

# AMDIS 2023

## KLAS Arch Collaborative

KLAS is entirely dedicated to improving healthcare by providing **accurate, honest, and impartial** insights that move the market.

**3,100**

**Healthcare customer executives** (VP and C-Level) who actively participate by sharing their experiences. They also benefit from accessing KLAS data and reports.

**5,400+**

**Healthcare organizations worldwide** represented in the KLAS data through the participation of their employees each year who share their voices and experiences.

**20,000+**

**Interviews** conducted each year. Over 90% are person-to-person interviews with current customers.

**900+**

**Healthcare IT products and services** measured by KLAS.

**420+**

**Vendors** measured and highlighted in KLAS reports.

**27,839**

**Downloads** of KLAS specialty reports published last year by healthcare customers. Average of 400-500 healthcare customer downloads per report.

**28**

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Research focus is on the customer experience.



Vendors receive guidance.



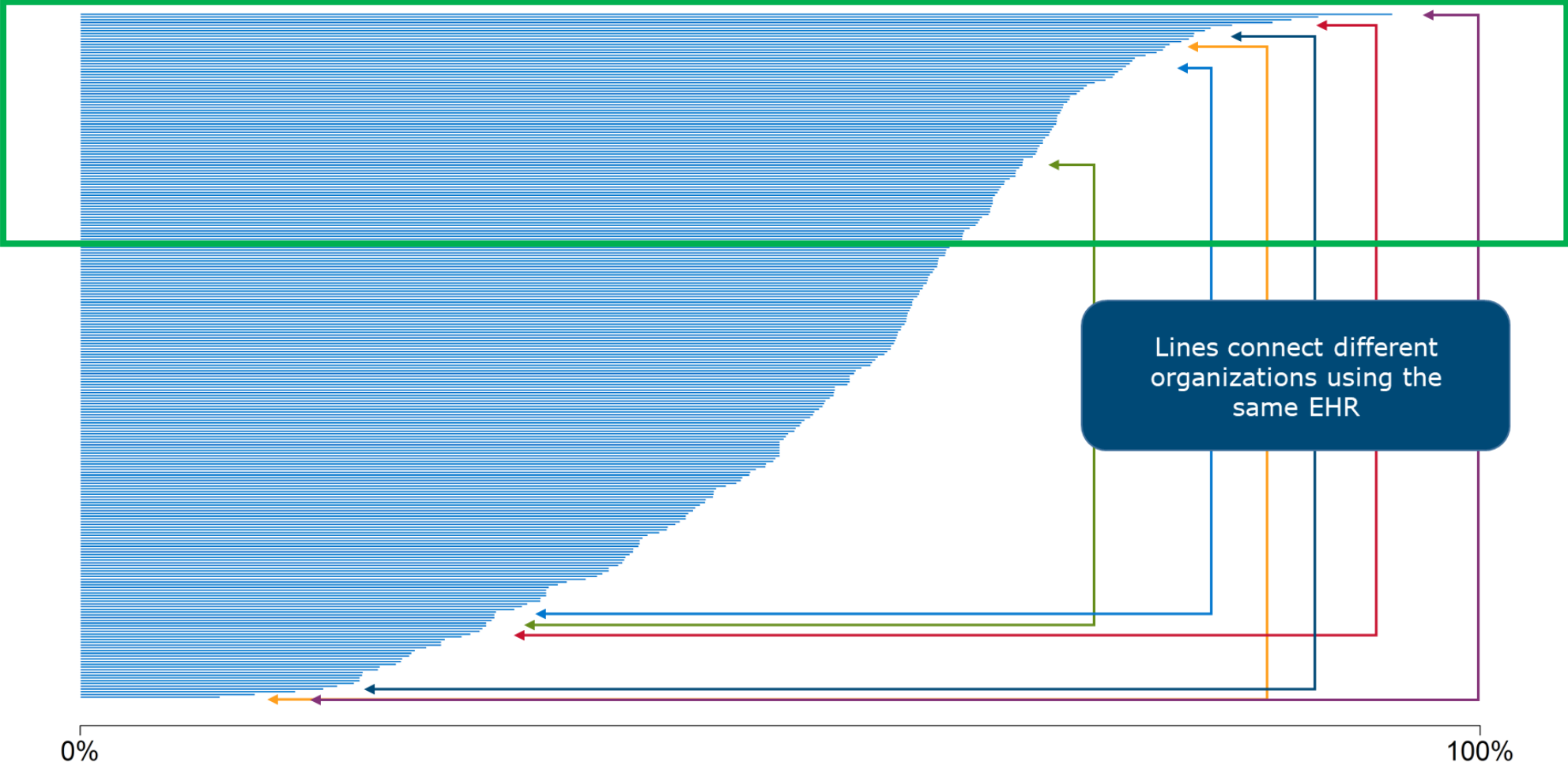
KLAS insights assist organizations.

**Do you agree that your EHR enables  
you to deliver high-quality care?**

# Wide Disparity in EHR Experience Among Clinical End Users

## Percent of Providers Who Agree Their EHR Enables Quality Care

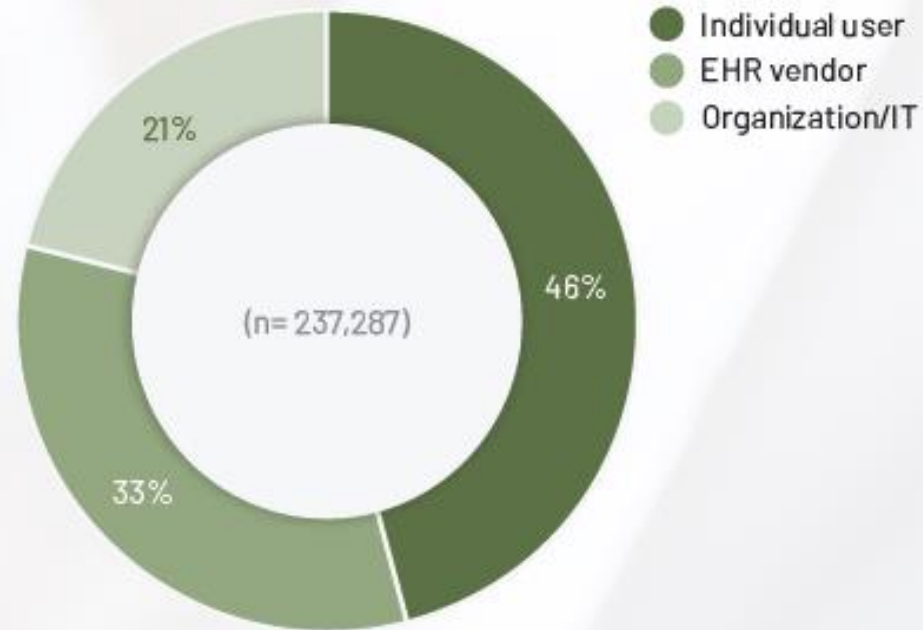
n = 48,181 providers from 241 organizations: each bar is an EHR deployment with >20 responses



# Where Does Variation in EHR Experience Come From?

## Stakeholder Impact on Net EHR Experience Score†

Percent of variation in satisfaction that is attributable to each EHR stakeholder; all Collaborative respondents



# What Makes a Successful User?

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## Strong user mastery

I am confident in my ability to use this EHR effectively and efficiently.



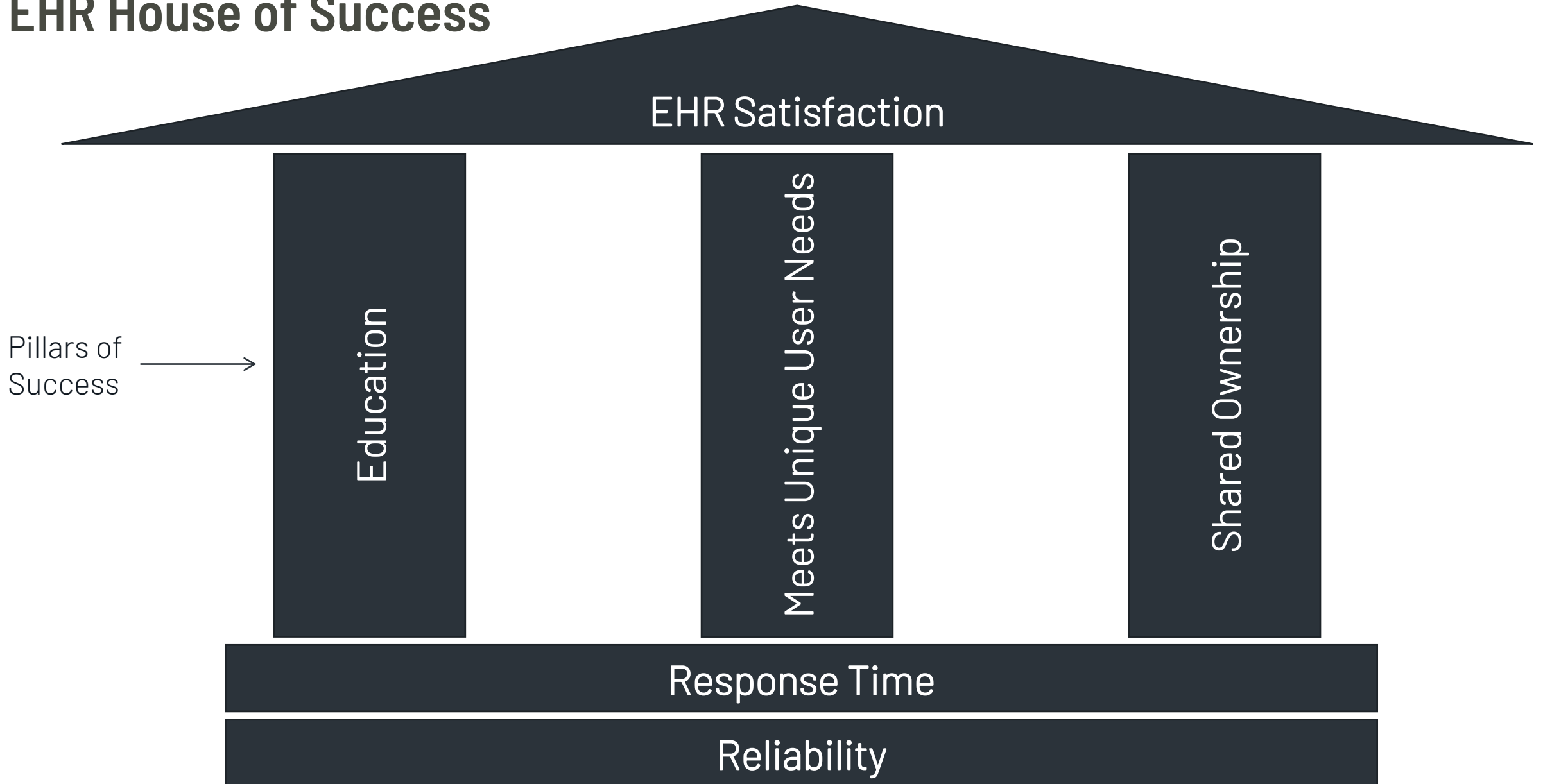
## EHR meets unique needs

We have gotten this EHR to a great place where it meets my specific needs. I have taken the time to make sure it works how I need it to.

## Shared ownership

I feel that I have the ability to influence the team that shapes this EHR. My voice is heard, and I am seeing progress as we shape this into a successful solution.

# EHR House of Success



# What Is the KLAS Arch Collaborative?

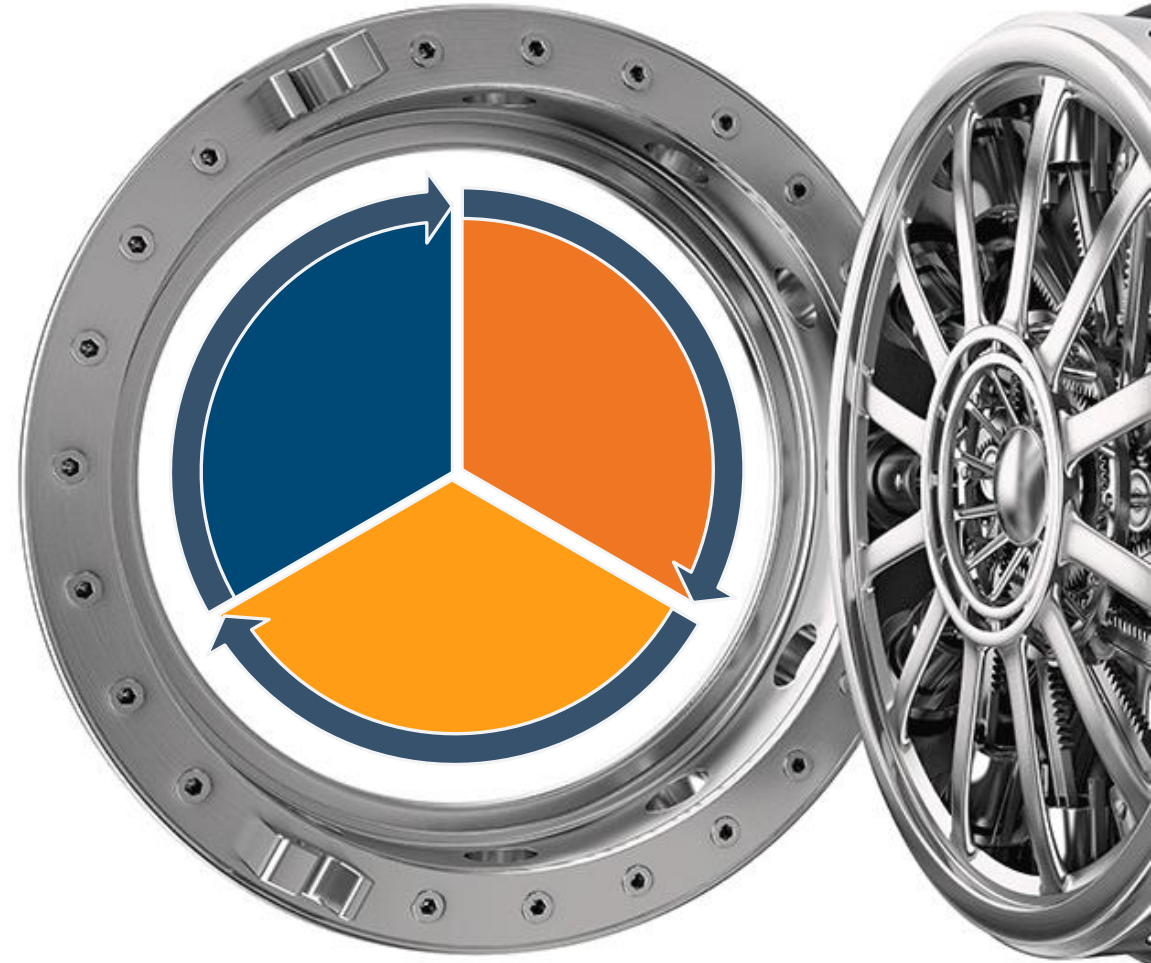
The Arch Collaborative is a provider-led effort to unlock the potential of EHRs in revolutionizing patient care. Through standardized surveys and benchmarking, healthcare organizations collaborate to uncover best practices and move the needle in healthcare IT.

## Measurement and Benchmarking

- **300+** healthcare organizations measuring to date
- **400,000+** clinicians participating
- **13** countries
- **40** questions
- **12** minutes

## Collaboration

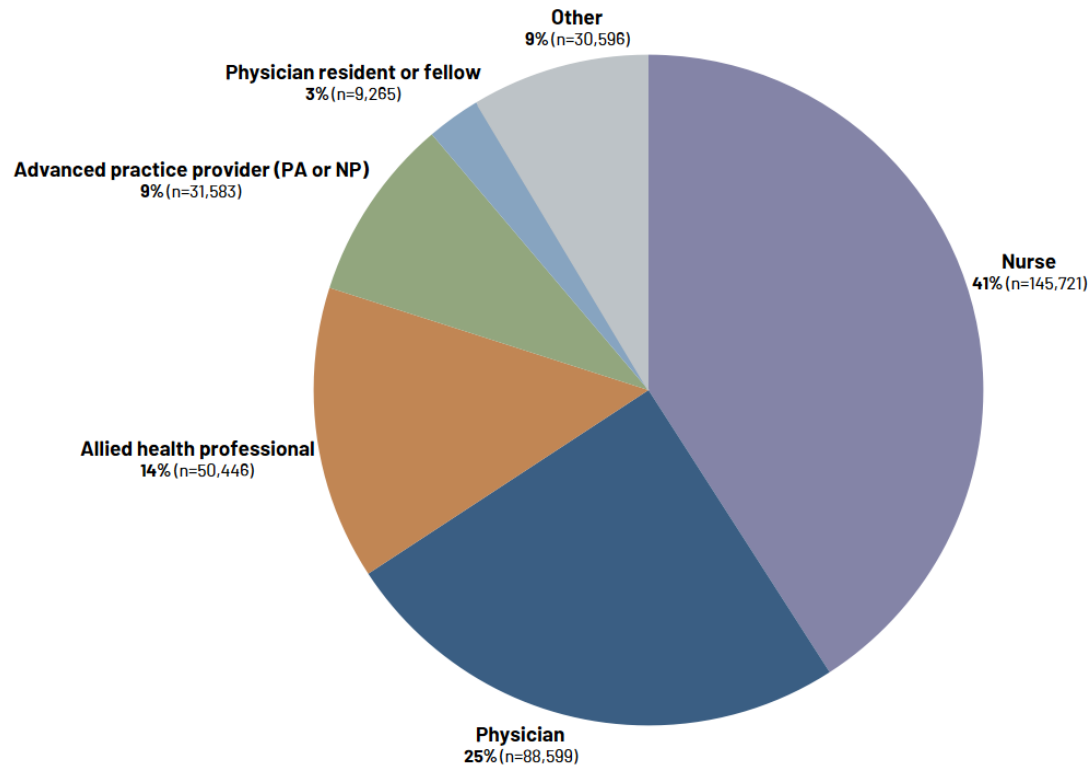
- **125+** case studies of high-performing organizations
- **50+** best practice reports
- **100+** webinars
- Annual Learning Summit
- Arch Collaborative CMIO



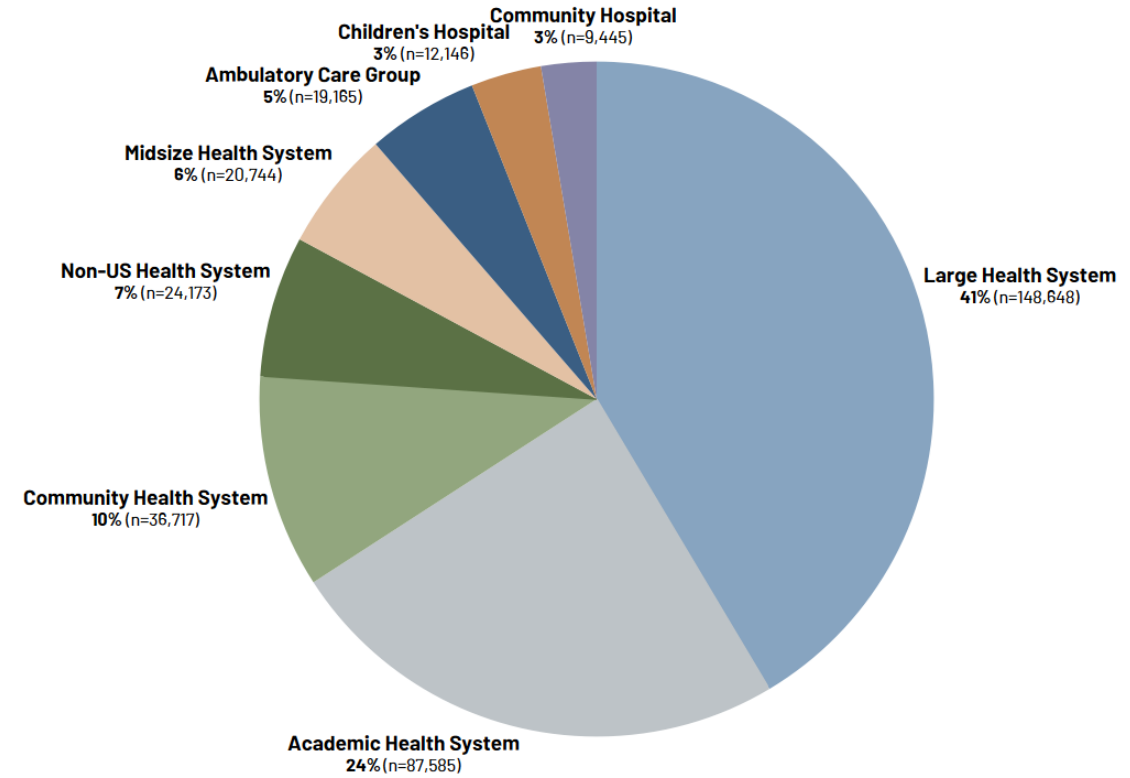


# KLAS Arch Collaborative Respondents Span Clinical Backgrounds & Organization Types

Respondent Clinical Background



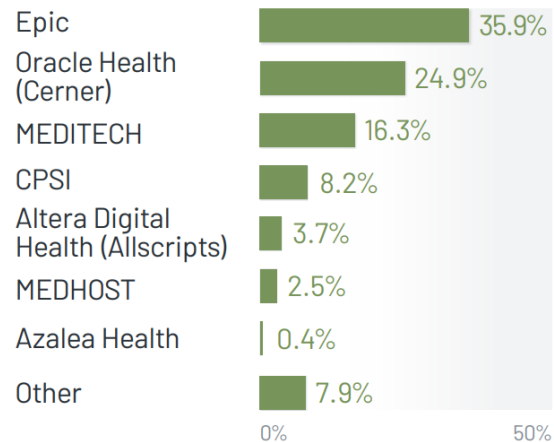
Respondent Organization Type



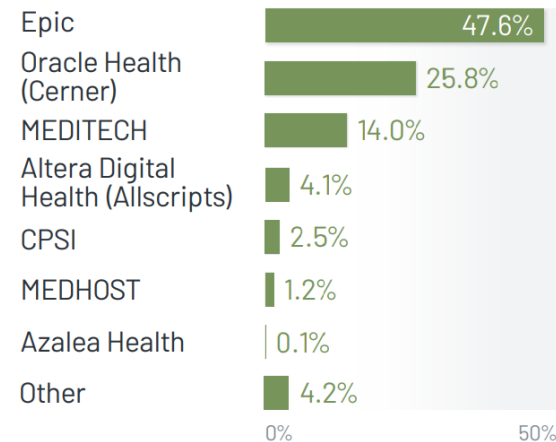
# Collaborative EHR Demographics Follow Trends in EHR Market Share

