

Clinically Significant Hiccups in Cancer Patients: Results of an HCP Survey

Survey Results | Spring 2022

Executive Summary

In order to better understand and quantify health care provider (HCP) perception of the burden of clinically significant hiccups in cancer patients, Meter Health conducted a survey in partnership with Medscape affirming the major unmet medical need presented by clinically significant hiccups and the strong demand for an effective treatment.

The survey also outlined a series of related health and quality-of-life concerns that often coincide with clinically significant hiccups, including responses from 90 doctors, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Clinically significant hiccups in this survey were defined as hiccups persisting for more than 48 hours OR hiccups incident to a cancer or cancer treatment (including supportive care) that warrant a medical treatment or intervention, regardless of how long the hiccups persist.

Methodology

The survey description and link were sent to nearly 700 target specialists in Medscape and WebMD member networks, including medical oncologists, hematologists/oncologists, oncology nurses, oncology nurse practitioners, and oncology physician assistants on January 31, 2022. Two screener questions were provided to ensure that all participants have had recent experience with hiccups thought to be related to their disease or cancer treatment and if these patients may have benefitted from a treatment therapy, with 90 total responses. The survey closed on February 21, 2022.

Survey Questions and Results

90 Responses

● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Somewhat Agree ● Slightly Agree ● Do Not Agree

Hiccups can be a significant problem for some cancer patients:



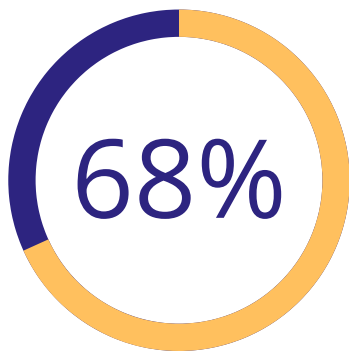
For patients with clinically significant hiccups, new treatment options are needed:



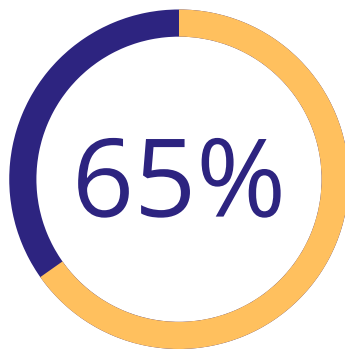
I would utilize a new treatment for my patients with clinically significant hiccups (shown to be safe, efficacious, and affordable):



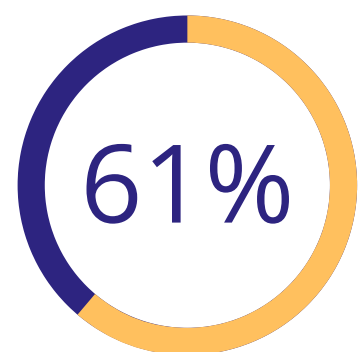
Based on your experience, approximately what percentage of patients with clinically significant hiccups have had problems with each of the following activities or aspects of their quality of life?



