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Q1 In which country and city is your centre based ?

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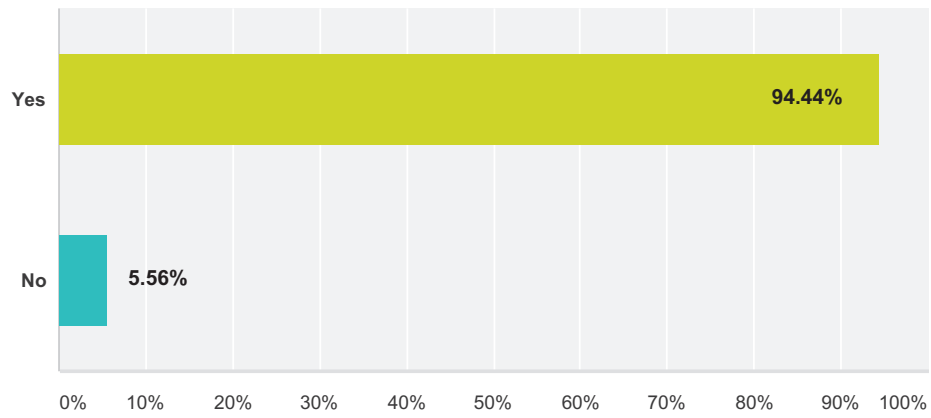
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Q2 Would you like acknowledgment of your centre in the EP Europace Journal and on the website ?

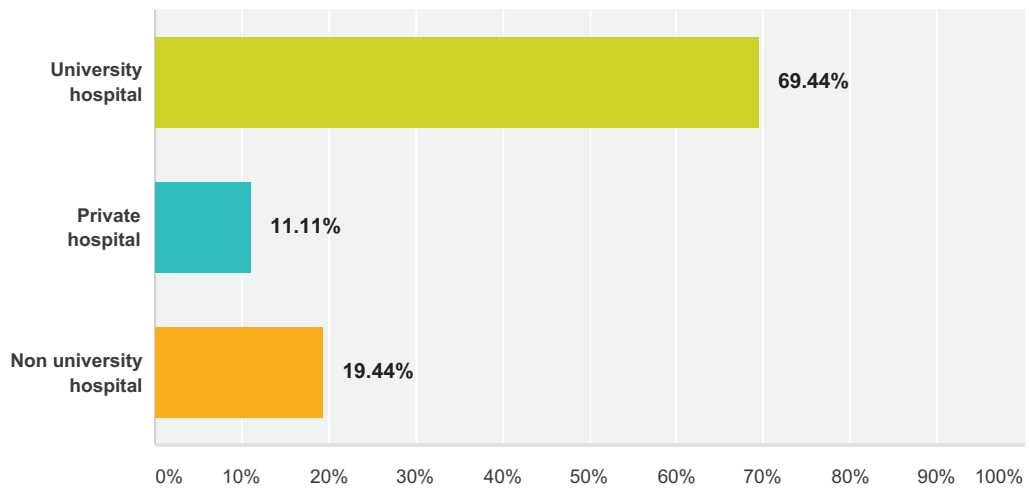
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	94.44%	34
No	5.56%	2
Total		36

Q4 What type of institution do you work in ?

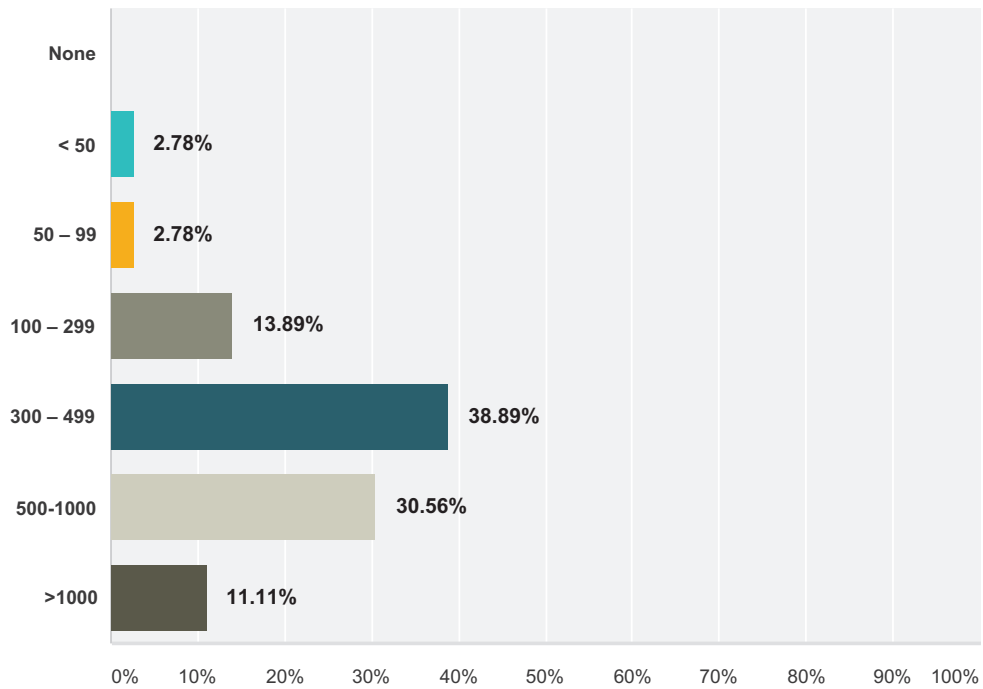
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Answer Choices	Responses	
University hospital	69.44%	25
Private hospital	11.11%	4
Non university hospital	19.44%	7
Total		36

Q5 How many CIEDs were implanted in your centre during the last 12 months (single answer):

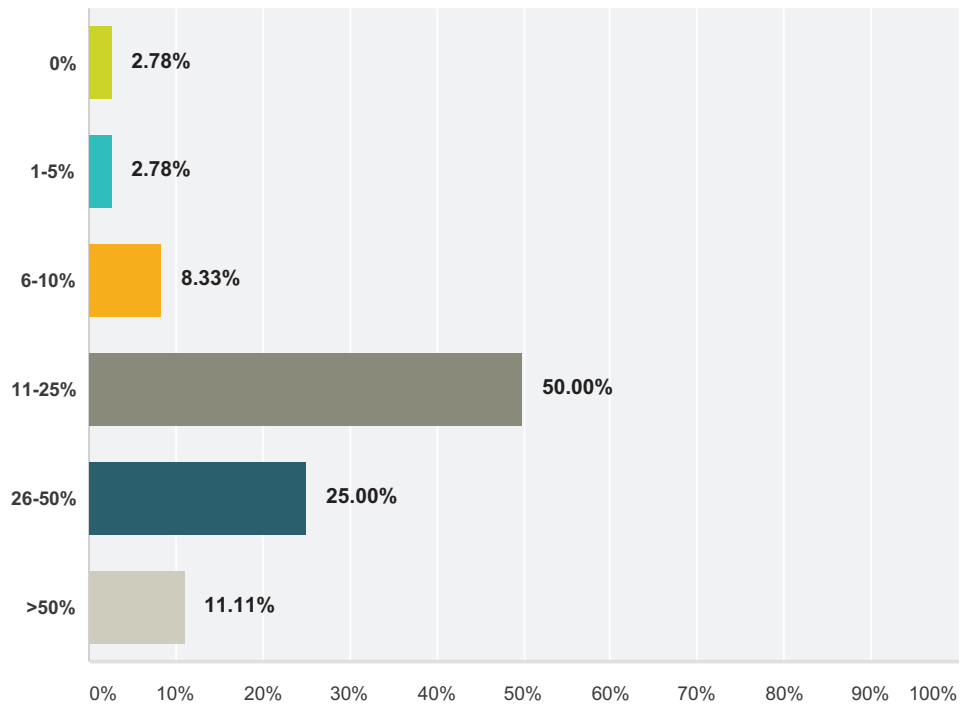
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Answer Choices	Responses	
None	0.00%	0
< 50	2.78%	1
50 - 99	2.78%	1
100 - 299	13.89%	5
300 - 499	38.89%	14
500-1000	30.56%	11
>1000	11.11%	4
Total		36

**Q6 What is the proportion of ICD among all newly implanted CIEDs in your centre?
(single answer):**

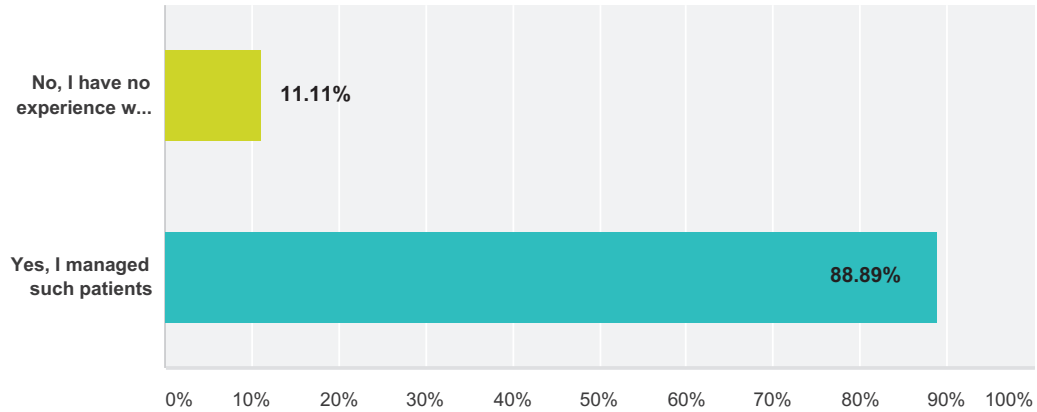
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Answer Choices	Responses
0%	2.78% 1
1-5%	2.78% 1
6-10%	8.33% 3
11-25%	50.00% 18
26-50%	25.00% 9
>50%	11.11% 4
Total	36

Q7 Did you ever manage patients with preexisting cardiovascular disease, who were diagnosed/treated oncologically, or patients with cardiovascular side effects from oncology treatment? (If your answer is “No” – all remaining questions do not concern you)

Answered: 36 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
No, I have no experience with such patients	11.11%	4
Yes, I managed such patients	88.89%	32
Total		36

Q8 Approximately, in what proportion of all your cardiology patients (including patients with CIED) did you notice any cardiovascular complication of treatment for cancer?