## 2022 US Acute Care Market Share

Percent of hospitals (n=5,472 acute care hospitals)

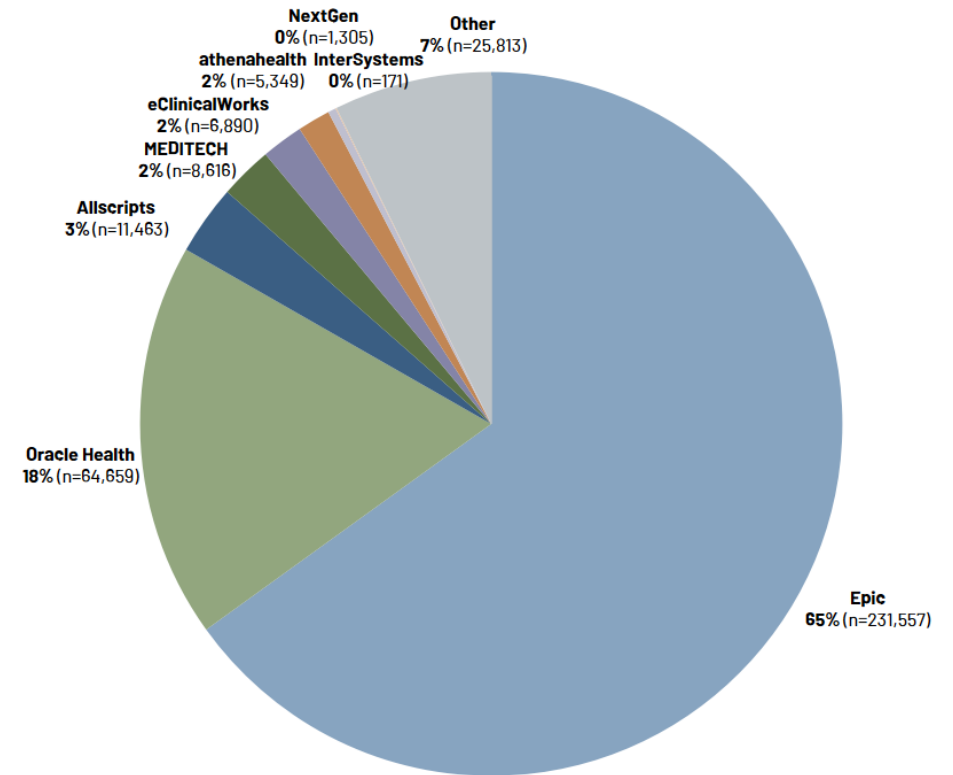


Percent of beds (n=886,868 acute care beds)



Note: Due to rounding, charts do not total to 100%. Percentages are estimates. Changes in percentages from year to year may include additional adjustments (hospital closures, canceled contracts, other historical corrections, etc.) other than the wins/losses that occurred specifically in 2022. For example, Epic's wins were undercounted in past years' reports, as the vendor doesn't require customers to sign contracts for add-ons or for the Community Connect model. See About This Report for more information.

## Respondent Primary EHR



# Why Do KLAS Arch Collaborative Participants Measure?

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*"We've been so heads down building our version of our EHR Ferrari, that we've never looked up to see how fast we're going." (CMIO)*



*"I've felt this is where we were tracking with our EHR satisfaction, based on conversations in the halls of the hospital, but I've never had the data to prove it." (CMIO)*



# Provider Burnout and the EHR Experience



- Update on provider burnout
- To what degree is the EHR contributing to provider burnout?
- What factors are most related to alleviating provider burnout?
- Which healthcare organizations are actually doing it?

# Burnout Question

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Using your own definition of burnout, select one of the answers below:

- I enjoy my work and have no symptoms of burnout
- I am under stress and don't always have as much energy as I used to, but I don't feel burned out
- I am definitely burning out and have one or more symptoms of burnout (e.g., emotional exhaustion)
- The symptoms of burnout that I am experiencing won't go away, and I think about work frustrations a lot
- I feel completely burned out, and I am at the point where I may need to seek help

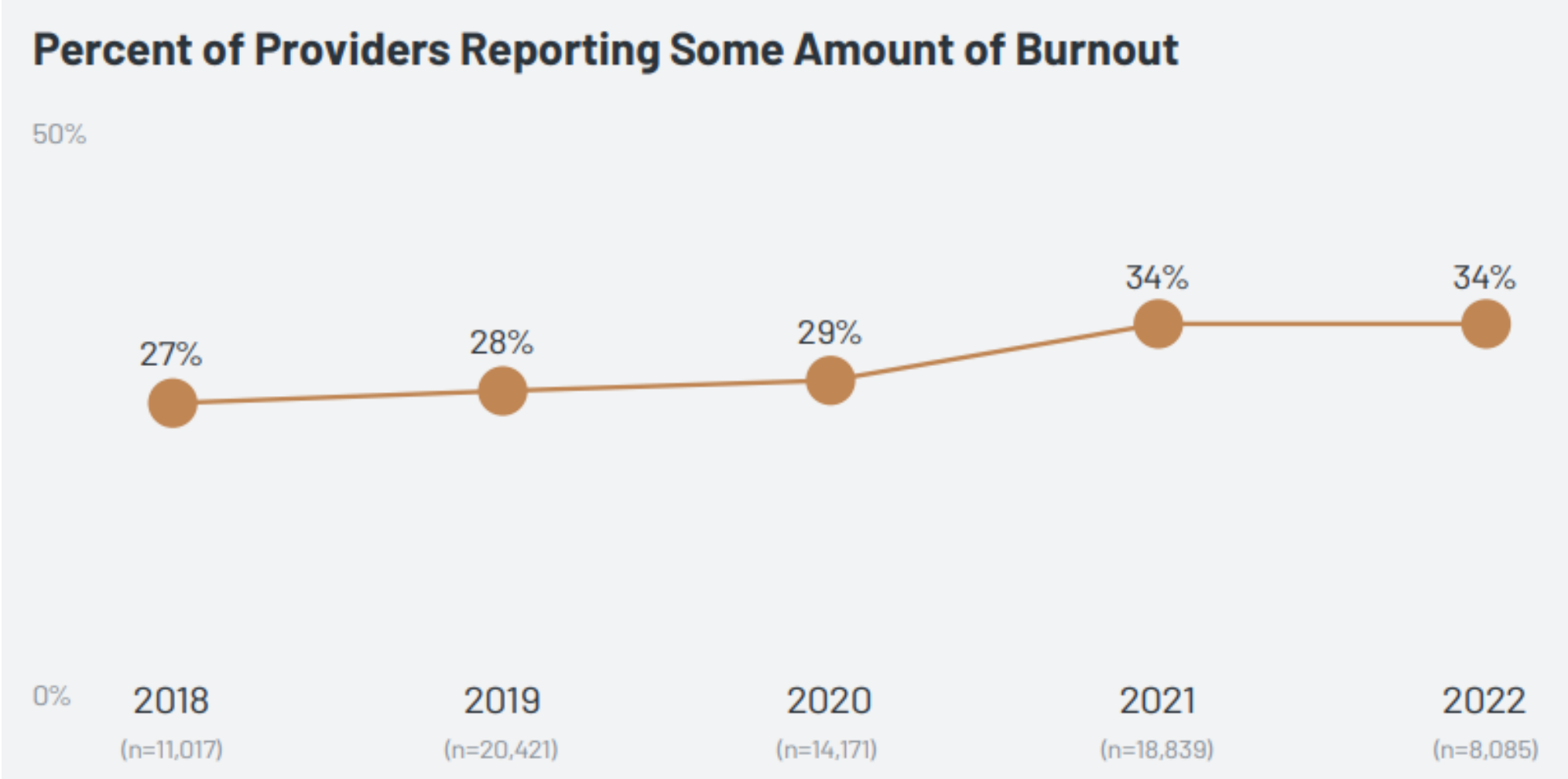
# Contributors to Burnout

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## What are the primary contributors to your feelings of burnout (if any)?

- No personal control over my workload (working too many hours)
- Lack of autonomy in my job
- Chaotic work environment
- Lack of effective teamwork in my organization
- Lack of shared values with organization leadership
- Too much time spent on bureaucratic tasks
- Staffing shortages
- After-hours workload
- EHR or other IT tools inhibit my ability to deliver quality care
- EHR or other IT tools hurt my efficiency
- Lack of training or proficiency on EHR or other IT tools
- Aggressive or demeaning patients

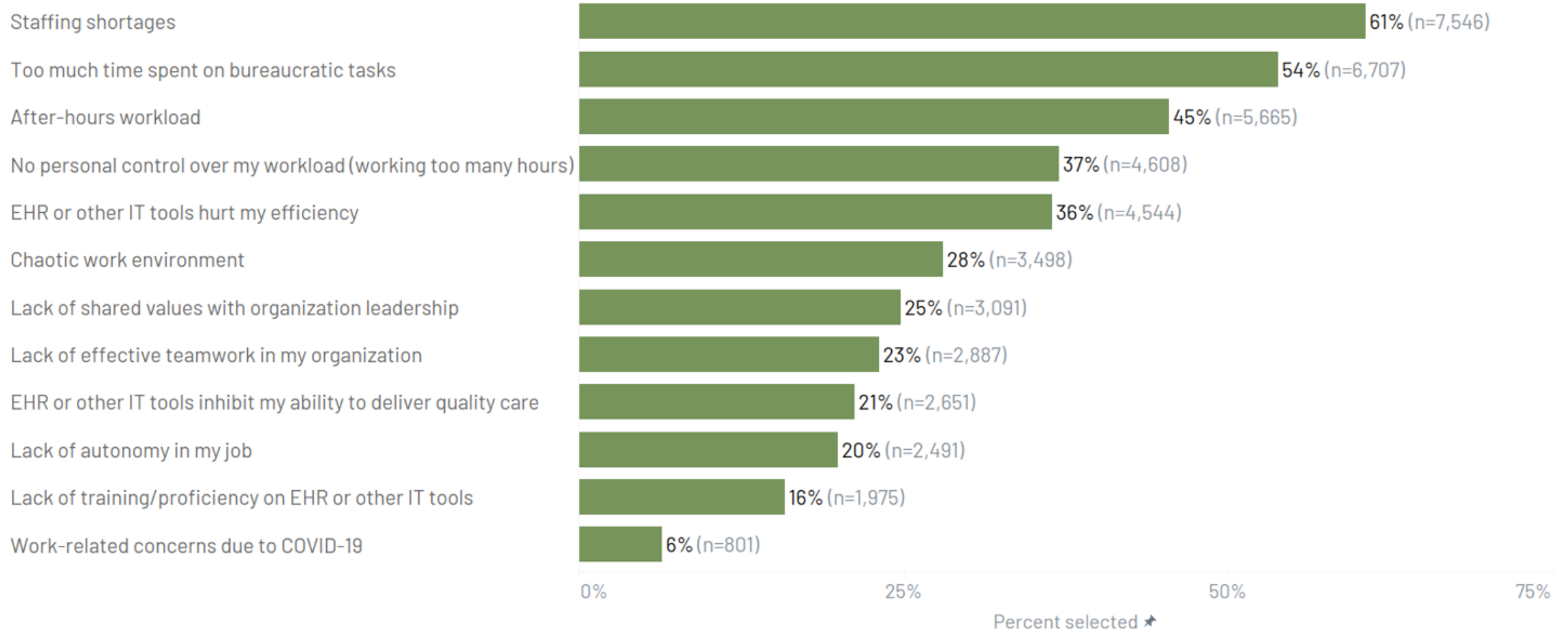
# Provider Burnout Has Steadily Increased Over the Past 5 Years



# Staffing Issues Became Major Burnout Contributor During the Pandemic

## User-Selected Contributors to Burnout

**Physician** respondents from Jan 2022-May 2023 only; multiple selections possible (n=12,460 respondents/85 measurements)

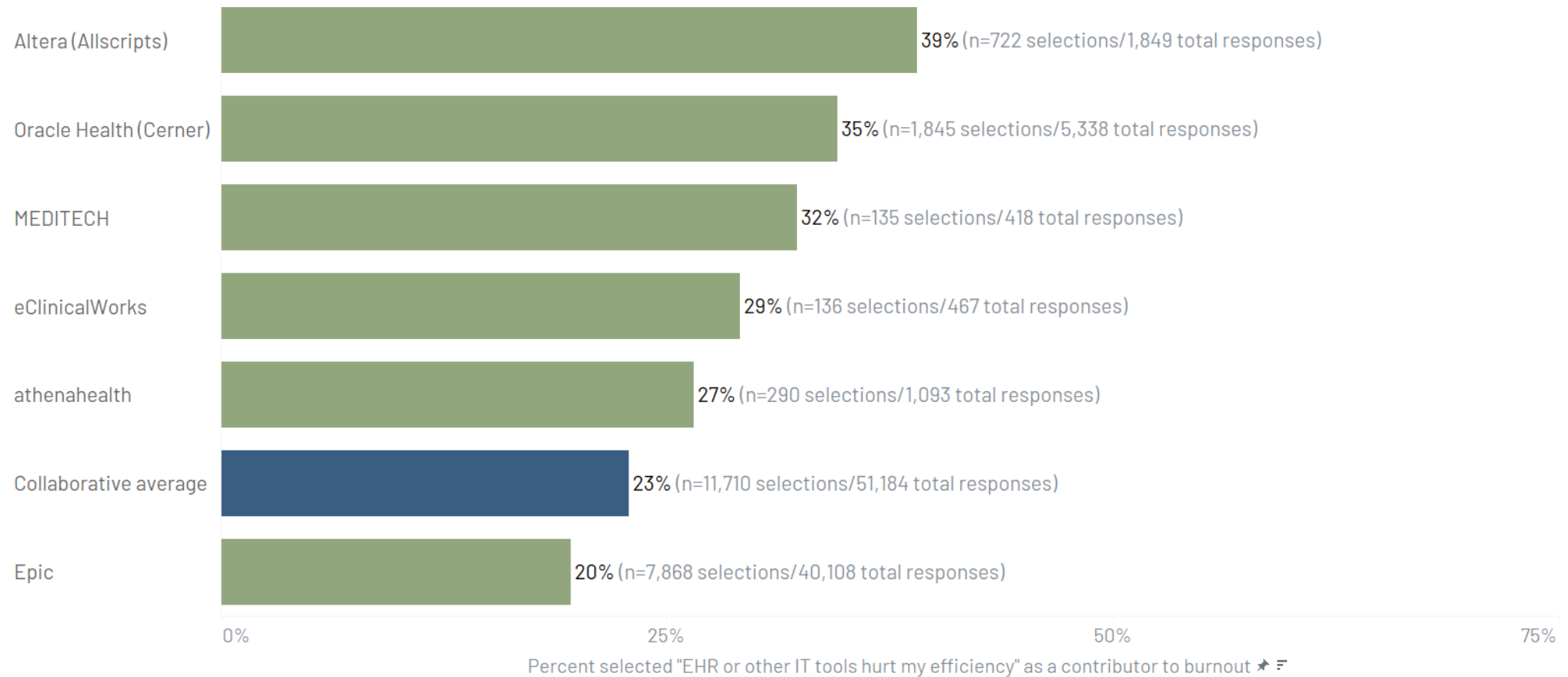




# Not All EHRs Contribute to Burnout to the Same Degree

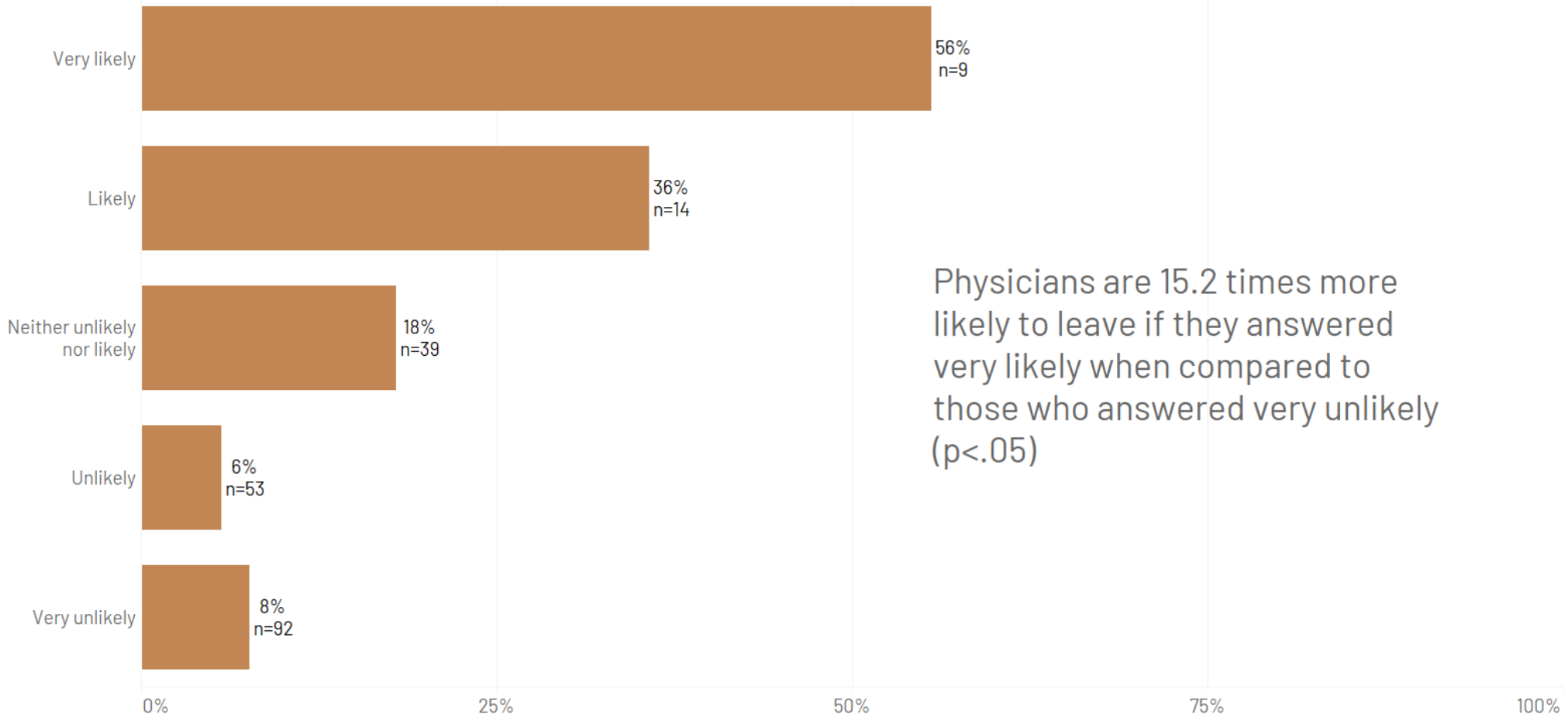
## Percent Selected "EHR or Other IT Tools Hurt My Efficiency" as a Contributor to Burnout—by Primary EHR

Respondents from Jan 2022—May 2023 only



# “Likelihood to leave” is a strong predictor for turnover

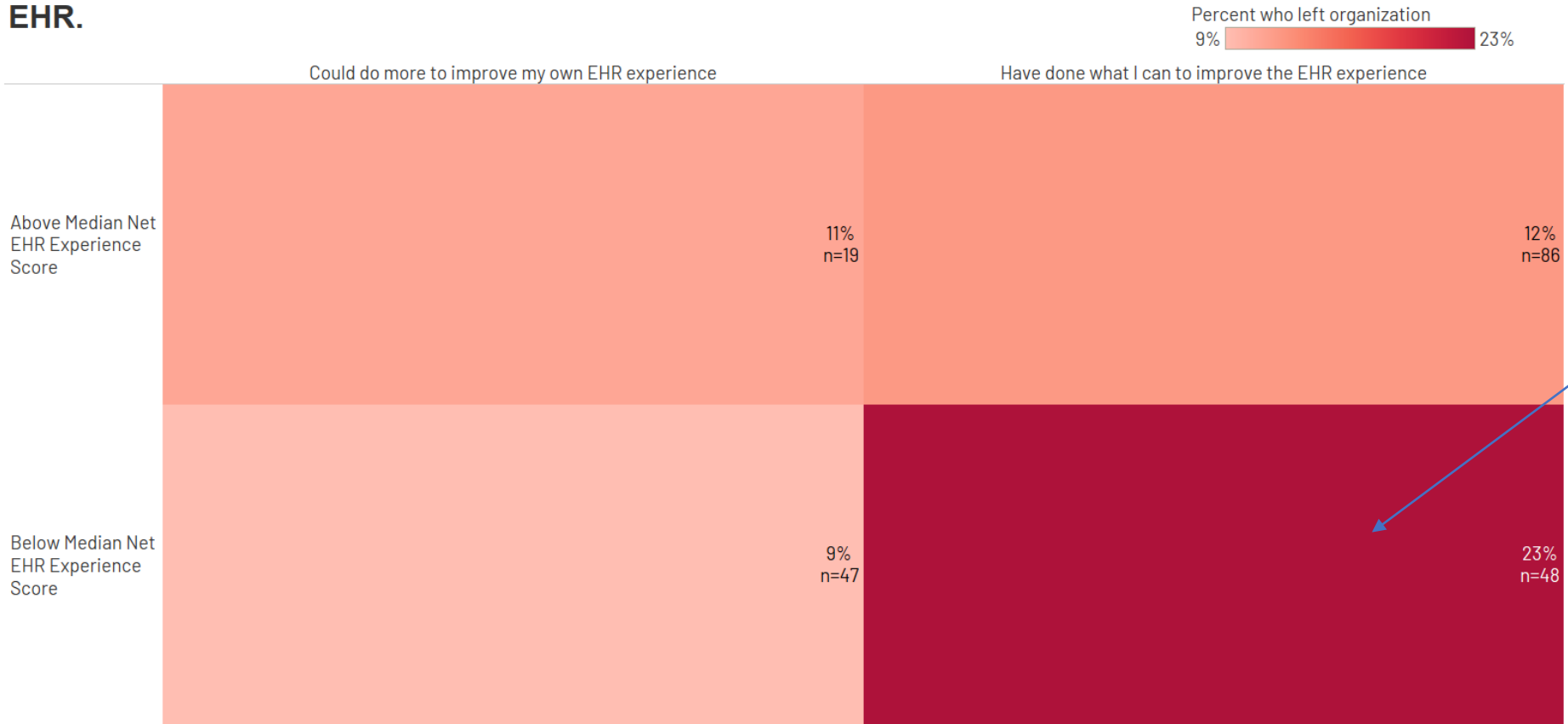
Percent of Physicians Who Left Based On Their Response to How Likely They Are to Leave



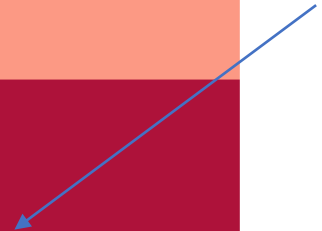
Physicians are 15.2 times more likely to leave if they answered very likely when compared to those who answered very unlikely (p<.05)

# Physician Turnover Costs Are High for Those Dissatisfied with the EHR

Percent of Physicians Who Left Based On Their EHR Experience and Self Reported Efforts to Learn the EHR.



