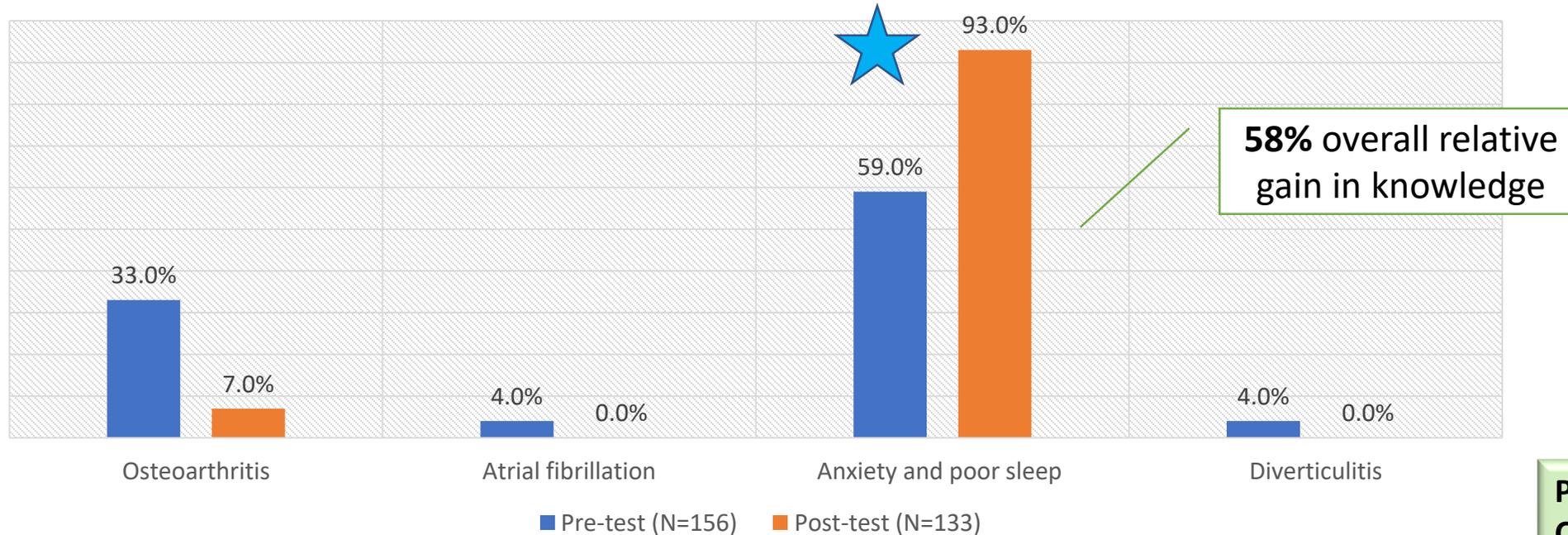
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 3

**Learning Objective:** Review evidence related to potential long-term effects of oral corticosteroids and assess their role in asthma management in the era of biologic therapies.