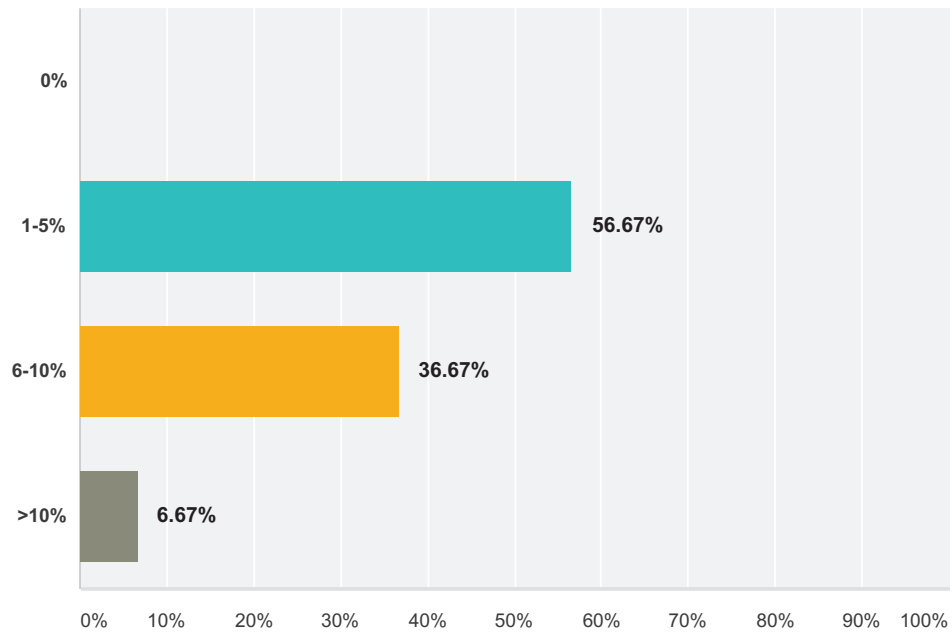
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Answer Choices	Responses
0%	0.00% 0
1-5%	0.00% 0
6-10%	0.00% 0
>10%	0.00% 0
Total	0

Q9 Approximately, what proportion of your cardiology patients (including those with CIED) has been ever diagnosed with any neoplasm?

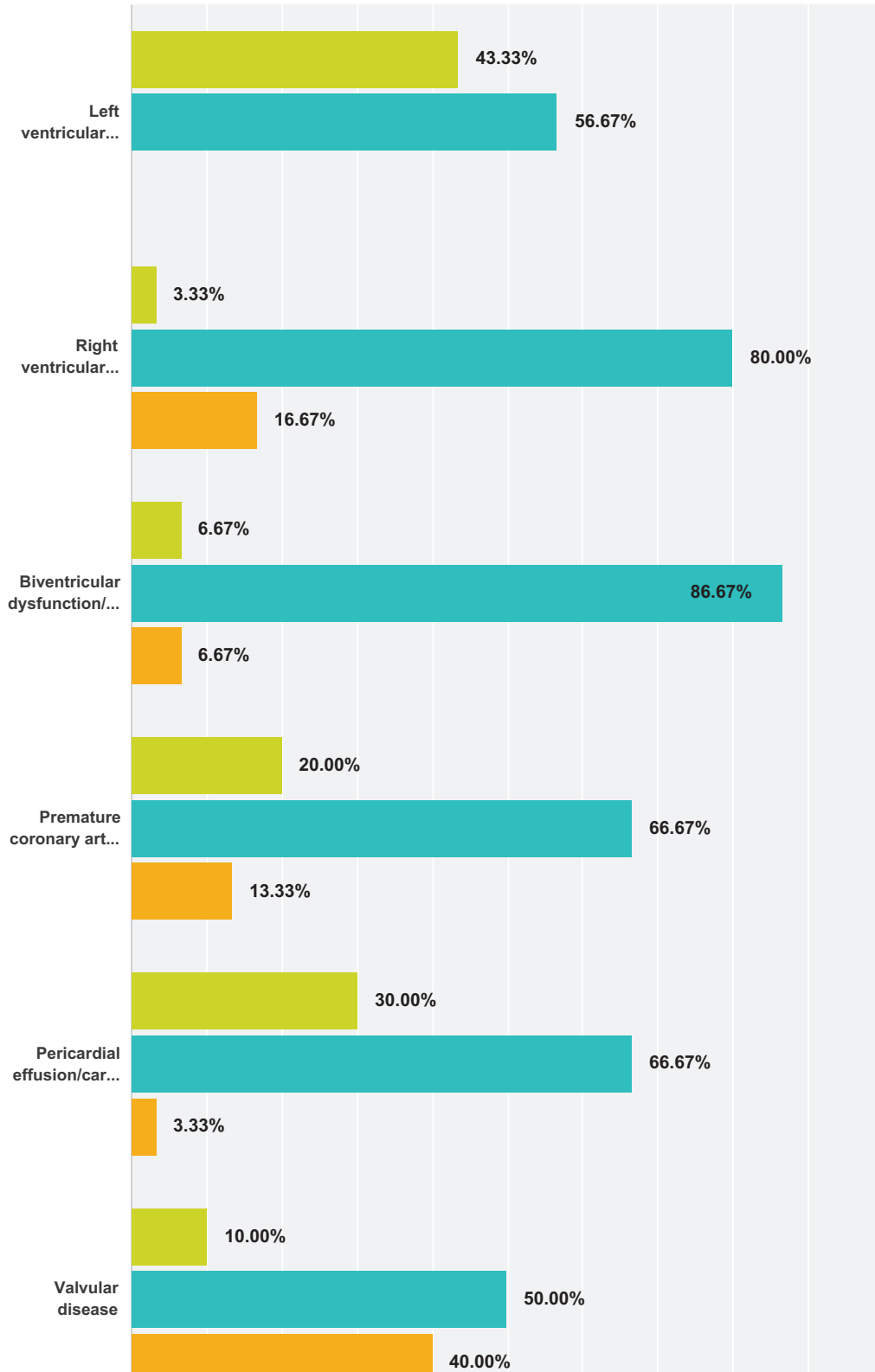
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Answer Choices	Responses
0%	0.00% 0
1-5%	56.67% 17
6-10%	36.67% 11
>10%	6.67% 2
Total	30

Q10 Which cardiovascular complications have you encountered in all your cardiology patients (including CIED-patients) due to anticancer treatment ? (multiple answers)

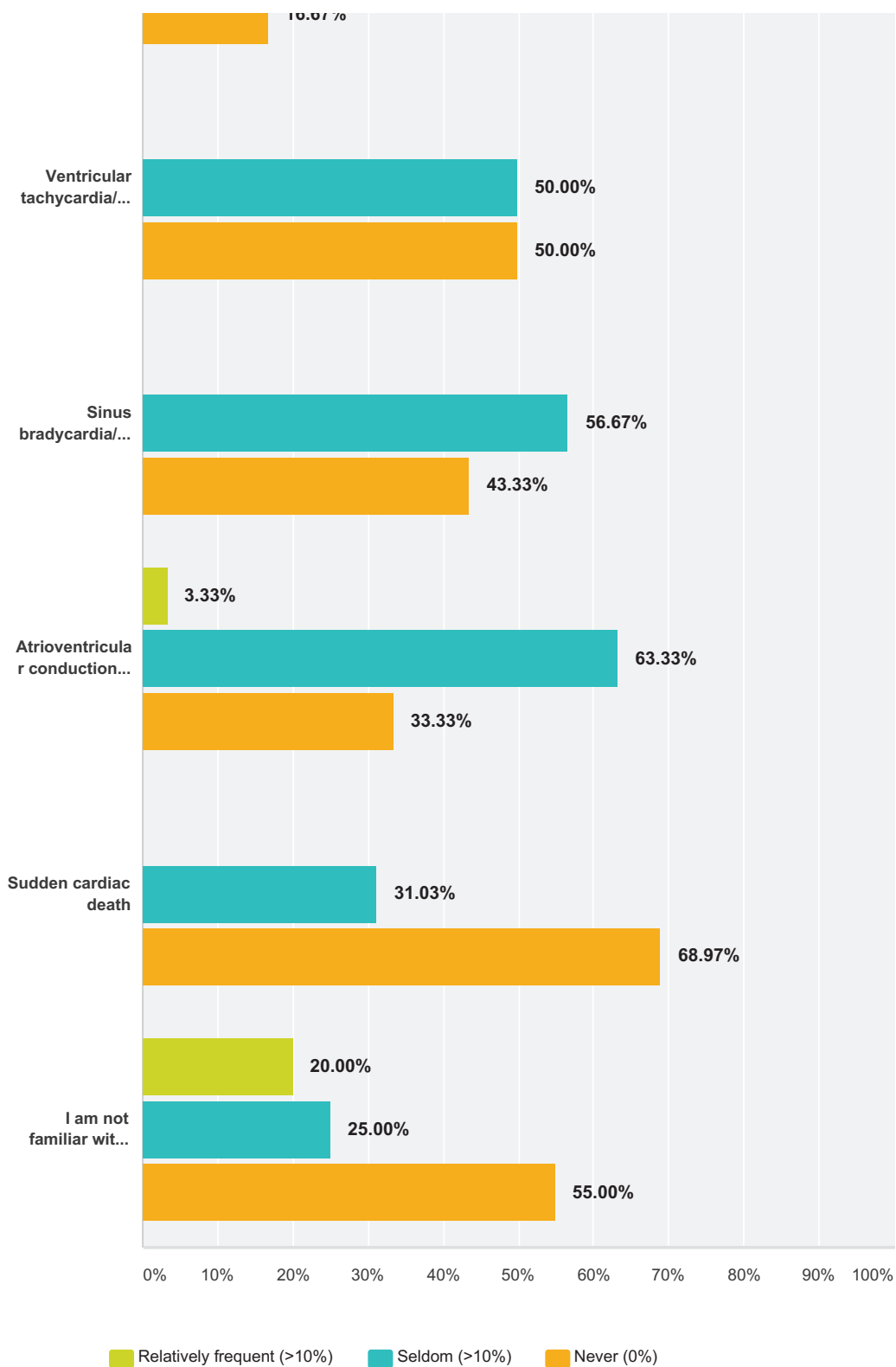
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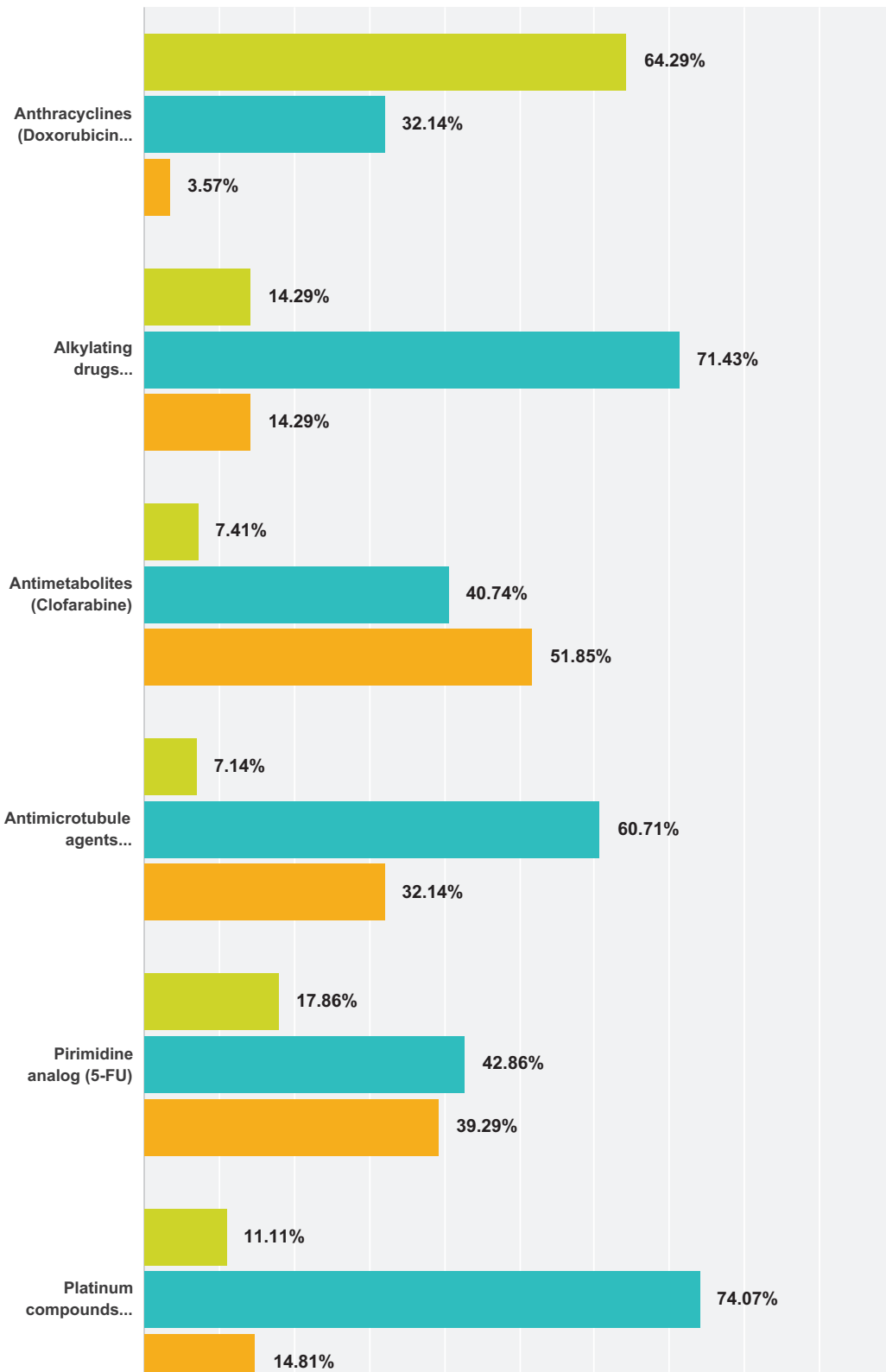
	Relatively frequent (>10%)	Seldom (>10%)	Never (0%)	Total
Left ventricular dysfunction/heart failure	43.33% 13	56.67% 17	0.00% 0	30
Right ventricular dysfunction/heart failure	3.33% 1	80.00% 24	16.67% 5	30

