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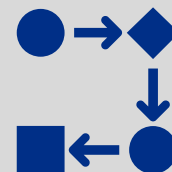
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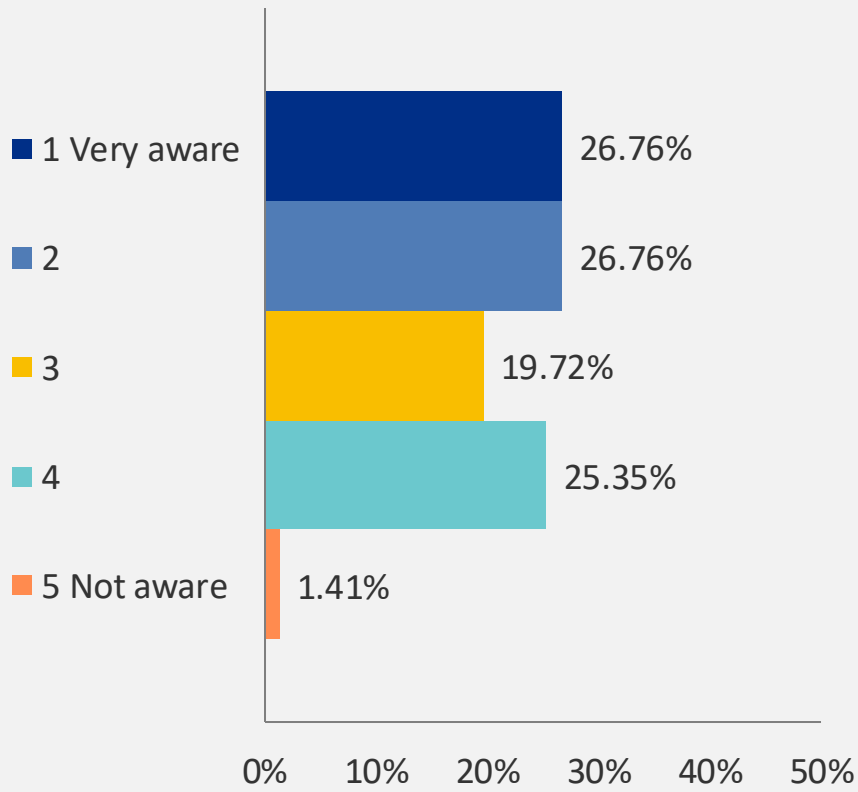
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# February 2024 Survey

On a scale from 1 to 5, please indicate your general awareness of bispecific antibodies

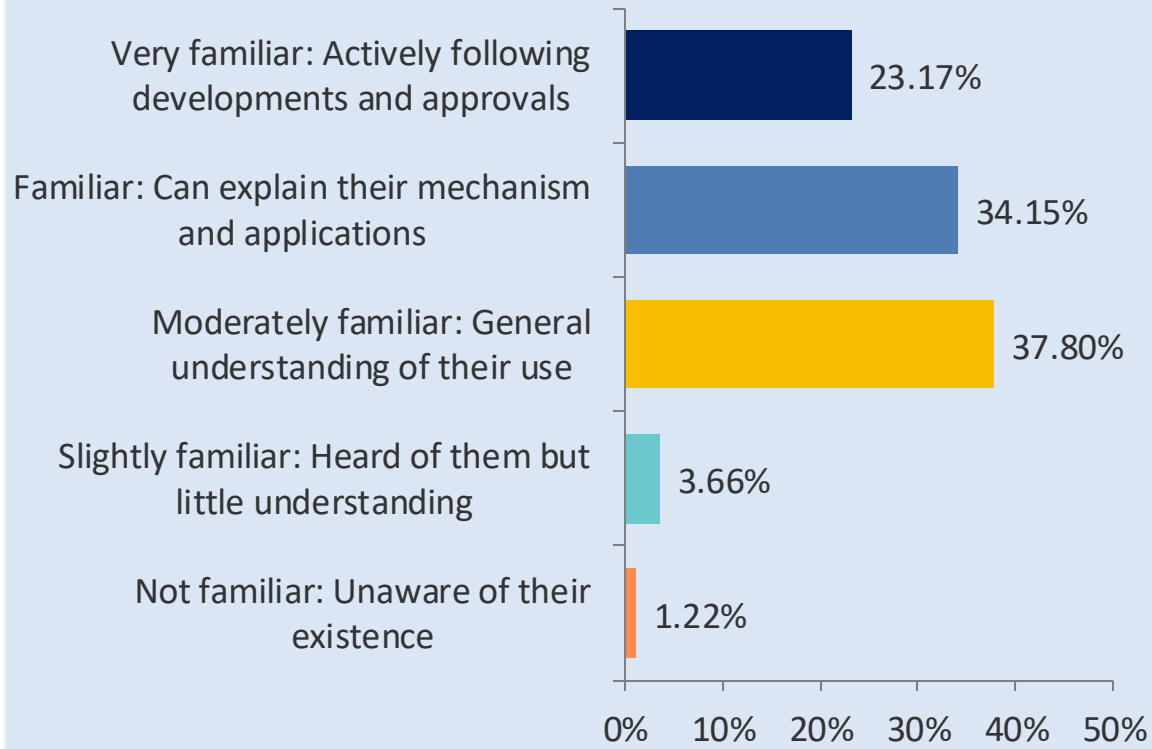


Answered: 71



# December 2024 Survey

Please indicate your general familiarity of bispecific antibodies:



Answered: 81

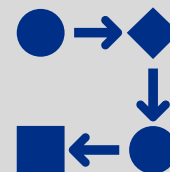
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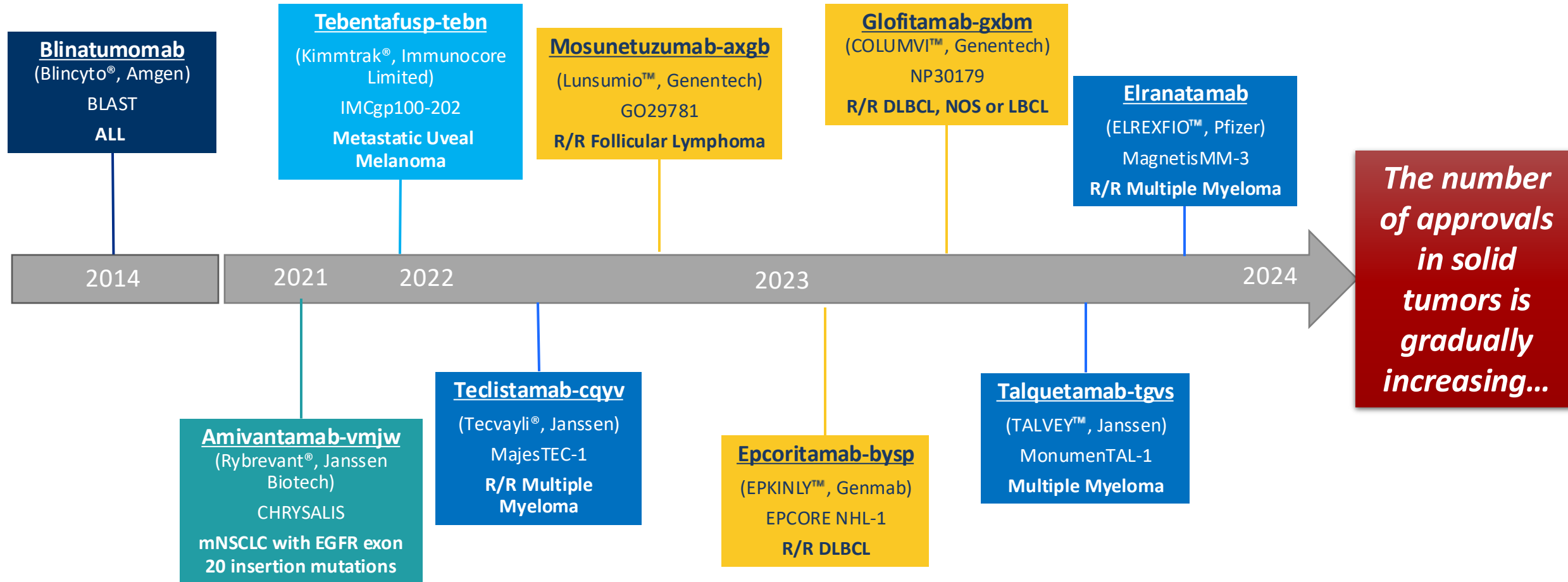


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# Bispecifics: Developmental Timeline in Oncology



# FDA Approvals of New Bispecific Therapies, 2024

Approval Date	Name	Manufacturer	Targets	Indication
May 16, 2024	Tarlatamab (Imdelltra)	Amgen	DLL3 and CD3	Previously treated extensive stage small cell lung cancer
June 14, 2024	Blinatumomab (Blincyto)	Amgen	CD19 and CD3	Consolidation in CD19-positive Philadelphia chromosome-negative acute lymphoblastic leukemia
June 26, 2024	Epcoritamab (Epkinly)	Genmab/AbbVie	CD20 and CD3	Relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma

# Key Question

What are the benefits of implementing bispecific therapy programs in the community setting?