**Q3:** Chronic oral corticosteroid use has been associated with which of the following adverse effects?

Question 3: Pre- and Post-test



58% overall relative gain in knowledge

**P value <.0001**  
**Cohens d = 0.90**  
**Large Effect Size**

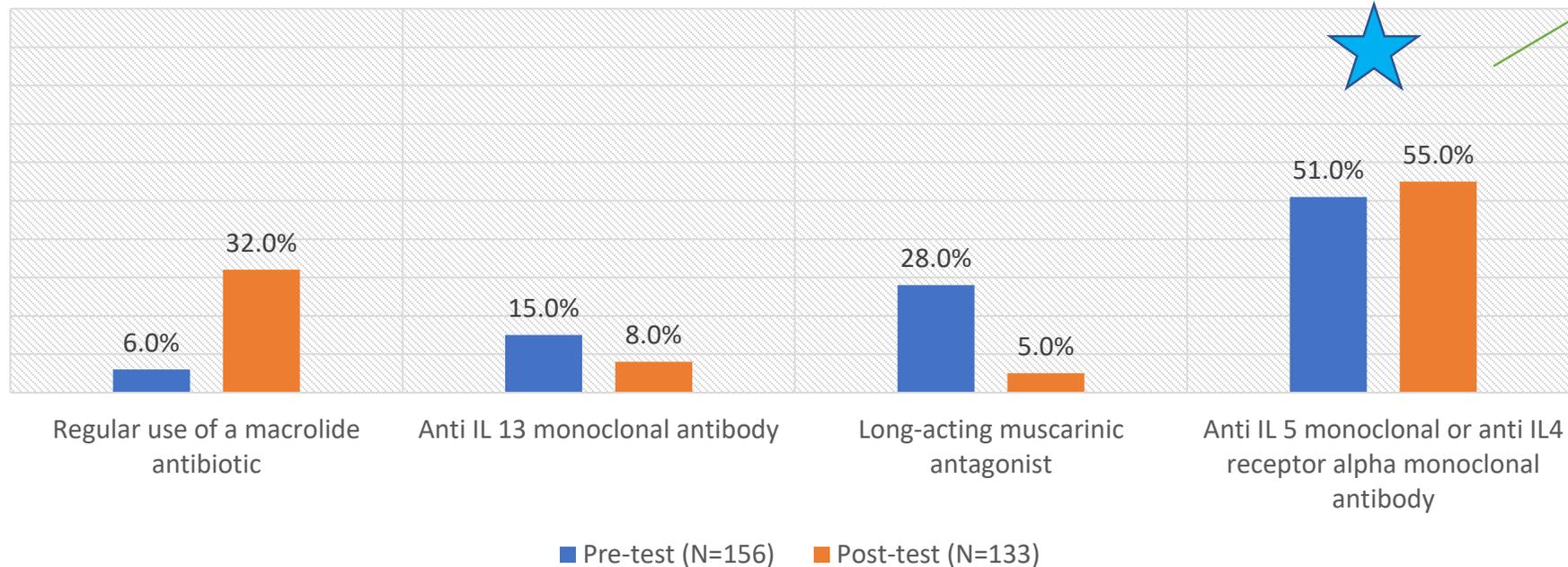
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 4

**Learning Objective:** Review evidence related to potential long-term effects of oral corticosteroids and assess their role in asthma management in the era of biologic therapies.

**Q4:** A 52 year-old man has been dependent on oral steroids despite adherence to high dose ICS/LABA for his asthma for the last 3 years. He has had weight gain, cataracts, and low bone density. Which of the following have been demonstrated to facilitate oral steroid dose reduction while reducing asthma exacerbations:

Question 4: Pre- and Post-test



Represents a possible persistent gap in knowledge

**P value = 0.3994**  
**Cohens d = 0.10**  
**Very Small Effect Size**

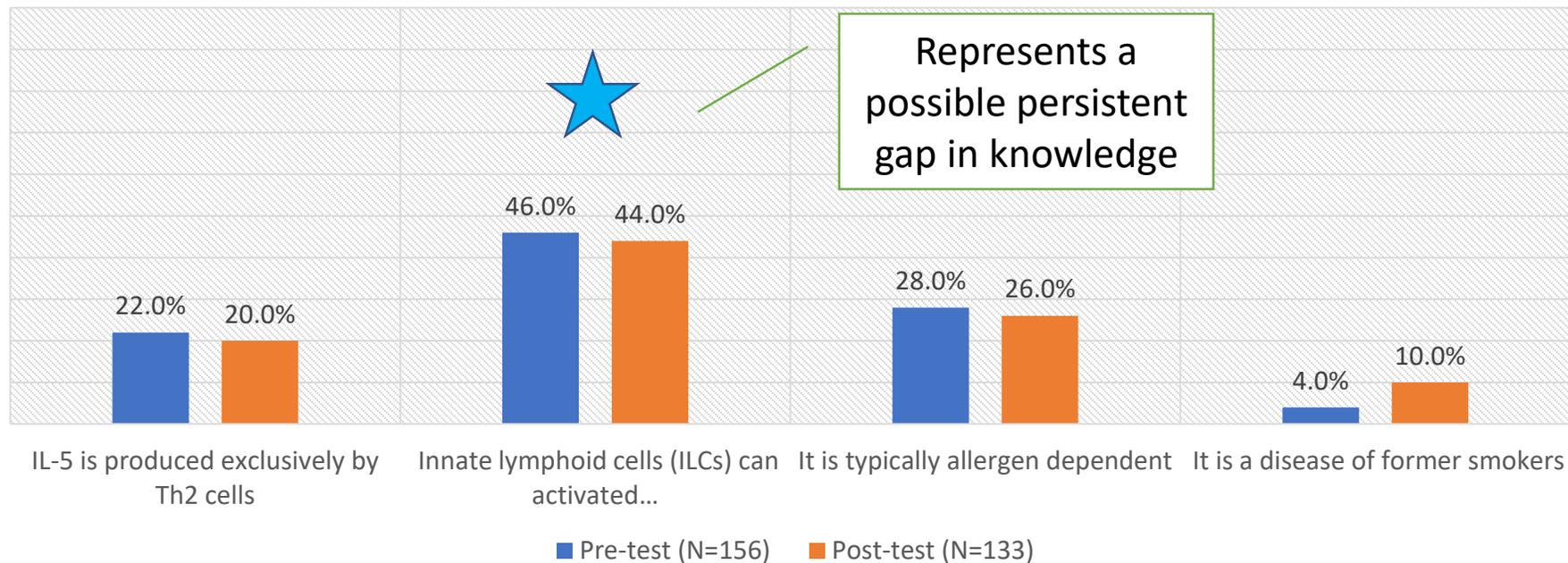
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 5

**Learning Objective:** *Identify key features of moderate to severe asthma that are targets for biologic therapies.*

**Q5:** When a patient presents with uncontrolled asthma despite high intensity therapy, what is the most important initial assessment to consider?

