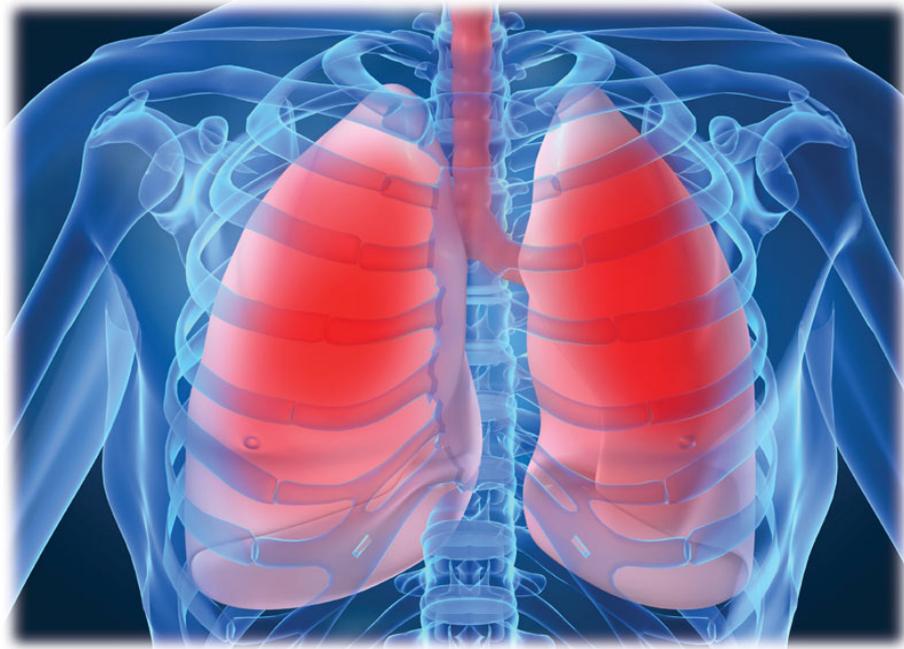




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Pulmonary Hypertension: New
Horizons and New Perspectives

Final Outcome Report

Challenges in Pulmonary and Critical Care: 2014

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Agenda

7:00-8:00	Continental Breakfast and Registration	12:25- 1:10	Lunch Break/Exhibits
8:00-8:10	Welcome Remarks Franck Rahaghi, MD, MHS, FCCP	1:10-2:10	Transition to End of Life Care: The How and Why Nydia Martinez Galvis, MD
8:10-9:10	Pulmonary Hypertension: New Horizons and New Perspectives Robert Schilz, DO, PhD	2:10-3:10	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: A New Hope Franck Rahaghi, MD, MHS, FCCP
9:10-10:10	Sleep Apnea: Changes in Practice, Hope for better outcomes Laurence Smolley, MD	3:10-3:25	Break/Exhibits
10:10- 10.25	Break/Exhibits	3:25-4:25	Update in Interventional Bronchoscopy 2014 Eduardo Oliveira, MD, MBA, FCCP
10:25-11:25	COPD: New Developments, New Treatment Horizons Anas Hadeh, MD, FCCP	4:25-4:30	Concluding Remarks Franck Rahaghi, MD, MHS, FCCP
11:25-12:25	Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: Evidence for Efficacy Robert A. Sandhaus, MD, PhD		

Levels of Evaluation

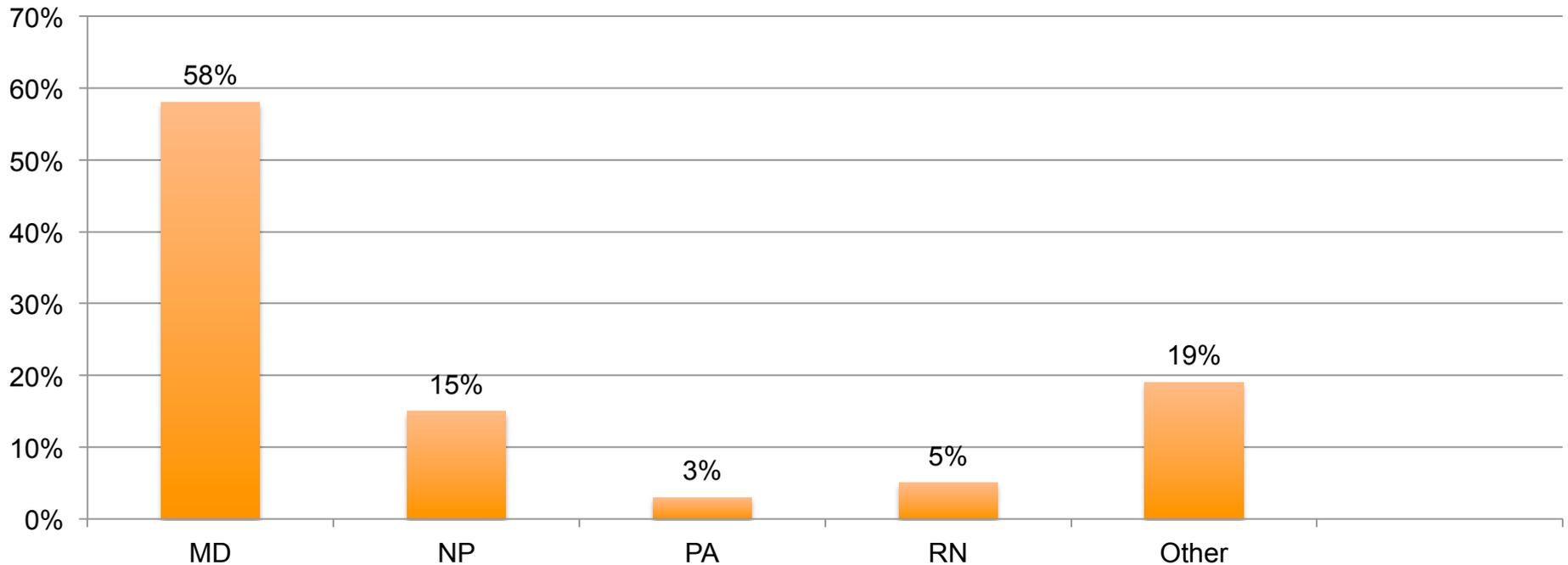
Consistent with the policies of the ACCME, NACE evaluates the effectiveness of all CME activities using a systematic process based on the following model:

1. Participation
2. Satisfaction
3. Learning
 - A. Declarative Knowledge
 - B. Procedural Knowledge
4. Competence
5. Performance
6. Patient Health
7. Community Health

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

Level 1: Participation

- 101 attendees
- 58% Physicians; 15% NPs; 3% PAs; 5% RNs; 19% Other
- Over 62% in community-based practice
- 42% PCPs, 35% Pulmonology; 2% Rheumatology; 3% Cardiology; 18% Other or did not respond



N =88

Did we reach the right audience? **Yes!**

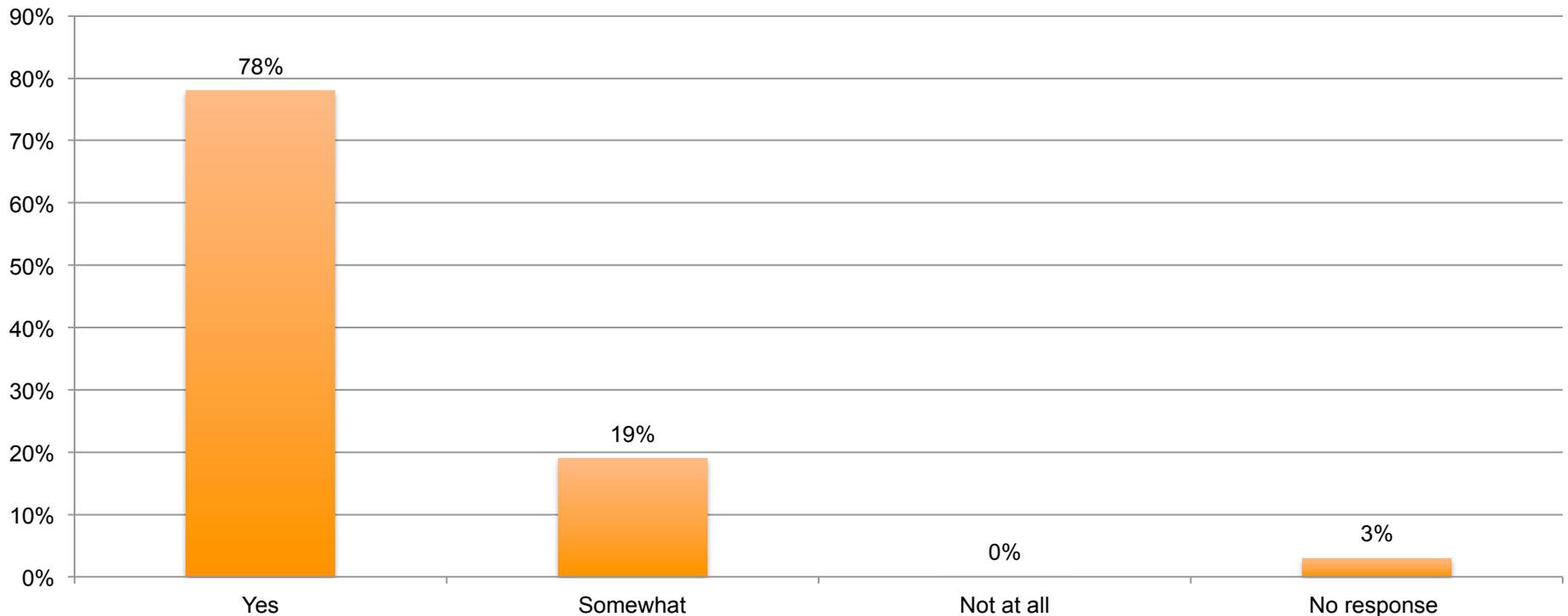
Level 2: Satisfaction

- 100% rated the activity as very good to excellent
- 100% indicated the activity improved their knowledge
- 100% stated that they learned new strategies for patient care
- 82% said they would implement new strategies that they learned in their practice
- 100% said the program was fair-balanced and unbiased

Were our learners satisfied? **Yes!**

Level 2: Satisfaction

Upon completion of this activity, I can now – Discuss the pathophysiology of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH); Explain the workup of patients suspected of having PAH; Discuss the evolution of goals in trials; List therapeutic options in the management of patients with PAH and effective use of targeted treatment options for PAH



Did learners indicate they achieved the learning objectives?

Yes! 97% believed they did.

Outcome Study Methodology

Goal

To determine the effect this CME activity had on learners with respect to competence to apply critical knowledge, confidence in treating patients with diseases or conditions discussed, and change in practice behavior.

Dependent Variables

1. Level 3-5: Knowledge, Competence, and Performance

Case-based vignettes and pre- and post-test knowledge questions were asked with each session in the CME activity. Identical questions were also asked to a sample of attendees 4 weeks after the program to assess retention of knowledge. Responses can demonstrate learning and competence in applying critical knowledge. The use of case vignettes for this purpose has considerable predictive value. Vignettes, or written case simulations, have been widely used as indicators of actual practice behavior.¹

2. Practitioner Confidence

Confidence with the information relates directly to the likeliness of actively using knowledge. Practitioner confidence in his/her ability to diagnose and treat a disease or condition can affect practice behavior patterns.

3. Level 5: Self-Reported Change in Practice Behavior

Four weeks after CME activity, practitioners are asked if they changed practice behavior.