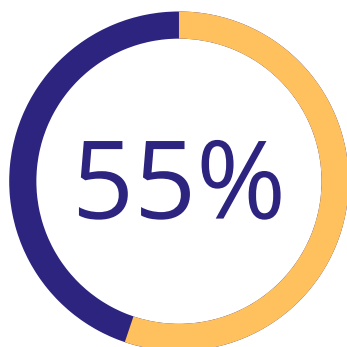
Experienced stress or anxiety



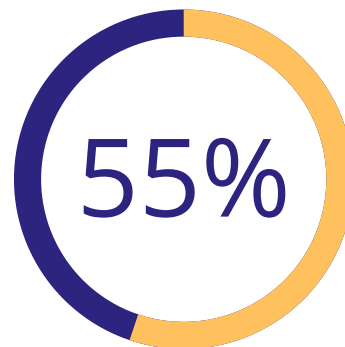
Experienced fatigue



Experienced sleep deprivation

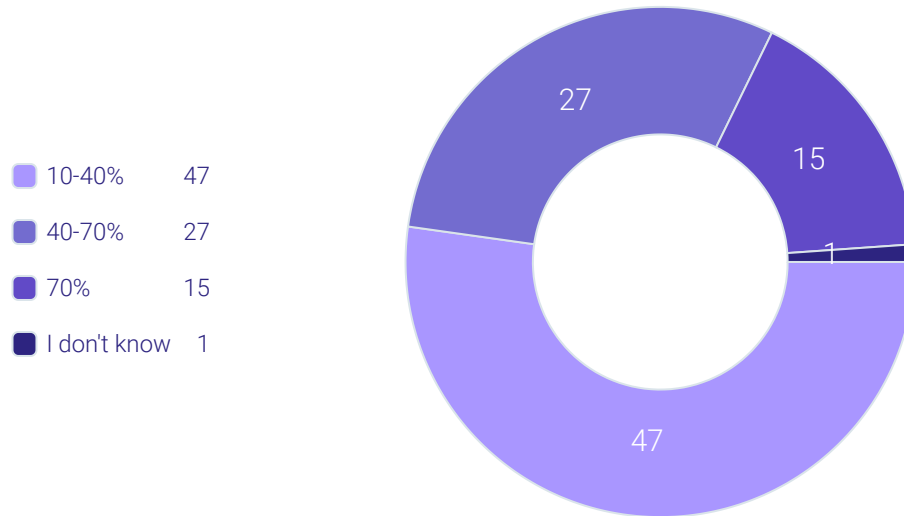


Experienced an increase in nausea or vomiting

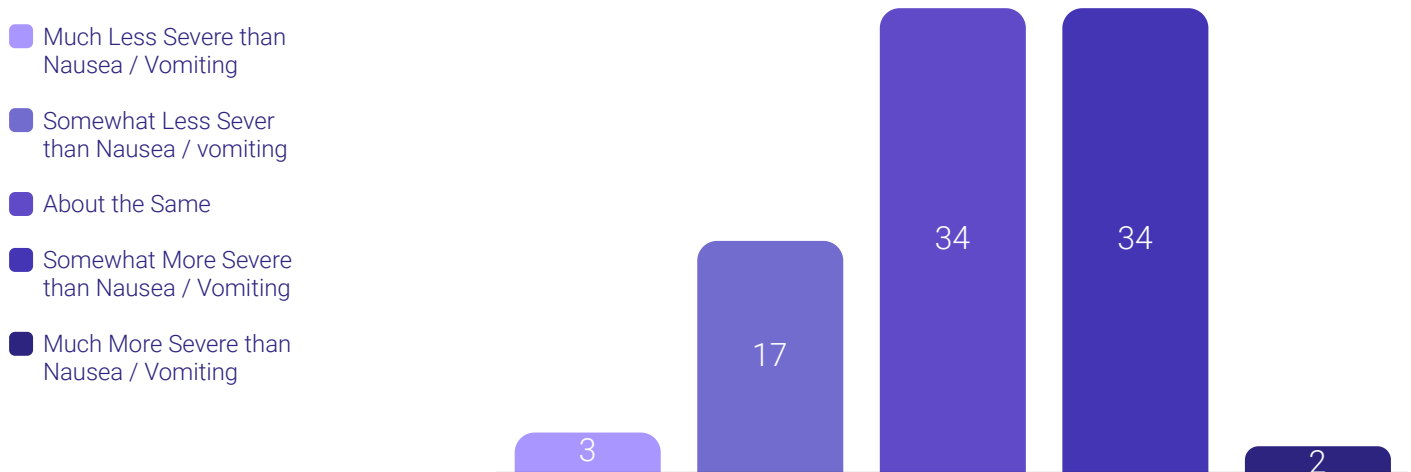


Experienced diminished productivity

Among your patients who have experienced clinically significant hiccups, approximately what percentage were also experiencing nausea or vomiting?



For those patients experiencing both nausea / vomiting AND clinically significant hiccups, rate the severity of the hiccups in comparison to the nausea / vomiting for the majority of patients.



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