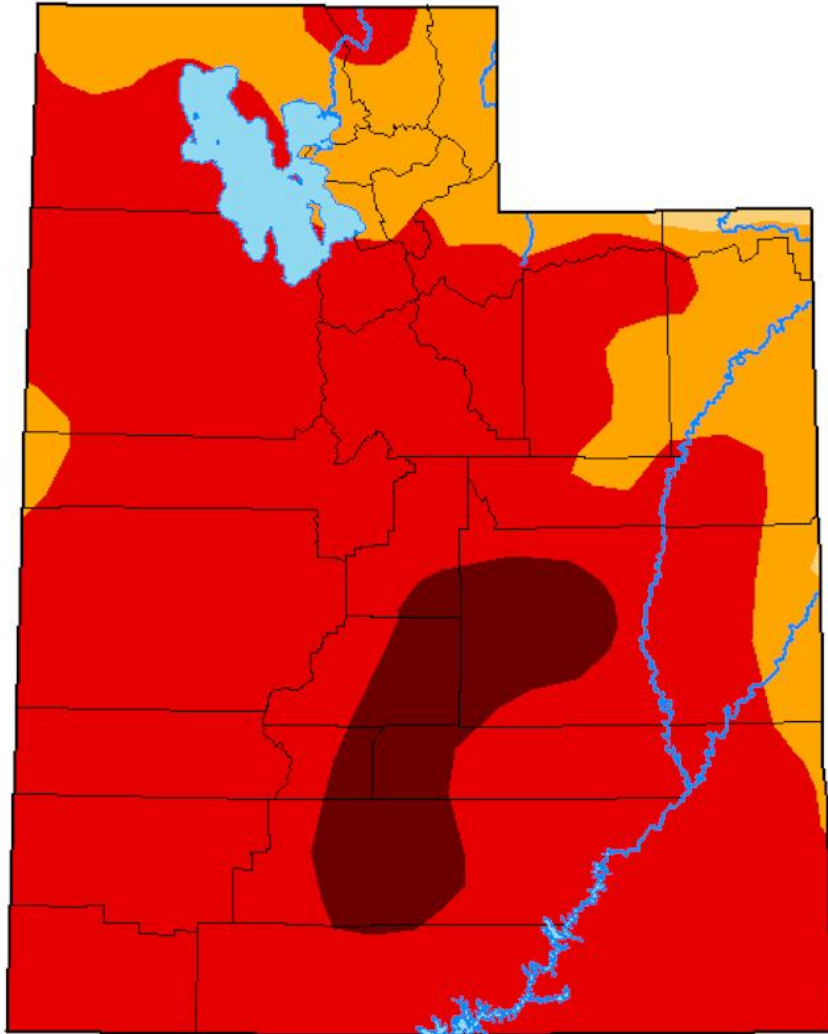
Almost 1 in 4 physicians in this category left, leading to at least \$5 million in turnover costs









# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Utah

July 5, 2022



### Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought



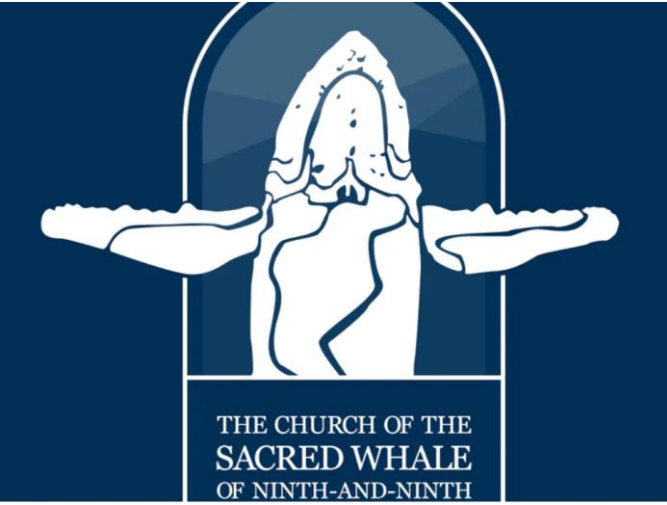


**Alta surpasses 900 inches of snowfall in 'unprecedented' season**

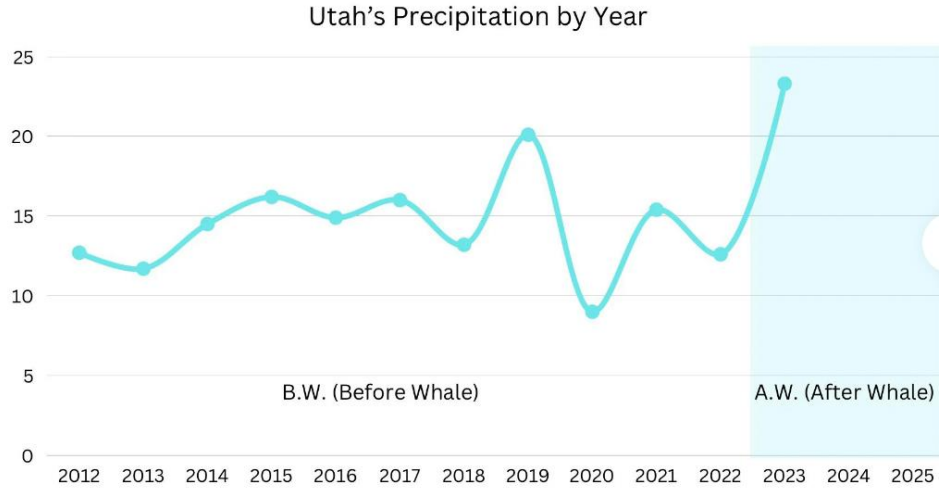
**WEATHER**  
**Four Utah resorts eclipse their all-time snowfall records**  
Mar 27, 2023, 5:30 PM | Updated: 7:09 pm

**NEWS > LOCAL NEWS**  
**Utah breaks record for state's largest snowpack ever**

**UTAH DROUGHT**  
**Utah is no longer in a severe drought**  
May 12, 2023, 3:00 PM



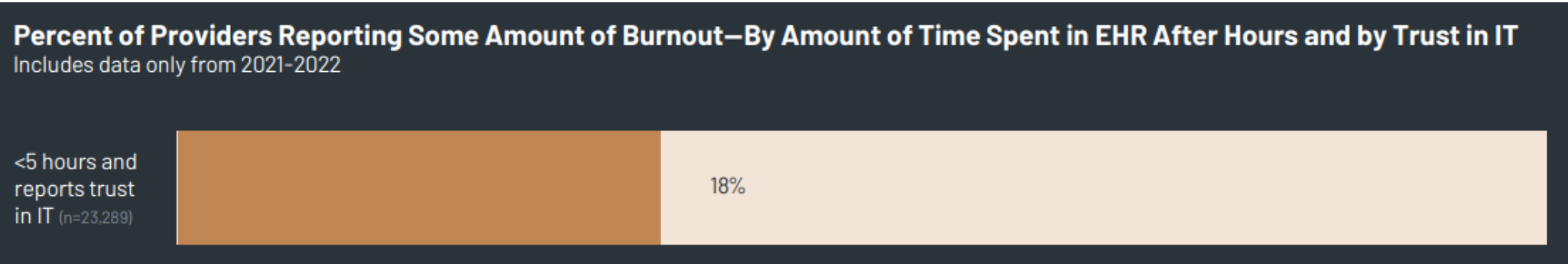
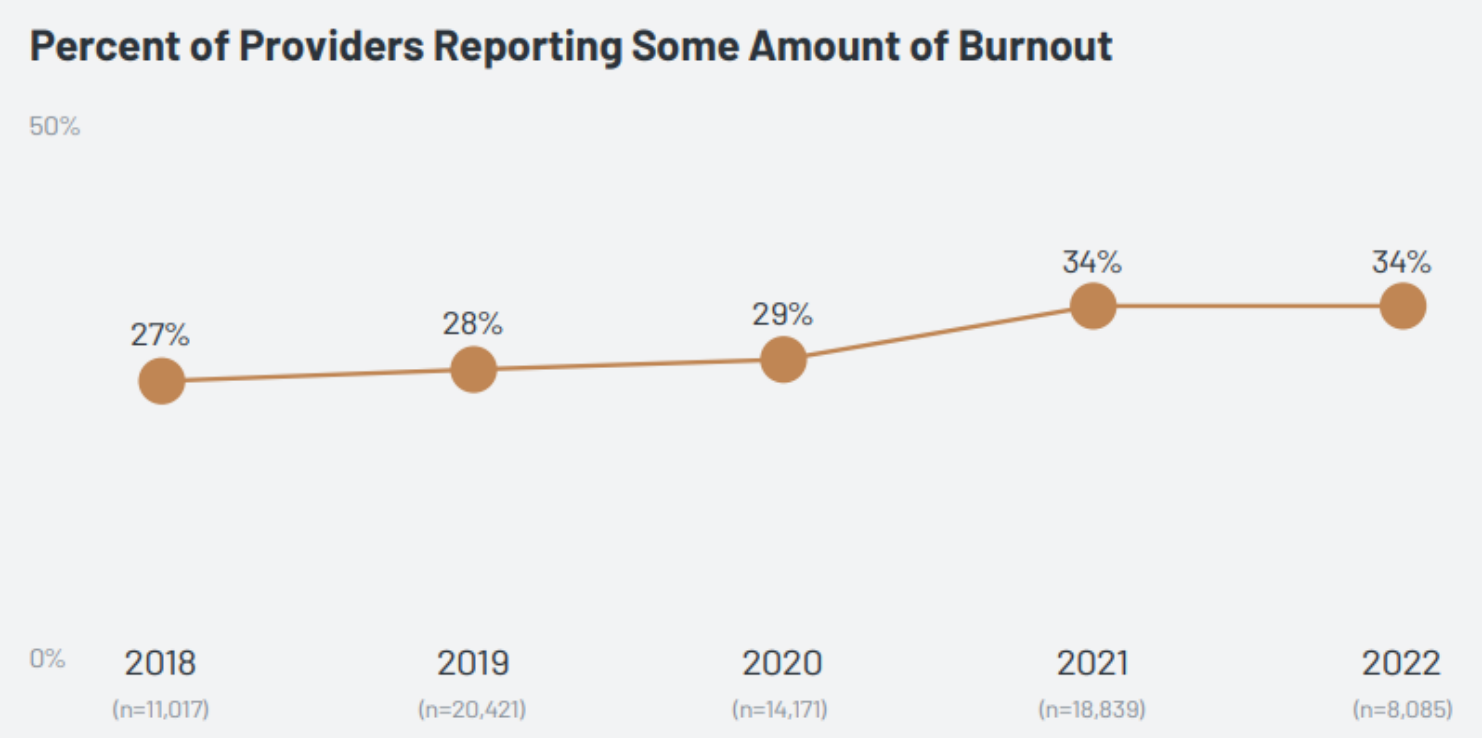
**“Everything good that happens in the weather is because of the Sacred Whale.”**





**What can you do  
to alleviate  
feelings of  
burnout among  
your clinicians?**

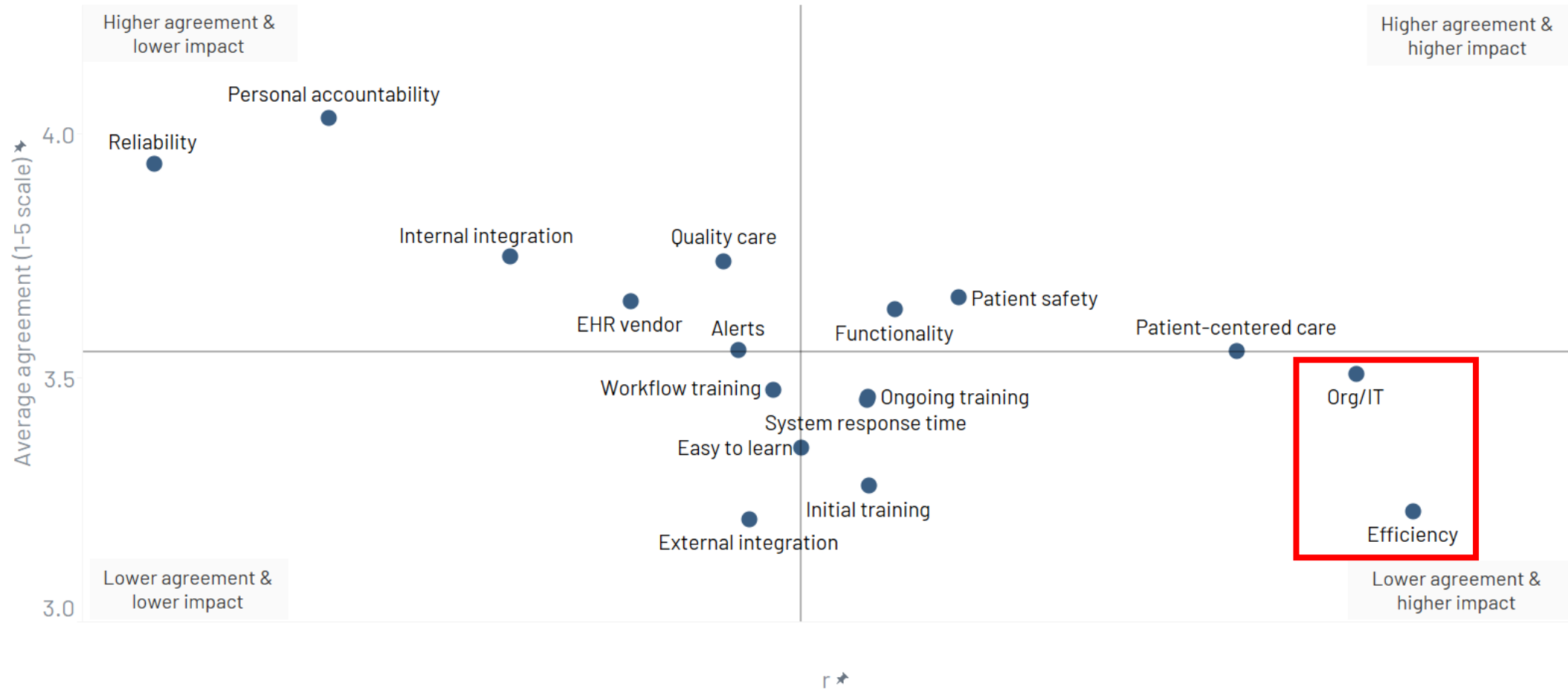
# Two Factors Associated With Lower Burnout: Efficient Charting & Strong Organizational Support



# Opportunities to Improve Burnout: Efficiency & Organizational Trust

## Burnout Correlation Fingerprint

All respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 (n=75,383)

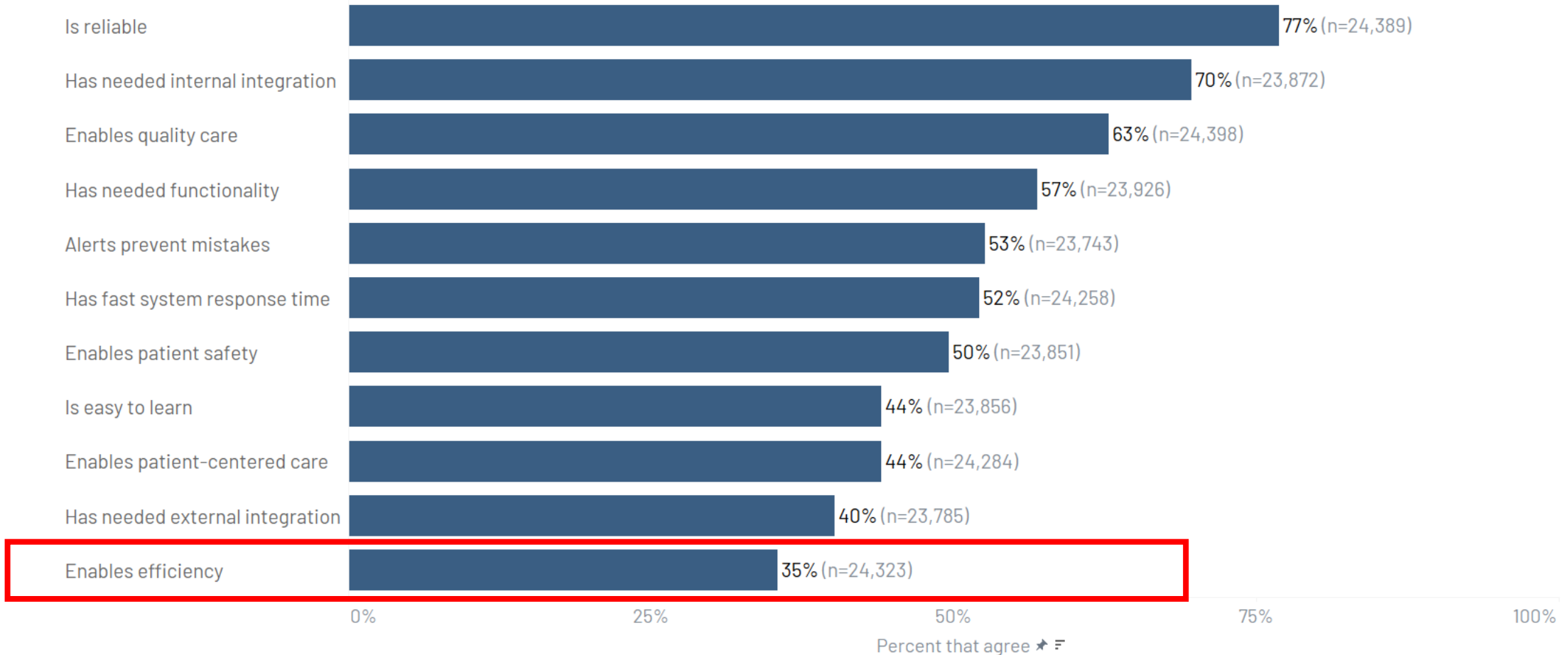




# Efficiency Consistently Lowest Rated EHR Experience Metric

## Percent Agree to EHR Satisfaction Metrics

Physician respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 only



# A Caution on Efficiency

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Relentless communication on RVUs and maximizing provider schedules