1. Peabody, J.W., J. Luck, P. Glassman, S. Jain, J. Hansen, M. Spell and M. Lee (2004). *Measuring the quality of physician practice by using clinical vignettes: a prospective validation study*. Ann Intern Med 14(10): 771-80.

Outcome Study Methodology (Cont.)

4. Readiness to Change Behavior (Prochaska and DeClemente Model)

CME activities can motivate providers to move through different stages of change which can ultimately lead them to take action and modify their practice behavior in accordance with the objectives of the education. Movement through these stages of change is an important dependent variable to consider in evaluating the impact of CME. Participants were asked to evaluate their stage of change with respect to specific topics being presented.

- **Pre-contemplation stage:** I do not manage (PAH), nor do I plan to this year.
- **Contemplation stage:** I did not manage (PAH) before this course, but as a result of attending this course I'm thinking of managing it now.
- **Pre-contemplation/confirmation stage:** I do manage patients with (PAH) and this course confirmed that I do **not** need to change my treatment methods.
- **Preparation for action stage:** I do manage patients with (PAH) and this course helped me change my treatment methods.

Pulmonary Hypertension: New Horizons and New Perspectives

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Learning Objectives

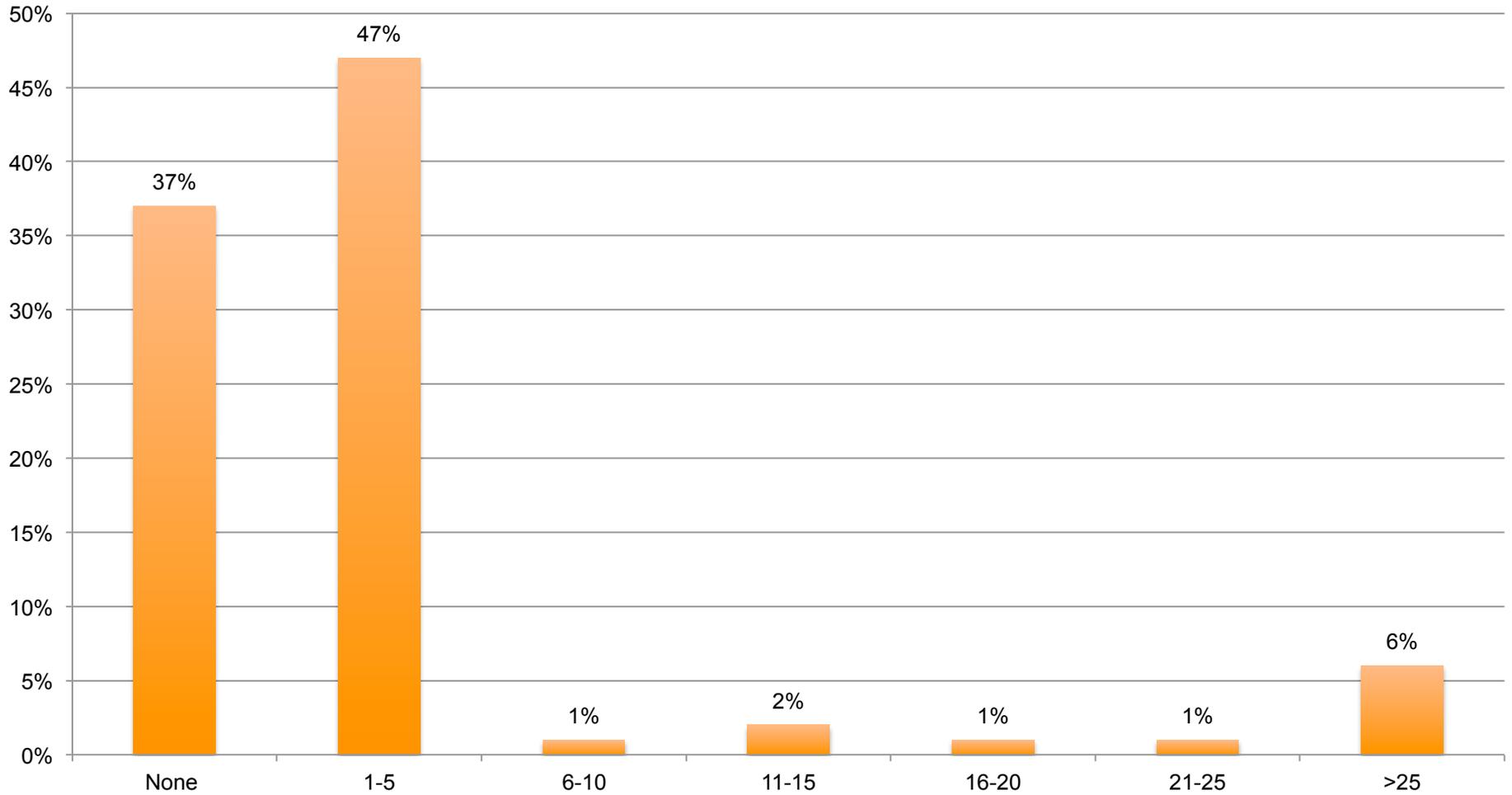
- Discuss the pathophysiology of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)
- Explain the workup of patients suspected of having PAH
- Discuss the evolution of goals in trials
- List therapeutic options in the management of patients with PAH and effective use of targeted treatment options for PAH

Key Findings

Pulmonary Hypertension: New Horizons and New Perspectives

Knowledge/Competence	Learners demonstrated improvement in their answers from pre to post-testing on one of the four case-based questions regarding Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.
Confidence	Whereas the majority of learners rated themselves as having very low confidence in their understanding of treating Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension before the education most of the learners showed gains in confidence after the program.
Intent to Perform	As a result of this program, 4% of learners who did not manage Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension before are considering doing so, while 40% indicated that they will change their treatment methods.
Change of Practice Behavior N=27	89% of learners who responded to our four week survey indicated that they had changed their practice behavior to implement the learning objectives of this program within four weeks after they attended the activity.