Frequent dosing, distance to academic / hospital, time away from home, and requirement for a caregiver companion are too burdensome for some patients and often forego treatment

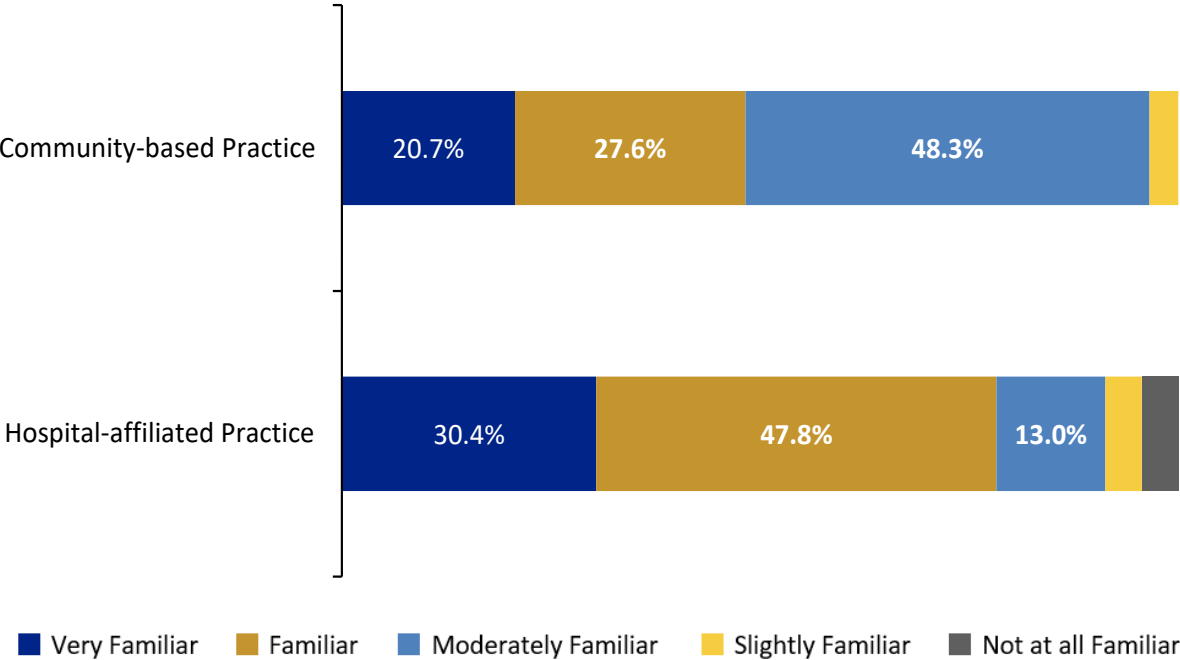


Bispecific antibodies delivered in an outpatient setting increases access to advanced therapies in community settings and reduces the burden of travel for patients



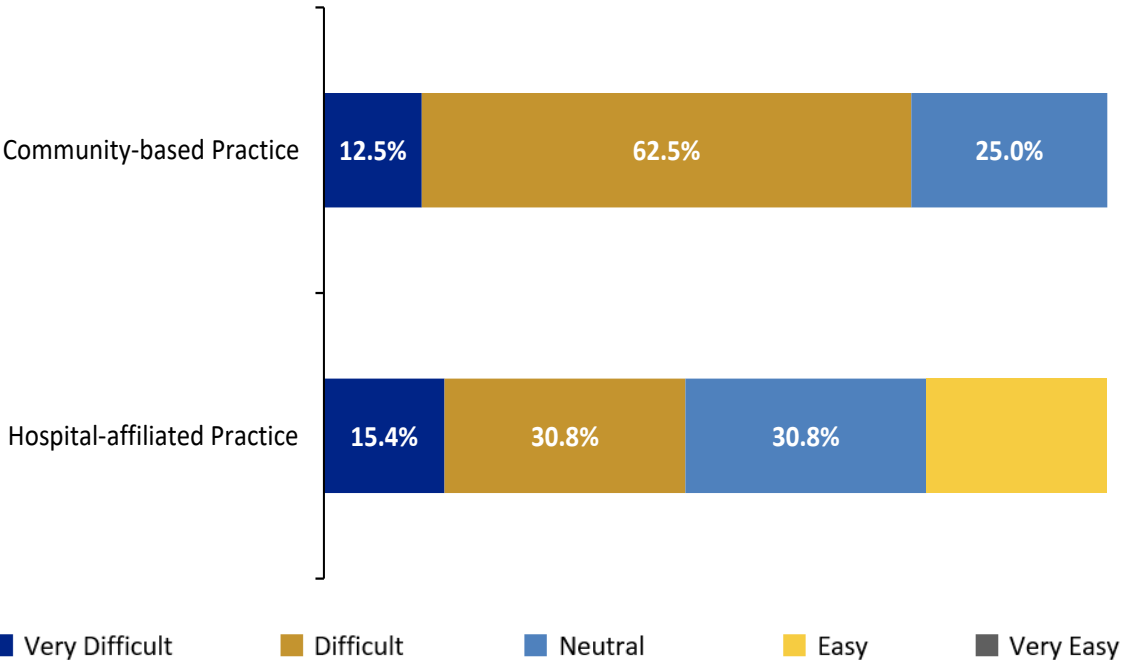
Across both Community-based (CB) and Hospital-affiliated (HA) practices familiarity of bispecific antibody therapies is strong

Please indicate your general familiarity of bispecific antibodies:



In both Community-based practices and the Hospital-affiliated practices, bispecific antibodies are considered difficult to integrate into practice

How would you rate the ease of integrating bispecific antibody therapies into your practice?



# Key Question

What factors might influence the decision to administer bispecifics in a community setting instead of at an academic center?