Data-driven approach focused on workflow-specific education



EHR Satisfaction

Education

Meets Unique User Needs

Shared Ownership

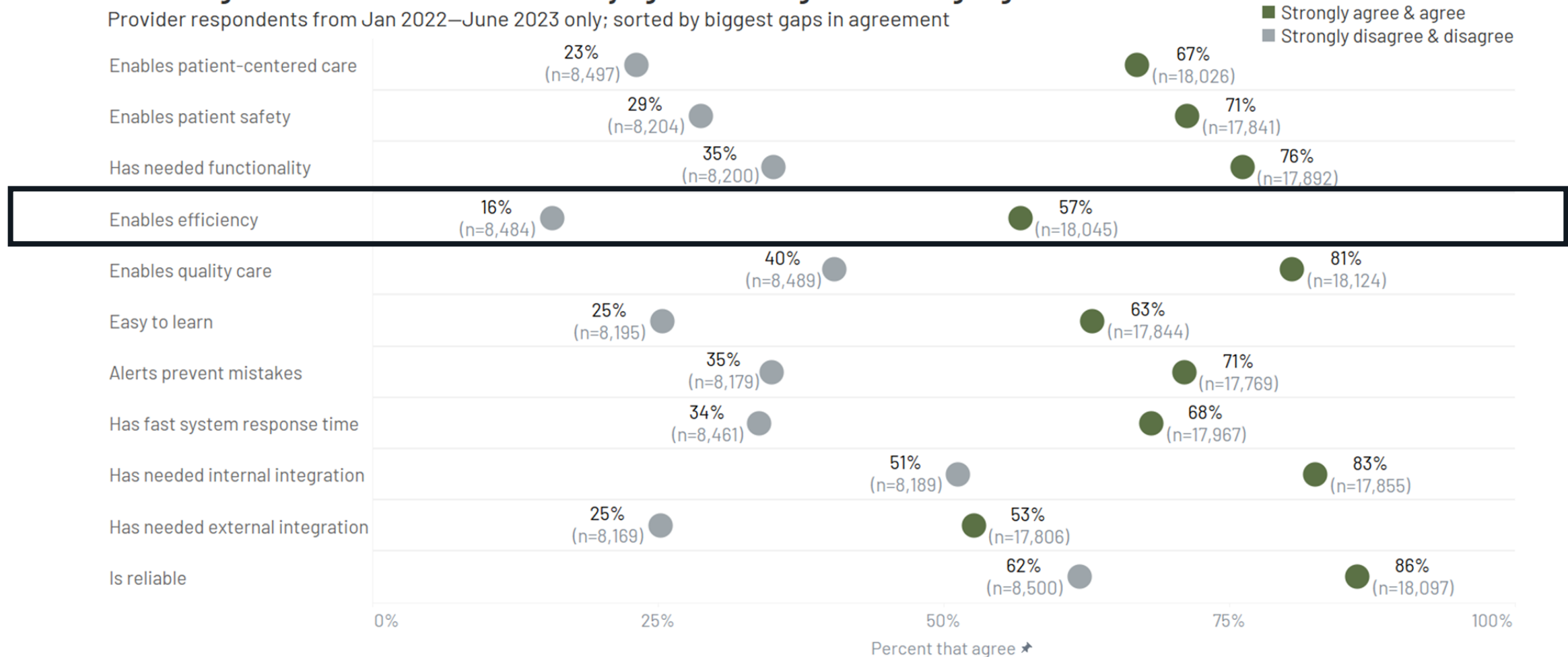
Response Time

Reliability

# Strong Ongoing Education Associated with Large Gains in Efficiency

## Percent Agree to EHR Satisfaction Metrics—by Agrees vs. Disagrees That Ongoing EHR Education Is Sufficient

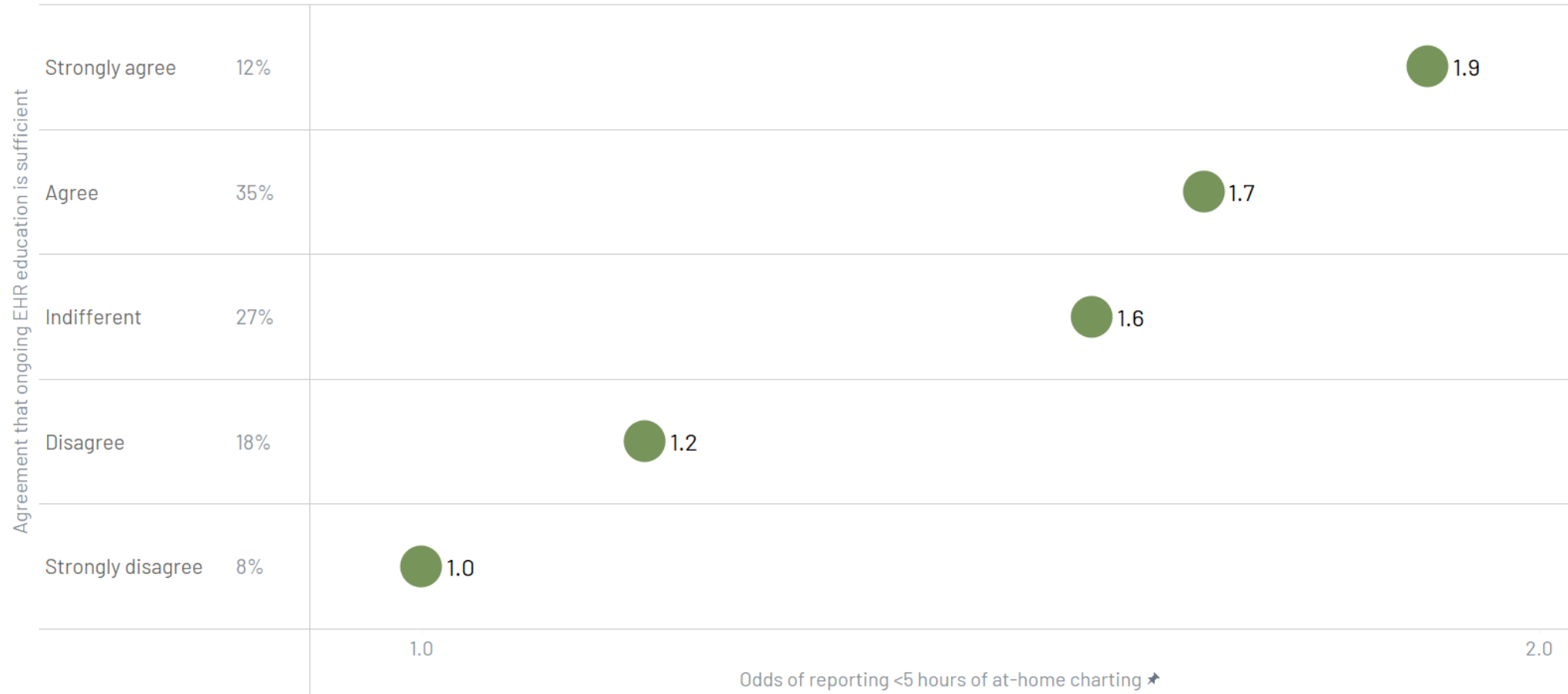
Provider respondents from Jan 2022—June 2023 only; sorted by biggest gaps in agreement



# Strong Ongoing Education Keeps After-Hours Charting at Bay

## Odds of Reporting <5 Hours of At-Home Charting—by Agreement That Ongoing EHR Education Is Sufficient

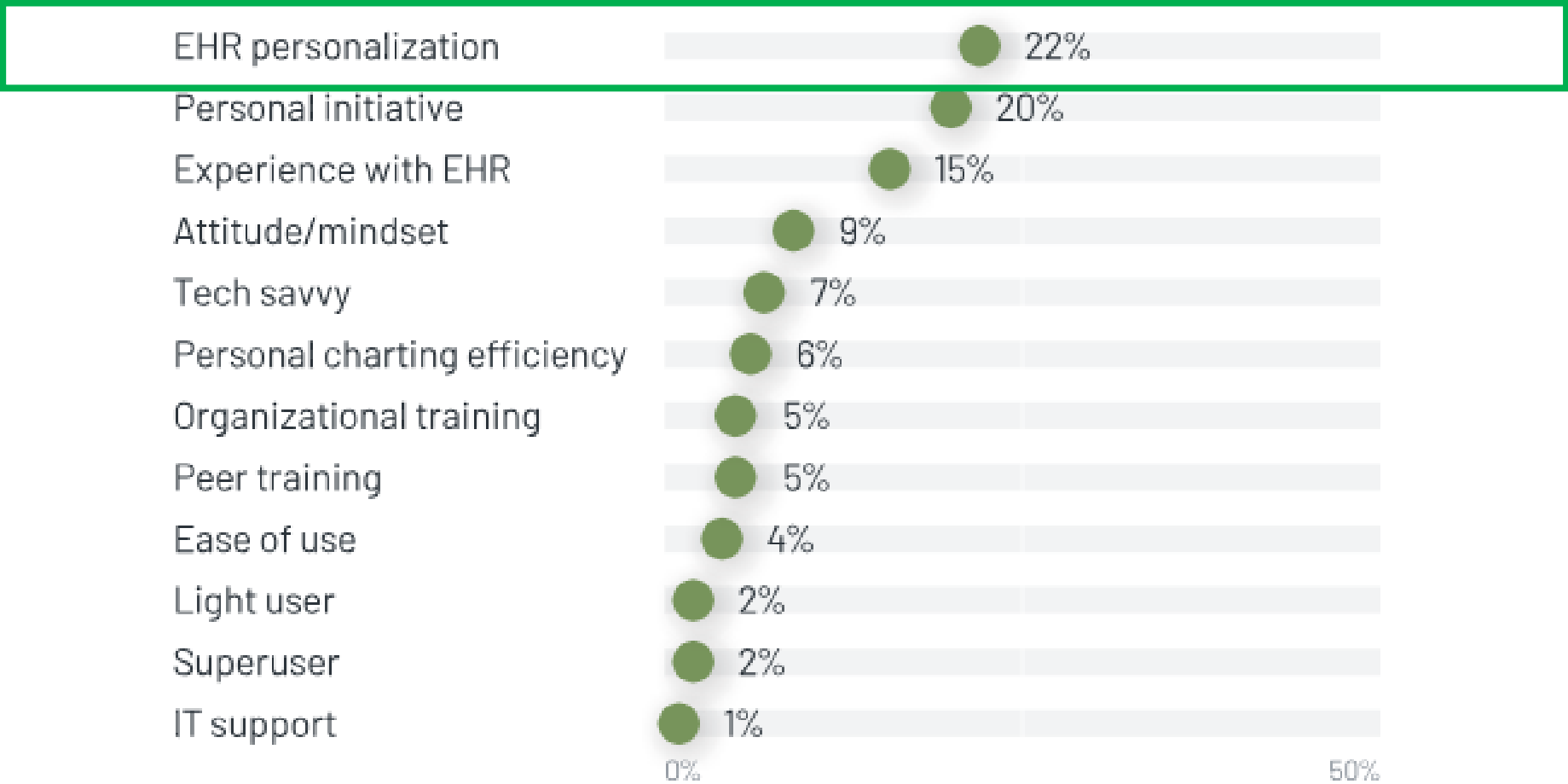
Physician respondents only (n=73,732)



# Providers Cite Personalization as Top Factor in Their EHR Satisfaction

## Top Success Factors of Highly Satisfied EHR Users

Providers only; data collected December 2021–December 2022 (n=795)



# Patterns for Physicians Who Decide to Stay

- 54 physicians changed their minds about leaving their organization

- Reduced after-hours workload and a less chaotic environment
- Patient safety, alerts preventing mistakes, and patient-centered care
- EHR is a high-quality product

- Speech recognition, shortcuts, macros, smart phrases, personalized filters, smart orders

# The type of training offered is less important than the quality of that training

## Types of Ongoing EHR Training Provided by 10 Most-Satisfied Organizations

Organizations with Highest Net EHR Experience Scores

Provider Net EHR Experience Score  
(adjusted for EHR in use)

(-100 to +100 scale)

All n-counts are greater than 20



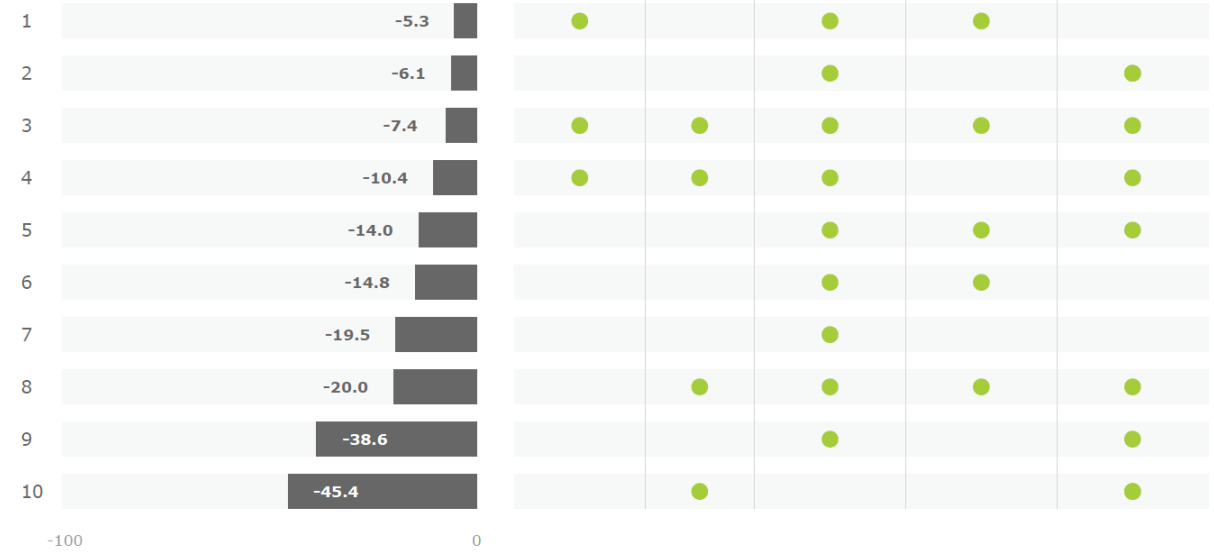
## Types of Ongoing EHR Training Provided by 10 Least-Satisfied Organizations

Organizations with Lowest Net EHR Experience Scores

Provider Net EHR Experience Score  
(adjusted for EHR in use)

(-100 to +100 scale)

All n-counts are greater than 20

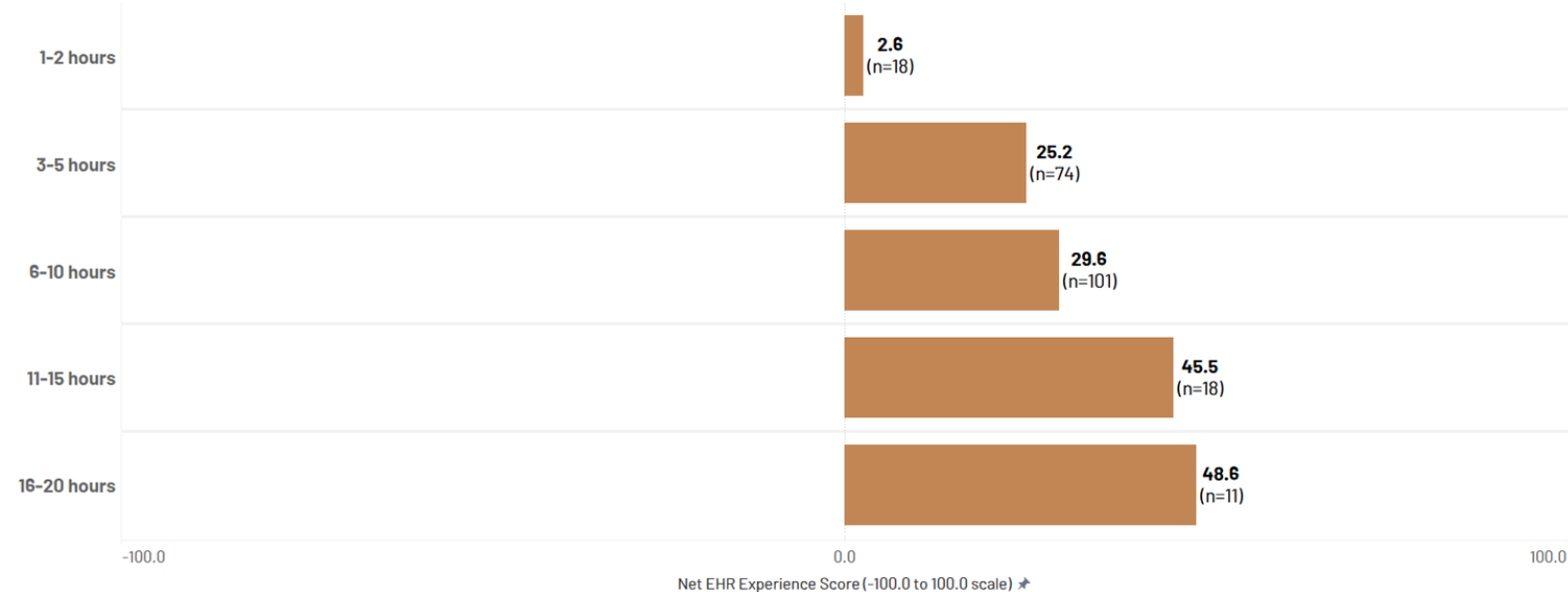




# Clinicians should receive a minimum of 3-5 hours of onboarding education and would greatly benefit from 11 or more hours.

## Net EHR Experience Score—by Hours of Initial Provider Training

Providers who have been at the organization for 2 years or less only (n>2 organizational responses)



- Onboarding education is defined as any EHR education a clinician receives in their first 90 days
- Breaking it up over time likely best way to meet new clinicians' needs

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## New Provider Training

### Keys to Success:

**New Provider Support:** Optimization team offers 4 hours of 1x1 support for initial live encounter with the EHR

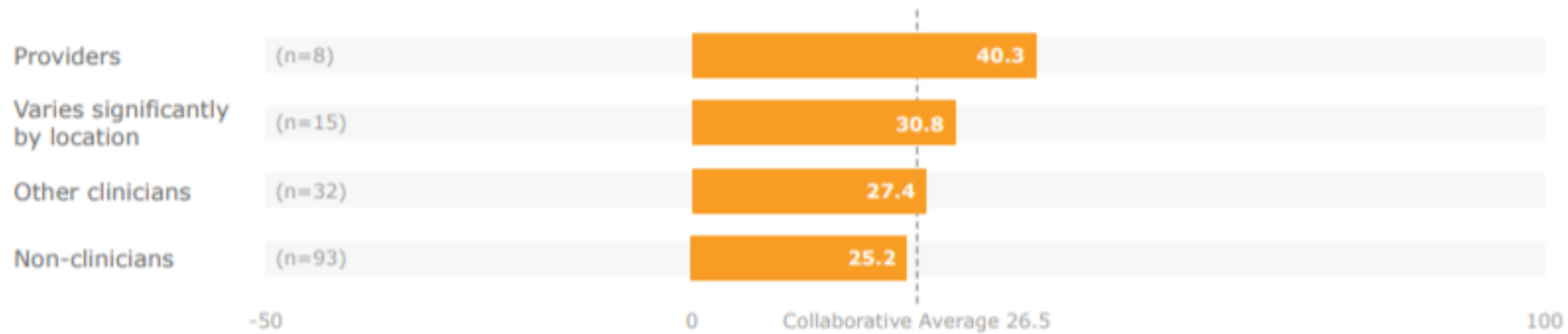
**New Provider Check-in:** Two hours of follow-up 30-45 days after NPS. Main focus is adopting personalizations to help with InBasket and charting efficiency.

**New Provider Wrap-Up:** Catchall meeting for what wasn't covered in first 2 sessions. Optimize established routines for maximum efficiency.