Question 5: Pre- and Post-test



Represents a possible persistent gap in knowledge

**P value = 0.113**  
**Cohens d = 0.20**  
**Small Effect Size**

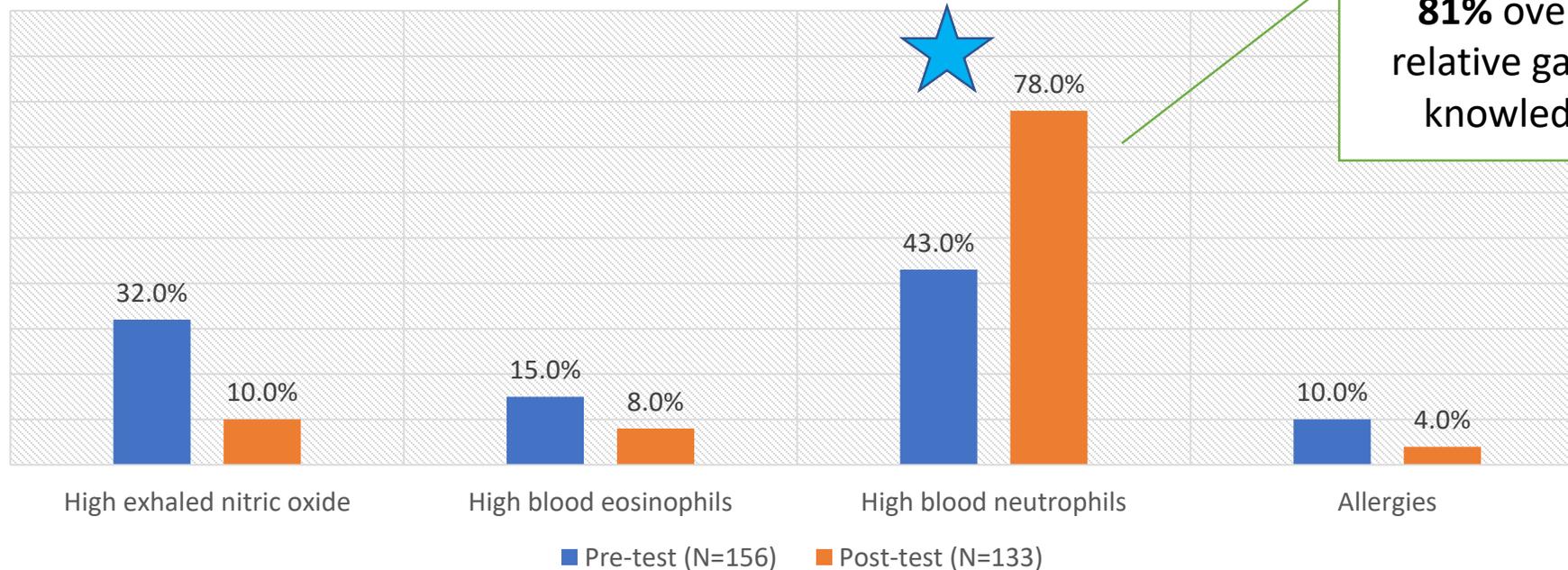
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 6