Access and experience or comfort with administration and monitoring and managing toxicities in a community setting

Disease type (DLBCL versus less aggressive), comorbidities, place in treatment journey (3L patients can be very different from 2L)



Data to support use in earlier lines of therapy for more “healthy” patients

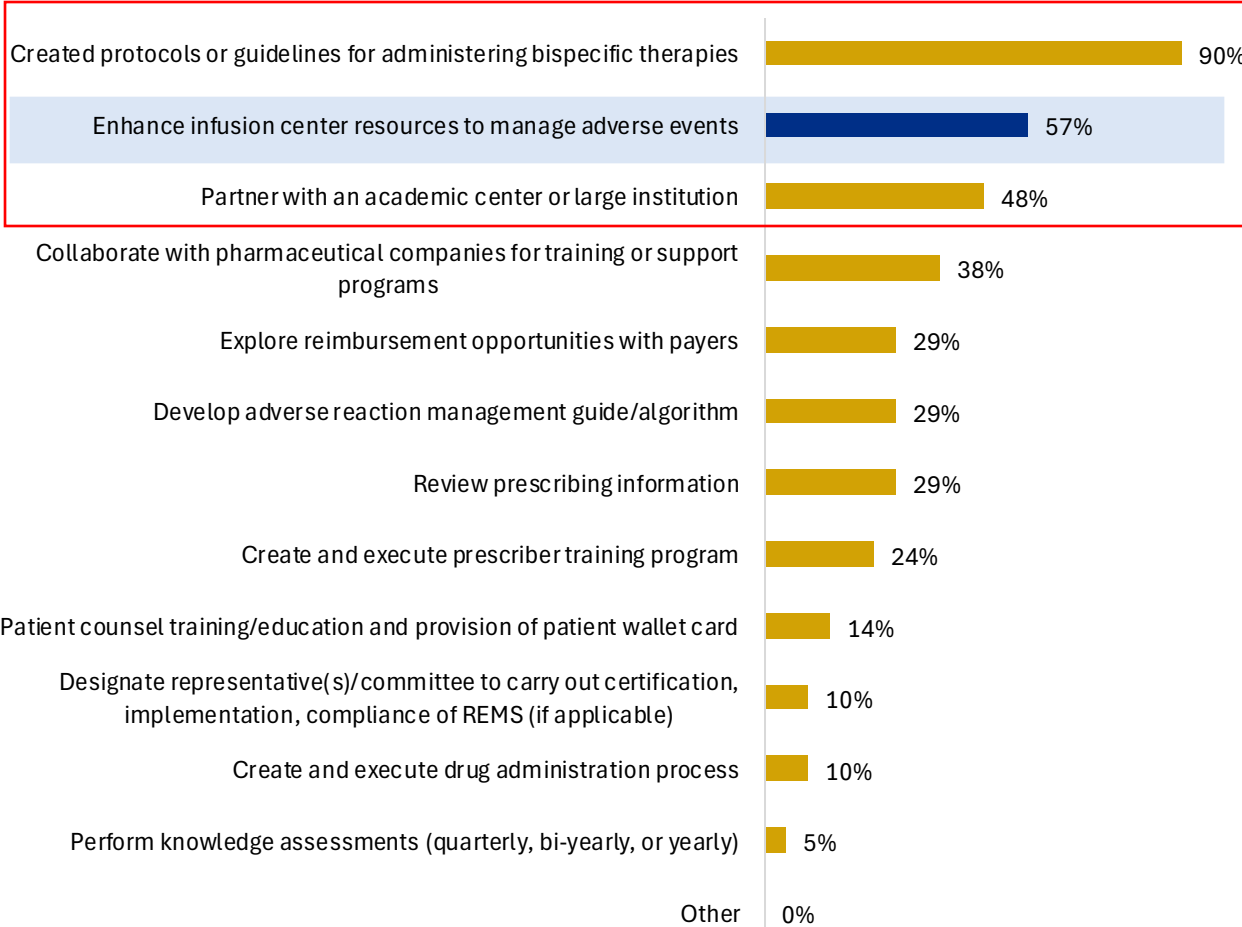
Patient selection and co-management with academic/hospital, with clear communication and expectations

Top three steps towards incorporating bispecific antibodies into practice:  
*Creating protocols, partnering with an academic center, and enhancing infusion center resources to manage adverse events*

Community-Based Practices (n: 45)



Hospital-Affiliated Practices (n: 21)



# Key Question

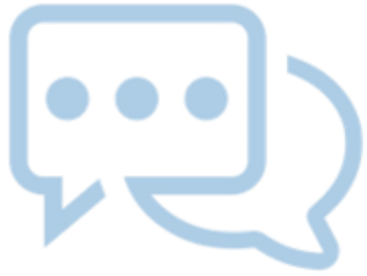
What steps do you take to enhance infusion center resources to manage adverse events associated with bispecifics?

Consider step up dosing and needs related to T-cell toxicities associated with T-cell engagers

Consider the target of the bispecific and identify the related toxicities...prepare accordingly



e.g., **talquetamab-tgvs**, which targets a protein that is also present in keratin-expressing hair follicles and cells in the oral cavity; can lead to oral toxicities such as taste changes that may be permanent, dry mouth, and dysphagia, as well as skin toxicities.



# Case-based Discussion for Integration of Bispecific Antibodies into Practice

*Panel Discussion on  
Bispecific Antibodies in  
the Community Setting*

- 1. Financials and logistics*
- 2. Toxicity management*
- 3. Transitioning patients*

# Real World Patient Case #1: IgG kappa Multiple Myeloma

63 yr-old male diagnosed with IgG kappa MM May 2020

- Initial bone marrow
  - Monoclonal plasmacytosis of 80-90% with step-up cytogenetics by FISH (*CCND1*/IgG rearrangement)
    - Monosomy 13 / del(13q)
    - Monosomy 17 / del(17p)
    - Loss of B Cell Receptors (BCMA)
    - Normal male karyotype

## 1<sup>st</sup> Line Therapy

- **Carfilzomib, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone (KRd)**

→ Tandem autologous SCT

November 2020 to May 2021

- **Daratumumab + lenalidomide July 2021 post transplant maintenance**

→ December 2021 stopped lenalidomide

*Bone marrow biopsy was completed December 5th, 2023 for evaluation of leukocytosis.*

*Pathology showed marrow plasmacytosis accounting for 90% of marrow cellularity*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Therapy

- **Initiated teclistamab**  
→ January 2024

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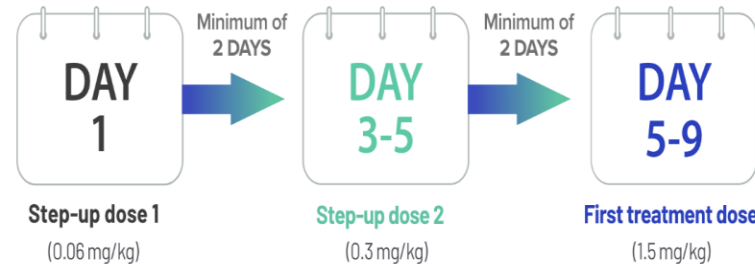
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## Step-up Dosing



*Prior to starting treatment with TECVAYLI®*

- Consider initiation of antiviral prophylaxis to prevent herpes zoster reactivation

*1 to 3 hours before step up dose to reduce risk of CRS*

- Corticosteroid, Histamine-1 (H1) receptor antagonist, Antipyretics

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\(teclistamab-cqyv\) HCP](#)



- **Location of step-up dosing**
- **Logistics of transitioning patients**
- **Consistency of Protocols across institutions**
- **Financial logistics**



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***CRS/ICANS are mainly acute reactions that occur during step-up dosing...***

***But what about the risk of adverse events that can increase with subsequent treatments and continue with long term treatments?***

## Adverse event management

### → **Recurrent infections on teclistamab**

- Recurrent pneumonias (three episodes) July 2024 to November 2024 with atypical organisms
- Initiated on IVIG to goal IgG >600
- Resolution of infections



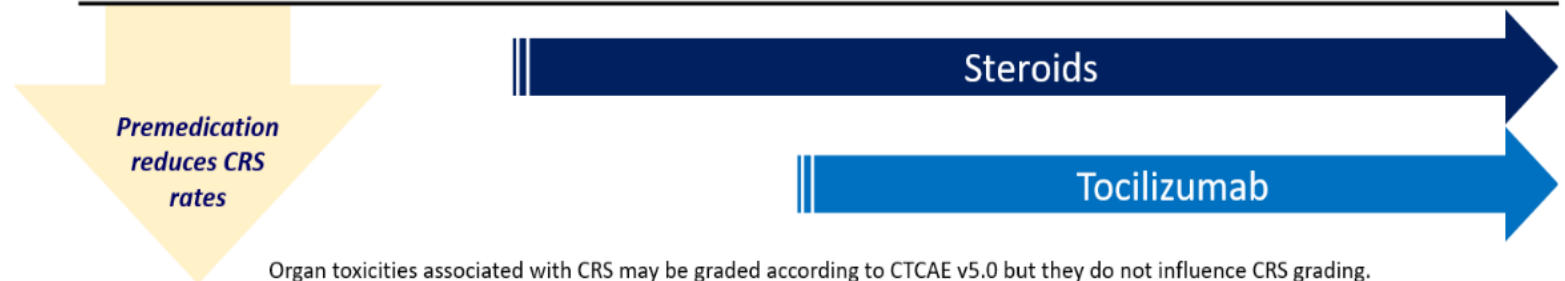
# Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