Indicate the number of patients you see each week in a clinical setting regarding each therapeutic area listed: PAH:

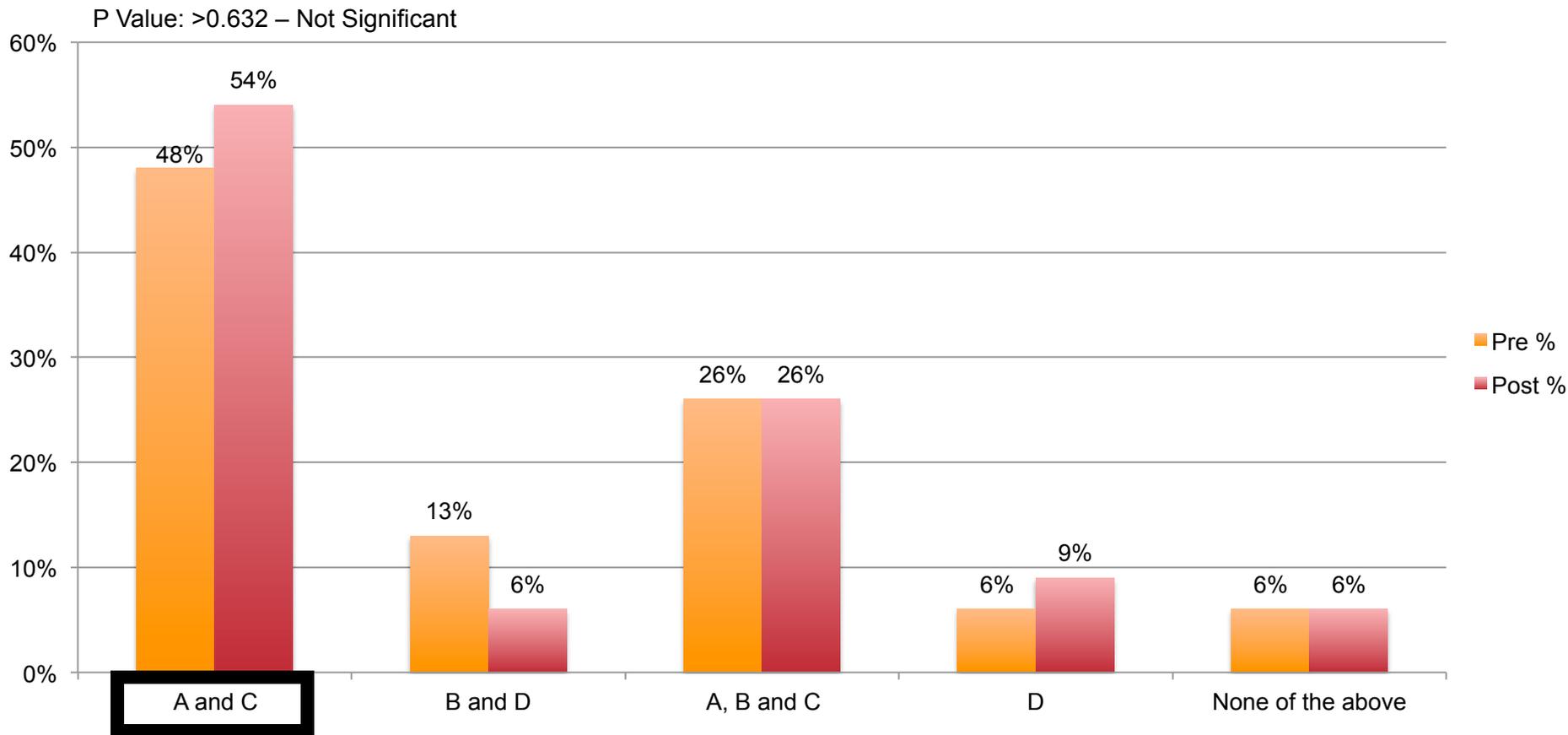


Sample Size: N = approximately 101

Case Vignette Knowledge and Competence Assessment Questions

(Presented before and after lecture. Boxed answer is correct.)

Which of the following is/are true regarding the workup of patients with suspected pulmonary arterial hypertension?