**Learning Objective:** *Identify key features of moderate to severe asthma that are targets for biologic therapies.*

**Q6:** Type 2 inflammation is associated with all of the following except:

Question 6: Pre- and Post-test



**81%** overall relative gain in knowledge

**P value <.0001**  
**Cohens d = 0.92**  
**Large Effect Size**

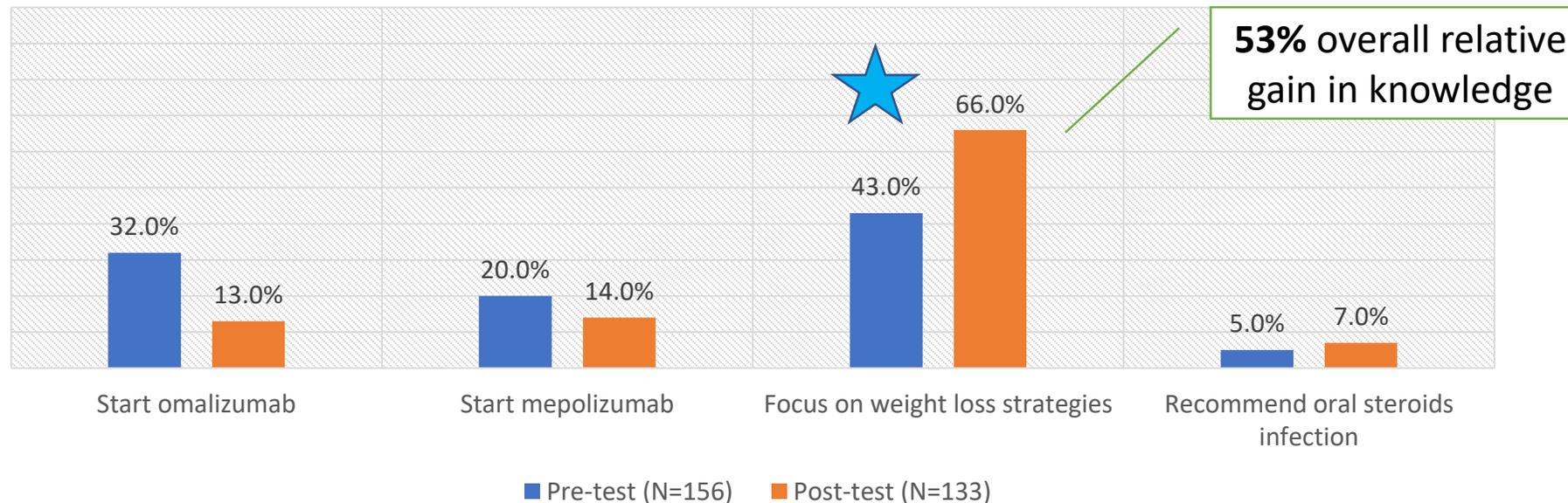
# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 7

**Learning Objective:** *Individualize biologic and non-biologic therapies for patients based on their inflammatory phenotype, coexisting conditions, and other individual factors.*

**Q7:** Your patient is a 55-year-old obese woman (BMI 35 mg/kg<sup>2</sup>) with severe persistent asthma (onset at age 39) with uncontrolled symptoms despite intensive therapy. Comorbidities include GERD and sleep apnea controlled with PPI and CPAP. Skin prick testing negative for common aeroallergens. IgE = 100 IU/L but allergy testing is negative. Absolute eosinophil count is 100/uL. FeNO = 10 ppb. Induced sputum shows neutrophilic inflammation. What would you do next?

### Question 7: Pre- and Post-test



**53%** overall relative gain in knowledge

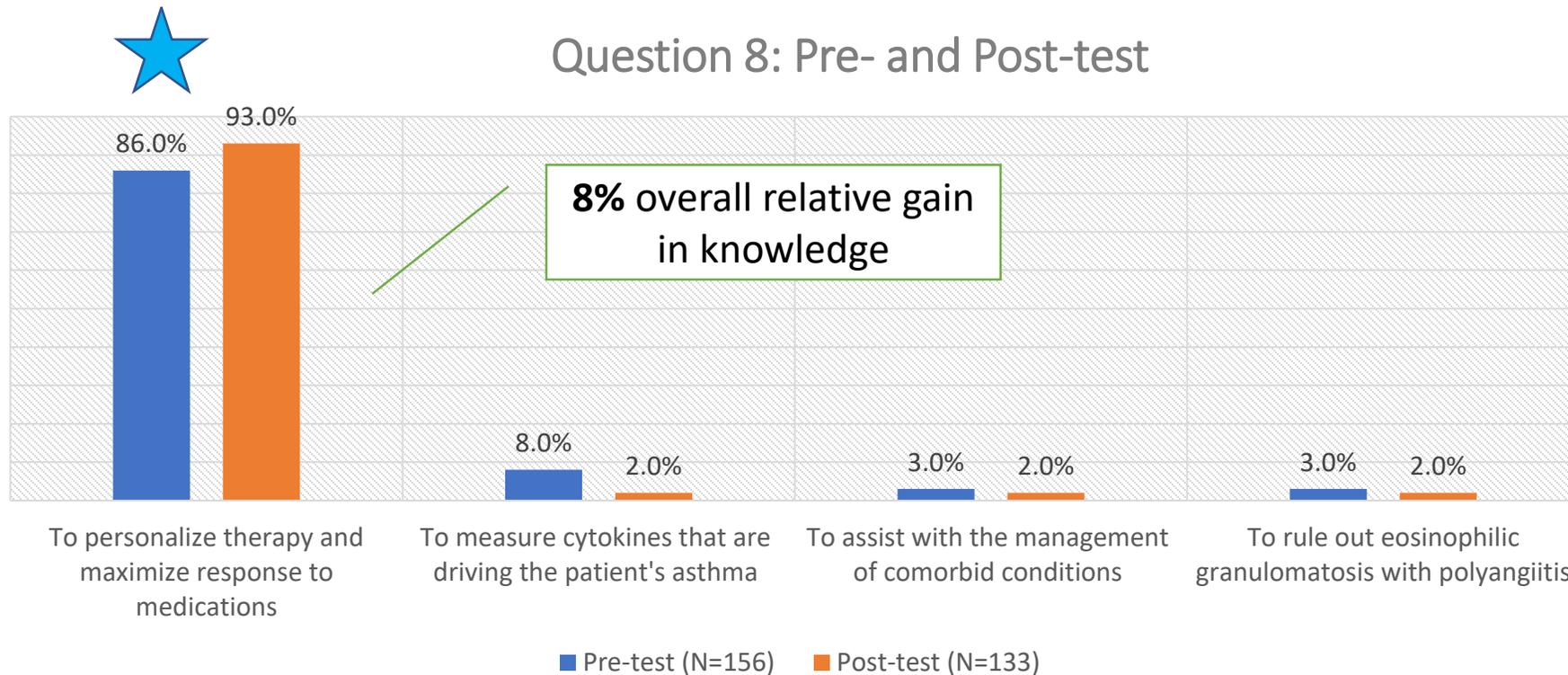
**P value <.0001**  
**Cohens d = 0.60**  
**Medium Effect Size**

# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning Assessment

## Question 8

**Learning Objective:** *Individualize biologic and non-biologic therapies for patients based on their inflammatory phenotype, coexisting conditions, and other individual factors.*

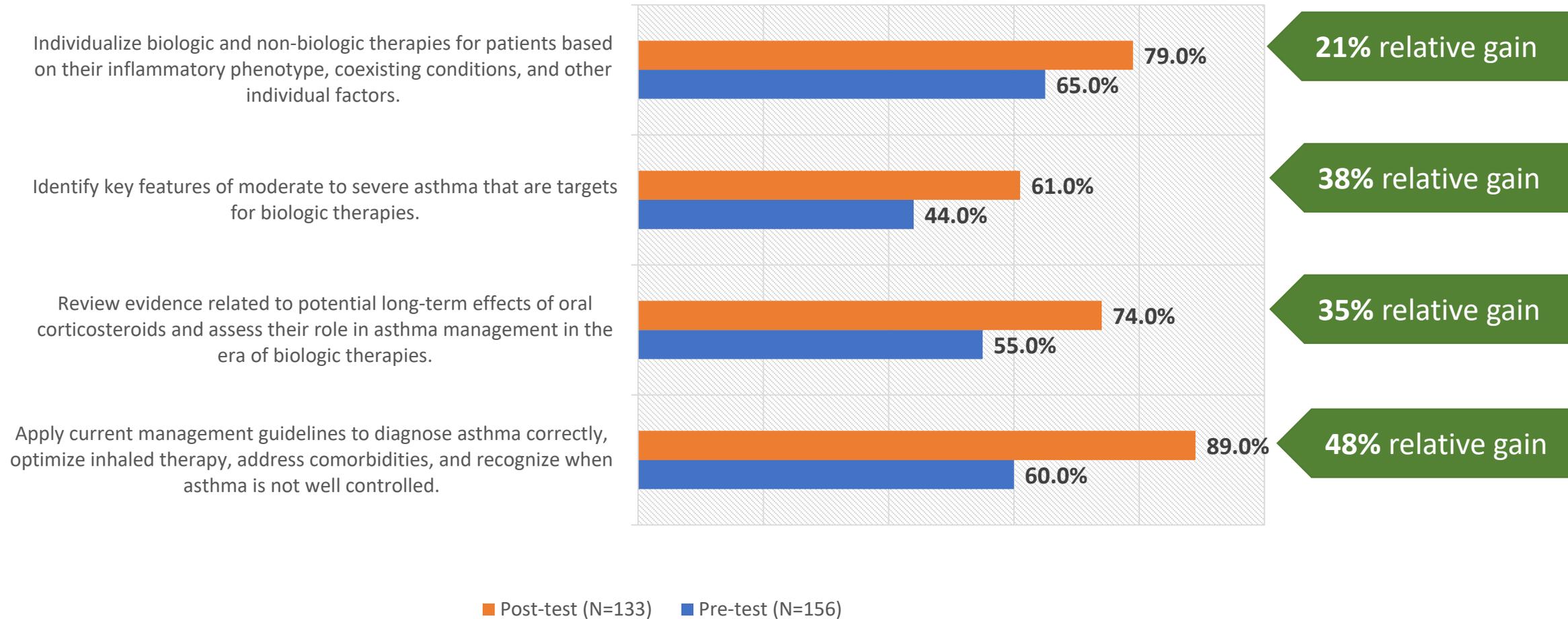
**Q8:** When a patient presents with uncontrolled asthma despite high intensity therapy, what is the most important initial assessment to consider?



