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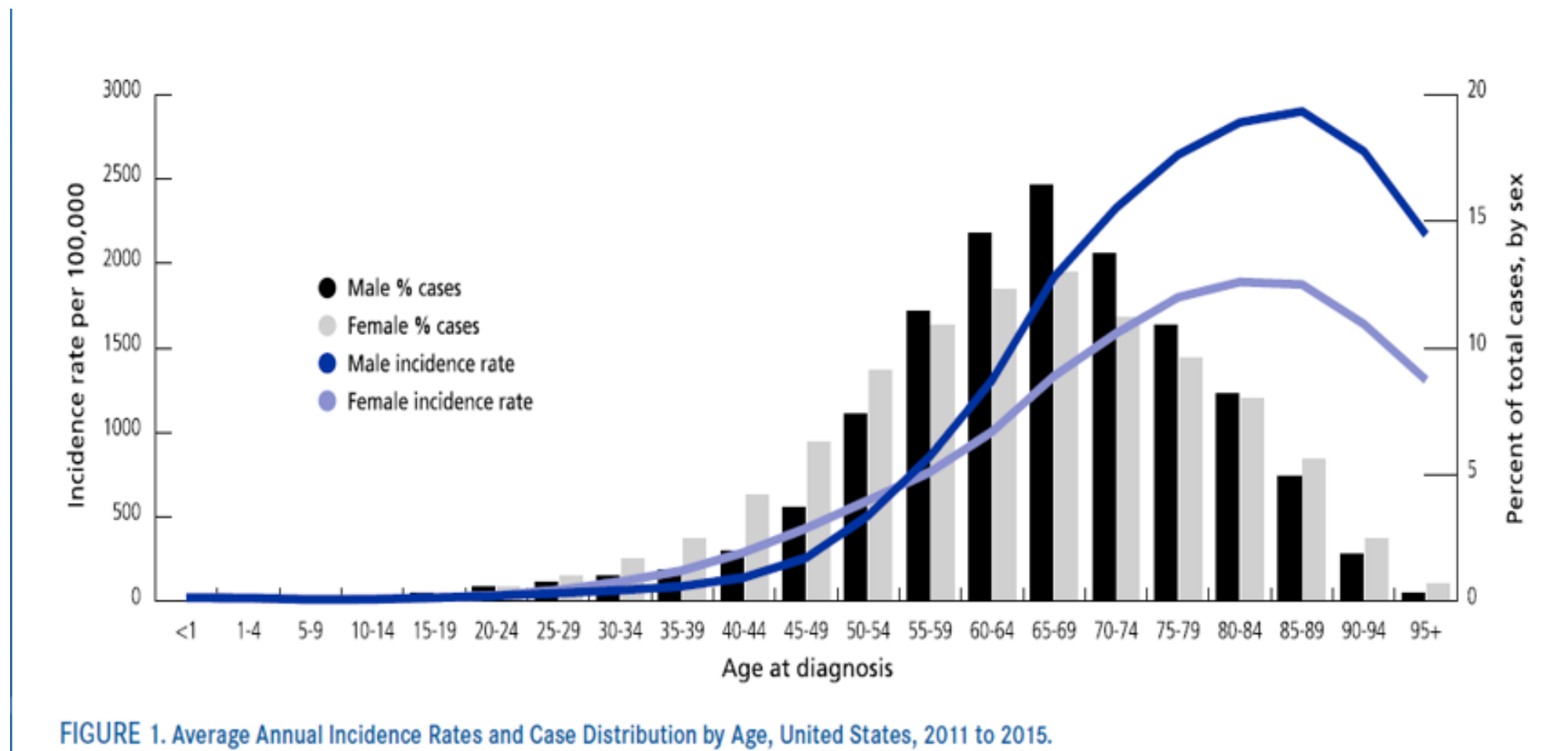
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# **CAIT clinics- a Geriatric Oncology collaborative assessment**

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# Epidemiology of Cancer in Older Adults



# Context- Why?

## Practical Assessment and Management of Vulnerabilities in Older Patients Receiving Chemotherapy: ASCO Guideline for Geriatric Oncology

THE BOTTOM LINE

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Patients  $\geq 65$  yo receiving chemotherapy, GA should be used to identify vulnerabilities or geriatric impairments that are not routinely captured in oncology assessments