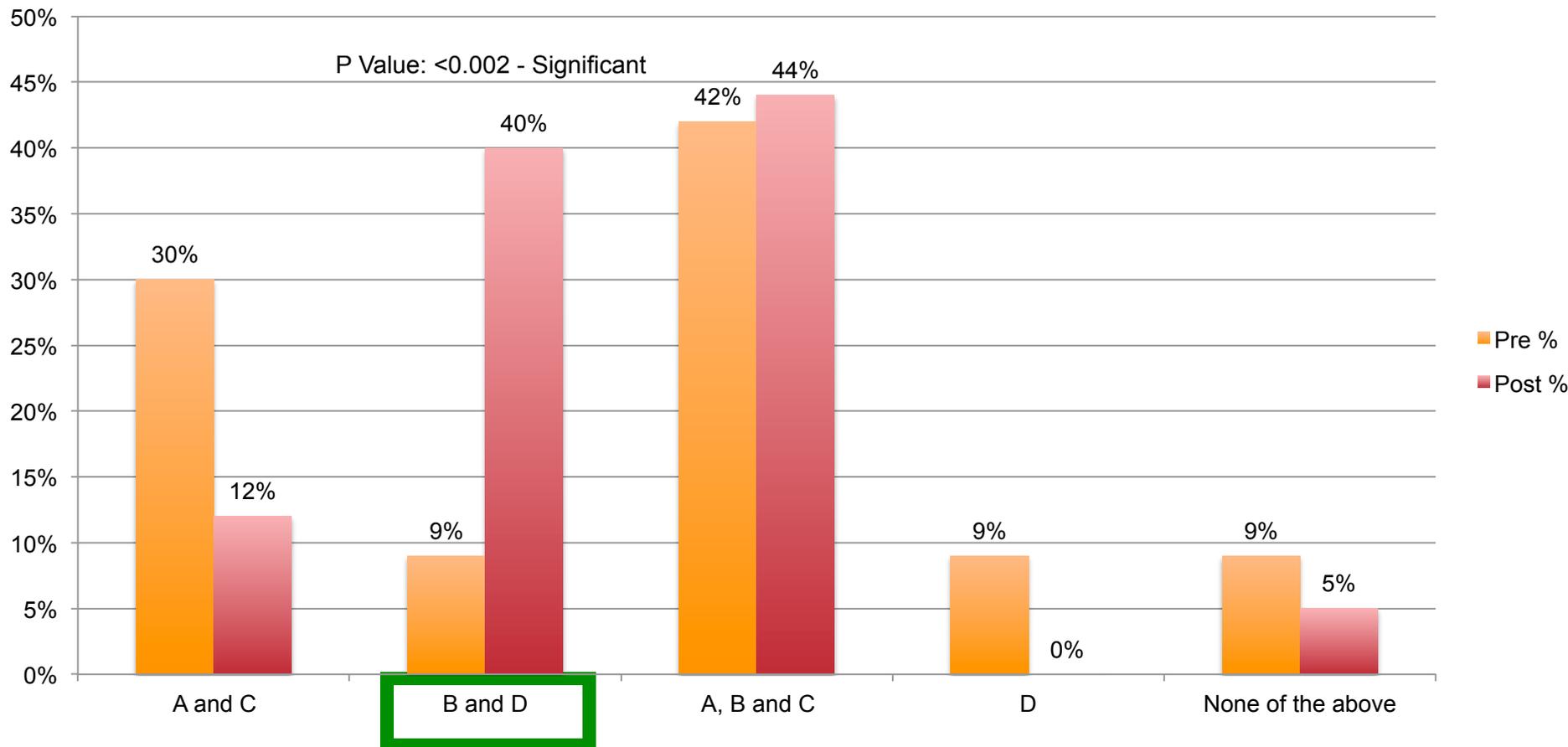
Pre N = 31
Post N = 35

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Case Vignette Knowledge and Competence Assessment Questions

(Presented before and after lecture. Boxed answer is correct.)

Which of the following is/are true regarding the pathophysiology of pulmonary arterial hypertension?



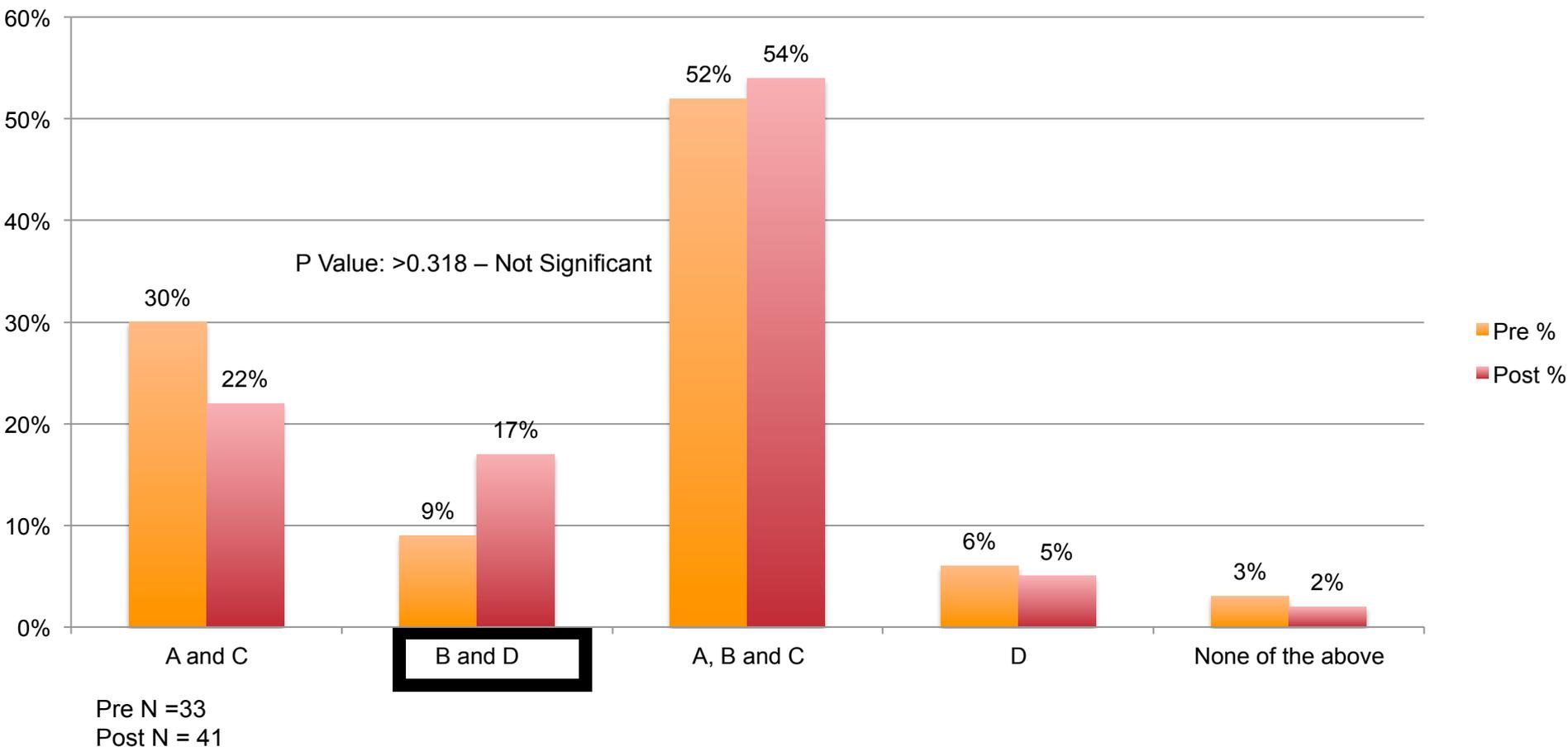
Pre N = 33
Post N = 43

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Case Vignette Knowledge and Competence Assessment Questions

(Presented before and after lecture. Boxed answer is correct.)