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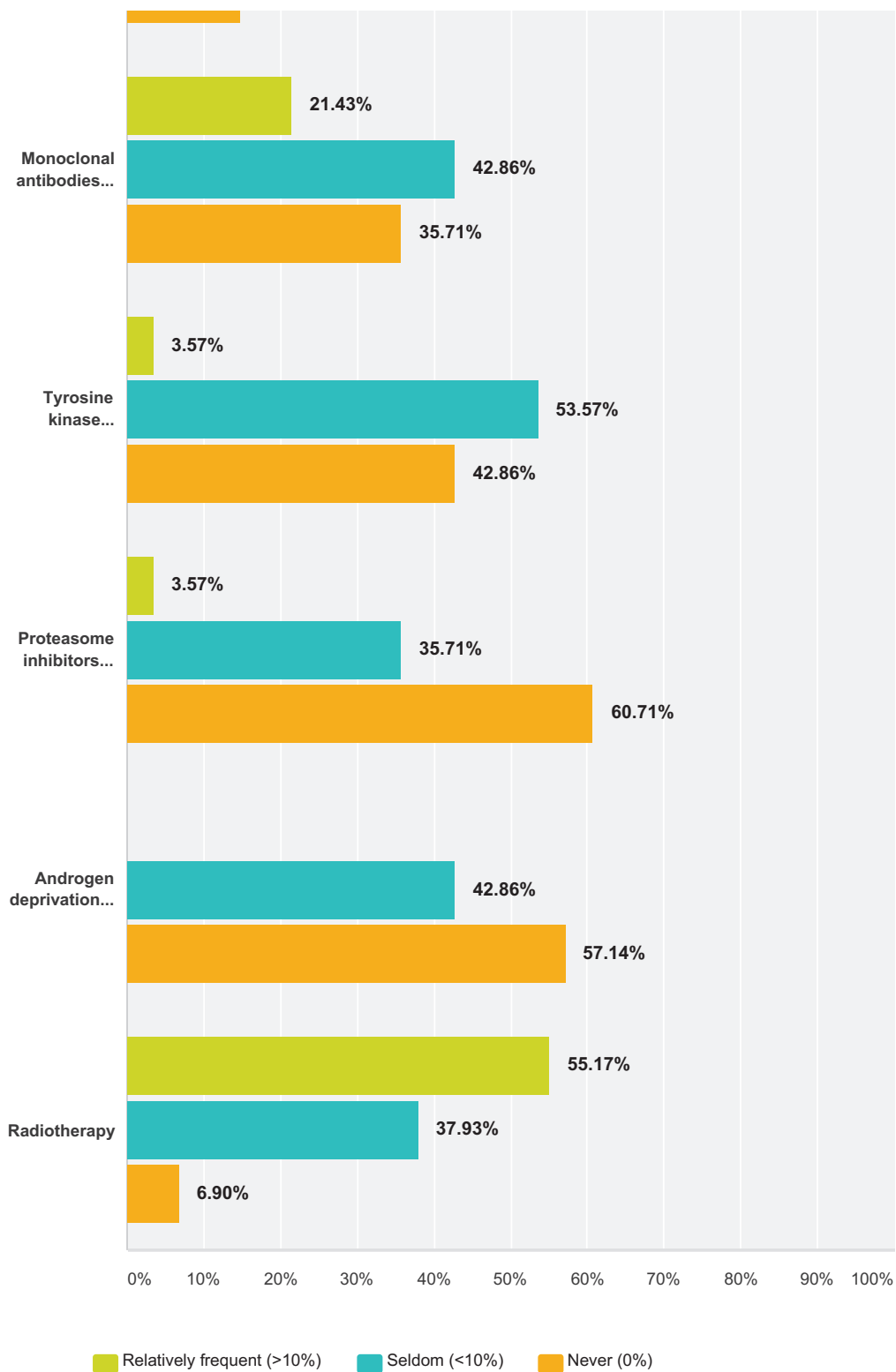
Biventricular dysfunction/heart failure	6.67% 2	86.67% 26	6.67% 2	30
Premature coronary artery disease	20.00% 6	66.67% 20	13.33% 4	30
Pericardial effusion/cardiac tamponade	30.00% 9	66.67% 20	3.33% 1	30
Valvular disease	10.00% 3	50.00% 15	40.00% 12	30
Arterial hypertension	23.33% 7	43.33% 13	33.33% 10	30
Pulmonary hypertension	0.00% 0	63.33% 19	36.67% 11	30
Peripheral vascular disease	3.33% 1	43.33% 13	53.33% 16	30
Thromboembolic complications	43.33% 13	50.00% 15	6.67% 2	30
Stroke	10.00% 3	66.67% 20	23.33% 7	30
QT prolongation	0.00% 0	58.62% 17	41.38% 12	29
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	36.67% 11	46.67% 14	16.67% 5	30
Ventricular tachycardia/fibrillation	0.00% 0	50.00% 15	50.00% 15	30
Sinus bradycardia/sinus node dysfunction	0.00% 0	56.67% 17	43.33% 13	30
Atrioventricular conduction disturbances	3.33% 1	63.33% 19	33.33% 10	30
Sudden cardiac death	0.00% 0	31.03% 9	68.97% 20	29
I am not familiar with anti-cancer drug treatments	20.00% 4	25.00% 5	55.00% 11	20

Q11 The agents used for treatment of cancer most commonly associated with complications in all your cardiology patients, include (multiple answers):

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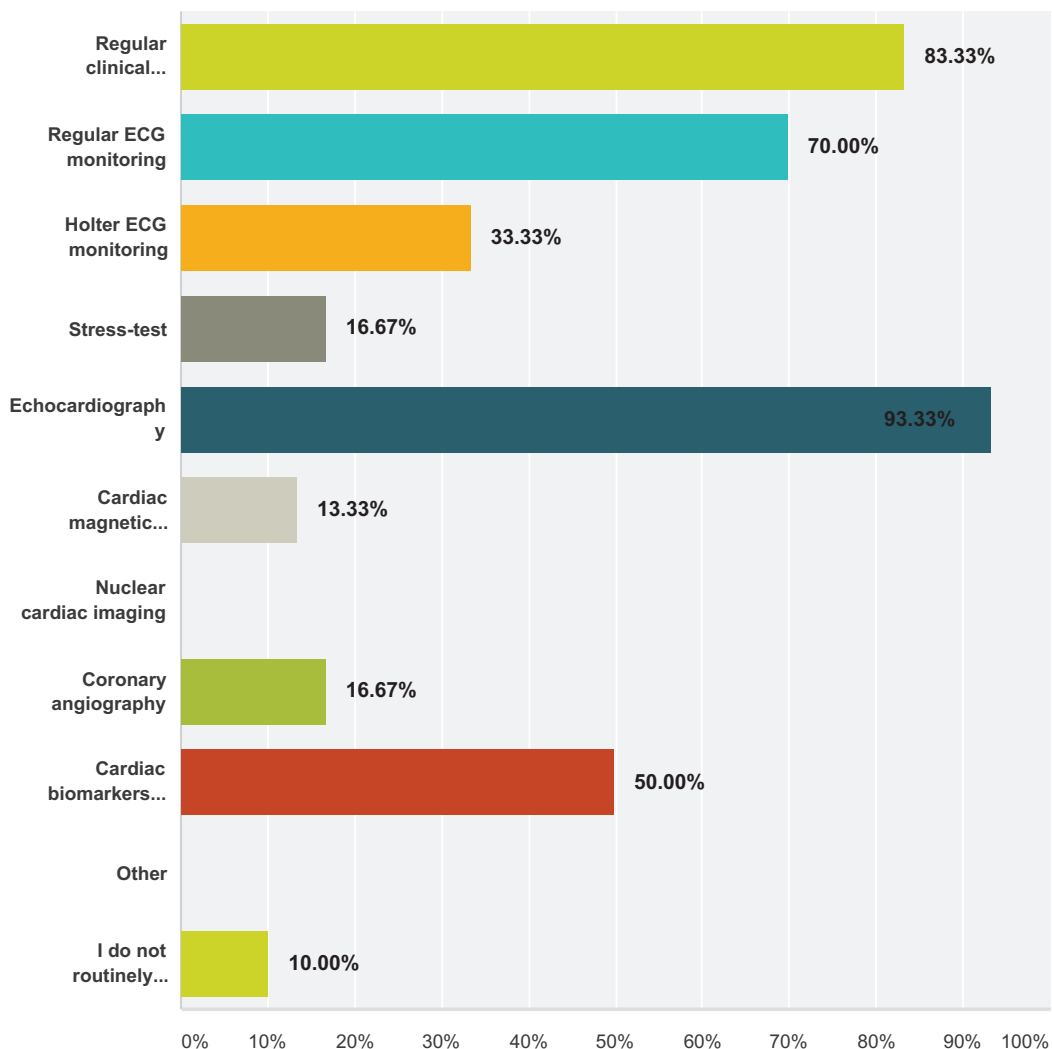
	Relatively frequent (>10%)	Seldom (<10%)	Never (0%)	Total
Anthracyclines (Doxorubicin, Idarubicin, Mitoxantrone)	64.29% 18	32.14% 9	3.57% 1	28
Alkylating drugs (Cyclophosphamide)	14.29% 4	71.43% 20	14.29% 4	28