**P value = 0.0002**  
**Cohens d = 0.47**  
**Medium Effect Size**

# Level 3&4 Outcomes: Learning by Objective

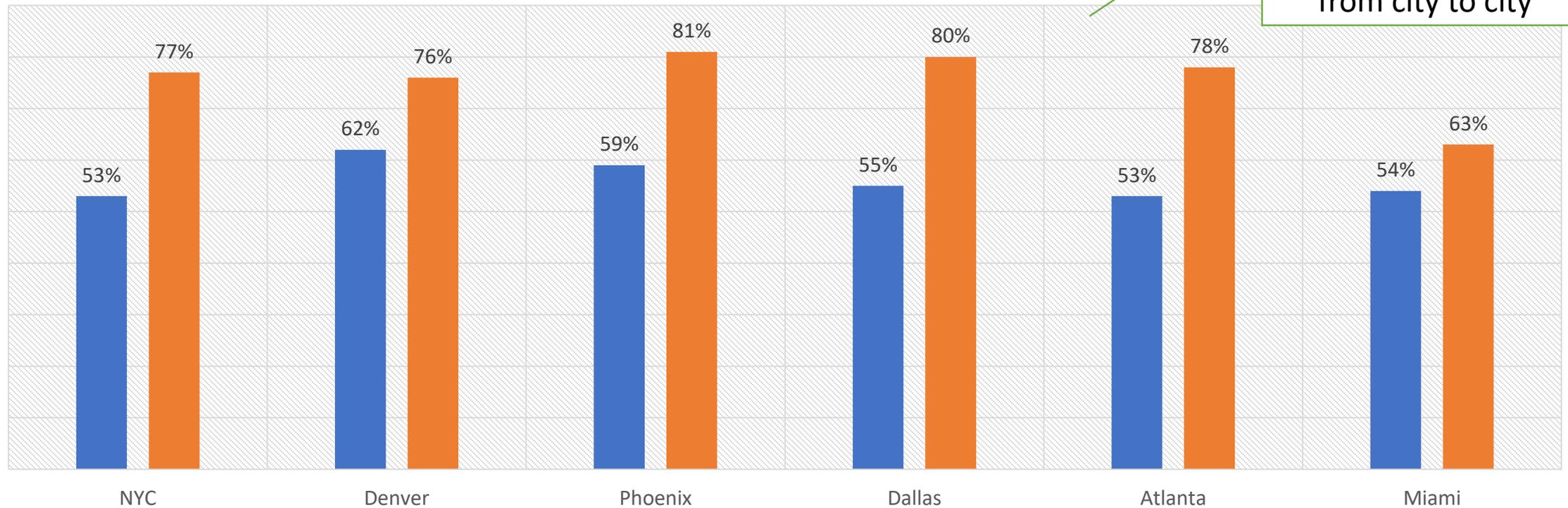
## Learning Objective Knowledge Gain



# Level 3&4 Outcomes

## Aggregate scores by city

### Performance by location – 6 live series

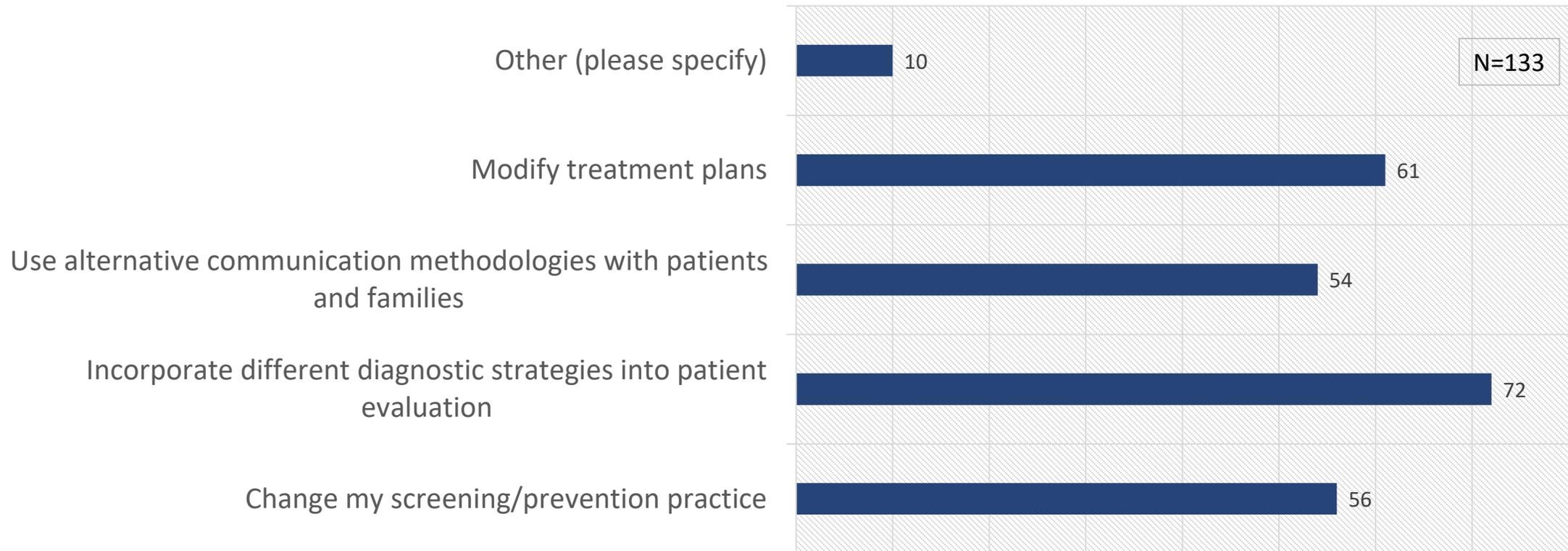


Average Live:  
Pre-Test N=156  
Post-Test N=133

■ PreLive ■ PostLive

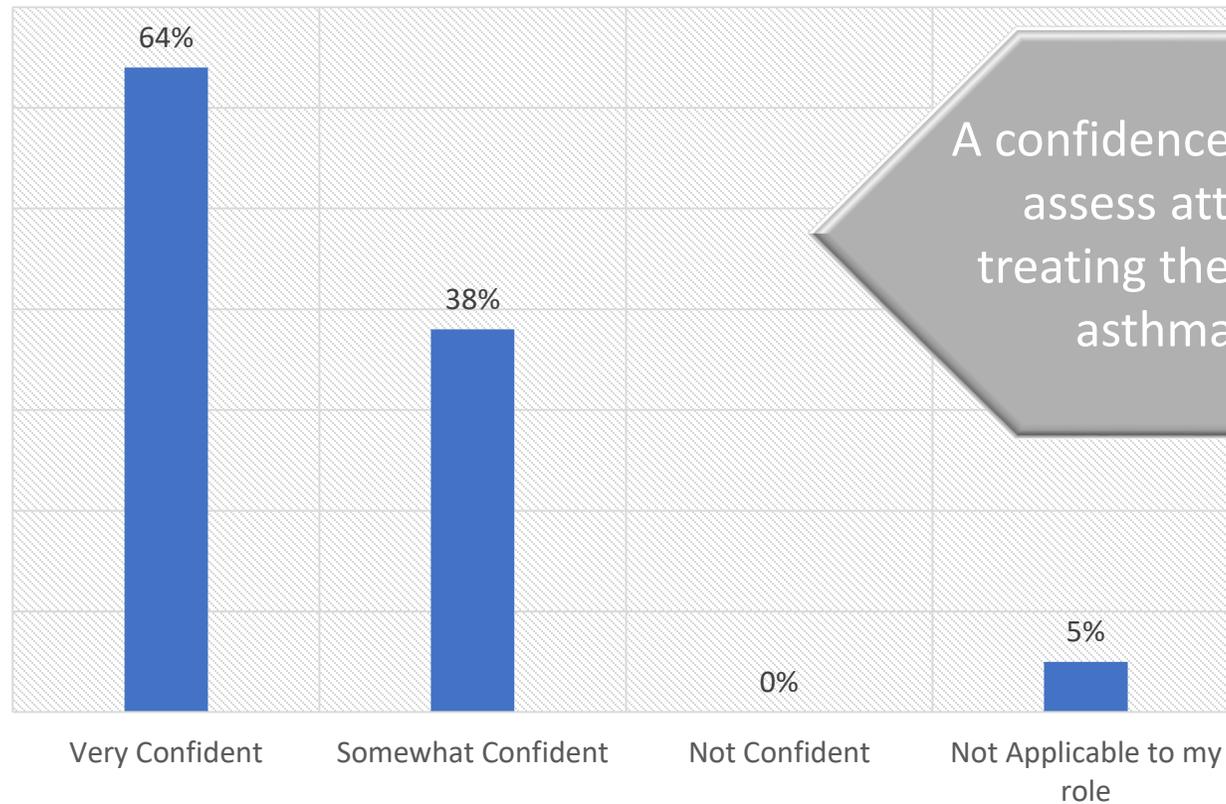
# Level 4 Outcomes: Intent to Change

**99%** of respondents indicated that they planned to make the following changes to their practice following the education:



*\*multiple responses could be selected*

Attendees rated their level of confidence related to addressing comorbidities of severe asthma after attending the meeting:



A confidence-based poll was used to assess attendee confidence in treating the many facets of severe asthma after the activity.