Which of the following is/are true regarding PAH therapies?

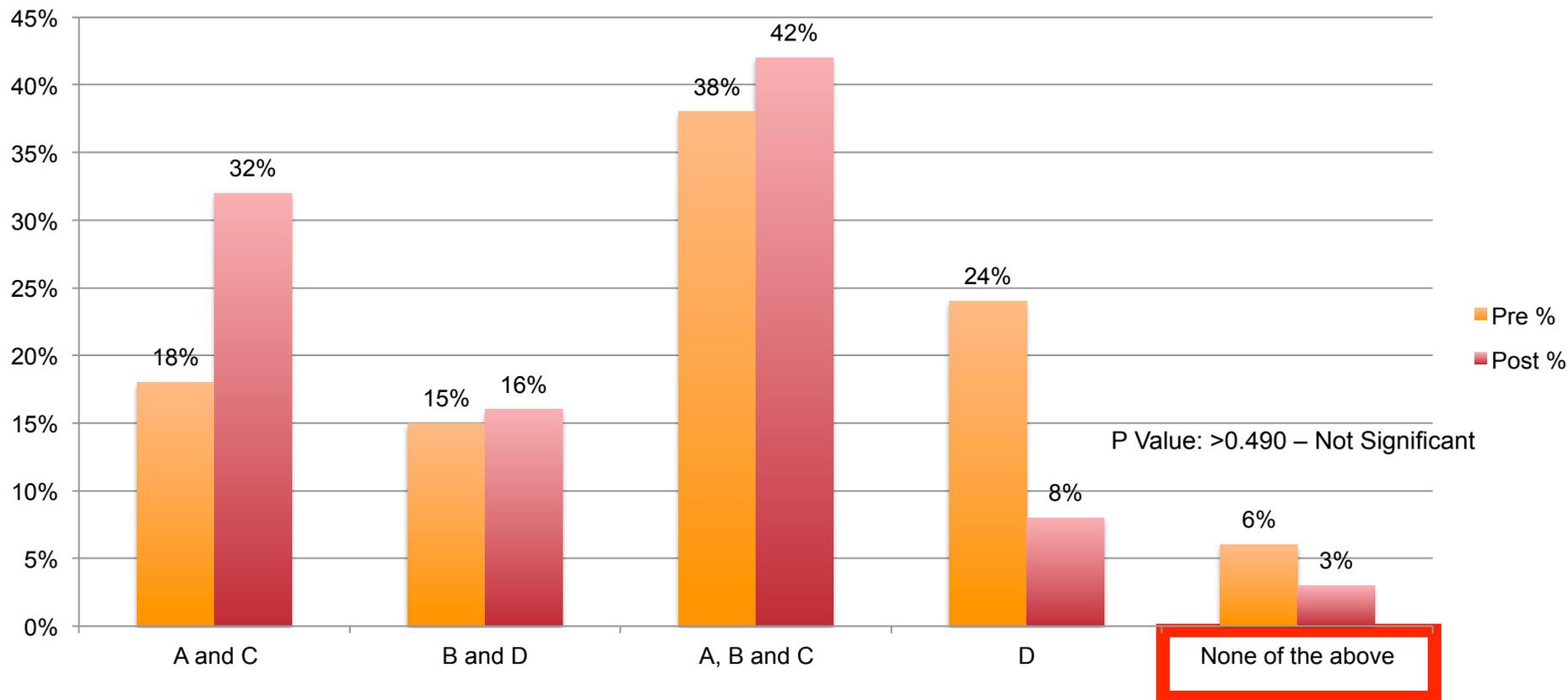


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Case Vignette Knowledge and Competence Assessment Questions

(Presented before and after lecture. Boxed answer is correct.)

Which of the following is/are true regarding newly approved therapies for PAH?