*BsAbs have a relatively short half-life (compared to CAR T-cell therapy) and need to be administered repeatedly, therefore CRS symptoms tend to resolve relatively quickly by interrupting therapy and providing supportive care*

- Educate staff and develop toxicity management protocols
- Ensure tocilizumab is available
- Ensure emergency department staff and hospitalists are aware that an on-call physician is available to help manage any patient who may present with CRS
- Remind patients and their caregivers about signs and symptoms of CRS

## ASTCT CRS Consensus Grading

CRS Parameter	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Fever	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$
Hypotension	None	Not requiring vasopressors	<i>With</i> Requiring a vasopressor with or without vasopressin	Requiring multiple vasopressors (excluding vasopressin)
Hypoxia	None	<i>And/or</i> Requiring low-flow nasal cannulaz or blow-by	Requiring high-flow nasal can nulaz, facemask, nonrebreather mask, or Venturi mask	Requiring positive pressure (e.g., CPAP, BiPAP, intubation and mechanical ventilation)



D.W.Lee et al./BiolBloodMarrowTransplant 25 (2019): 625-638

# Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS)

*ICANS can manifest with a range of effects, from mild symptoms like headaches to more severe conditions such as confusion, unconsciousness, and seizures*

- *Early intervention is critical to be able to give the next dose*
- *Collaboration of neurologist and neuroradiologist is important*
- *Increase the dose (dexamethasone, anakinra) if not responding*
- *Avoid concurrent medications that might cause cognitive changes*

## ASTCT ICANS Consensus Grading

Neurotoxicity Domain	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
ICE score	7-9	3-6	0-2	0 (patient is unarousable and unable to perform ICE)
Depressed level of consciousness	Awakens spontaneously	Awakens to voice	Awakens only to tactile stimulus	Patient is unarousable or requires vigorous or repetitive tactile stimuli to arouse. Stupor or coma
Seizure	N/A	N/A	Any clinical seizure focal or generalized that resolves rapidly or nonconvulsive seizures on EEG that resolve with intervention	Life-threatening prolonged seizure (>5 min); or Repetitive clinical or electrical seizures without return to baseline in between
Motor findings	N/A	N/A	N/A	Deep focal motor weakness such as hemiparesis or paraparesis
Elevated ICP/ cerebral edema	N/A	N/A	Focal/local edema on neuroimaging	Diffuse cerebral edema on neuroimaging; decerbrate or decorticate posturing; or cranial nerve VI palsy; or papilledema; or Cushing's triad

*ICANS grade is determined by the most severe event*

Steroids

Tocilizumab / Anakinra

Consensus Recommendations on the Management of Toxicity Associated with CD3xCD20 Bispecific Antibody Therapy  
Blood. 2024 Jan 22;blood.2023022432. doi: 10.1182/blood.2023022432. Online ahead of print.

## Step 1

Monitor vital signs every 4 hrs  
(BP, pulse ox, temperature, heart rate)

Is your temperature higher than 100.4

**Yes**

Is the top number on  
your BP less than  
100 or your pulse ox  
less than 90%?

**Yes**  
*Go to  
Step 3*

**No**  
*Go to  
Step 2*

**No**

Is the top number  
on your BP less than  
100 or your pulse ox  
less than 90%?

**Yes**  
*Go to  
Step 3*

**No**  
*Stay in  
Step 1*

## Step 2

Take rescue medications  
(20 mg dexamethasone and 500 mg  
acetaminophen)

Recheck your vital signs after 1 hr  
(BP, pulse ox, temperature, heart  
rate)

Is your temperature higher than  
100.4 or top number of BP less than  
100 or pulse ox less than 90%?

**Yes**  
*Go to  
Step 3*

**No**

Retake vitals after 1 hr.  
If normal, resume  
monitoring every 4 hrs.  
**If abnormal,  
go to Step 3**

## Step 3

Have you taken your rescue  
medications?

**Yes**

**No**

**Take rescue medications**

**Call the hospital**

**"My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am  
currently receiving \_\_\_\_\_. I am  
having CRS symptoms and  
have taken my rescue  
medications. My vital signs are  
\_\_\_\_\_."**

# Real World Patient Case #2: IgG kappa Multiple Myeloma

61-year-old male diagnosed with MM October 2020

- MRI thoracolumbar spine showed numerous lesions
- Labs showed kappa 22.4, lambda 60.0, ratio 0.37; IgG 4273; IFE with IgG lambda and SPEP with M spike 2.7g; beta 2 microglobulin 2.55, LDH 106.9.
- Bone marrow biopsy showed hypercellular marrow (70%), with 80-90% plasma cells with 44% plasma cells showing monoclonality; FISH with trisomy 9, deletion 13q, loss of 5'IGH, loss of MAF; normal male karyotype



## 1<sup>st</sup> Line Therapy

- **Bortezomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone (RVd)**
  - Consolidation with autologous SCT June 2021
  - Maintenance lenalidomide September 2021

## Disease relapse March 2022 (#1)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Therapy

- **Daratumumab, carfilzomib, and dexamethasone (DKd)**

## Disease relapse July 2022 (#2)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Therapy

- Cyto-reduced with cyclophosphamide as bridge to **CAR T trial** (Novartis PHE885)
  - Received CAR T November 2022
  - Course was complicated by Grade 1 CRS (persistent fevers); he received tocilizumab x2 and dexamethasone x1

## Disease relapse July 2023 (#3)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Line Therapy

- **Car T: ciltacabtagene autoleucel** (Carvykti)
  - Received CAR T September 2023

## Disease relapse (#4)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Line Therapy

- **Talquetamab**
  - April 2024 - October 2024

## Step-up Dosing with Q2W and QW dosing available, SQ



1 to 3 hours before each step-up dose

- Corticosteroid, Antihistamines. Antipyretics

Dosing | **TALVEY®**  
(talquetamab-tgvs) HCP



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*Disease relapse March 2022 (#1)*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Therapy

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*Disease relapse July 2022 (#2)*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Therapy

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*Disease relapse July 2023 (#3)*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Line Therapy

- **CAR T: ciltacabtagene autoleucel (Carvykti)**
  - September 2023

*Disease relapse (#4)*

## 5<sup>th</sup> line Therapy

- **Talquetamab April 2024 - October 2024**

## Adverse event management

### → Skin Toxicity

- Grade II/III skin toxicity
- Treated with barrier creams, moisturizers, antihistamines, and topical --> systemic steroid; used nail hardeners, topical vitamin E, antibiotic ointments, and nail trimming
- Skin toxicity labeled as psoriasis by dermatology but did not account for nail changes

## *Disease relapse (#5)*

- Improvement in skin, nail condition within 2 months of discontinuation
- Treated with cyclophosphamide as bridge to salvage autologous SCT