2. Validated and practical geriatric assessment tools should be used to identify adverse outcomes such as depression, cognition

- At a minimum:
- ✓ Assessment of function
  - ✓ Comorbidities
  - ✓ Falls
  - ✓ Depression
  - ✓ Cognition
  - ✓ Nutrition

a. At a minimum: Assessment of function, depression, cognition and nutrition  
 b. Recommended: Falls, Cog or BOMC for assessment of cognition, assessment for nutrition  
 c. Either the CARO or the G-8 should be used to estimate risk of cognitive impairment

3. Clinicians should use validated geriatric assessment tools to estimate life expectancy

a. Answer NO to "presence of cancer" to obtain an estimation of competing (non-cancer) risks of mortality

4. Approaches for implementing GA in older adult with cancer

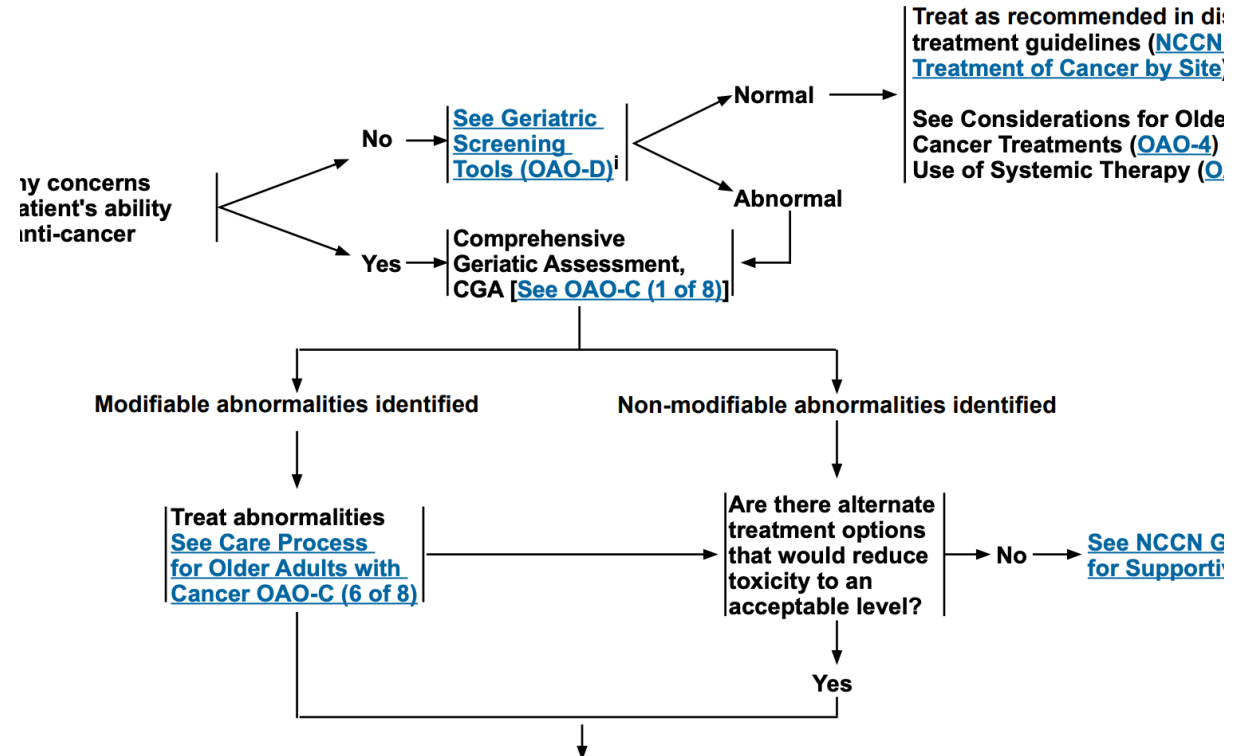
- a. Apply results of GA to develop individualized plan
- b. Take into account GA when recommending treatment
- c. Implement targeted GA-guided targeted interventions to manage non-oncologic problems

Supriya G. Mohile et al *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 2018, 36, 2326-2347.