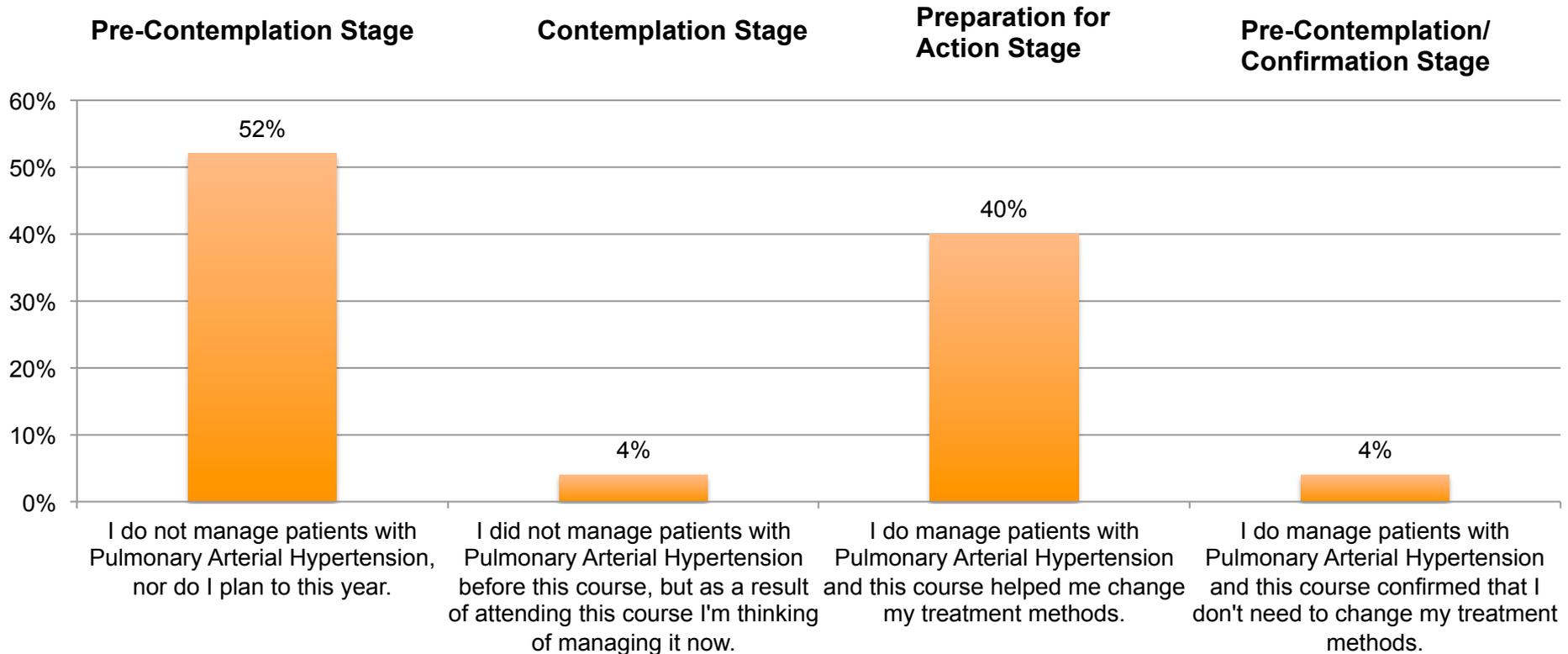
Pre N =34
Post N = 38

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Change in Practice Behavior Question

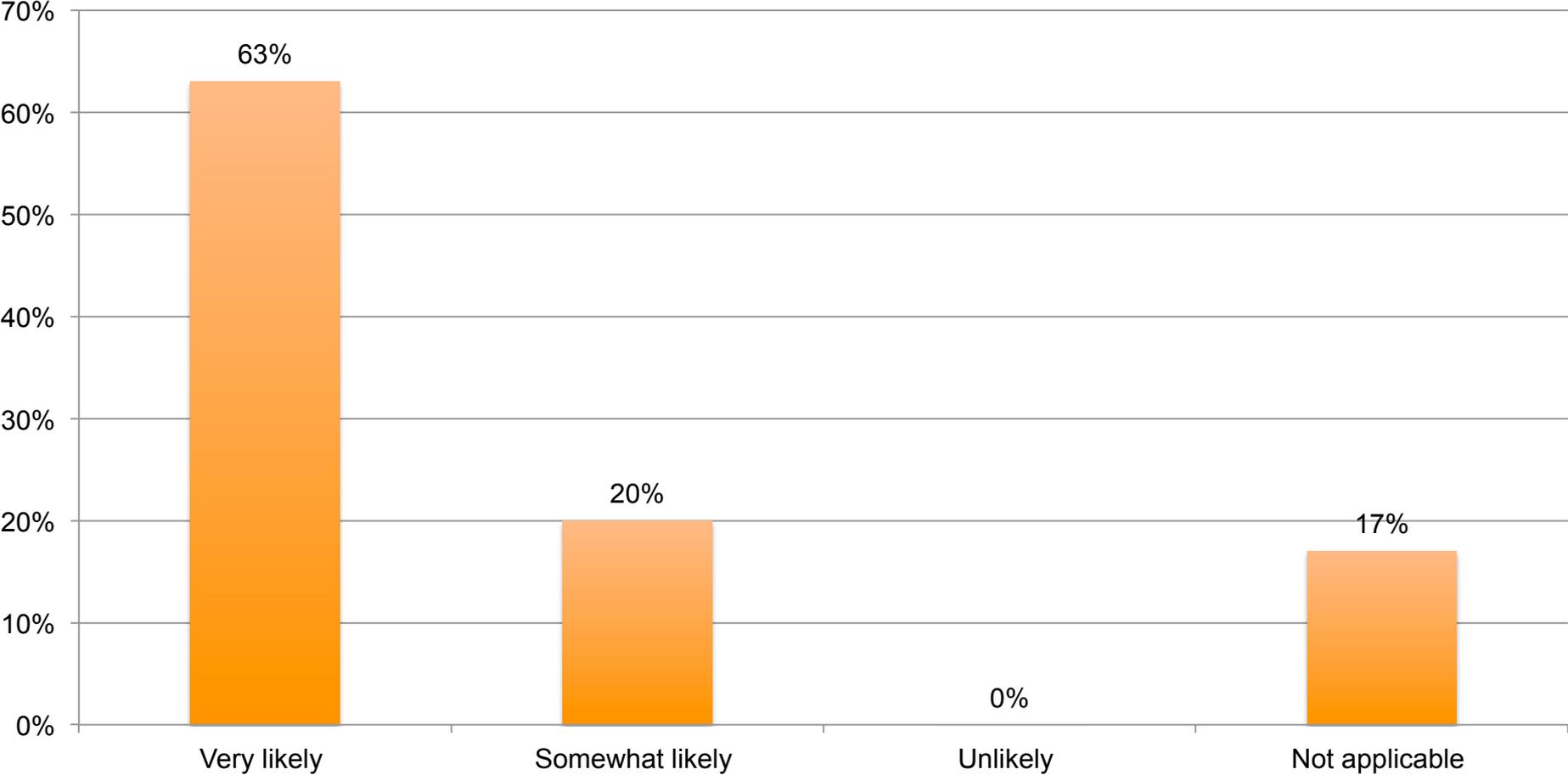
Presented after lecture.