# Real World Patient Case #3: Triple HIT DLCBCL

53-year-old male diagnosed with Triple HIT DLCBCL in 04/2024

## 1<sup>st</sup> Line Therapy

- DA-RE-EPOCH

➤ Consolidative CAR-T (at MDA) on 7/17/2024

*Progressive disease on imaging 01/2025*

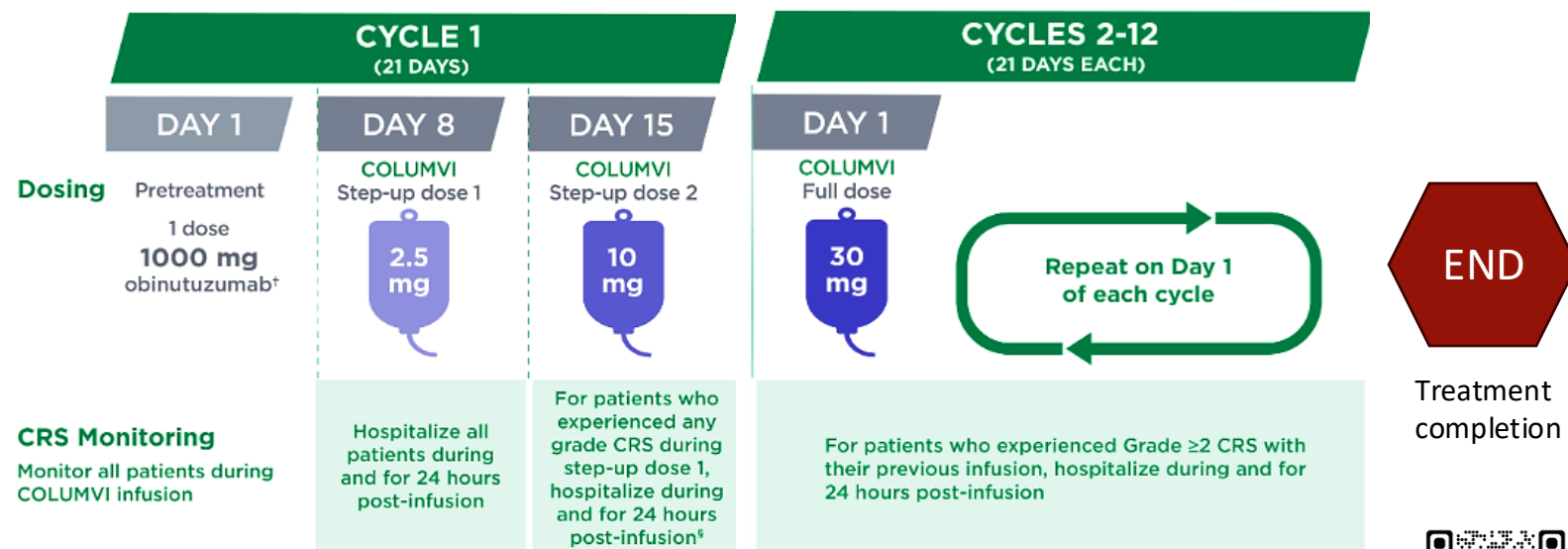
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Therapy

- Glofitamab/Gem/Ox

## Adverse event management

- Grade 2 CRS in office
  - Toci

## Step-up Dosing



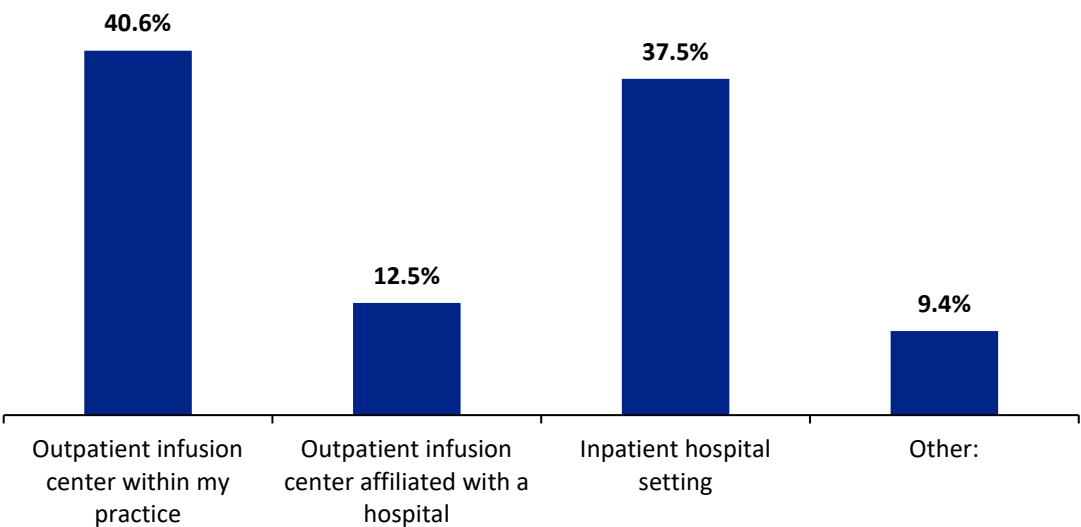
[COLUMVI™ \(glofitamab-gxbm\) dosing schedule | HCP](#)

41% of Community-based respondents indicated that step-up dosing takes place at an *Outpatient Infusion Center within their practice*.

54% of Hospital-affiliated respondents indicated that step-up dosing takes place in an *Inpatient Hospital Setting*.

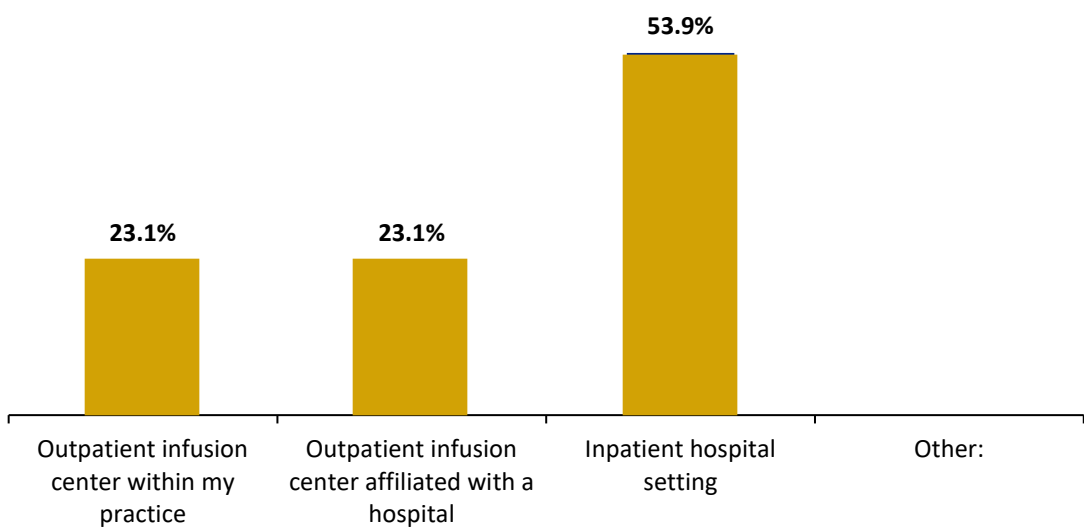
Community-Based Practices (n: 32)

In what setting does the step-up dosing take place for bispecific antibody therapies?



Hospital-Affiliated Practices (n: 13)

In what setting does the step-up dosing take place for bispecific antibody therapies?





# Key Data

## DeLLphi-300

To report safety outcomes in patients treated with tarlatamab 10 mg IV Q2W followed by either 6–8-hour outpatient or 48-hour inpatient monitoring in cycle 1 in the phase 1 DeLLphi-300 study (*Presented at ESMO Immuno-Oncology Congress 2024 Poster 115P*)

### Study Design:

- Non-randomized comparative analysis
  - Age ≥ 18 years • SCLC that progressed or recurred following ≥ 1 platinum-based regimen • ECOG PS 0–2 • Stable, treated brain metastases allowed
- Patients treated with tarlatamab
  - **Cycle 1:** Day 1, 1 mg → Day 8, 10mg → Day 15, 10 mg
  - **Cycle 2+:** 10 mg IV Q2W

Monitored for  
**6–8 hours in the  
outpatient\*** setting  
in cycle 1  
(n=30)