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Antimetabolites (Clofarabine)	7.41% 2	40.74% 11	51.85% 14	27
Antimicrotubule agents (Paclitaxel)	7.14% 2	60.71% 17	32.14% 9	28
Pirimidine analog (5-FU)	17.86% 5	42.86% 12	39.29% 11	28
Platinum compounds (Cisplatin)	11.11% 3	74.07% 20	14.81% 4	27
Monoclonal antibodies (Trastuzumab, Bevacizumab)	21.43% 6	42.86% 12	35.71% 10	28
Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (Imatinib, Sunitinib)	3.57% 1	53.57% 15	42.86% 12	28
Proteasome inhibitors (Bortezomib, Carfilzomib)	3.57% 1	35.71% 10	60.71% 17	28
Androgen deprivation therapy (Bicalutamide)	0.00% 0	42.86% 12	57.14% 16	28
Radiotherapy	55.17% 16	37.93% 11	6.90% 2	29

Q12 What methods do you use to screen cancer-treated patients for cardiac toxicity (multiple answers):

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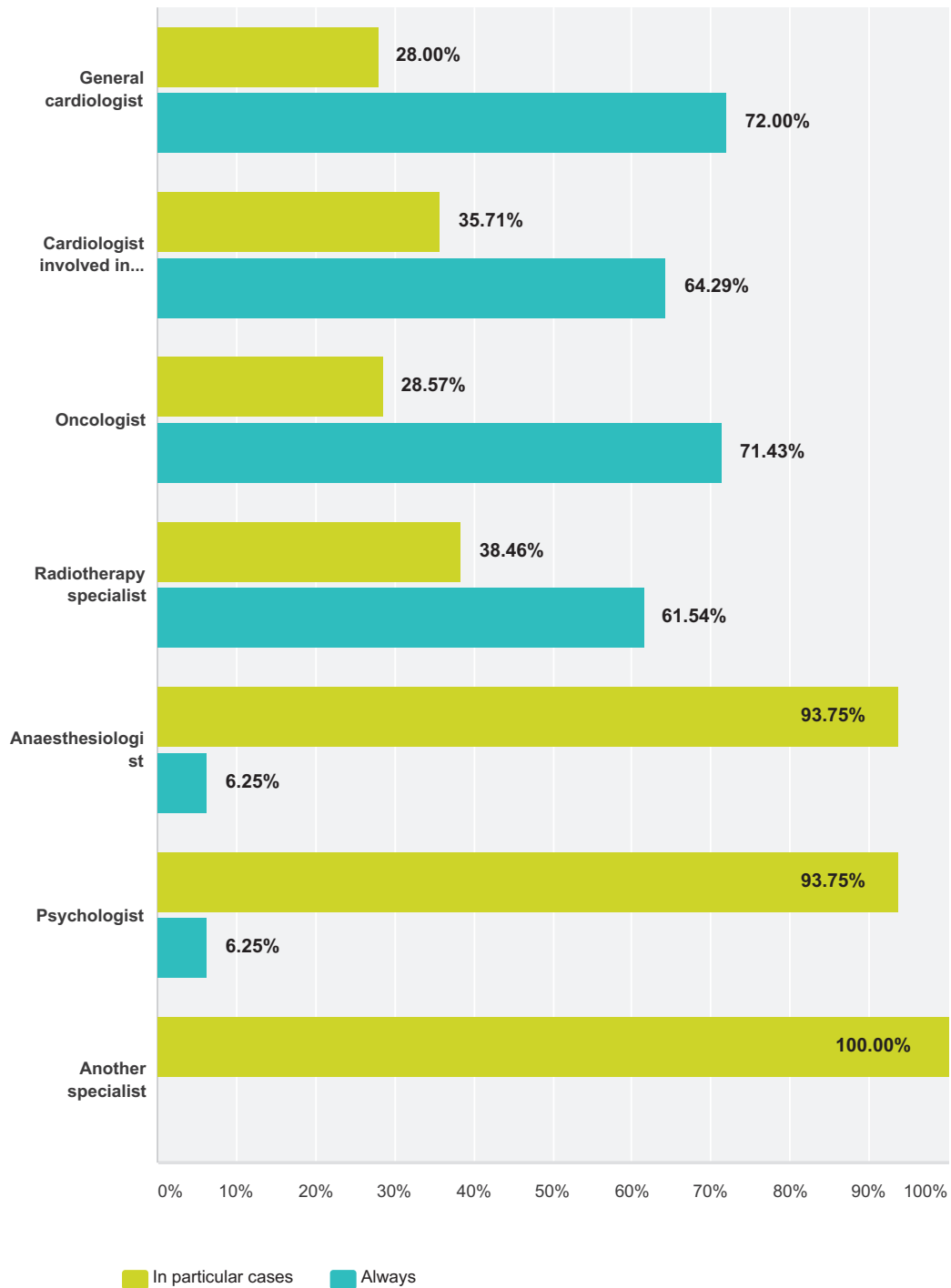
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Regular clinical follow-up	83.33%	25
Regular ECG monitoring	70.00%	21
Holter ECG monitoring	33.33%	10
Stress-test	16.67%	5
Echocardiography	93.33%	28
Cardiac magnetic resonance	13.33%	4
Nuclear cardiac imaging	0.00%	0
Coronary angiography	16.67%	5

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Cardiac biomarkers (troponins, BNP, NT-proBNP)	50.00%	15
Other	0.00%	0
I do not routinely screen my patients for treatment-induced cardiotoxicity	10.00%	3
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Q13 Which of the following specialists are involved in cardiovascular assessment (including calculation of risk for CIED) of your CIED patient planned for thoracic radiotherapy of cancer: (please, select all that apply)

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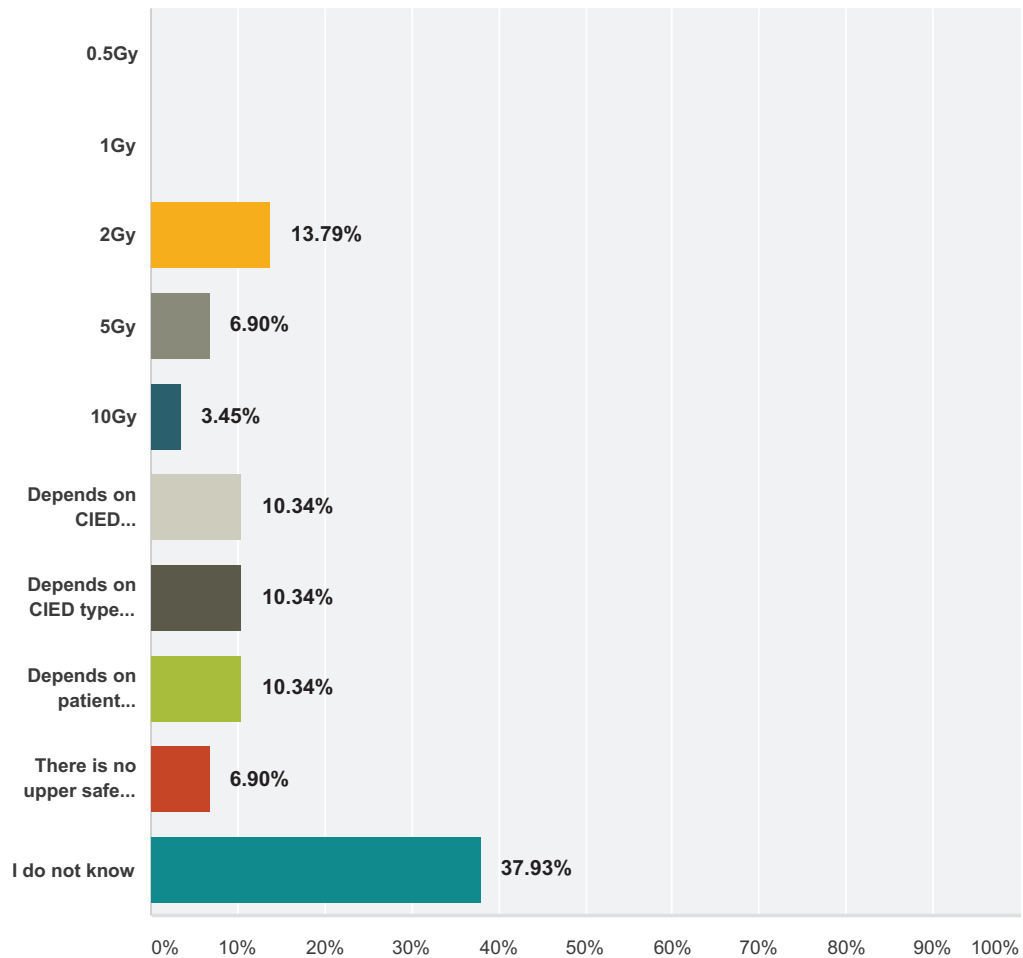


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	In particular cases	Always	Total
General cardiologist	28.00% 7	72.00% 18	25
Cardiologist involved in CIED implantation and check-up	35.71% 10	64.29% 18	28
Oncologist	28.57% 8	71.43% 20	28
Radiotherapy specialist	38.46% 10	61.54% 16	26
Anaesthesiologist	93.75% 15	6.25% 1	16
Psychologist	93.75% 15	6.25% 1	16
Another specialist	100.00% 14	0.00% 0	14

Q14 In CIED patient undergoing radiotherapy for cancer, what is your recommended upper safety limit for the cumulative dose received by CIED:

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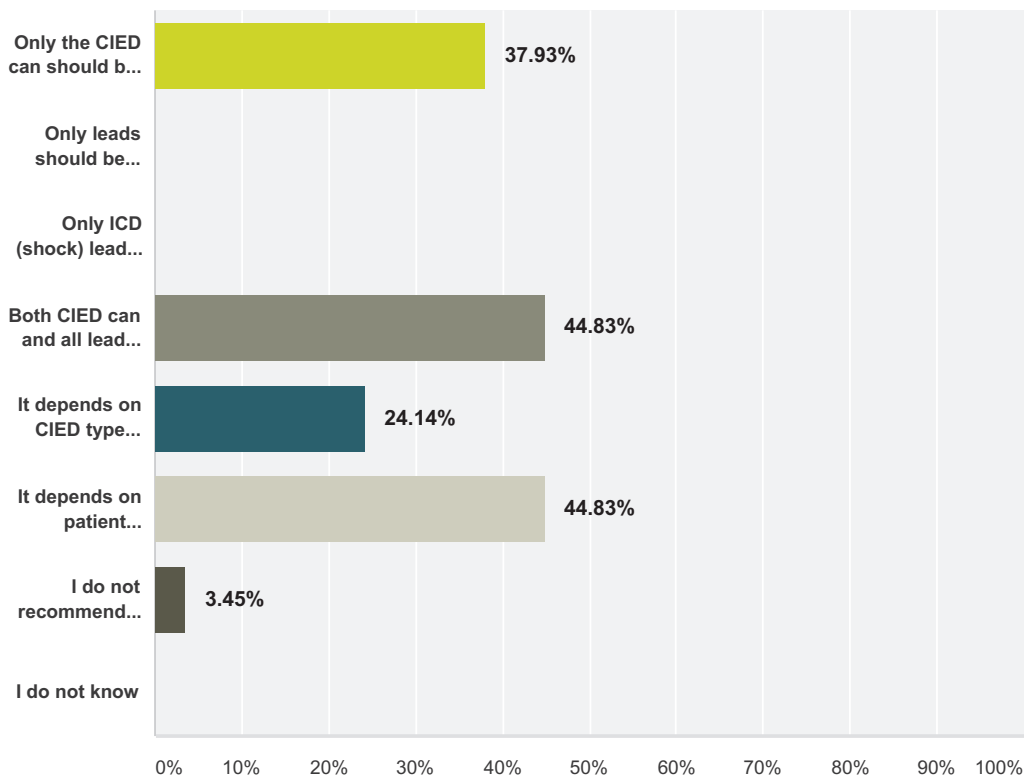
Answer Choices	Responses
0.5Gy	0.00% 0
1Gy	0.00% 0
2Gy	13.79% 4
5Gy	6.90% 2
10Gy	3.45% 1
Depends on CIED manufacturer (different for different manufacturers)	10.34% 3
Depends on CIED type (pacemaker or ICD or CRT-P or CRT-D)	10.34% 3
Depends on patient characteristics	10.34% 3
There is no upper safe limit, all patients are to be treated in the same way, regardless of the dose	6.90% 2