Which of the statements below describes your approach to diagnosing and treating patients with Pulmonary Hypertension?



N =25

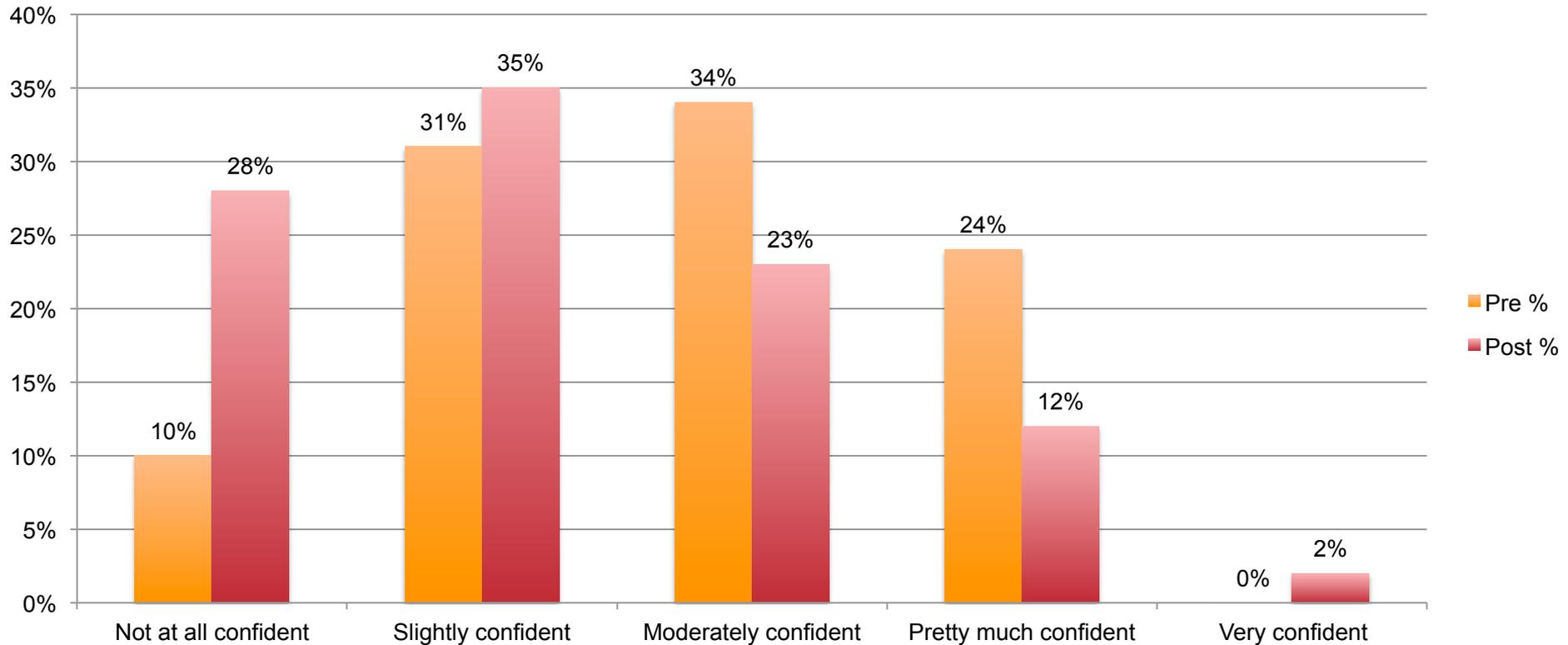
Intention to Change Practice Behavior and Implement Learning



N =89

Changes in Confidence from Pre to Post-Testing Pulmonary Hypertension: New Horizons and New Perspectives

On a scale of 1 to 5 please rate how confident you would be in treating patients with this condition.



Pre N = 29
Post N = 43

Discussion and Implications

Pulmonary Hypertension: New Horizons and New Perspectives

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) is a serious and often progressive disorder that may be idiopathic or associated with various underlying medical conditions. PAH causes right ventricular dysfunction and impaired activity tolerance, and can lead to right-heart failure and death. With the development of new therapies for PAH—screening, prompt diagnosis, and accurate assessment of disease severity become increasingly important. However, PAH patients continue to be referred too late in the disease process, at a time when hemodynamic abnormalities are at an advanced stage. Many patients are referred on potentially harmful calcium channel blockers therapy without adequate prior evaluation for pulmonary vasoreactivity. The objective of this activity was to explain the pathophysiology of PAH, discuss how to work up a patient with suspected PAH, explain the diagnostic criteria, and implement appropriate therapies.

Knowledge/Competence: Attendee knowledge was assessed at two points for this activity—prior to the activity and immediately following the activity using the case vignettes and knowledge questions described earlier. The results indicated improvement in knowledge as measured by positive changes in pre to post-test scores on three out of four questions asked, with statistical significance achieved in one of the three.

Readiness to Change: Forty percent of attendees noted that they currently treat patients with PAH and that this activity provided information that would lead to further changes in their care of patients with PAH. Four percent indicated that they did not treat patients with PAH prior to this activity, but would consider doing so after having been exposed to the information taught.

Confidence: Participants indicated a shift toward the middle with correction of over-confidence based on the complexity of the disease state, this hopefully will result in further inquiry and education by the learners.

Summary: Eighty three percent of the attendees suggested they were going to change their practice patterns as a result of this program. This activity was successful in the goal of improving understanding about evaluating patients suspected of PAH and managing their disease. While The activity had positive impacts, it also highlighted the need for further education in this field.