# Provider-led training is gold standard. If not feasible, organizations can still find creative solutions

## Organization Net EHR Experience Score— By Who Teaches Initial Training Classes

Net EHR Experience Scores adjusted for EHR in use  
(-100 to +100 scale)



- While clinical experience matters, ability to engage is most important factor
- Vetting process should be rigorous
  - Include entire training team in the decision
  - Some level of training/certification should be involved



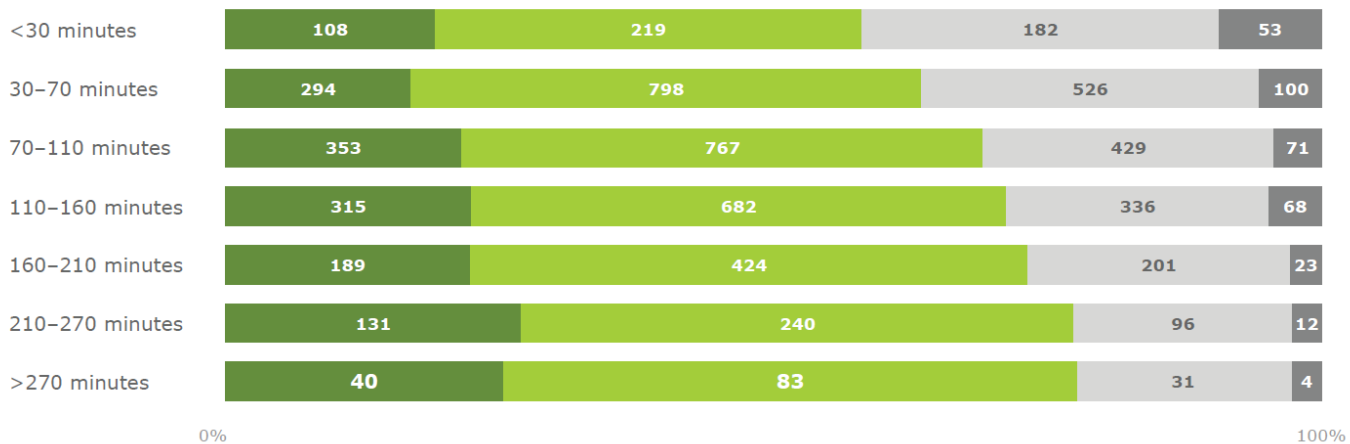
# Setting Proper Expectations Is Crucial to Success

- Clinicians need to understand where to get help, how changes are made to the EHR, and how they can continue to learn
- Clinicians must understand that workloads can become overwhelming regardless of which EHR is in use. Organizations and clinicians (not EHRs) bear responsibility to manage workloads
- “At risk” groups should be made aware and given particular attention

## EHR Satisfaction—

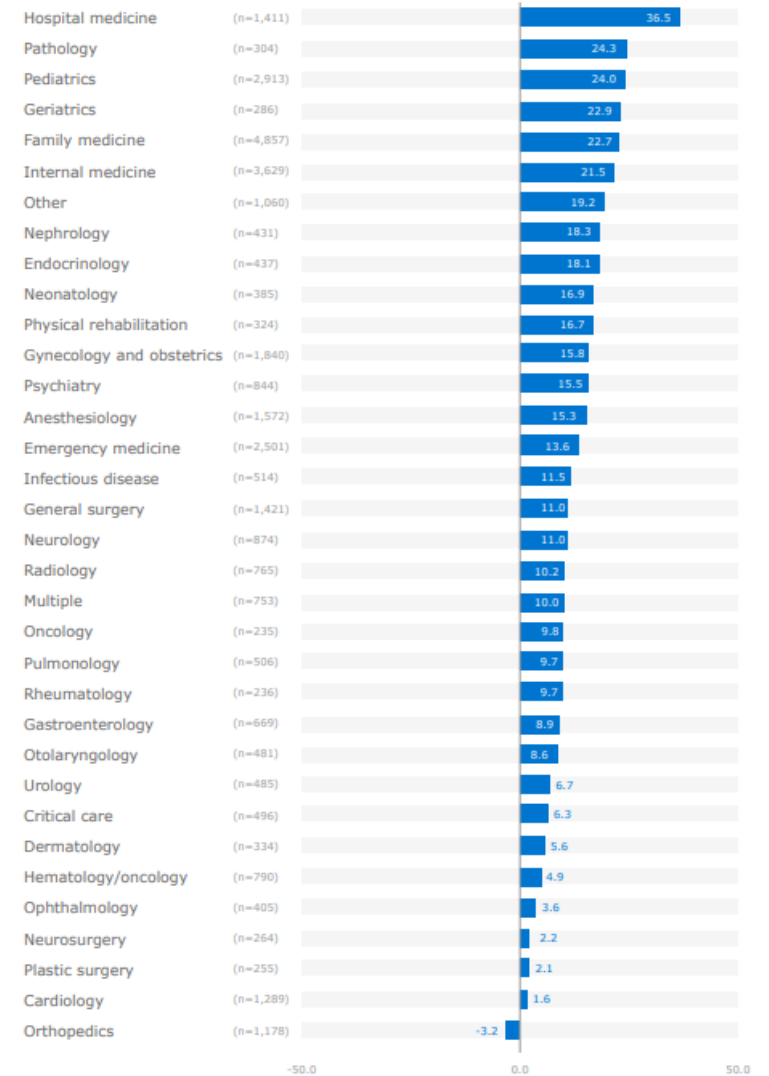
By Time in System per Day

■ Very satisfied
 ■ Satisfied
 ■ Dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied

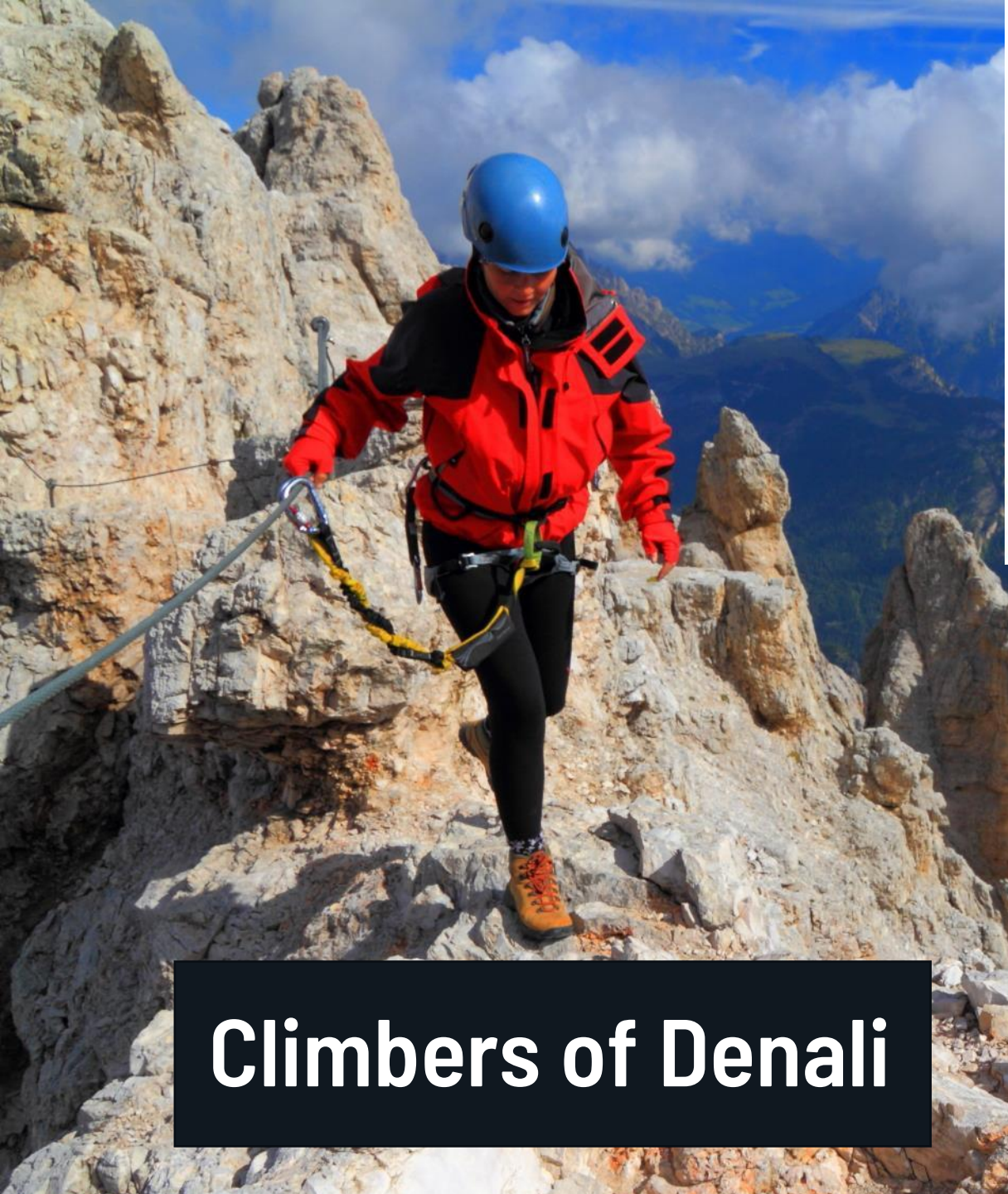


## Average Net EHR Experience Score—By Specialty

Physicians only (-100 to 100-point scale)



Note: Only specialties with 200+ respondents are represented above.



# Climbers of Denali

**OrthoVirginia**

### A Model for Improvement

OrthoVirginia collaborated with other organizations to implement training, support, and governance programs that jointly helped improve their EHR satisfaction by 44 points.

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**OrthoVirginia**

Legend:  
● Ortho On Call  
● OrthoVirginia

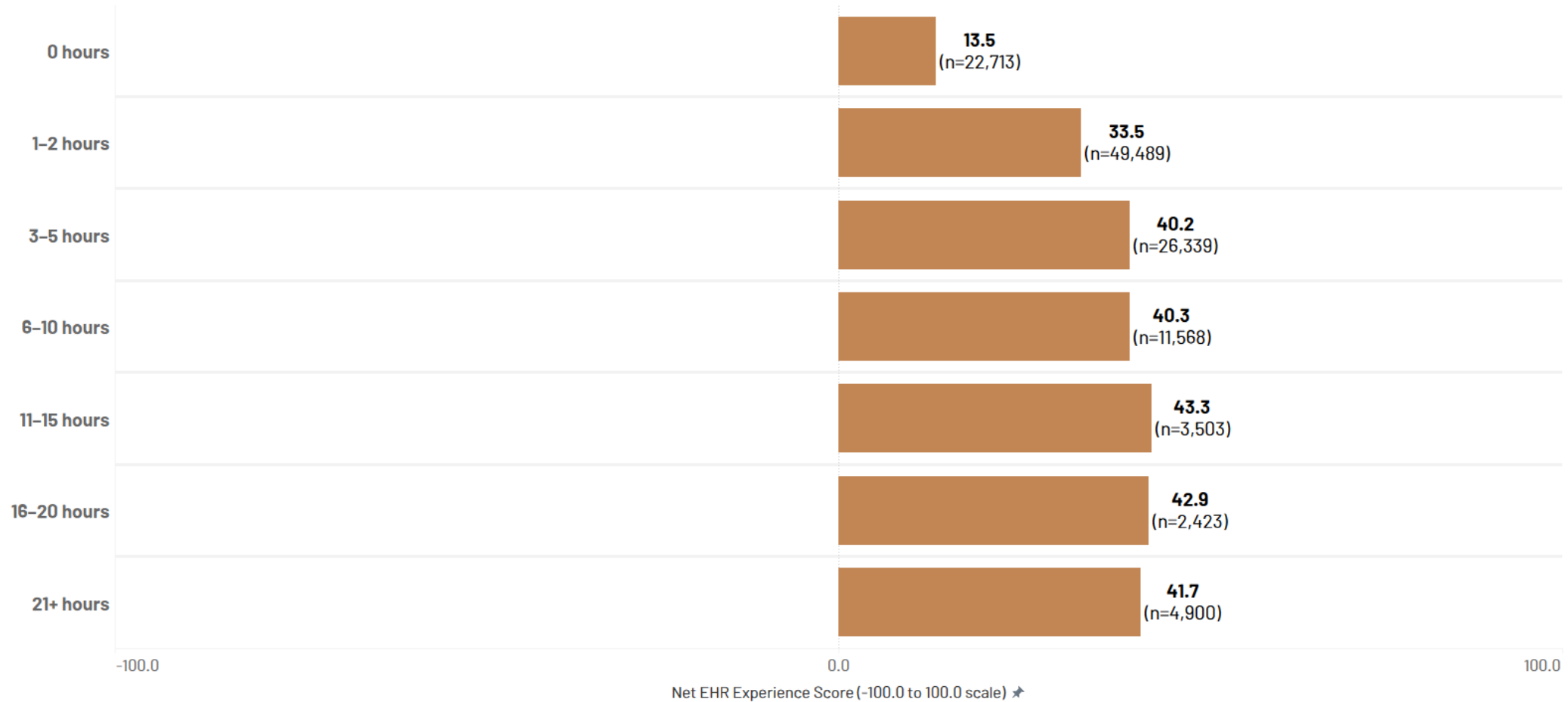
Map locations: Tyson's, Fairfax, Springfield, Lynchburg, Farmville, Richmond, Prince George, Virginia Beach.

- Survival is your personal responsibility
- High-risk activities require awareness, skill, and commitment
- Gratitude and contribution

# Clinicians should spend 3-5 hours annually refreshing their EHR knowledge

## Net EHR Experience Score—by Reported Hours of Follow-Up Training Each Year

Clinicians who have been at their organization for more than 2 years only



A photograph of a Kaiser Permanente Northwest building. The building is a two-story structure with a red brick facade and a long row of windows on the upper level. The words "KAISER PERMANENTE" are visible in large, white, spaced-out letters on the brick wall. In the foreground, there are various green and purple plants and shrubs. The sky is overcast.

# Kaiser Permanente Northwest

## *Pathways to Proficiency*

Kaiser Permanente Northwest takes their physicians off-site to provide distraction-free EMR education.

### Keys to Success

- Get the physicians into an environment where they won't be distracted by other responsibilities. This allows physicians to fully immerse themselves into improving their EMR.
- Make sure the trainings are physician led. This establishes trust and credibility and makes the trainings more interactive.
- It is important to offer CME credits for the program. That requires a bit more overhead on the people running the program, but it is worth it because physicians take their education time to attend the program.

### Outcomes

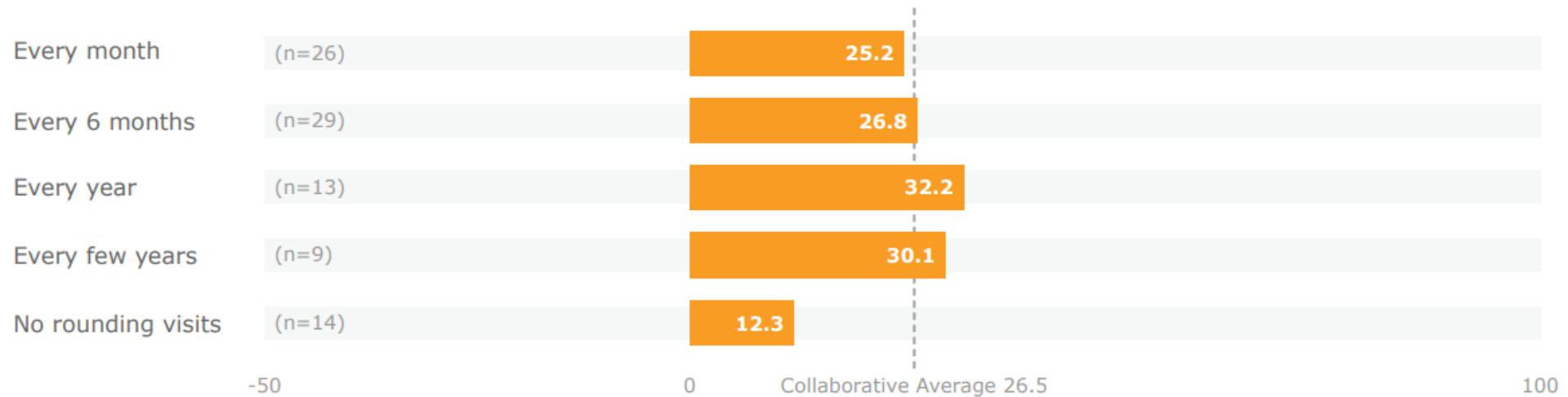
- 99<sup>th</sup> percentile provider average experience rating
- 98<sup>th</sup> percentile for provider personalization
- 95<sup>th</sup> percentile for provider efficiency rating

# Any Level of Rounding Makes a Difference

- Immediate answers to questions
- Identify common issues
- Build relationships
- Support, not police

## Organization Net EHR Experience Score— By Frequency of Rounding Visits

Net EHR Experience Scores adjusted for EHR in use  
(-100 to +100 scale)



# OrthoVirginia

## Model For Improvement: Provider Support Specialist Program



- Pick the right time
- Service-oriented, quick visits
- Rounding with a purpose
- Come prepared with a tip
- Coordinate same day w/analysts
- Return often





# UCLA Health

## *Ambulatory Rounding*

In addition to having their nurse informaticists round to their plethora of clinics, UCLA also encourages IT analysts, training staff, and help desk support personnel to visit a clinic one day each month.

### Keys to Success

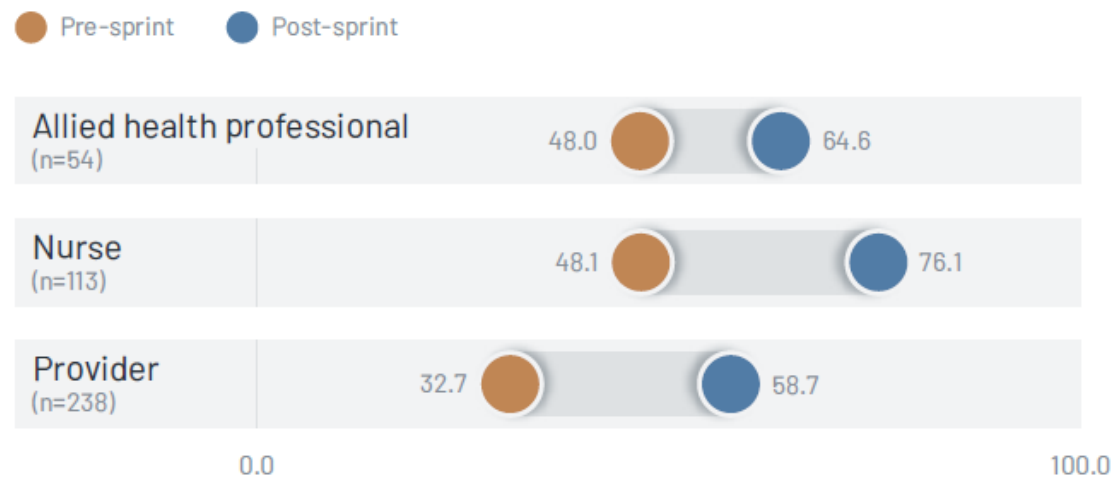
- Rounding is a costly practice, but that does not negate its worth. There are ways to reduce the cost and still be effective. Utilize analysts, training staff, and help desk professionals; not only do they have the expertise to help, but giving them some field work helps them see their solutions in action and helps them approach problems with a new mindset.
- Prepare messages to help the rounders guide the conversation, but don't be too rigid to assume that the preassigned topics are all that can be discussed.

### Outcomes

- 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for nurse trust in IT
- 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for nurse agreement that the EHR is easy to learn
- 97<sup>th</sup> percentile for nurse EHR satisfaction

# Ambulatory Optimization Sprints Show Early Promise

## Pre- and Post-Sprint Net EHR Experience Score—by Respondent Role (-100 to 100-point scale)

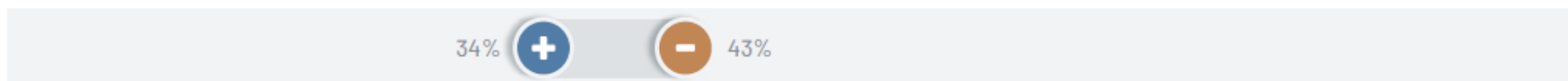


## Pre- and Post-Sprint Burnout and Satisfaction with Ongoing Training

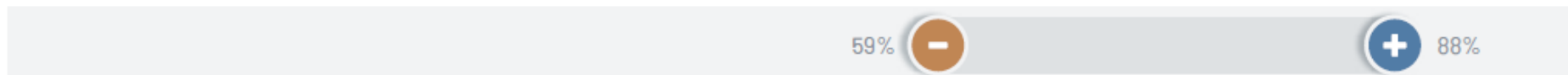
Providers only



Percent reporting at least some degree of burnout (n=70)



Percent that agree ongoing training meets their needs (n=237)



0%

100%

# Ambulatory Optimization Sprints Show Promise

## UCHealth

### Pre- and Post-Sprint Net Promoter Score<sup>§</sup>—UCHealth

All clinicians (-100 to 100-point scale)(n=125)

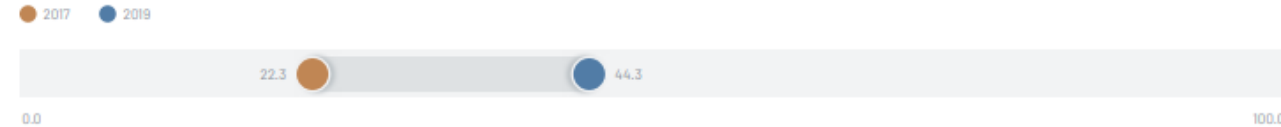


§ The net promoter score measures the user experience with a product via the question, "How likely are you to recommend the EHR to a friend or colleague?"