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I do not know	37.93%	11
Total		29

Q15 When you recommend avoidance of direct irradiation of the CIED during radiotherapy, you recommend that (multiple answers):

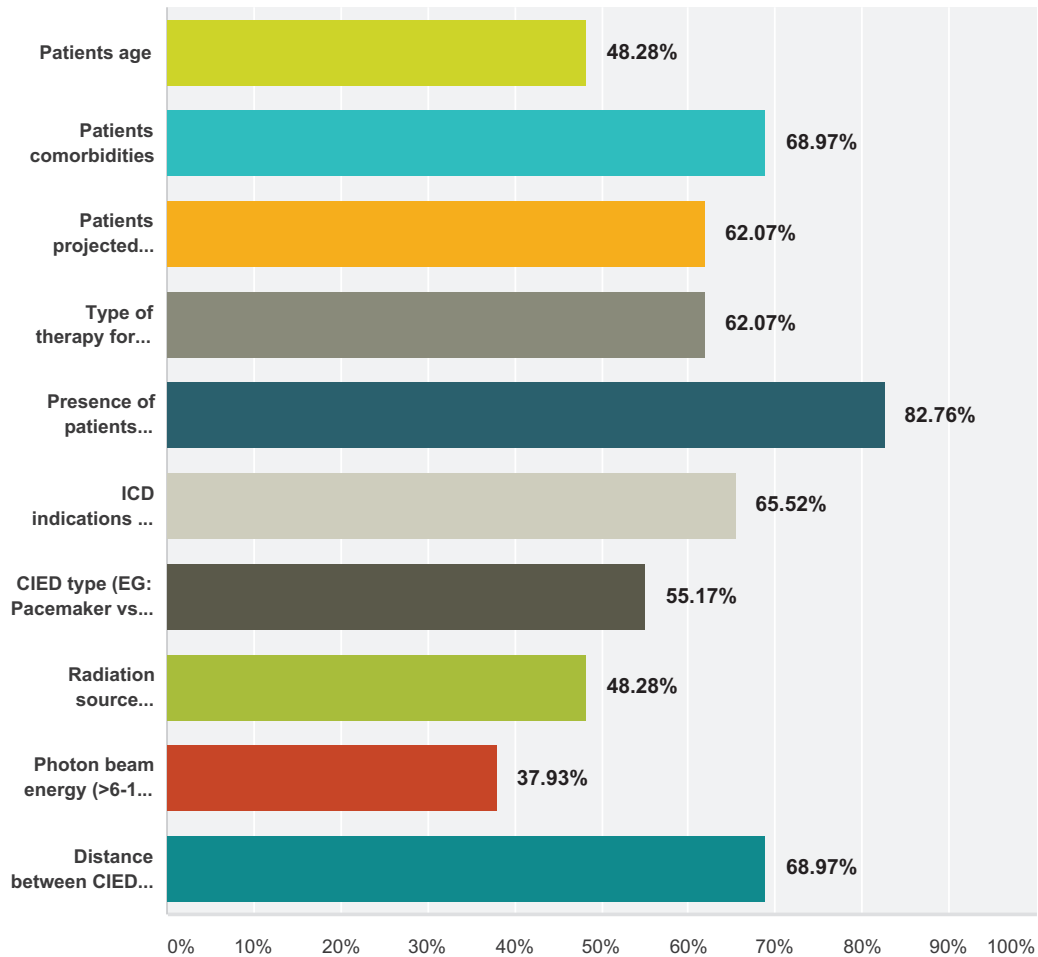
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Only the CIED can should be protected against direct irradiation	37.93%	11
Only leads should be protected	0.00%	0
Only ICD (shock) leads should be protected	0.00%	0
Both CIED can and all leads must not be placed in direct therapy beam	44.83%	13
It depends on CIED type (pacemaker or ICD or CRT-P or CRT-D)	24.14%	7
It depends on patient characteristics	44.83%	13
I do not recommend avoidance of CIED direct irradiation at all	3.45%	1
I do not know	0.00%	0
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Q16 When assessing radiation-associated risk in patient with CIED (risk of radiation-induced device damage/dysfunction), what of the following do you take into consideration (multiple answers):

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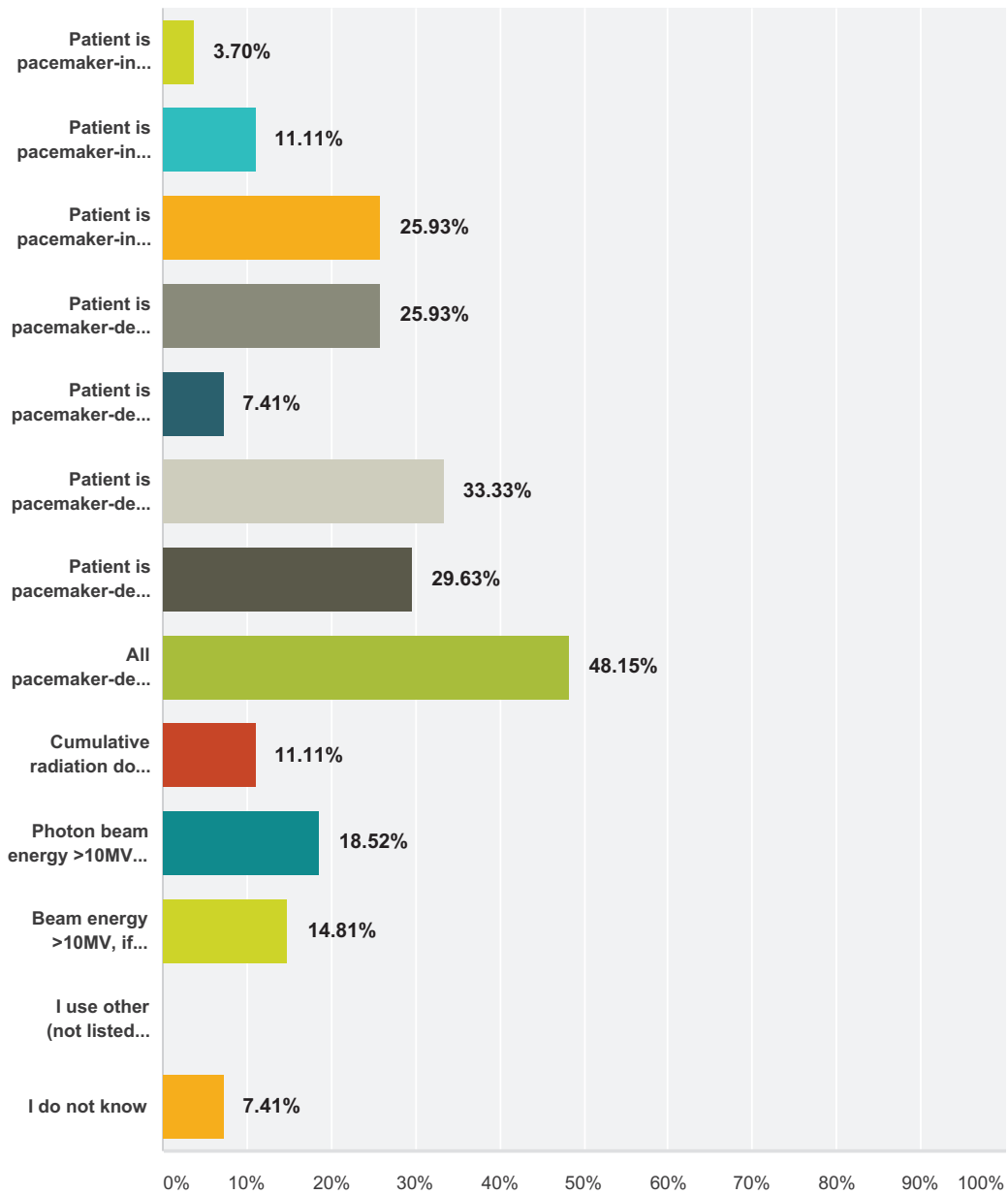
Answer Choices	Responses
Patients age	48.28% 14
Patients comorbidities	68.97% 20
Patients projected survival	62.07% 18
Type of therapy for cancer: radical- or palliative	62.07% 18
Presence of patients pacemaker-dependency	82.76% 24
ICD indications (in cases of ICD/CRT-D patients) - primary vs. secondary prevention of sudden cardiac death	65.52% 19
CIED type (EG: Pacemaker vs CRT)	55.17% 16
Radiation source (betatron, linear accelerator, etc)	48.28% 14

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Photon beam energy (>6-10MV or less)	37.93%	11
Distance between CIED and radiotherapy treatment beam	68.97%	20
Total Respondents: 29		

Q17 Regarding assessment of radiotherapy-associated risk in pacemaker patients, you would consider that your patient is at high-risk if (multiple answers):