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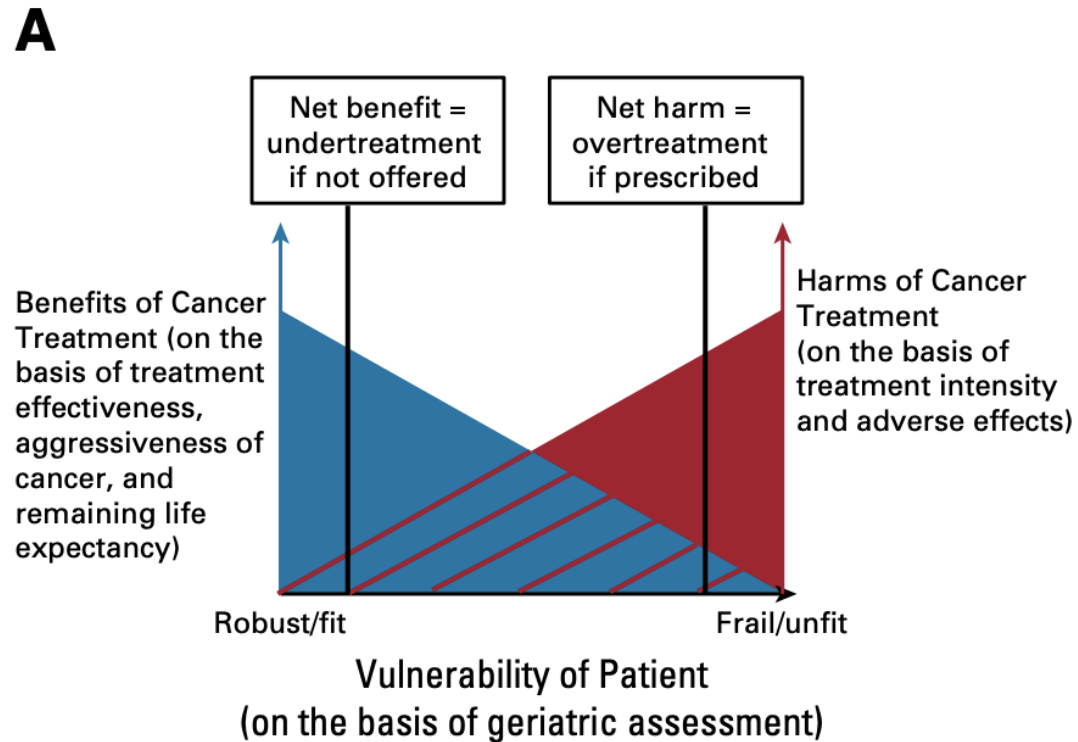
## NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2020 Older Adult Oncology

### PRE-TREATMENT EVALUATION<sup>a</sup>

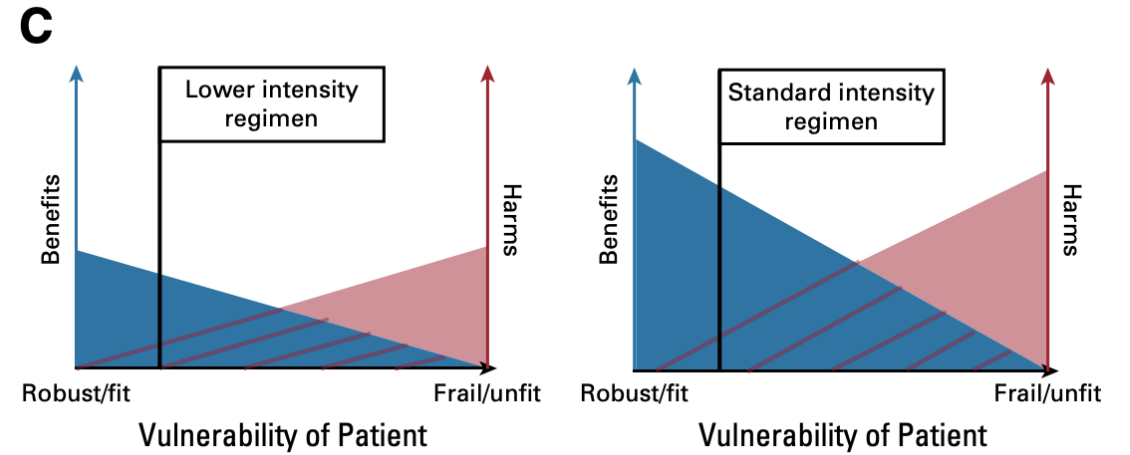


See Considerations for Older Adults Undergoing Cancer Treatments (OAO-4), Side Effects for Use of Systemic Therapy (OAO-6), and NCCN Guidelines for Supportive Care