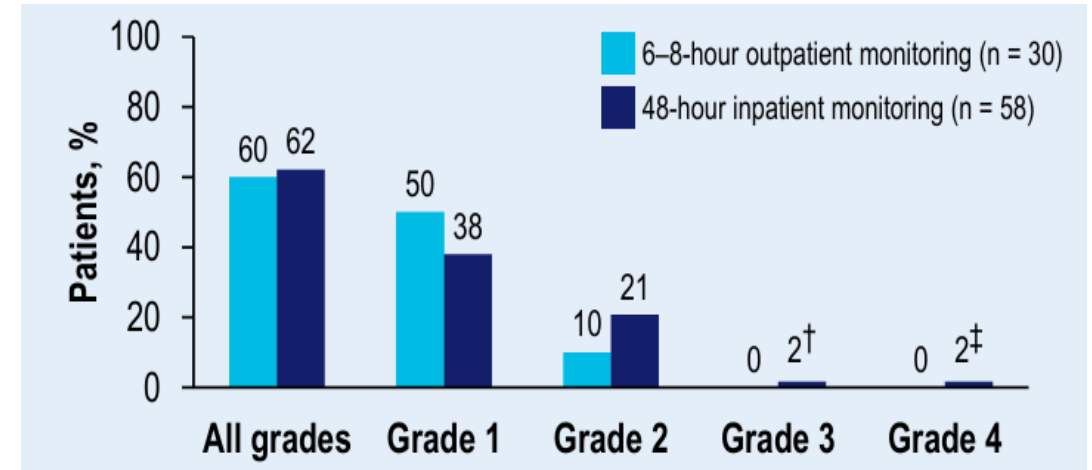
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Monitored for  
**48-hour in the  
inpatient** setting in  
cycle 1  
(n=58)

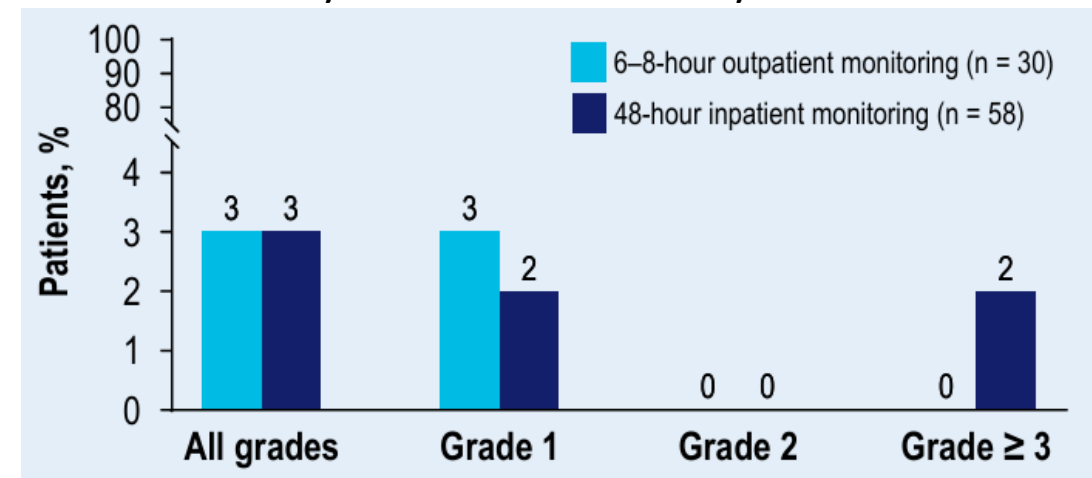
*\*For the outpatient monitoring group patients had to remain within 1 hour of the study site/hospital and having caregiver support 24 hours/day for 72 hours following tarlatamab administrations*



### Cycle 1 CRS TRAEs by Grade



### Cycle 1 ICANS TRAEs by Grade





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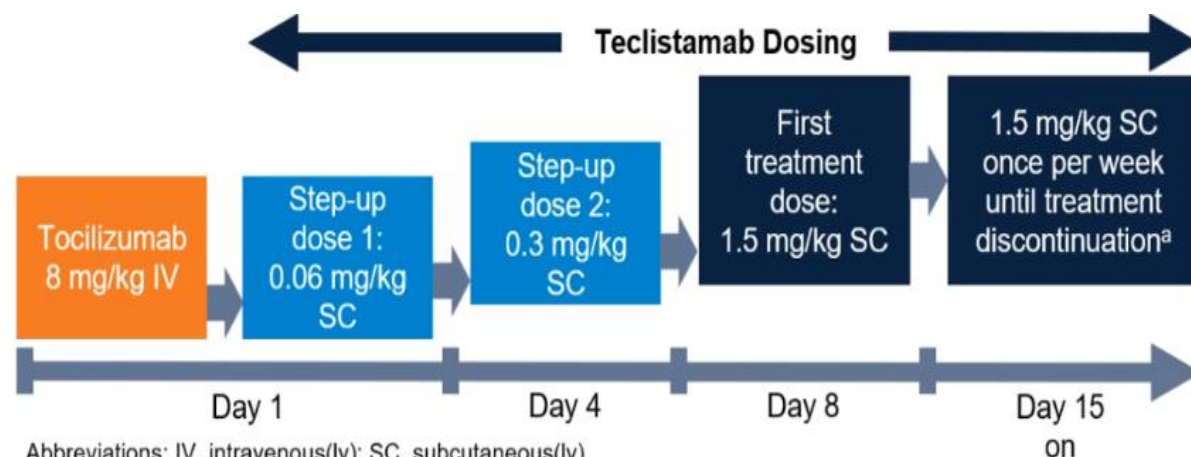
## OPTec

A phase 2, non-randomized, single-arm study to evaluate outpatient (OP) step-up administration of teclistamab (Tec) in patients (pts) with RRMM

Rifkin R, et al. Poster presented at: 66th American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting; December 7-10, 2024; San Diego, CA.

### Study Design:

- 2 – 4 hrs before first step-up dose of teclistamab is administered patients receive a single dose of toci



Abbreviations: IV, intravenous(ly); SC, subcutaneous(ly).

Note: Step-up dose 2 and the first treatment dose may be given between 3 to 5 days after step-up dose 1/2 and up to 7 days after step-up dose 1/2 to allow for resolution of adverse events.

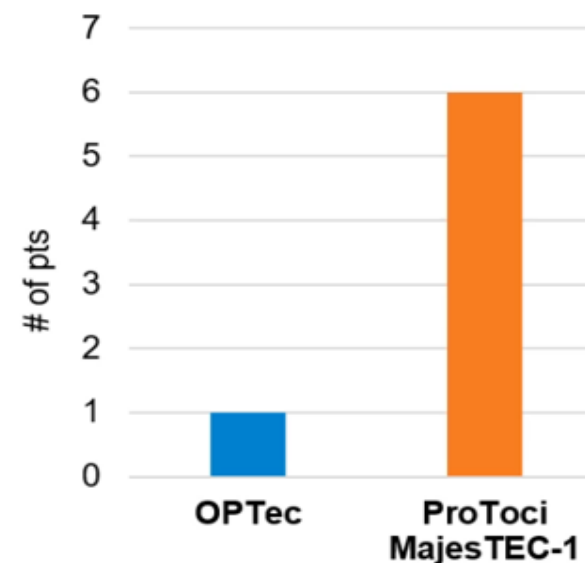
<sup>a</sup>Dosing may be reduced to 1.5 mg/kg SC once every 2 weeks in patients who achieve partial response or better after 6 months of study treatment.

### Primary Endpoint:

- Incidence of any-grade CRS in the first 2 cycles



### CRS in OPTec versus ProToci cohort in MajesTEC-1



Abbreviations: CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ProToci, prophylactic tocilizumab; pt, patient.

Note: CRS occurred in 1 of 16 pts in OPTec and 6 of 24 pts (25%) in the ProToci cohort in MajesTEC-1.<sup>1</sup>

- Of 11 patients evaluable for response, 100% responded to therapy
  - 45% had either a stringent complete response (sCR) or complete response (CR)

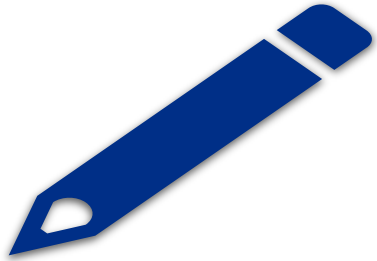
# Key Question

What are the key gaps in communication between academic and community centers regarding the use of bispecifics, and how can they be bridged?