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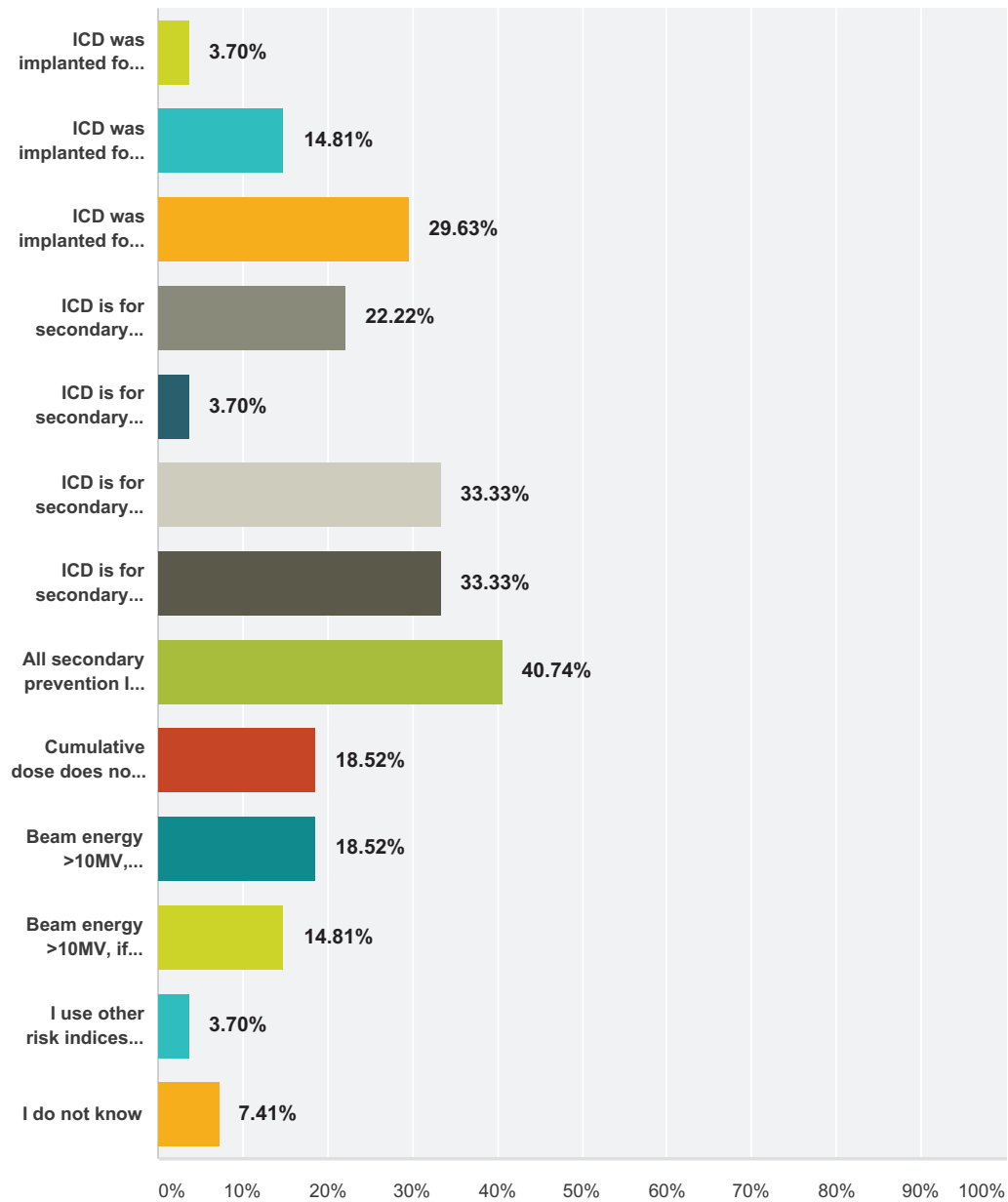
Answer Choices	Responses
Patient is pacemaker-independent, and cumulative radiation dose to pacemaker is <2Gy	3.70% 1
Patient is pacemaker-independent and cumulative radiation dose is 2-10Gy	11.11% 3
Patient is pacemaker-independent and cumulative radiation dose exceeds 10Gy	25.93% 7
Patient is pacemaker-dependent, and fulfils the same criteria as pacemaker-independent high-risk patient,	25.93% 7

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Patient is pacemaker-dependent and cumulative radiation dose on pacemaker is <2Gy	7.41%	2
Patient is pacemaker-dependent and cumulative radiation dose is 2-10Gy	33.33%	9
Patient is pacemaker-dependent and cumulative radiation dose exceeds 10Gy	29.63%	8
All pacemaker-dependent patients are at high-risk, irrespective of the dose	48.15%	13
Cumulative radiation dose does not matter, all pacemaker patients are at high-risk	11.11%	3
Photon beam energy >10MV, irrespectively from pacemaker-dependency and dose received by CIED	18.52%	5
Beam energy >10MV, if associated with other "low risk" indices	14.81%	4
I use other (not listed here) risk indices for risk assessment in pacemaker patients undergoing radiotherapy	0.00%	0
I do not know	7.41%	2
Total Respondents: 27		

Q18 Regarding assessment of radiotherapy-associated risk in ICD patients, you would consider that your patient is at high-risk if (multiple answers):

Answered: 27 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
ICD was implanted for primary prevention of sudden cardiac death, and cumulative radiation dose to device is <2Gy	3.70% 1
ICD was implanted for primary prevention of sudden cardiac death, and cumulative radiation dose is 2-10Gy	14.81% 4
ICD was implanted for primary prevention of sudden cardiac death, and cumulative radiation dose exceeds 10Gy	29.63% 8

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ICD is for secondary prevention (or patient had appropriate intervention after implantation), and fulfils the same criteria as primary prevention high-risk ICD patient	22.22%	6
ICD is for secondary prevention and cumulative radiation dose to device is <2Gy	3.70%	1
ICD is for secondary prevention and cumulative radiation dose is 2-10Gy	33.33%	9
ICD is for secondary prevention and cumulative radiation dose exceeds 10Gy	33.33%	9
All secondary prevention ICD patients are at high-risk, irrespective of the dose	40.74%	11
Cumulative dose does not matter, all ICD patients are at high-risk	18.52%	5
Beam energy >10MV, irrespective of prevention and dose received by CIED	18.52%	5
Beam energy >10MV, if associated with other "high risk" indices	14.81%	4
I use other risk indices for risk assessment in ICD patients undergoing radiotherapy	3.70%	1
I do not know	7.41%	2
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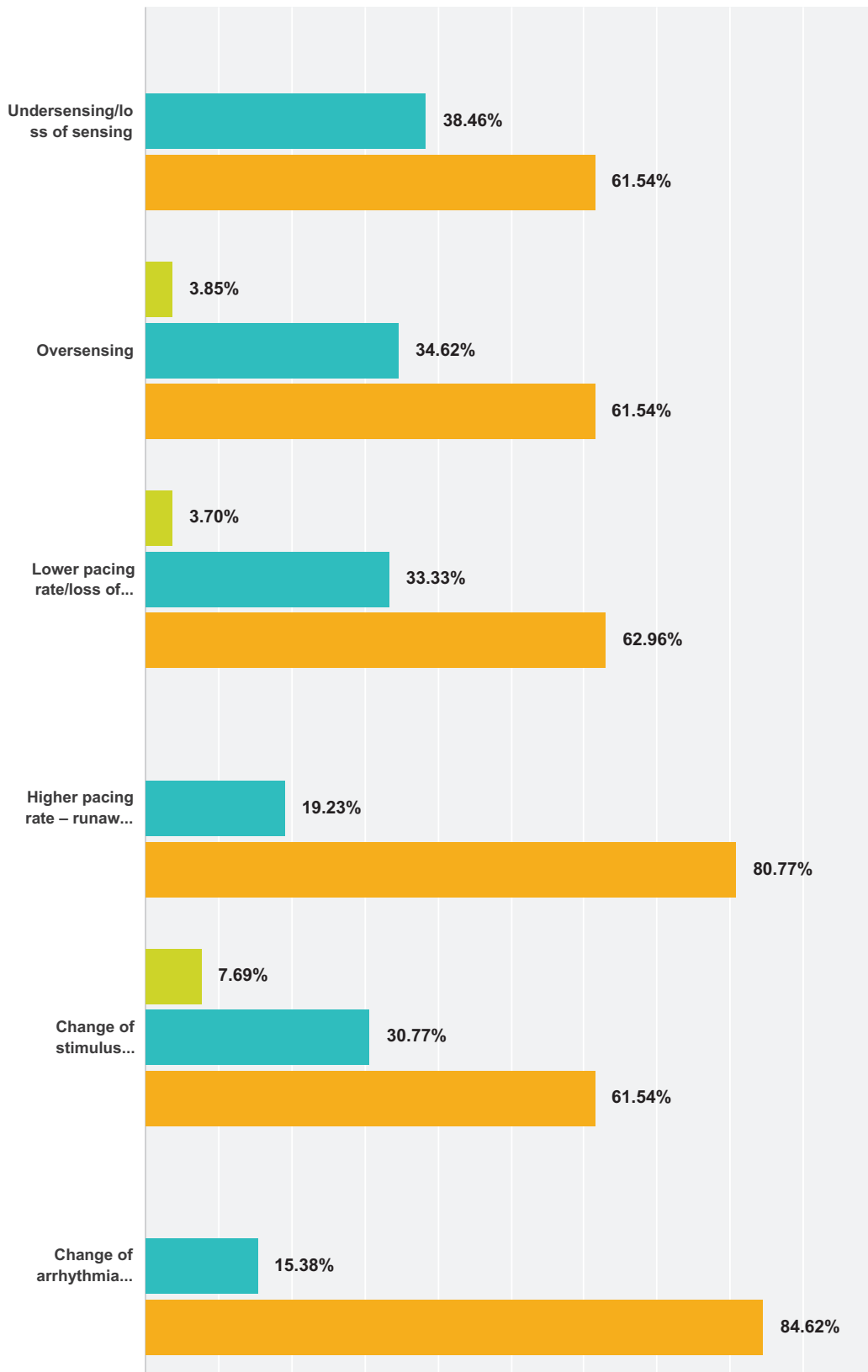
**Q19 Among all my CIED patients treated with radiotherapy, the approximate percent of subjects who experienced device damage/dysfunction after radiation was:
(Please, give the percentage)**

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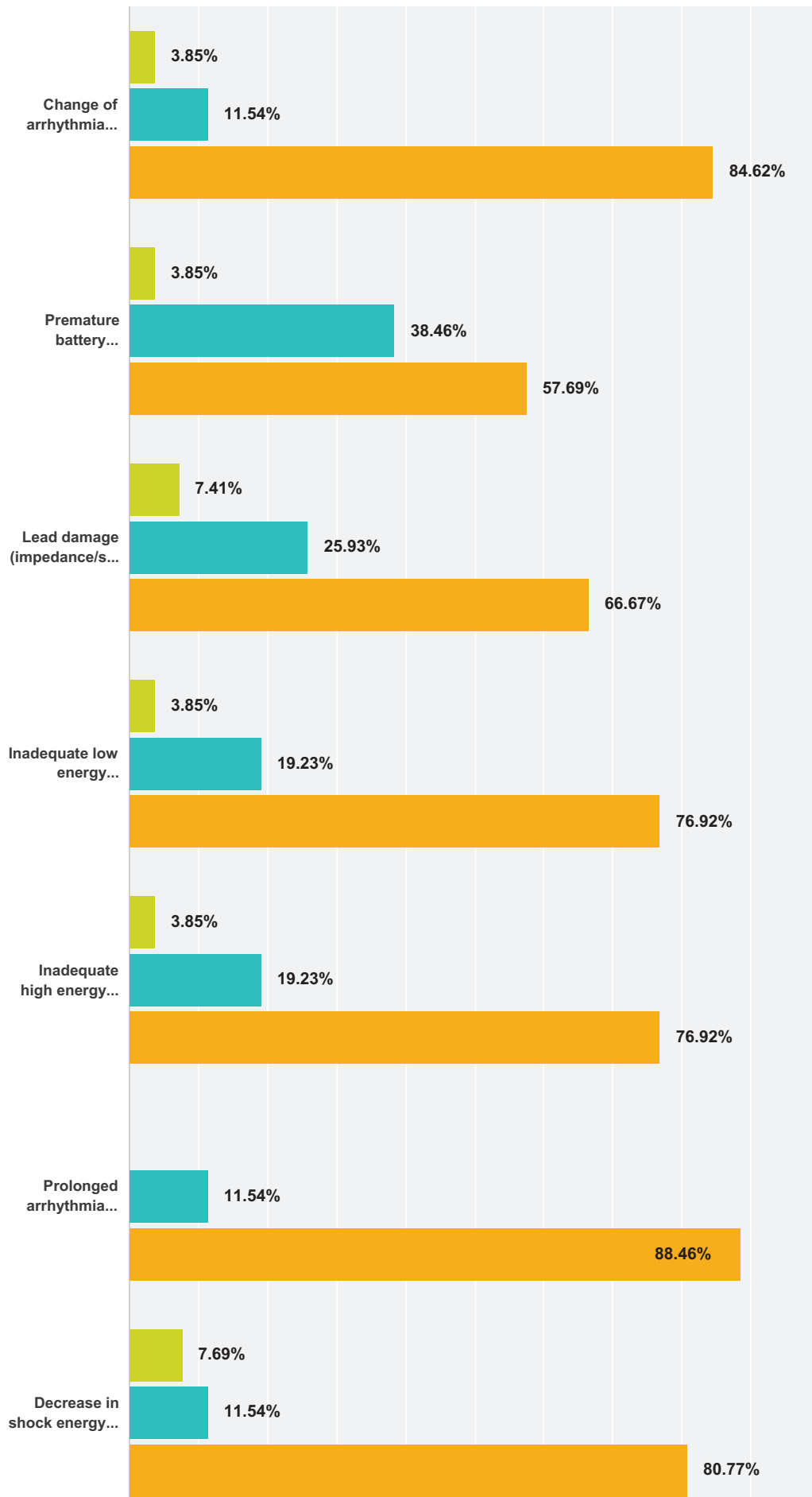
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8	5	3/10/2017 10:34 AM
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10	<1%	3/9/2017 10:59 PM
11	0	3/8/2017 8:56 PM
12	1	2/25/2017 8:37 PM
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14	I don't know	2/23/2017 2:10 PM
15	0	2/23/2017 8:28 AM
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Q20 The abnormalities of CIED function you encountered in radiation-treated patients include by frequency:

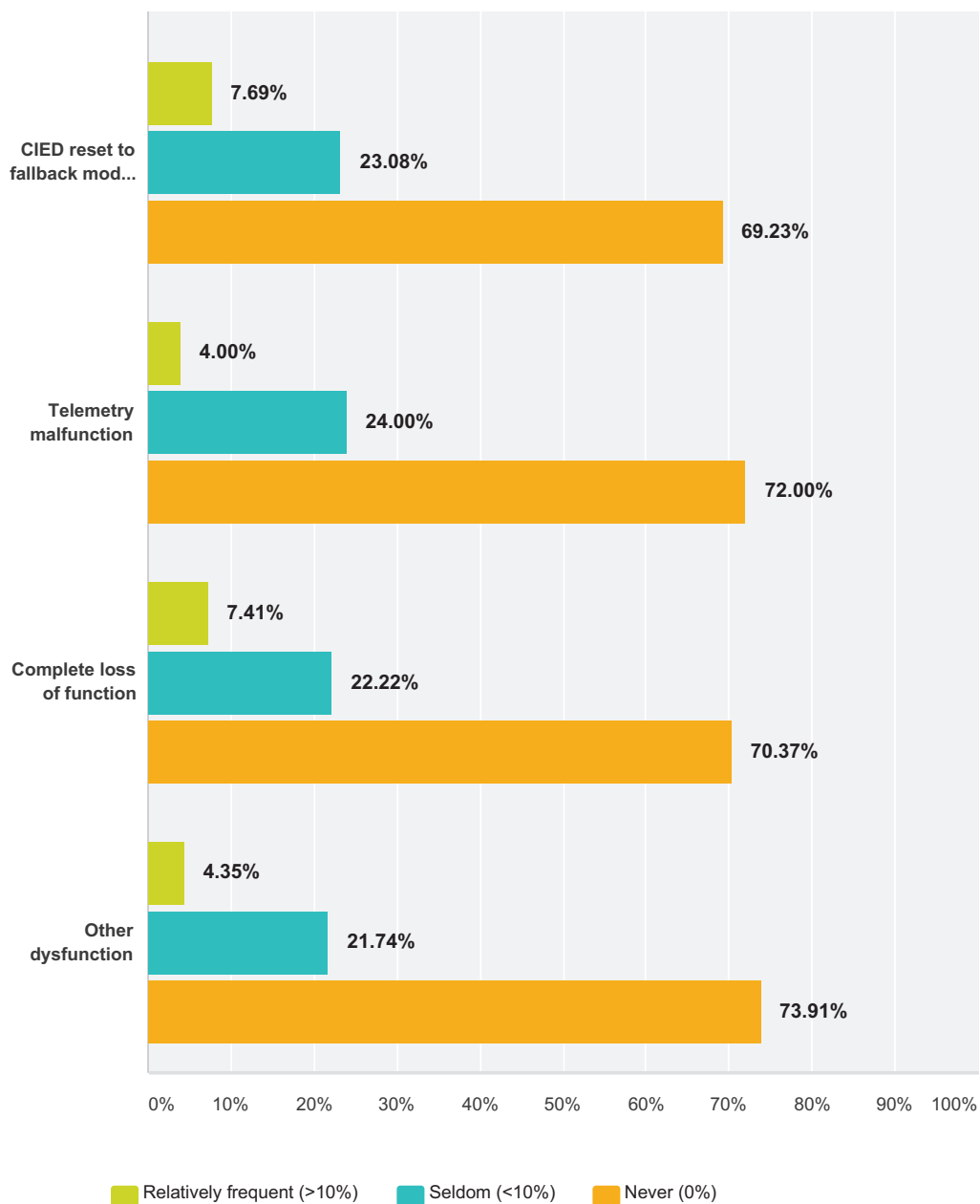
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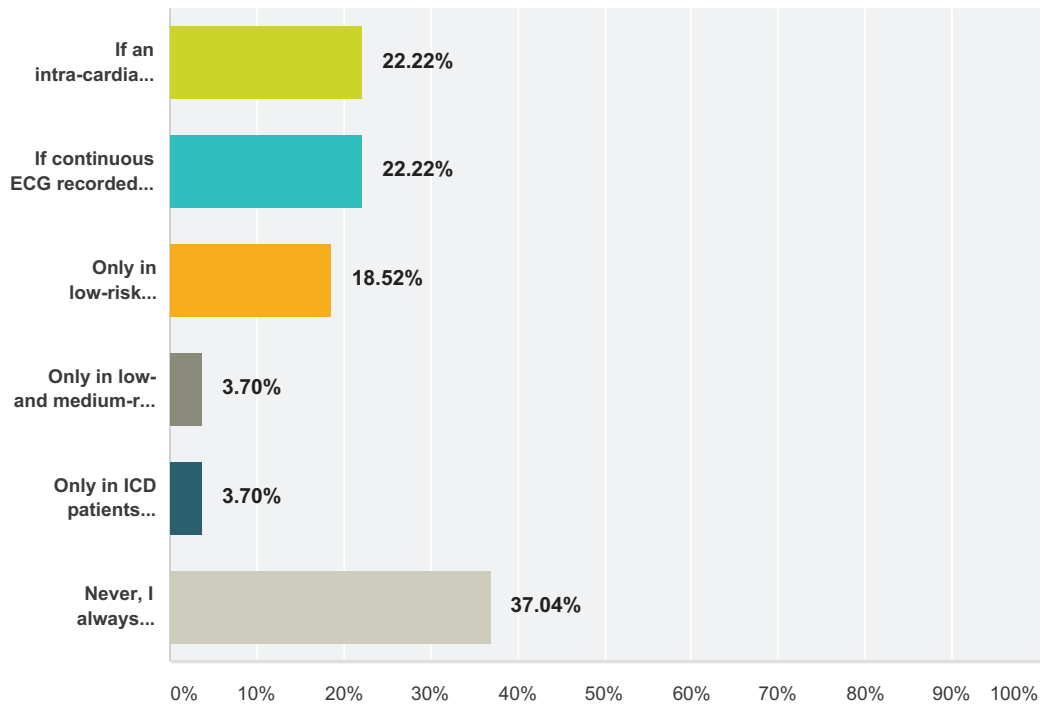
	Relatively frequent (>10%)	Seldom (<10%)	Never (0%)	Total
Undersensing/loss of sensing	0.00% 0	38.46% 10	61.54% 16	26
Oversensing	3.85% 1	34.62% 9	61.54% 16	26
Lower pacing rate/loss of pacing	3.70% 1	33.33% 9	62.96% 17	27
Higher pacing rate – runaway pacemaker syndrome	0.00% 0	19.23% 5	80.77% 21	26
Change of stimulus amplitude	7.69% 2	30.77% 8	61.54% 16	26
Change of arrhythmia detection settings	0.00% 0	15.38% 4	84.62% 22	26

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Change of arrhythmia therapy settings	3.85% 1	11.54% 3	84.62% 22	26
Premature battery depletion	3.85% 1	38.46% 10	57.69% 15	26
Lead damage (impedance/sensing/pacing threshold out of range)	7.41% 2	25.93% 7	66.67% 18	27
Inadequate low energy antiarrhythmic therapy in ICD	3.85% 1	19.23% 5	76.92% 20	26
Inadequate high energy antiarrhythmic therapy in ICD	3.85% 1	19.23% 5	76.92% 20	26
Prolonged arrhythmia detection/capacitor charging	0.00% 0	11.54% 3	88.46% 23	26
Decrease in shock energy delivered by ICD	7.69% 2	11.54% 3	80.77% 21	26
CIED reset to fallback mode or power-on-reset mode	7.69% 2	23.08% 6	69.23% 18	26
Telemetry malfunction	4.00% 1	24.00% 6	72.00% 18	25
Complete loss of function	7.41% 2	22.22% 6	70.37% 19	27
Other dysfunction	4.35% 1	21.74% 5	73.91% 17	23

Q21 In ICD patient planned for radiotherapy, would you refrain from deactivating antiarrhythmic therapies prior to RT (multiple answers):