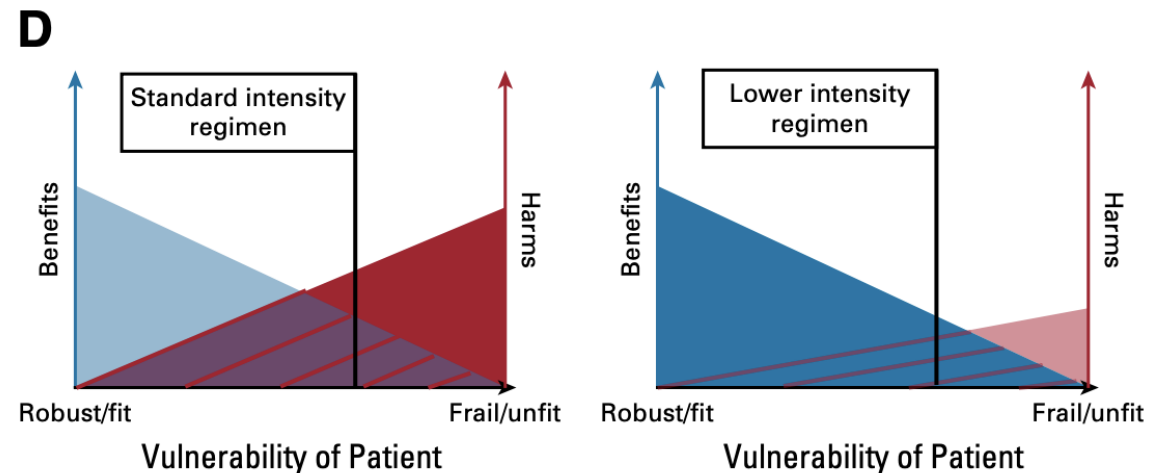
# Under and Over treatment



## UNDERTREATMENT



## OVERTREATMENT

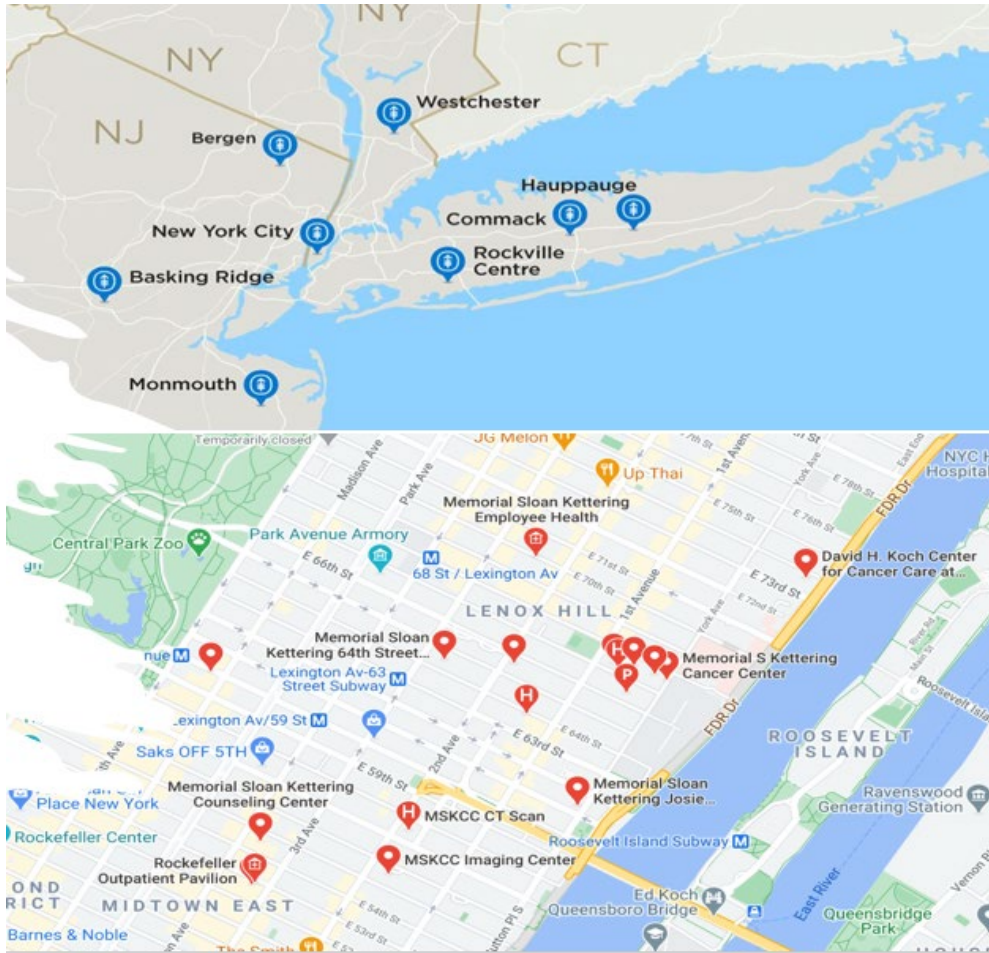


## Chemotoxicity calculations

Risk factor for Grade III-V Toxicity	OR (95% CI)	Score
Age $\geq$ 73 years	1.8 (1.2-2.8)	2
GI/GU Cancers	2.1 (1.4-3.2)	3
Standard dose chemotherapy	2.1 (1.3-3.5)	3
Polychemotherapy	1.7 (1.1-2.6)	2
Anemia (Male $<$ 11, female $<$ 10)	2.3 (1.1-4.6)	3
Cr Cl $<$ 34 ml/min (using Jelliffe equation/IBW)	2.5 (1.1-5.4)	3
Falls in last 6 months	2.5 (1.4-4.3)	3
Hearing impairment	1.7 (1.0-2.7)	2
Limited ability to walk 1 block	1.7 (1.0-2.8)	2
Requires assistance with medications	1.5 (0.7-3.2)	1
Decreased social activities	1.4 (0.9-2.0)	1