Different EMR systems  
Different protocols  
Lack of communication  
Lack of shared resources

Initiate standard referral pathways, share protocols and guidelines to maintain consistency  
Assign care coordinator for regular case review  
Equal access to training and resources for AE management

# What are the key components to develop logistics and workflow for management?



**Addition of BsAbs to the practice formulary**



**Identification of practice leaders willing to drive protocol development**



**Education of clinic and hospital staff who would manage patients treated with BsAbs**



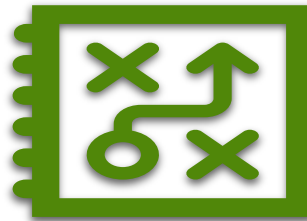
**Understand patient support and provide patient education**



**Lines of communication between the treating practice, pharmacy, and hospital care staff before, during, and after treatment**



**Designate leads to oversee staff training**



**Create practice-specific management plans**



**Develop process for inpatient admission for moderate /severe CRS**

# What are the key components of a protocol?



## ***Patient selection:***

ECOG PS  
Age  
Comorbidities  
Patient consent  
and education  
Wallet card /  
information sheet

## ***Talk to hospital:***

Confirm patient  
candidacy for  
treatment  
Arrangements for  
admission  
Coordination with  
hospital staff

## ***How is the bispecific given:***

Subcutaneous or IV  
Step-up dosing  
schedule  
Location of step-up  
dosing inpatient or  
outpatient

## ***What you need to start:***

Blood pressure  
cuff, pulse ox, oral  
thermometer  
CRS monitoring  
sheet  
Confirmation of  
lodging  
Caregiver or  
support person  
Prophylactic meds  
Rescue meds

## ***Adverse event management:***

CRS and ICANS  
Manufacture  
protocol / hospital  
protocol  
Awareness of  
timing of onset  
Warning and  
precautions  
Most common  
adverse events

## ***Important phone numbers:***

After hours on-call  
Community  
practice Hem/Onc  
Infusion clinic  
Nurse coordinator

# Key Question

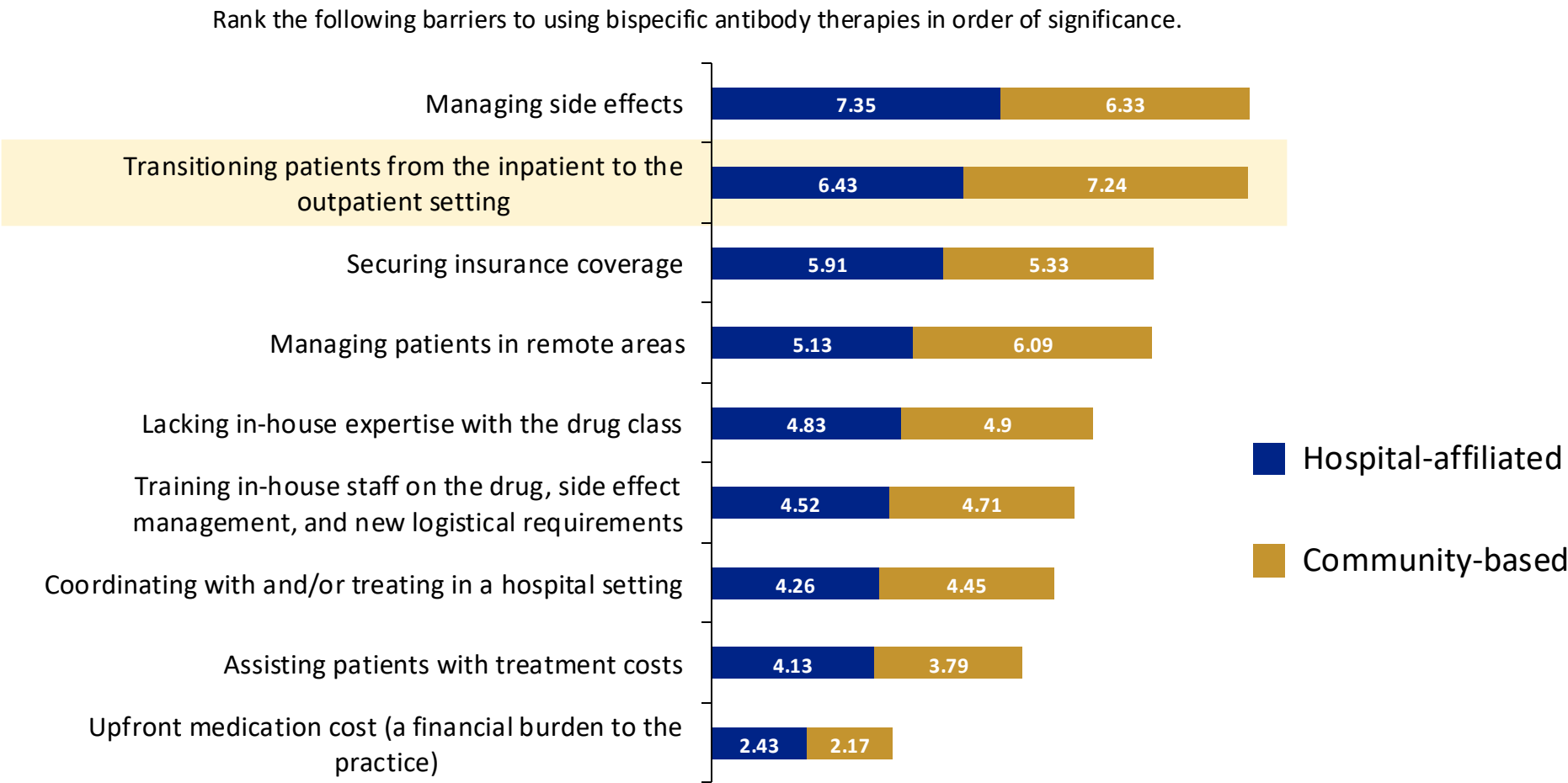
What best practices have you seen for ensuring a smooth transition of care when a patient moves between an academic and a community setting?

Operational challenges, delayed referral time  
Length of time to get a patient into a hospital system  
Getting patient back to the community



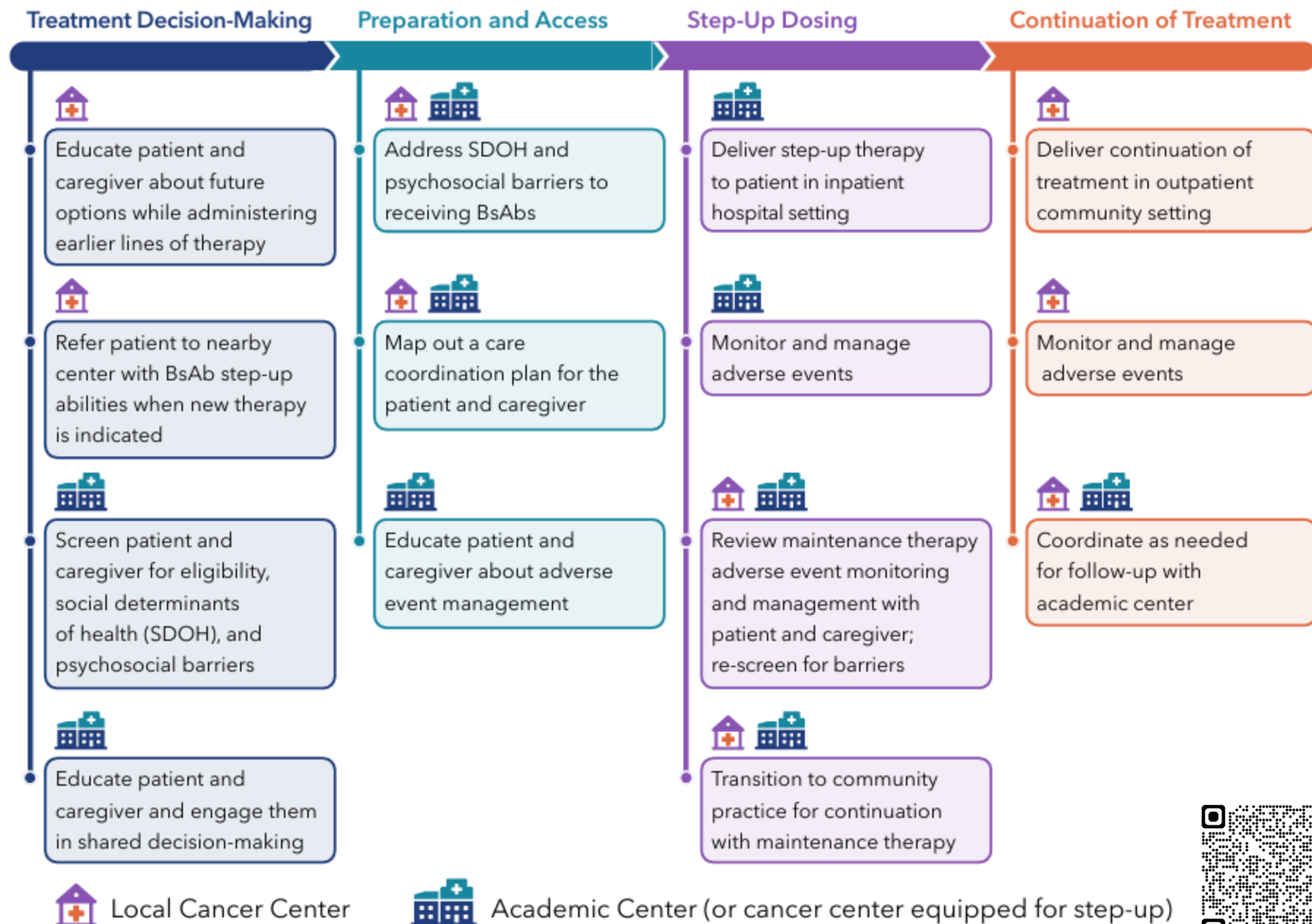
“Off the shelf” convenience  
3 – 7 days for approval before 1<sup>st</sup> dose; time to “get ready”  
Nurse coordinators