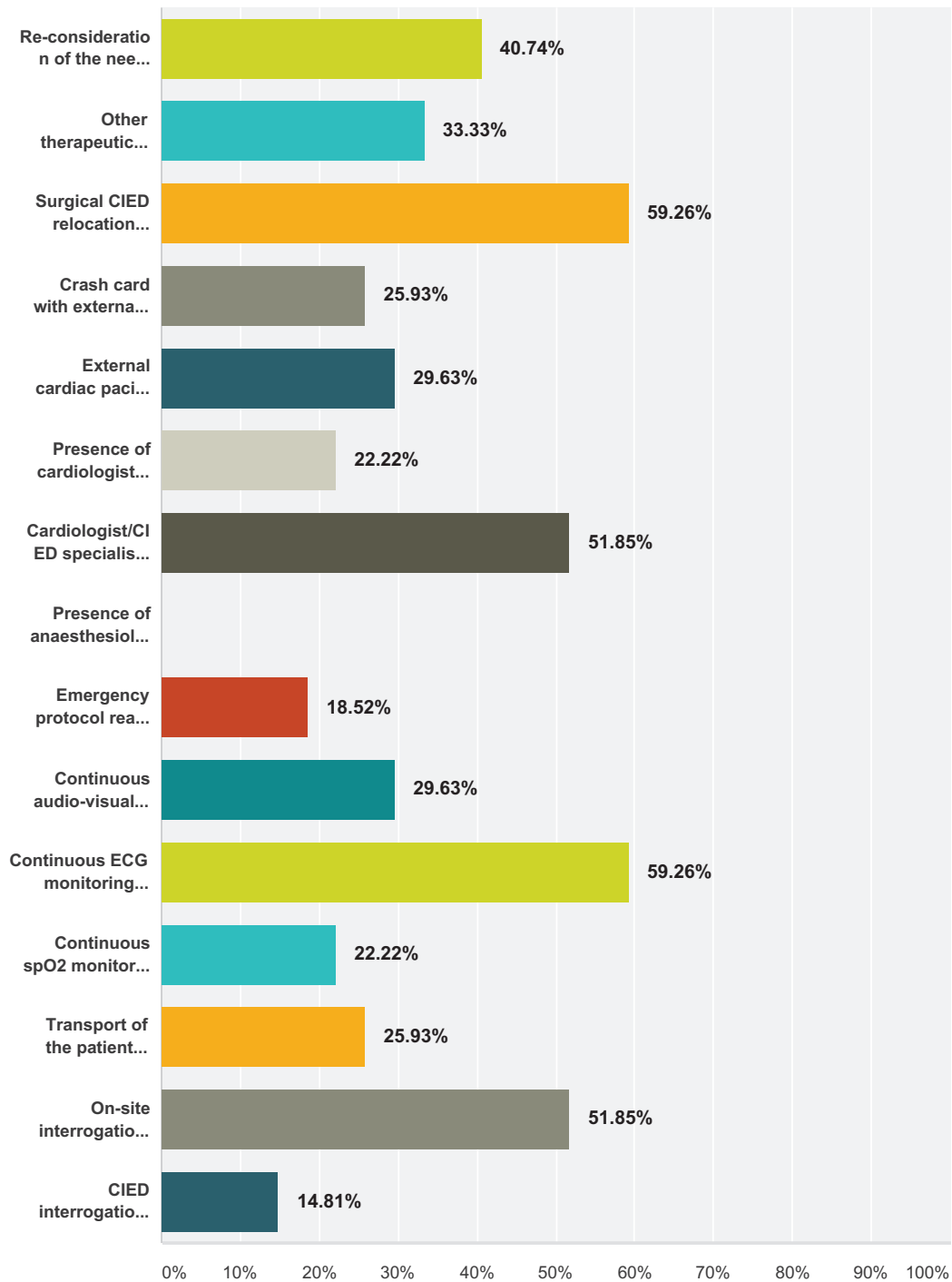
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Answer Choices	Responses
If an intra-cardiac electrogram during the first fraction did not show aberrations or morphology that would trigger antitachycardia therapy	22.22% 6
If continuous ECG recorded during the first RT fraction did not show abnormalities	22.22% 6
Only in low-risk patients	18.52% 5
Only in low- and medium-risk patients	3.70% 1
Only in ICD patients implanted for primary prevention	3.70% 1
Never, I always deactivate ICD prior to RT in all patients	37.04% 10
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Q22 What safety precautions do you undertake/recommend if a high-risk CIED patient is planned to undergo radiotherapy for cancer (multiple answers)?

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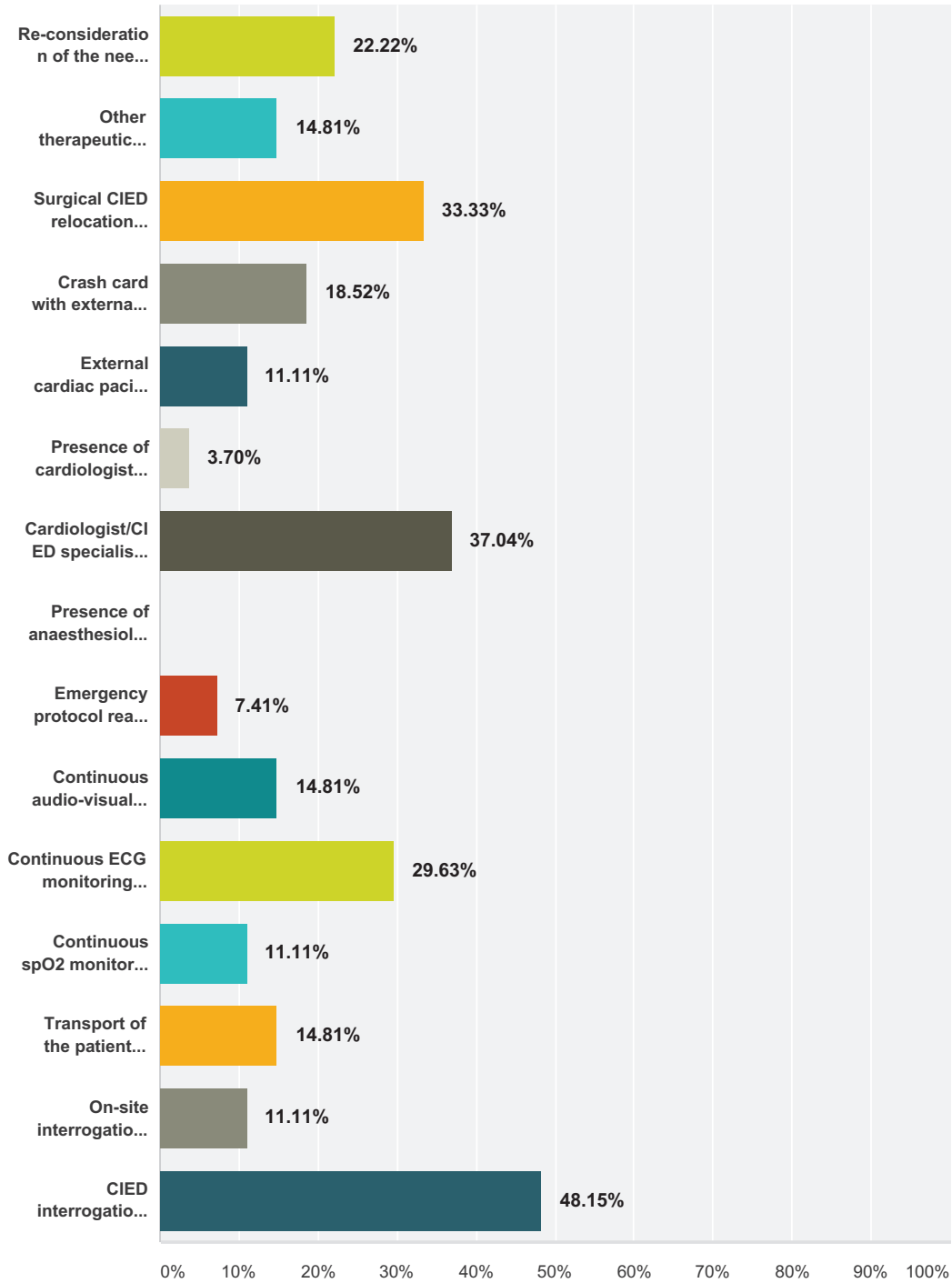
Answer Choices	Responses
Re-consideration of the need for radiotherapy, or modification of the radiotherapy plan, aiming at radiation reduction	40.74% 11

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Other therapeutic options taken into consideration (chemotherapy)	33.33%	9
Surgical CIED relocation considered	59.26%	16
Crash card with external defibrillator available	25.93%	7
External cardiac pacing available	29.63%	8
Presence of cardiologist with the programmer during radiotherapy	22.22%	6
Cardiologist/CIED specialist available within 10 minutes	51.85%	14
Presence of anaesthesiologist during radiotherapy	0.00%	0
Emergency protocol ready and reanimation team at hand	18.52%	5
Continuous audio-visual patient monitoring during RT	29.63%	8
Continuous ECG monitoring during every RT fraction	59.26%	16
Continuous spO2 monitoring during every RT fraction	22.22%	6
Transport of the patient under medical surveillance to cardiology centre to check-up, deactivate/activate CIED before and after every RT session	25.93%	7
On-site interrogation/reprogramming of CIED before and after every RT	51.85%	14
CIED interrogation only after the last RT session	14.81%	4
Total Respondents: 27		

Q23 What safety precautions do you undertake/recommend if low-risk CIED patient is planned to undergo radiotherapy for cancer (multiple answers)?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 9



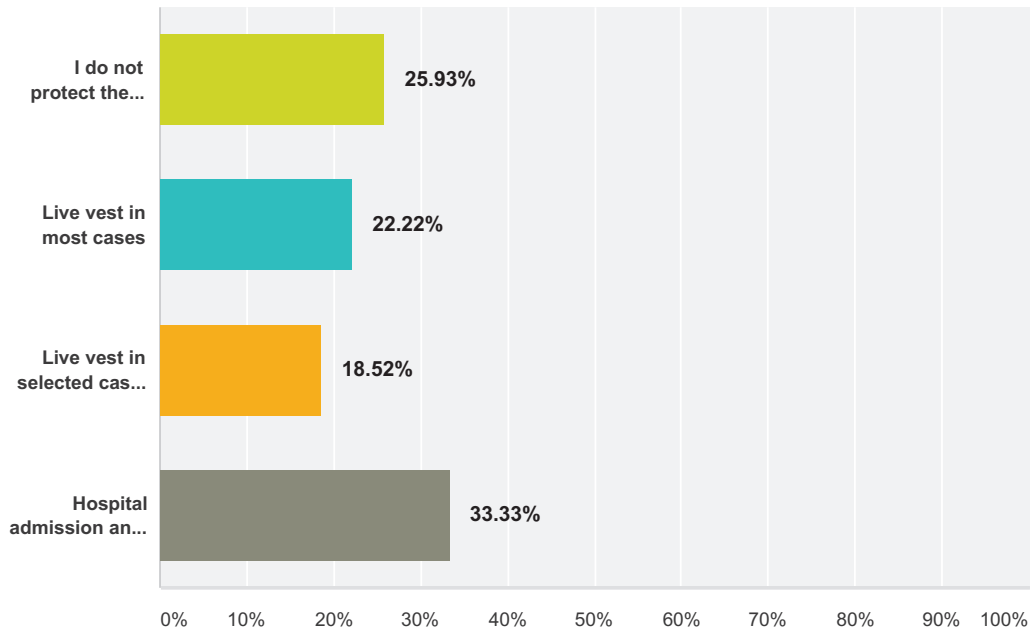
Answer Choices	Responses
Re-consideration of the need for radiotherapy, or modification of the radiotherapy plan, aiming at radiation reduction	22.22% 6

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Other therapeutic options taken into consideration (chemotherapy)	14.81%	4
Surgical CIED relocation considered	33.33%	9
Crash card with external defibrillator available	18.52%	5
External cardiac pacing available	11.11%	3
Presence of cardiologist with the programmer during radiotherapy	3.70%	1
Cardiologist/CIED specialist available within 10 minutes	37.04%	10
Presence of anaesthesiologist during radiotherapy	0.00%	0
Emergency protocol ready and reanimation team at hand	7.41%	2
Continuous audio-visual patient monitoring during RT	14.81%	4
Continuous ECG monitoring during every RT fraction	29.63%	8
Continuous spO2 monitoring during every RT fraction	11.11%	3
Transport of the patient under medical surveillance to cardiology centre to check-up, deactivate/activate CIED before and after every RT session	14.81%	4
On-site interrogation/reprogramming of CIED before and after every RT	11.11%	3
CIED interrogation only after the last RT session	48.15%	13
Total Respondents: 27		

Q24 In patients requiring ICD explantation for curative outpatient radiotherapy, how do you usually protect the patient against sudden cardiac death until the ICD can be re-implanted:

Answered: 27 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not protect the patient against sudden death	25.93% 7
Live vest in most cases	22.22% 6
Live vest in selected cases only	18.52% 5
Hospital admission and telemetry (no ambulatory radiotherapy in these patients).	33.33% 9
Total	27