## Rush University Medical Center

### Pre- and Post-Sprint Net EHR Experience Score—Rush University Medical Center, 2017 vs. 2019

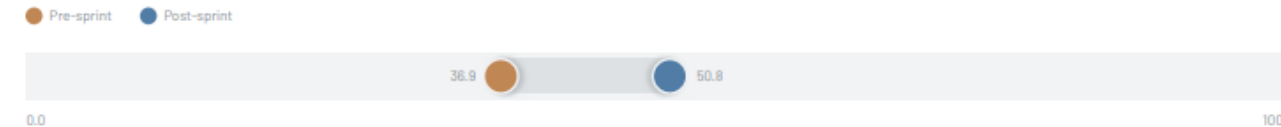
All clinicians (-100 to 100-point scale)(n=21)



## UC San Diego Health

### Pre- and Post-Sprint Net EHR Experience Score—UC San Diego Health

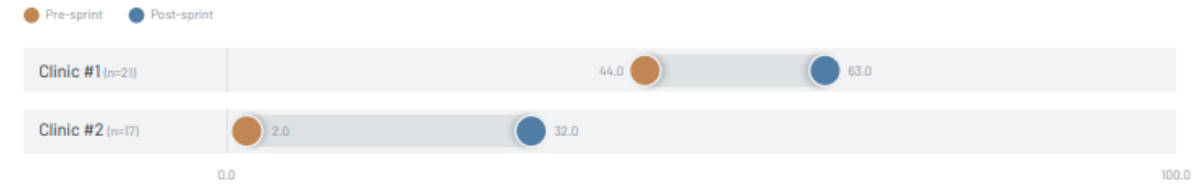
All clinicians (-100 to 100-point scale)(n=29)



## University of Vermont Medical Center

### Pre- and Post-Sprint Net EHR Experience Score—University of Vermont Medical Center

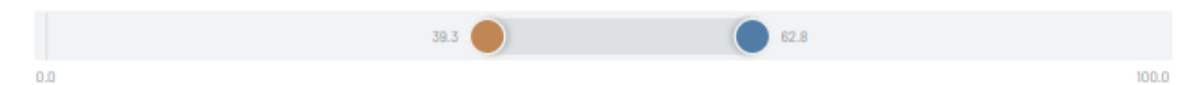
All clinicians (-100 to 100-point scale)



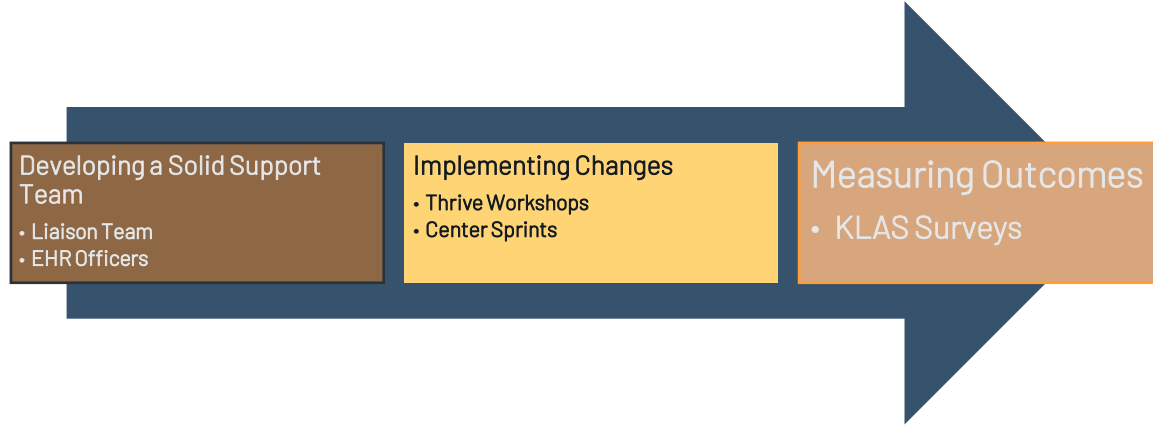
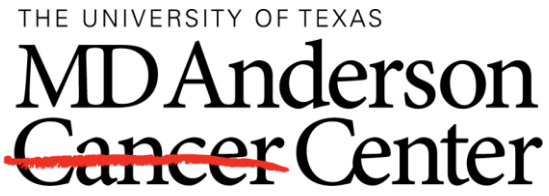
## University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

### Pre- and Post-Sprint Net EHR Experience Score—University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

All clinicians (-100 to 100-point scale)(n=170)



# MD Anderson Cancer Center: 8-Week Sprints



**MDA Pre Satisfaction Metrics Dashboard**  
Providers only (n=560)

|                                      | Score/<br>Percent Agree | Overall<br>Collaborative<br>(n=474) | Epic<br>Organizations<br>(n=291) | Academic Health<br>Systems<br>(n=95) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Net EHR Experience</b>            | 29                      | 56 <sup>th</sup> Percentile         | 31 <sup>st</sup> Percentile      | 51 <sup>st</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Enables Quality Care</b>          | 60%                     | 62 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile         | 43 <sup>rd</sup> Percentile      | 54 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Enables Efficiency</b>            | 44%                     | 81 <sup>st</sup> Percentile         | 70 <sup>th</sup> Percentile      | 87 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Enables Patient-Centered Care</b> | 49%                     | 62 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile         | 52 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile      | 66 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Has Needed Functionality</b>      | 53%                     | 43 <sup>rd</sup> Percentile         | 21 <sup>st</sup> Percentile      | 43 <sup>rd</sup> Percentile          |

**MDA Post Satisfaction Metrics Dashboard**  
Providers only (n=425)

|                                      | Score/<br>Percent Agree | Overall<br>Collaborative<br>(n=474) | Epic<br>Organizations<br>(n=291) | Academic Health<br>Systems<br>(n=95) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Net EHR Experience</b>            | 64.2                    | 98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile         | 96 <sup>th</sup> Percentile      | 99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Enables Quality Care</b>          | 77%                     | 93 <sup>rd</sup> Percentile         | 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile      | 93 <sup>rd</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Enables Efficiency</b>            | 68%                     | 98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile         | 97 <sup>th</sup> Percentile      | 98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Enables Patient-Centered Care</b> | 73%                     | 96 <sup>th</sup> Percentile         | 95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile      | 99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |
| <b>Has Needed Functionality</b>      | 78%                     | 95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile         | 92 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile      | 96 <sup>th</sup> Percentile          |

# Department Meetings

- Department meetings are a good time to focus on workflow training as they typically bring together groups of similar clinicians.
- Incorporating EHR training and education into departmental meetings means training is included in a meeting that people are already expecting to attend and allows clinicians the opportunity to learn without having to set aside extra time to dedicate to training.

**Physician Satisfaction with Ongoing Training—**  
By How Often EHR Education Is Incorporated into Departmental Meetings  
(1–5 scale)

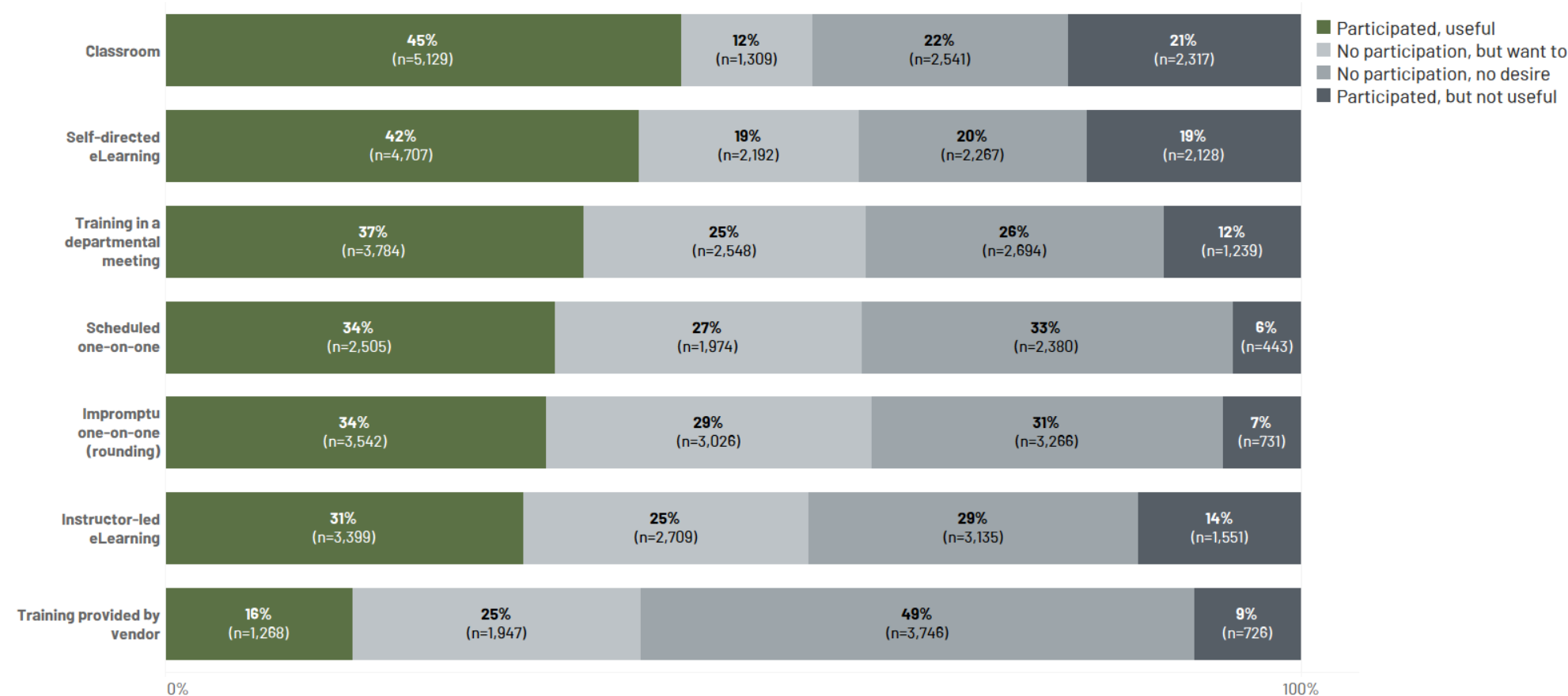


# Participation and Usefulness of Different EHR Education Modalities

- Overall participation rates could improve greatly
- High participation areas are considered the least useful
- 1x1 education considered most useful
- Virtual education and vendor education not there yet

**Participation In and Usefulness of EHR Education Programs**

Respondents in 2022 only; 11 organizations who asked about eLearning included



# What specifically about your EHR training did you enjoy?

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## One-on-One

"1 on 1."

"One on one."

"One on one instruction."

"Having 1 on 1 training is more focused on my specific needs."

"I liked when I was able to do 1:1 training. My questions were answered, and I was able to get individualized help learning thing that pertained to me and my department of care."

## Live Feedback

"Ability to ask questions not covered by training and get a response either on the spot, or right away."

"Ability to ask questions during training."

"Being able to ask questions and learn hands on."

"The ability to ask questions & revisit topic if not completely understood the first time."

"Interactivity. Being able to ask questions specifically related to my job and duties."

## Specialty-Specific

"Focus on workflow for my discipline."

"Focused on the workflow for the ED specifically."

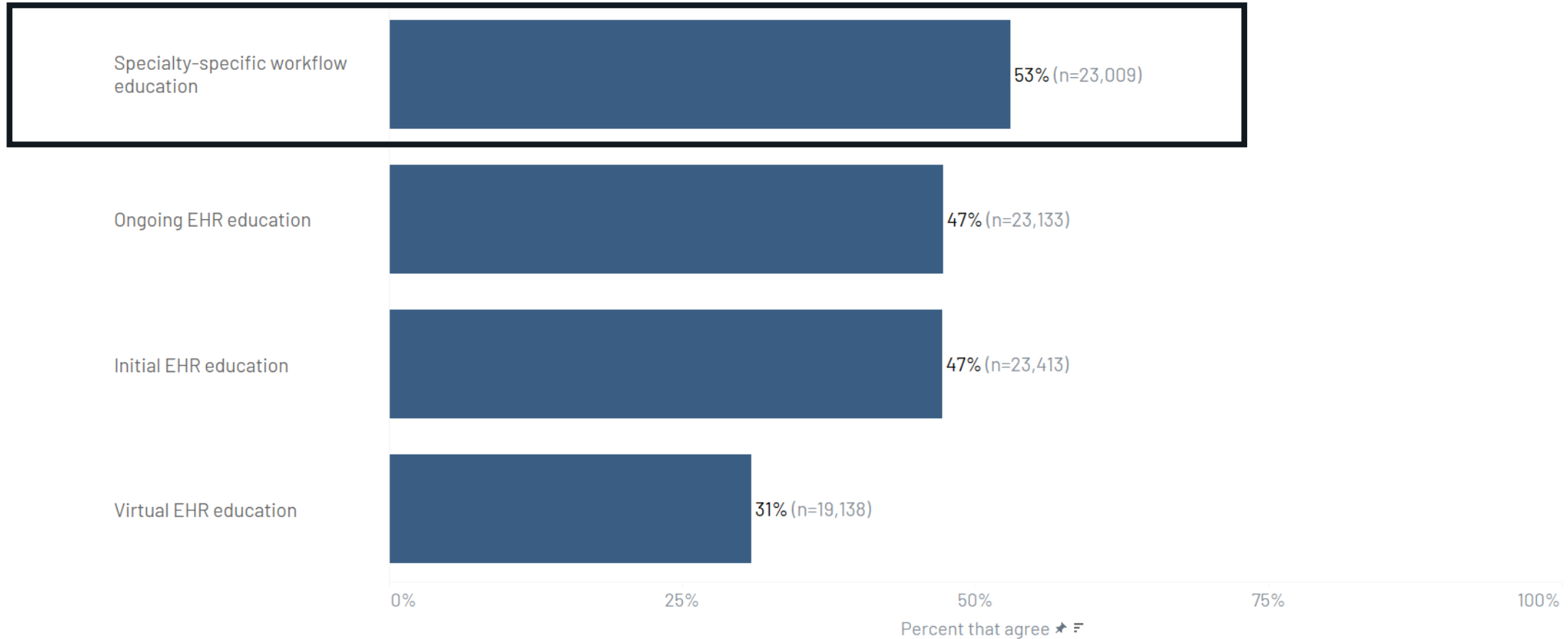
"One on one and department/role-specific allowed me to have a conversation and discuss needs and useful tips."

"Getting answers to specific questions that affect my workday."

# Only 53% of Physicians Report Being Trained on Specialty-Specific Workflows

## Percent Agree EHR Education Is Helpful and Effective

Physician respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 only





# EHR Satisfaction

Education

Meets Unique User Needs

Shared Ownership

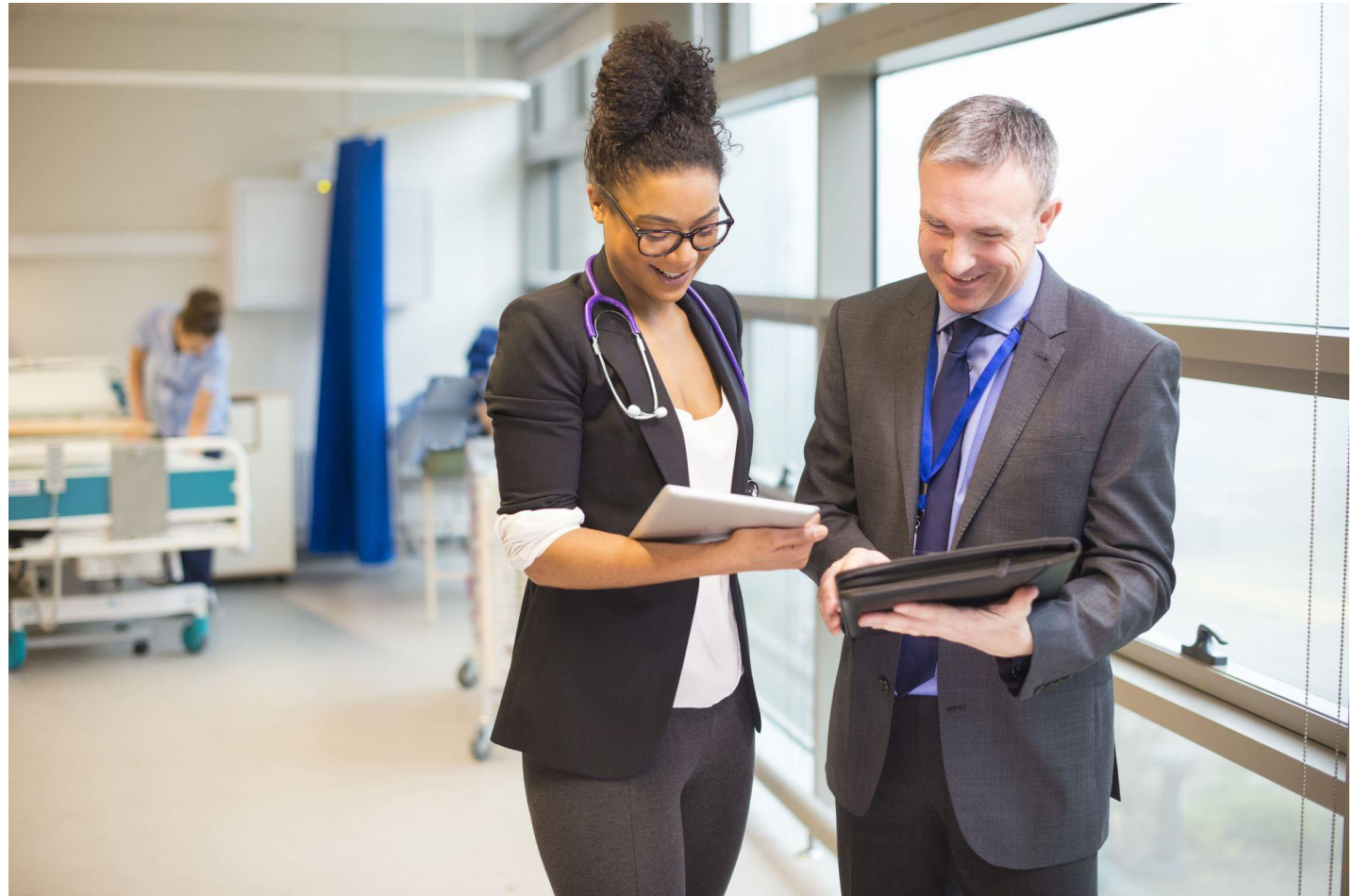
Response Time

Reliability

# EHR Support

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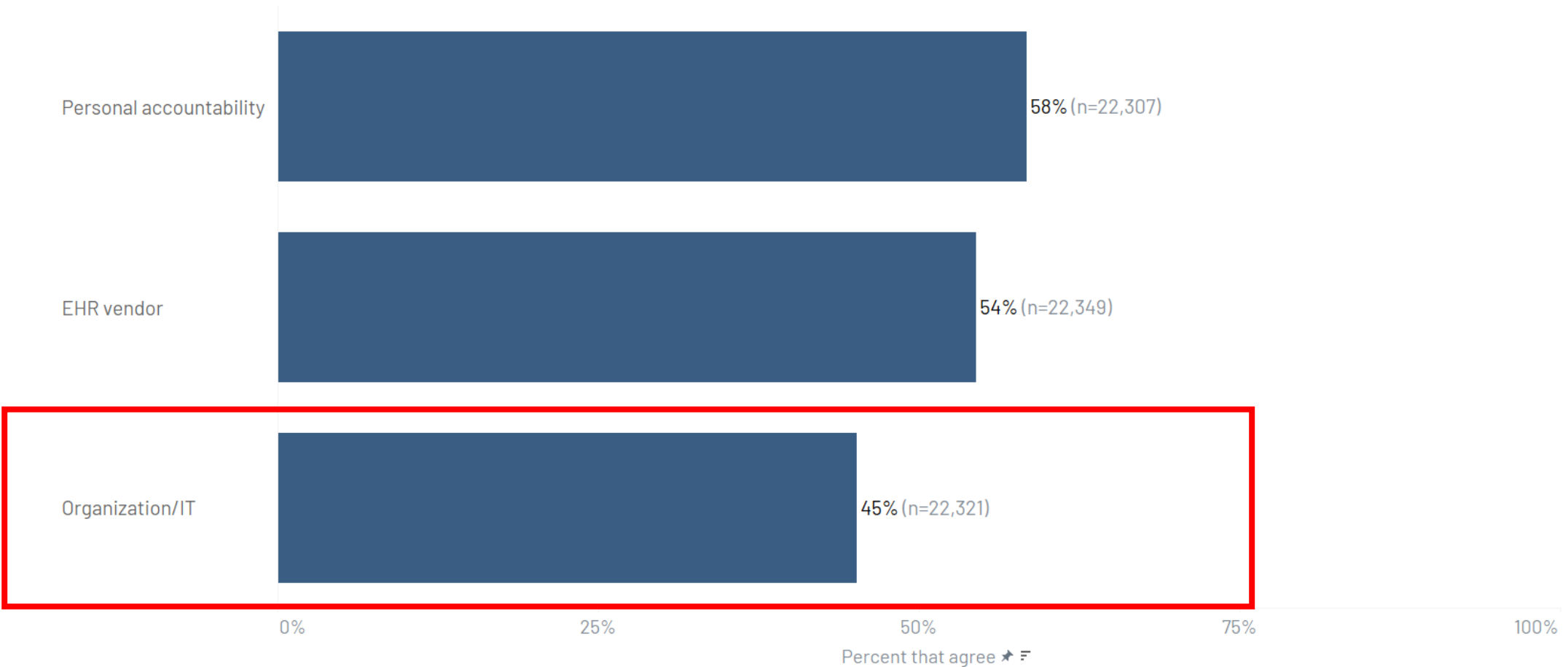
- Clinician-focused
- Strong two-way communication
- Upgrades, upgrades, upgrades



# Organizational Leadership (IT) Considered Weakest Stakeholder

## Percent Agree EHR Stakeholders Deliver Well

Physician respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 only



# Organizational Delivery Has Major Impact on Overall EHR Experience

Providers who strongly disagree that their organization/IT leadership delivers well are about 85x more likely to report a poor EHR experience than those who strongly agree.