# Educational Impact – By the numbers

- ✓ **99%** of attendees indicated that they planned to make changes to their practice
- ✓ **35%** of attendees indicated that they had already made changes to practice at 6 weeks following the activity
- ✓ **50%** of those who had not yet made changes 6 weeks following the activity, indicated that they still planned to make changes to practice
- ✓ **35%** overall relative gain in knowledge for all questions combined
- ✓ **75%** of questions represented a significant gain in knowledge as reflected by p values  $>0.05$  thus the learning was not merely attributable to chance
- ✓ **75%** of questions represented a medium to large effect size as reflected by Cohen's d statistic
- ✓ **12,684** patients are reportedly impacted by the education provided

# Attendee Take Aways

- Biologic treatment for asthma management
- Benefits of additional asthma testing
- GINA guideline application to treatment
- Eosinophil categorization
- Identify phenotype and endotype and tailor therapy
- Criteria for biologics
- Different types of asthma
- Look out for comorbidities that may make asthma difficult to control
- Individualization of treatment and biologics
- Biomarkers for type 2 and non-type 2 [asthma]
- Taper steroids and use biologics
- New way to treat uncontrolled asthma
- Inhaler technique and adherence
- Understand heterogeneity of asthma
- Communication with patients
- Distinguishing from difficult to control asthma from true refractory asthma



# Recommendations for Future Topics

- ILD and COPD
- Future role of biologic therapy in COPD patients with asthma overlap
- Hypertension
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- More about biologic data (side effects, practical aspect)
- Assessing phenotypes
- NTM
- Diabetes
- Atopic Dermatitis
- EoE
- CRSwNP
- Pediatric asthma

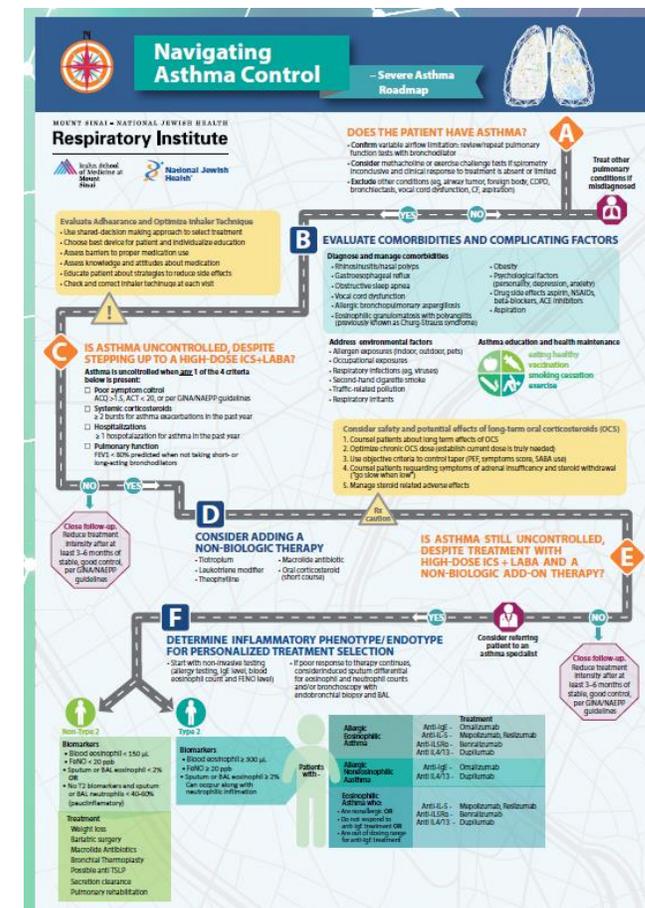


# Infographic Clinical Reference Aid

- **98%** of attendees (N=133) indicated that they were likely to use the infographic clinical reference aid in practice.
- **38%** of attendees (N=37) responding to the 6-week follow-up survey indicated that they had used or referred to the infographic in clinical practice.

## Most helpful aspects of infographic:

- ✓ Clarify decision-making process
- ✓ Easy to follow
- ✓ Biomarkers
- ✓ Phenotypes
- ✓ Algorithm



# Accreditation

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