Transitioning patients from the inpatient to the outpatient setting  
is viewed as a consistent barrier to using *bispecifics* in both the  
Hospital-affiliated and Community-based settings



## Best practices...

How can a community cancer center and academic center partner to deliver BsAbs a patient?





# Key Question

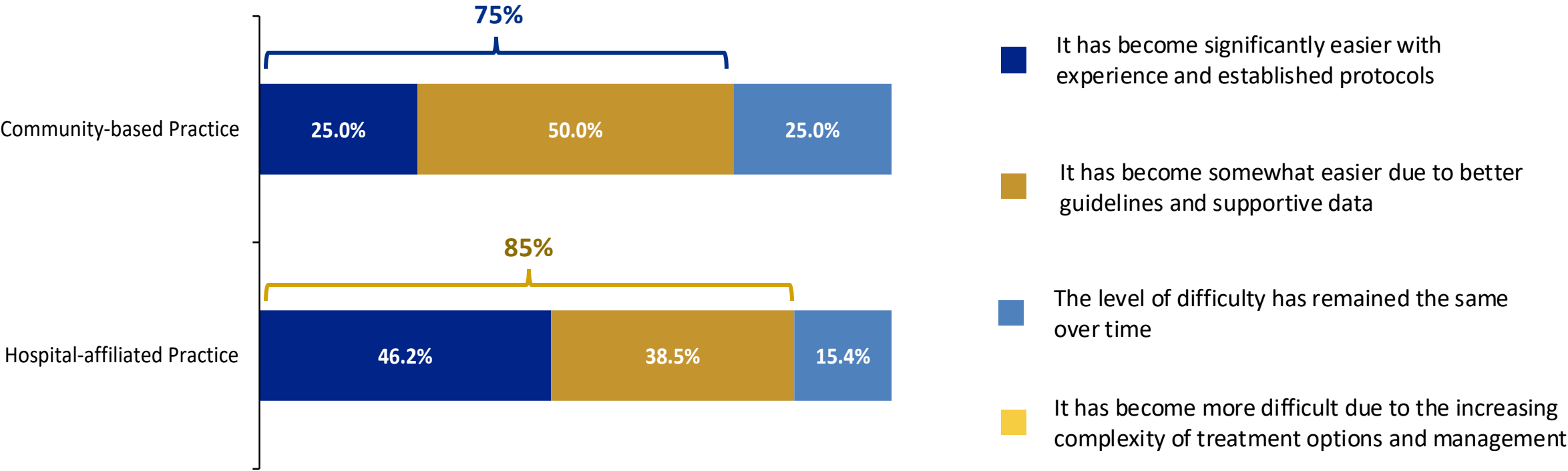
What best practices  
can you share for  
successfully  
implementing a  
bispecifics program  
and overcoming  
challenges?

- Form a multidisciplinary team (ecosystem) across academic and community setting
  - Oncologists, pharmacists, nursing, administrative staff
- Right patient selection, evidence based
  - Standard referral pathways with shared patient care coordinator
- Protocol development and patient monitoring guidelines
- Ongoing training and AE management with real world simulations
- Financial logistics; preauthorization and patient assistance programs
- Real world data collection; response and AE data to demonstrate program effectiveness



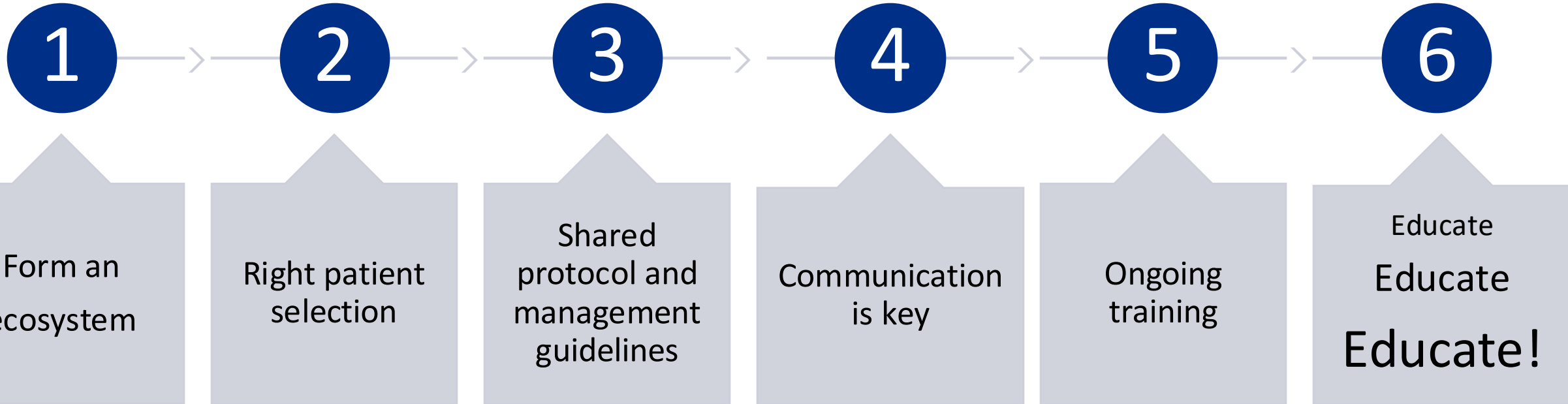
*Of those that have implemented bispecific antibodies within their practices, most indicated that the integration of new bispecific antibodies has become easier over time.*

How has the integration of bispecific antibody therapies into your clinical practice evolved over time?



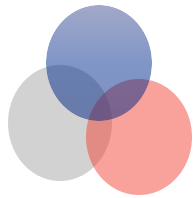
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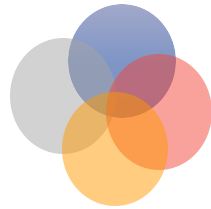


# Beyond Bispecifics...?

*Combining 3 or 4 or more different binding moieties has the potential of expanding new therapeutic options...Multiple clinical trials are underway...*



## Trispecifics?



## Tetraspecifics?



## Multispecifics?

When three is not a crowd: trispecific antibodies for enhanced cancer immunotherapy - PMC Theranostics 2023; 13(3): 1028-1041

***Q & A***

***Thank you***