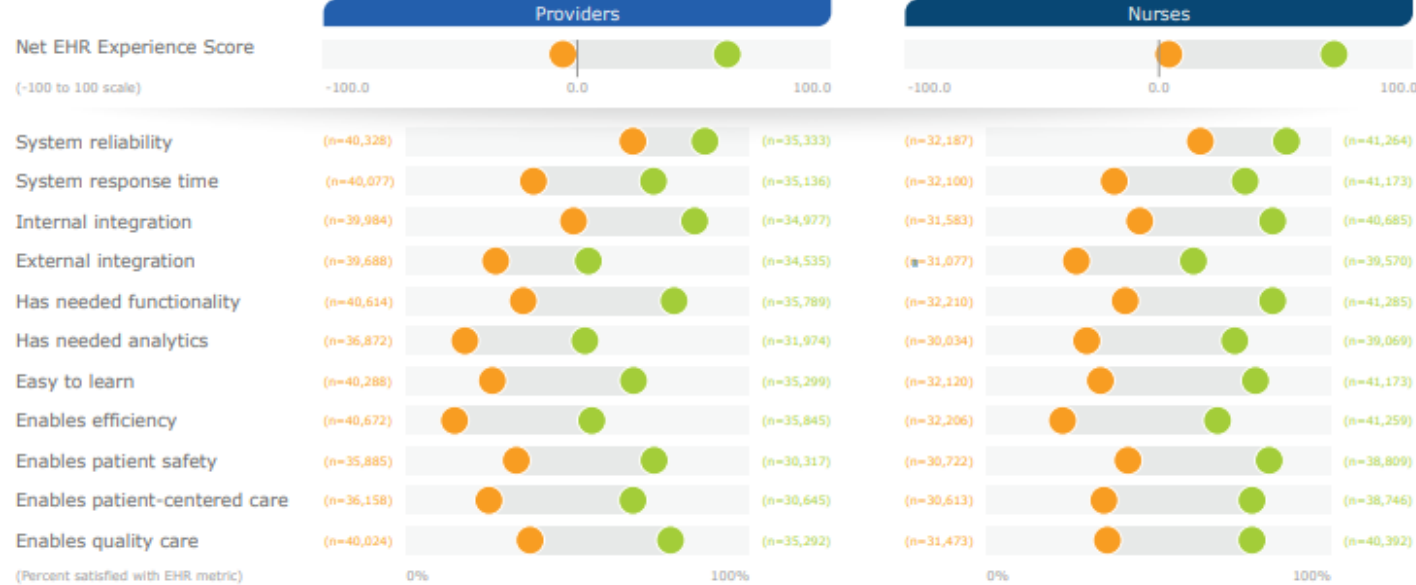
## Odds of Reporting Dissatisfaction with the EHR—by Agreement That Organization/IT Delivers Well

(n=79,895)



**85x** more likely to report a poor EHR experience if they strongly disagree that organization delivers EHR well

## Impact of Trust in Organization/IT on EHR Experience



Organizational delivery touches on every aspect of the clinician EHR experience

# What Does Strong Organizational Delivery Look Like?

## A New Set of Questions



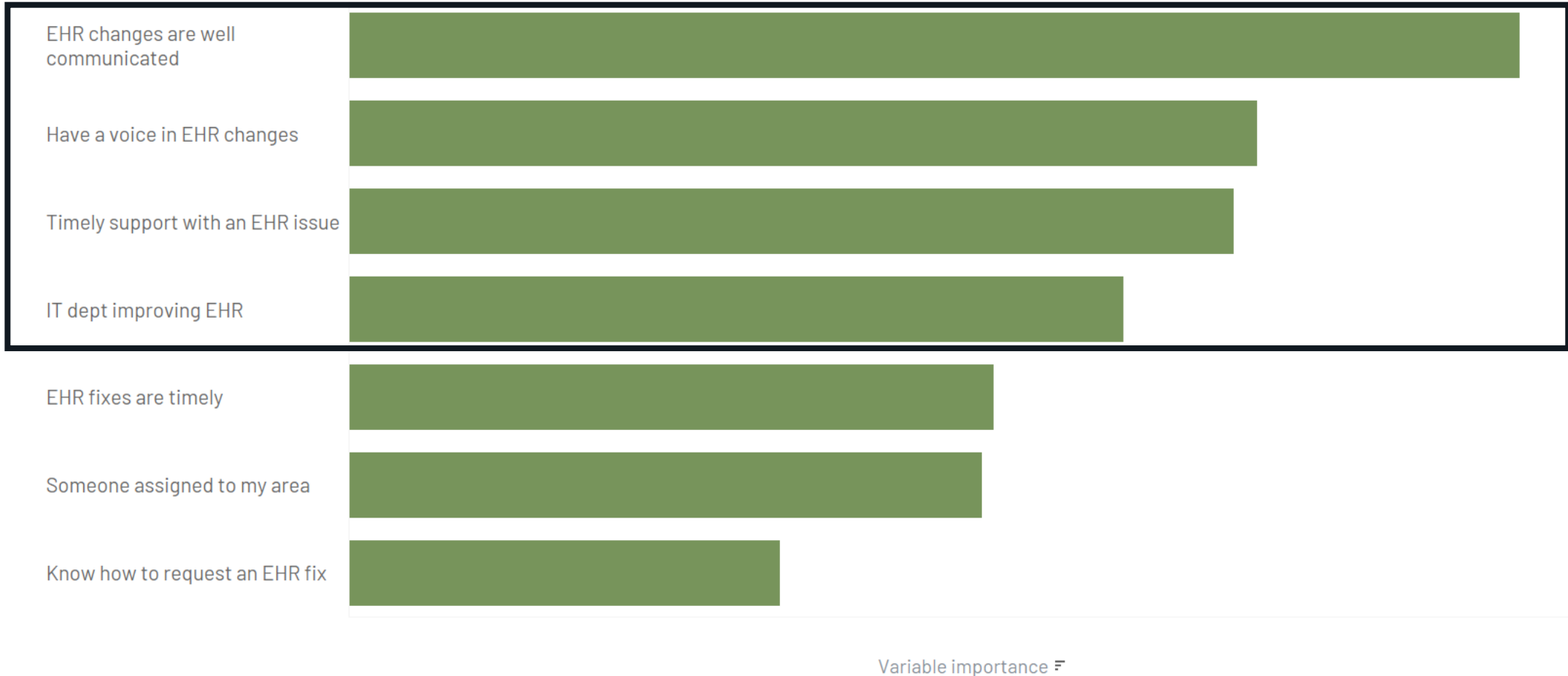
Do you agree...

- I am able to get support in a timely manner when I have an EHR issue
- I know how to request a fix to the EHR
- I have a voice in trying to improve the EHR
- EHR fixes are made in a timely manner
- Changes to the EHR are well communicated
- There is someone assigned to help my department with the EHR
- The IT department is actively seeking to improve the EHR for clinicians

# Clinicians Associate EHR Upgrades with Overall Support Experience

## Trust in Organization/IT Variable Importance

Respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 only



## New Question Focused on EHR Upgrades

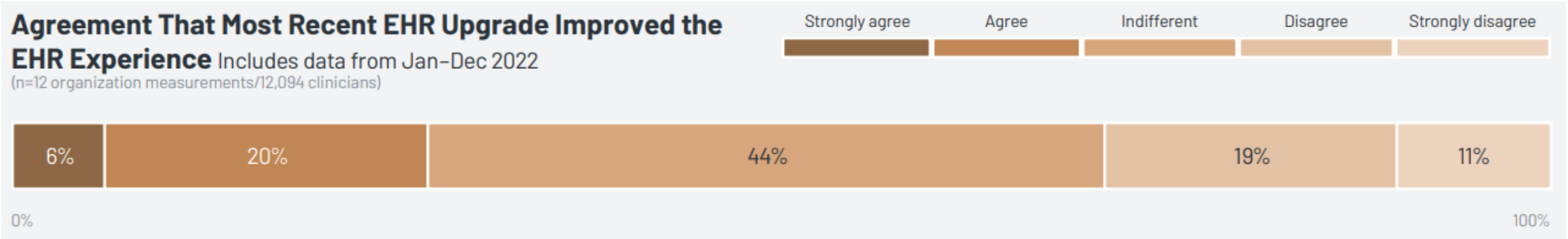
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Do you agree that changes to the EHR in the most recent upgrade improved your experience using the EHR?

# Only 26% of Clinicians Feel Upgrades Are Improving the EHR

## Agreement That Most Recent EHR Upgrade Improved the EHR Experience

Includes data from Jan-Dec 2022  
(n=12 organization measurements/12,094 clinicians)



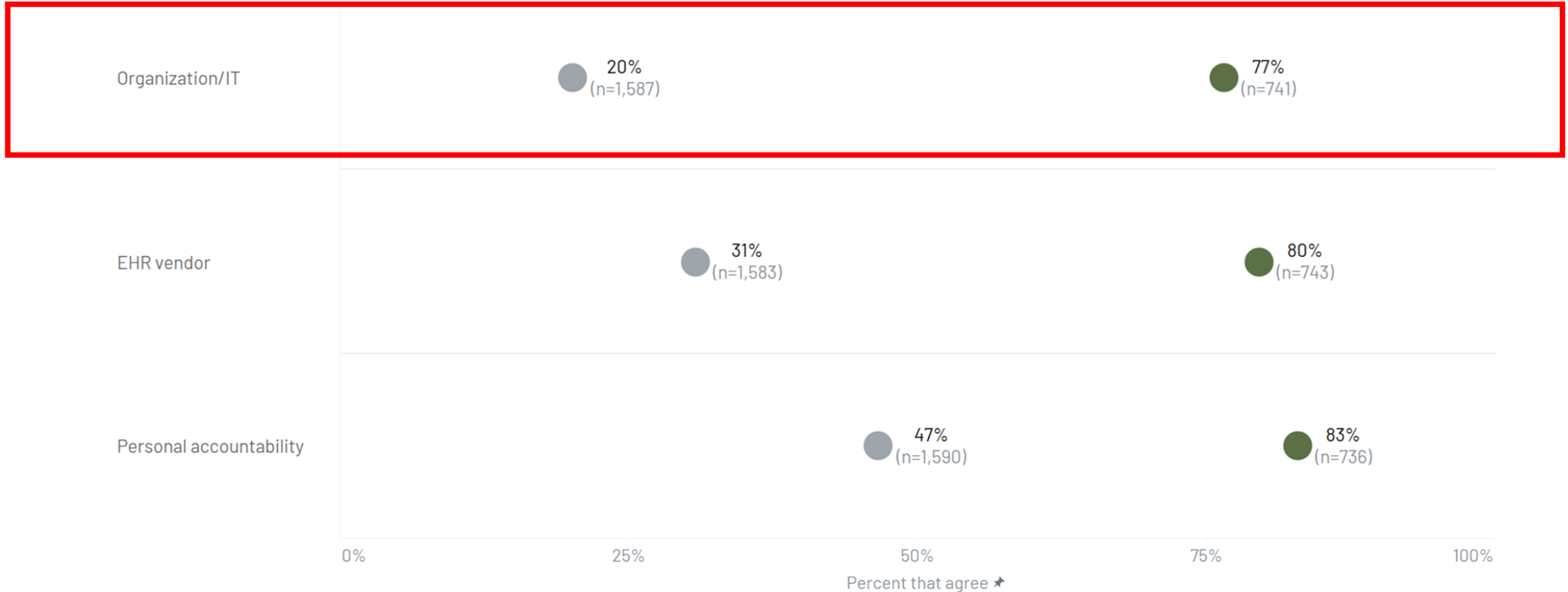


# Organization leadership takes most blame for poor upgrade experience

## Percent Agree EHR Stakeholders Deliver Well—by Agrees vs. Disagrees the Most Recent EHR Upgrade Improved the EHR

Physician respondents from Jan 2022—June 2023 only; sorted by biggest gaps in agreement

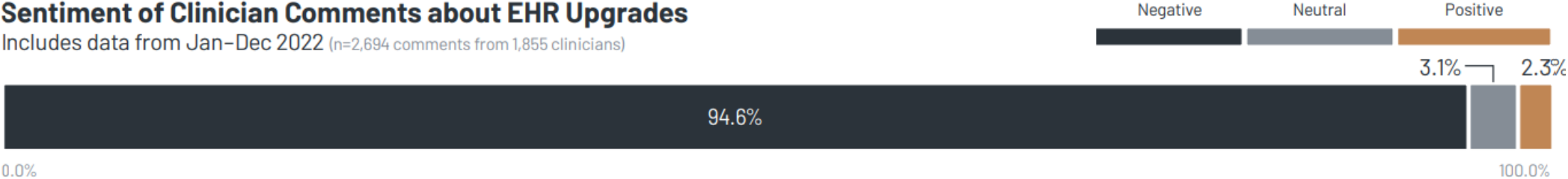
■ Strongly agree & agree  
■ Strongly disagree & disagree



# Clinician commentary on upgrades is extremely negative

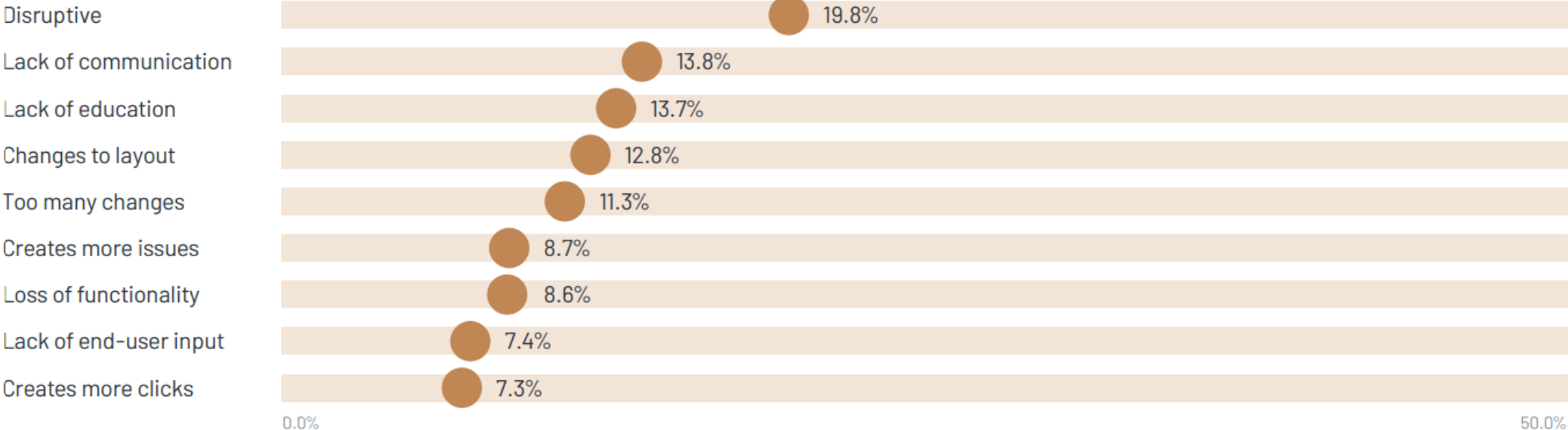
## Sentiment of Clinician Comments about EHR Upgrades

Includes data from Jan-Dec 2022 (n=2,694 comments from 1,855 clinicians)



## Common Topics in Clinician Comments about EHR Upgrades

Percent of clinician comments that mention topic; includes data from Jan-Dec 2022 (n=2,670 comments from 1,855 clinicians)



# Clinicians Say EHR Upgrades Disrupt System Response Time and Reliability

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## **Slowed system response time:**

*"The speed of the system seems to have diminished with each upgrade."* – Physician, large health system

*"With nearly every update, there are two to three weeks of significantly slower run time and troubleshooting of issues that weren't properly prepared for."* – Nurse, large health system

*"Since the last update the EHR is much slower and less responsive, taking longer and resulting in repeated tasks."* – Nurse, large health system

*"I had two weeks of errors and freezing after an update. This happens nearly quarterly."* – Physician, large health system

## **System downtime:**

*"I don't want any more upgrades during the day that shut my computer down during a care session."* – Allied health professional, large health system

*"There is too much weekend downtime for upgrades."* – Nurse, academic health system

# Insufficient Communication

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## Upgrade information is too generic:

*"It can be so overwhelming to keep up, so most folks tune out the updates that don't apply to their daily use. That means they can miss things that could be helpful."* —Physician, large health system

*"It is hard to read through update information when I get details on 50 processes, only one of which applies to my area."*  
—Nurse, academic health system

*"Too much of the information about updates is so generic that it is useless, or at the least it isn't clear why I should pay attention to it. So I am still doing things the way I have for a while, and I am not taking advantage of the improvements that are being made."* —Physician, academic health system

## Lack of information:

*"Updates are constantly made and not explained."* —Nurse, community hospital

*"Send me an email that tells me what the updates were. Don't just let me find out."* —Nurse, ambulatory care group

# Lack of input from end users

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*“Changes are made to the EHR without the frontline people being involved.”* —Nurse, community health system

*“I want more of a voice in changes and updates.”* —Nurse, large health system

*“Updates seem to have little clinical input from users.”* —Nurse, academic health system

*“I have never seen any information about how we can give suggestions before upgrades or changes.”* —Allied health professional, large health system

*“Modifications and updates are not user-focused and are for the benefit of IT.”* —Physician, large health system



## Getting water to the end of the row

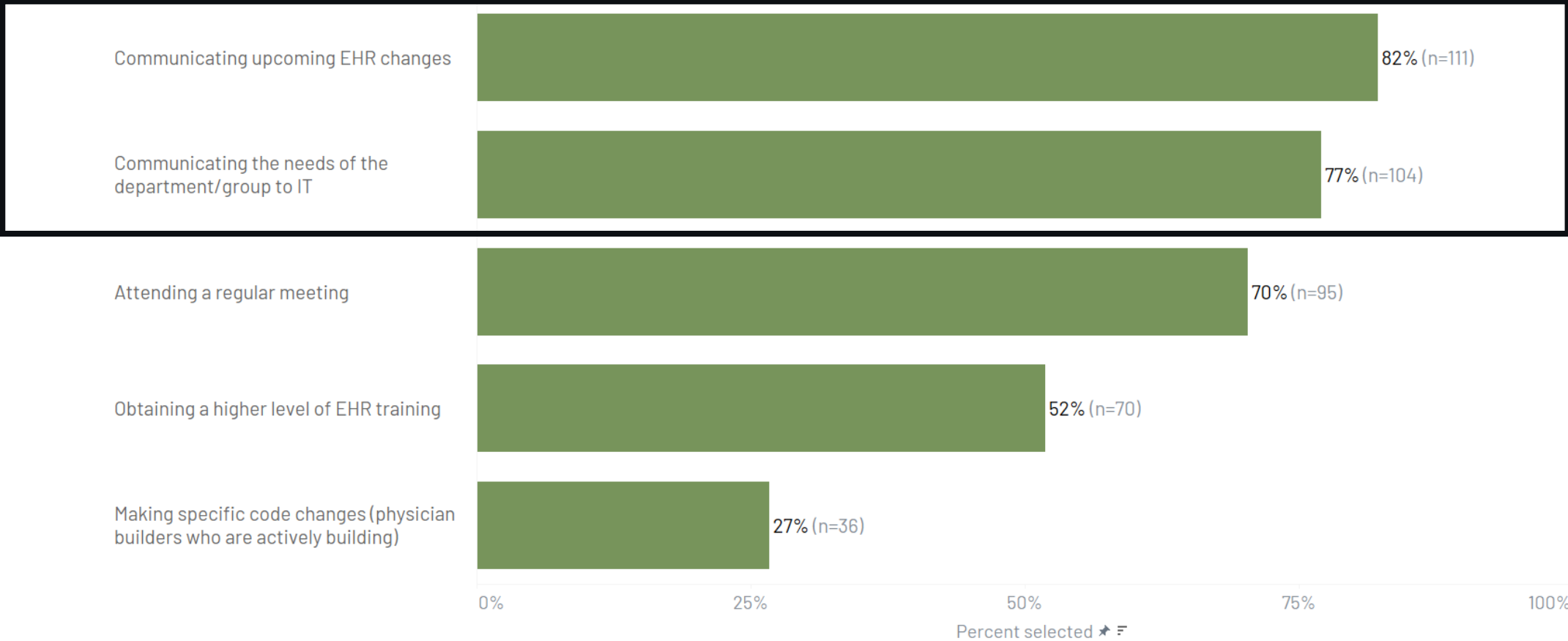
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Healthcare organizations need to improve their ability to communicate EHR changes to end users

# Leadership Teams Believe Their Super Users Communicate

## Percent Selected As Roles Superusers Fill

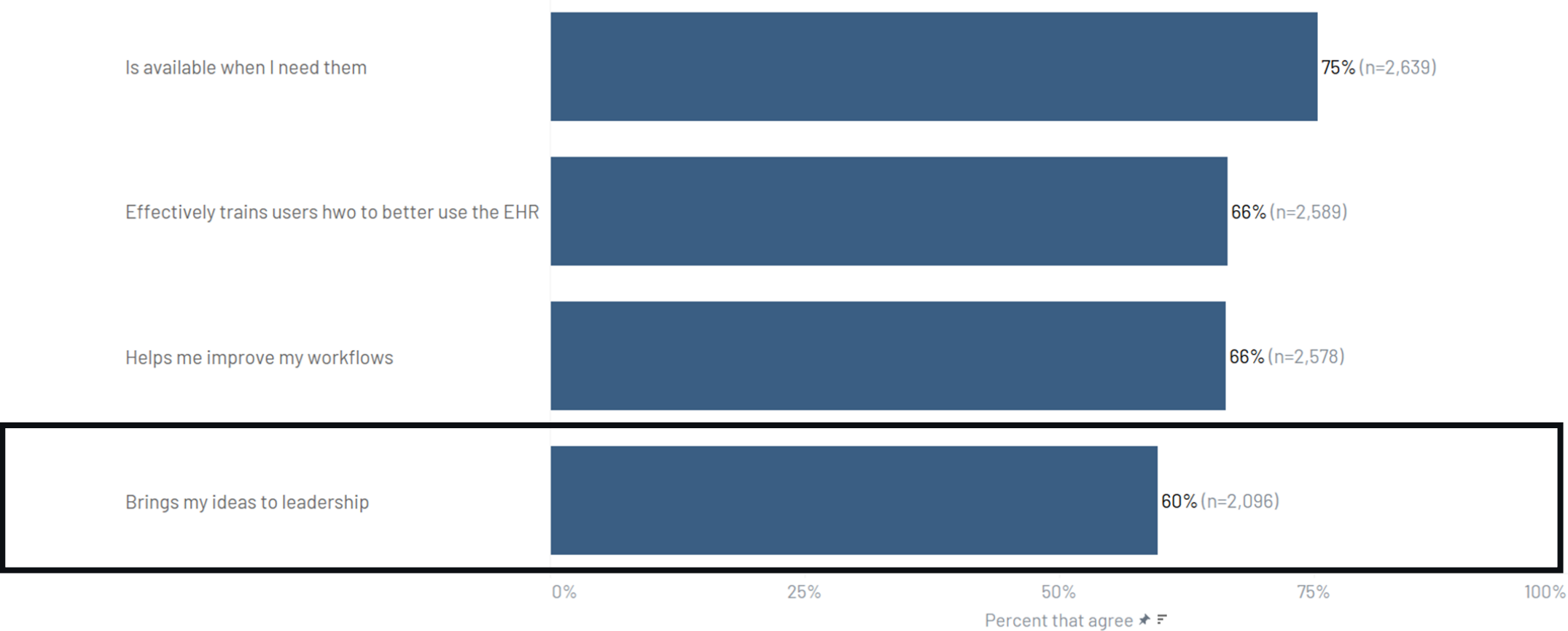
Multiple selections possible (n=135 organizational responses)



# Only 60% of End Users Say Super Users Relay Clinician Feedback

## Percent Agree About the Person Assigned to Help Their Department

Physician respondents from Jan 2022—June 2023 only

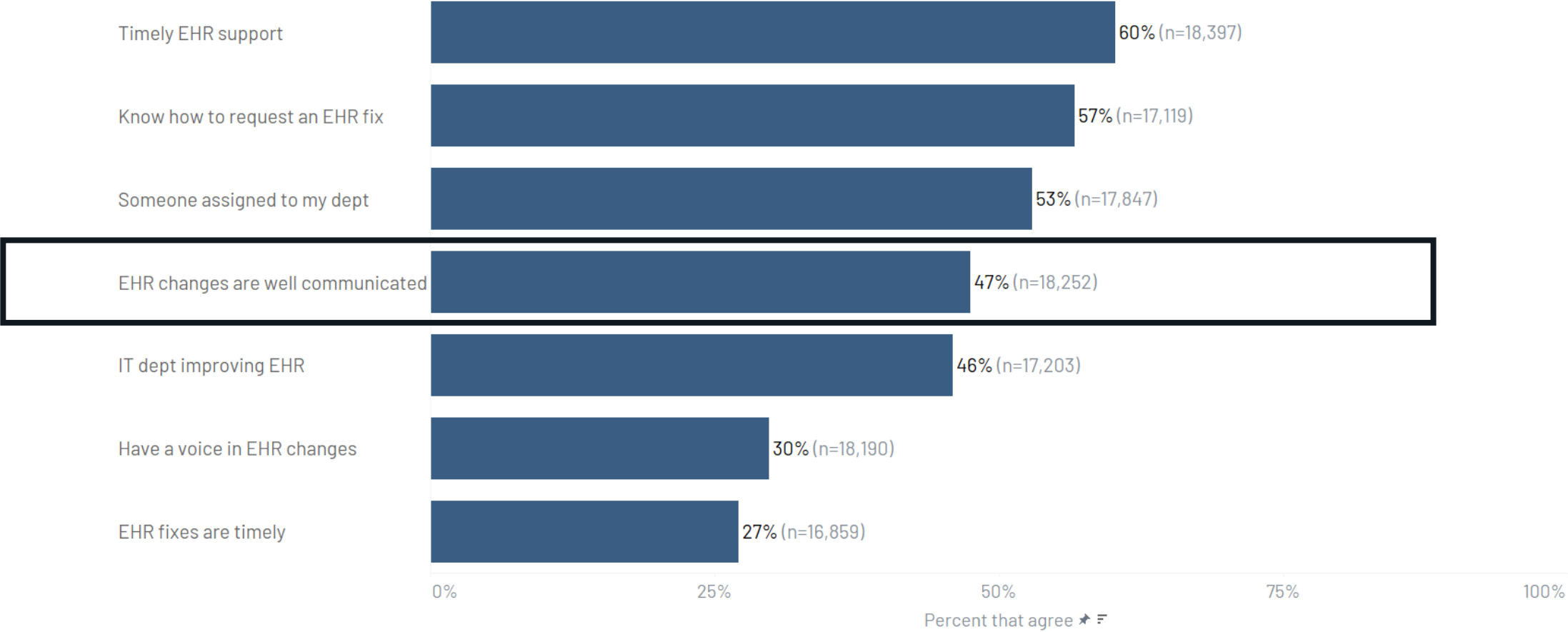




# Less than 50% of Physicians Agree Changes Communicated Well

## Percent Agree About EHR Support

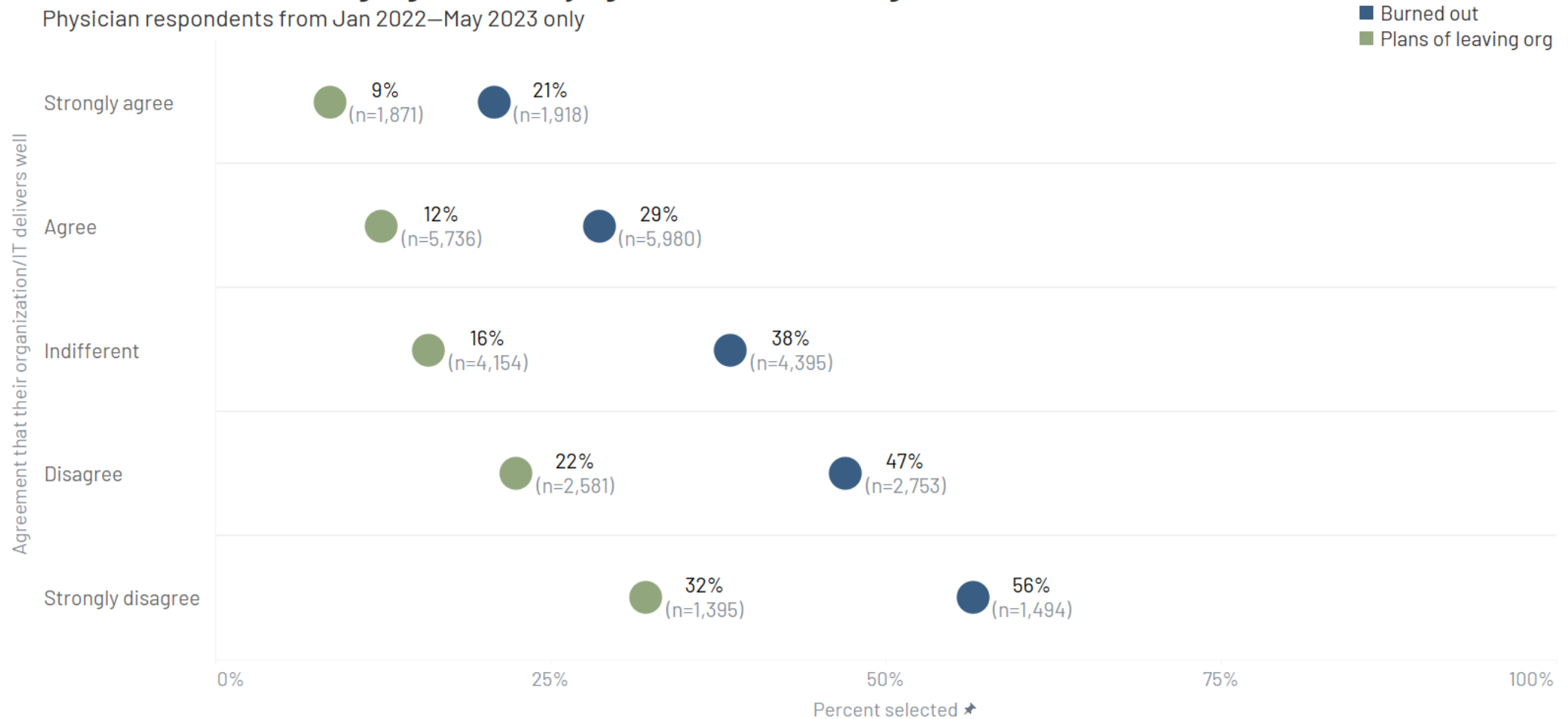
Physician respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 only



# Clear Relationship Between Support, Burnout, and Turnover

## Burnout & Plans of Leaving Organization—by Agreement That Their Organization/IT Delivers Well

Physician respondents from Jan 2022–May 2023 only





**HARRISHEALTH**  
SYSTEM

# Leveraging Informatics and IT Teams to Increase Feelings of EHR Support

February 2023

## Harris Health System

### Leveraging Informatics and IT Teams to Increase Feelings of EHR Support

*Harris Health' System's Informatics and IT departments work together with end users to understand and resolve issues, creating a robust EHR support for providers.*

#### Program Goals

- Better understand the needs of end users through frequent engagements with the informatics and IT teams

#### Collaborative-Verified Best Practices

- Clinician Relationships and Communication
- Shared Ownership and Governance

#### Keys to Success

- IT/informatics teams' efforts are focused on making changes for clinicians instead of imposing changes on them
- Use EHR rounding to interact frequently with clinicians
- A fast track for quick, obvious changes
- Requests are submitted following a consistent process

#### Outcomes

- 84th percentile for provider agreement that the organization/IT department delivers well
- 81st percentile for provider agreement that they receive timely EHR support
- 84th percentile for provider agreement that they have a voice in EHR changes
- 99th percentile for agreement that EHR fixes are timely
- 80th percentile for provider agreement that the IT department is improving the EHR for clinicians

**Prioritization Rubric:**

| Category       | Description  | Weighted Score |
|----------------|--|----------------|
| Patient Safety | Provides necessary structures or processes to minimize harm to patients with known or potential risk(s)  | 3              |
| Regulatory     | Provides necessary structures or processes to meet regulatory, professional, quality, legal, or ethical standards                                  | 2              |
| Efficiency     | Provides processes or outcomes needed to enhance workflow, content changes, or financial impact (cost avoidance, cost recovery, and reimbursement) | 1              |

| Impact | Description  | Weighted Score |
|--------|--|----------------|
| High   | High volume (75%); high risk; multiple work groups (e.g., units) affected or whole organization affected; mission-critical service(s) affected; required for next release                  | 3              |
| Medium | Medium volume (26%-74%); single work group (e.g., unit) affected or VIP user affected; supports necessary system operations; required eventually but could wait until a later release date | 2              |
| Low    | Low volume (25%); one user affected; low risk; noncritical service; functional or quality enhancement; would be nice to have someday if resources permit                                   | 1              |
| None   | No immediate impact on users   | 0              |

| Urgency | Description   | Weighted Score |
|---------|---|----------------|
| High    | No workaround exists; multiple services affected    | 3              |
| Medium  | No workaround exists; single services affected      | 2              |
| Low     | An immediate solution or workaround can be provided | 1              |

# Cottage Health and Chartis: Clinical Informatics Improvement



Cottage Health partnered with Chartis to restructure their clinical informatics team and processes to align with organizational priorities, decrease unnecessary variability in care, help drive improvements in care effectiveness and efficiencies, and reduce burnout potential. Leveraging this new clinical informatics structure, Cottage Health has also increased organizational trust in IT and informatics.

## Cottage Health & Chartis: Clinical Informatics Improvement

Cottage Health partnered up with Chartis to restructure their clinical informatics team and processes, resulting in increased trust in the organization and IT efforts.

November 2022

### Keys to Success

- Remember that successful teamwork happens when IT/informatics efforts are focused on making changes for clinicians instead of imposing changes on them
- Use EHR rounding to interact frequently with clinicians
- Build teamwork and alignment by encouraging clinical leaders and IT/informatics groups to share their goals with each other

### Outcomes

- 15% increase in repeat respondent agreement that their organization/IT team delivers well.
- 86<sup>th</sup> percentile for agreement that clinicians have a voice in EHR changes.

- Monthly scorecard
- Single page
- Easy to read and digest
- Clear communication tool
- Celebrate our wins – Quick and Big
- Accountability and Transparency

Monthly Update – December 2021  
Clinical Informatics

**RECIPIENTS**  
Sheri Ribeiro CIO  
Christophe LeRenard CMIO  
Griff Sahlin Director Clinical Informatics and Care Delivery Applications

**INFORMATICISTS**  
Kelli Jackson, MSN, RN Sr. Clinical Informaticist  
Josephine Kelly BSN, RN, CNOR Clinical Informaticist

**SUMMARY**  
Josephine completed Epic CLN 102: Epic for the Clinical Informaticist and earned Certification. Kelli returned from LOA.  
Both Informaticists and the Informatics Manager assisted with employee COVID booster clinics.

| Month      | Total CI Tickets      | Tickets Opened by CI          | Tickets with CI Consulted                            |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|            | <b>43</b>             | <b>31</b>                     | <b>12</b>  |
| Cumulative | 2021 Total CI Tickets | % of Tickets Closed (212/234) | Average Time to Closure (CI initiated tickets n=168) |
|            | <b>234</b>            | <b>90.5%</b>                  | <b>13.17 days</b>                                    |

**INPATIENT DEPARTMENTS VISITED**  
**SBCH Inpatient:** 58bath, 1 Compton, 1RT, 1WC, 2 Compton, MICU, SICU, 3RT, 3WC, Birth Center, NBN, Peds, NICU, Hemodialysis, CRH, Palliative Care  
**SBCH Procedural:** Endoscopy, Electrophysiology Lab, Interventional Radiology, Cath Lab, PPSU, PACU, Surgery  
**GVCH:** Pre-Op, PACU, Surgery, Med Surg, Case Management, ED, Admitting

**INPATIENT HIGHLIGHTS**  
Time spent observing Anesthesia CottageOne workflows: Drs. Miller, Atkinson, Lipman

**AMBULATORY DEPARTMENTS VISITED**  
Grotenhuis Pediatric Clinic, Ridley Tree Wound Center, SBCH & GVCH Infusion Suites, GVCH Therapy Services, Radiology Breast Imaging, SBCH OPS

**AMBULATORY HIGHLIGHTS**  
Teamwork w/Tricia & Kaycie re: MOB Outside Results Workflow  
Met Denise Higgins. Discussed vision and some of Kelli's observations from 1:1 sessions w/the MDs

**quick WINS**

- Assisted Drs. Sanchez & Sues w/Maas360
- Optimized Secure Chat settings for Dr. Yim
- Provided C. Izu (Physical Therapist) M\*\*Modal tips
- Assisted PPSU RNs w/ Compass & CPR program
- Found missing sidebar for Dr. Tsai
- EPCS enrollments

**BIG WINS**

- Provided clarification and education to Dr. Brown re: IP/ASAP Suicide Precaution orders – Prevented further confusing email threads for ASAP, Orders, & ClinDoc
- Clarified post-assessment note creation workflow
- A. Lebolt (LCSW) – Prevented ClinDoc from unnecessary research

| Gemba Hours | CI Development Hours | Personalization Sessions |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>30.5</b> | <b>30</b>            | <b>4</b>                 |

**WHAT WE'RE HEARING**

I was so glad you were around yesterday. You would be proud of me - I successfully wrote for some discharge meds (including narcotics) this morning!

Thanks for coming by the department to check on us!

There is a work around for everything. Just tell the system the patient is going home, even if they are not.

Oh! It's already fixed!



# Planning Consistent and Tailored Communication

March 2023

# Bellin Health

## Planning Consistent and Tailored Communication

*Bellin Health built communication planning into their governance process and utilized leadership and superusers to help facilitate the communication for changes to the EHR.*

### Program Goals

- Effectively communicate EHR changes and other important information to clinicians

### Collaborative-Verified Best Practices

- Clinician Efficiency and Personalization
- Shared Ownership and Governance

### Keys to Success

- Push communication in many different ways and adapt communication methods to the type of message and audience
- Build communication strategies into the governance process
- Be consistent with delivery methods and formatting for regular communication
- Communication should come from a trusted source, such as a leader, educator, or superuser, rather than IT people

### Outcomes

- Providers 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for communication satisfaction
- Nurses 94<sup>th</sup> percentile for communication satisfaction

# Dayton Children's Best Practice Alert (BPA) Optimization



## Best Practice Alert (BPA) Optimization

Dayton Children's Hospital uses a specific BPA committee and feedback from end users to create the most effective BPAs.

August 2022

Dayton Children's Hospital uses a specific BPA committee and feedback from end users to create the most effective BPAs.

### Program Goals

- Reduce unnecessary best practice alerts to improve alert effectiveness and create a smoother EHR workflow

### Keys to Success

- Set aside one day each month when all necessary contributors can make quick and needed changes
- Use prioritization to avoid long lists of EHR enhancement priorities.

### Outcomes

- 13-point percentage increase in agreement that EHR alerts prevent care-delivery mistakes
- 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for agreement that alerts prevent care-delivery mistakes
- 95<sup>th</sup> percentile in agreement that users have a voice in EHR changes



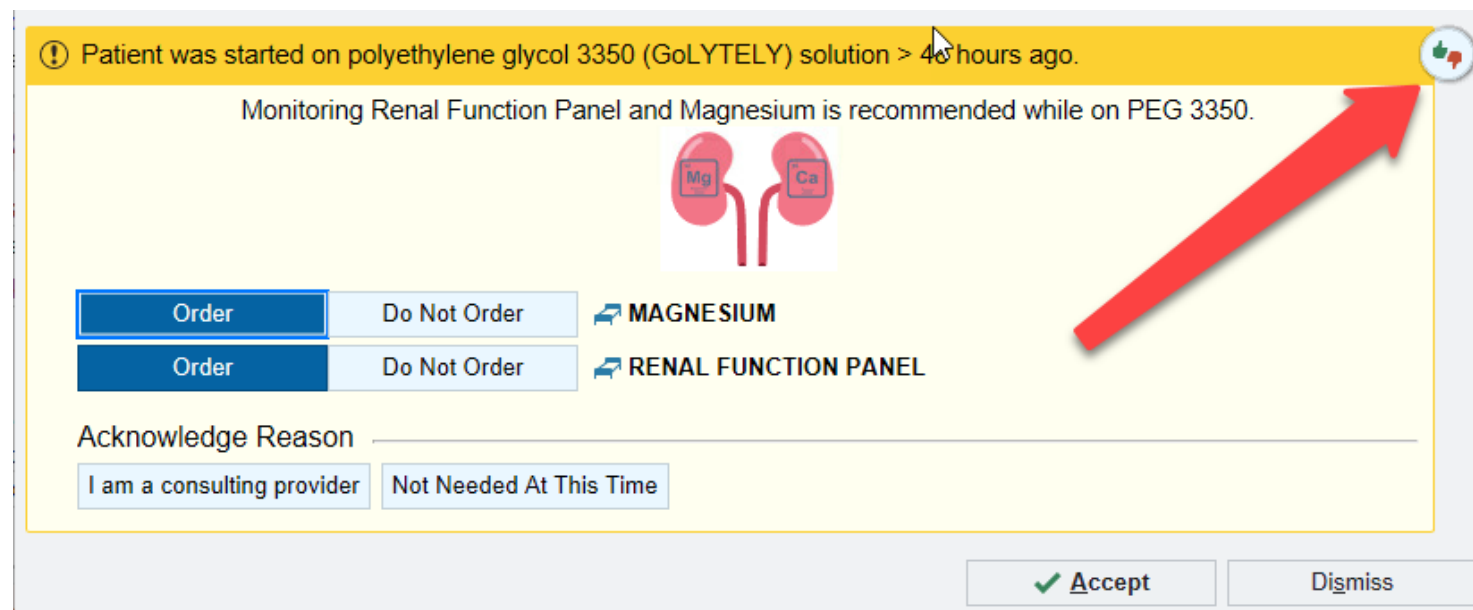
# Feedback Outside Governance Meetings

- Not all requests rise to the level of optimizations needing governance
  - Break fixes
  - KLO work
  - Optimizations requiring less than four hours of build work
- Must be nimble; need input around satisfaction between meetings
  - **QR codes embedded in certain order sets facilitate in-the-moment feedback**
- Can use email updates and voting between meetings for requests that can't wait a month for the next governance meeting



# Other Tools—Epic BPA Feedback

- DCH implemented BPA feedback when it became available from Epic.
- Feedback flows to a pool In Basket monitored by CIS and CI
- Allows builders and informaticists to investigate and respond to user concerns
- Helps capture information to show us when we are (and are not) meeting the needs of our users



# Summary

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- Reported provider burnout has never been higher
- Efficient documentation and strong organizational support tightly related to burnout reduction
- Workflow-specific EHR education critical for improving provider efficiency
- Overall support experience goes hand in hand with EHR upgrade experience
- Organizations are doing these things well and are eager to share!

Thank you 😊