**Possible score 0-25**

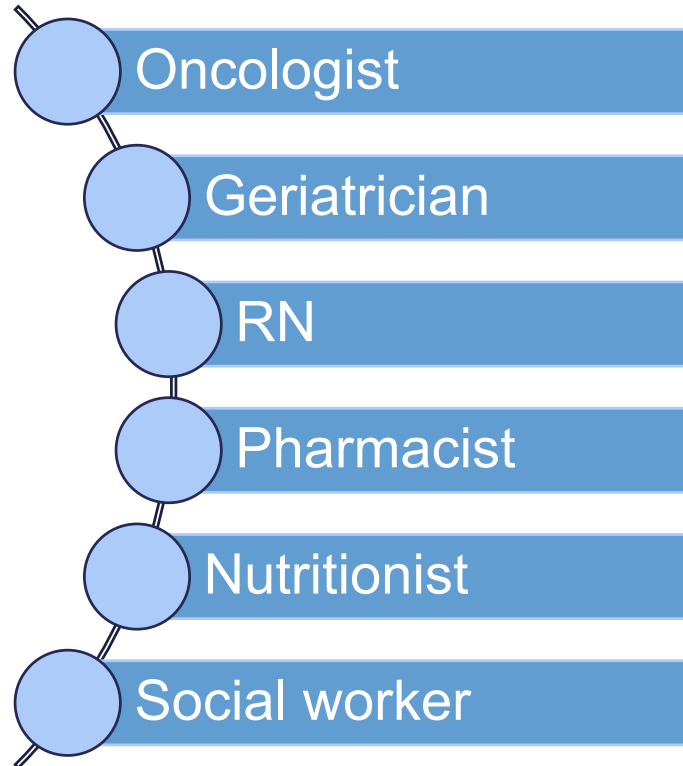
# Barriers & Opportunity



Telemedicine utilization increased to over 1000 visits a day during the Covid19 pandemic

# CAIT clinic Components

## Interdisciplinary Team



## Multimodality Evaluation

Oncology part	Medication review	Nutrition- MNA
Cognitive Assessment	eRFA- multidomain assessment	Performance measures
Chemotoxicity risk- <b>CARG</b>	<b>NSQIP</b> Surgical risk calculator	<b>ePrognosis</b> Life expectancy

# Cognition

- MoCA
- MiniCog

- **Problem**
- None foreseen



# Tele functional performance

30 second chair stand

To replace TUG that's done in-person

**Equipment:** A chair with a straight back without arm rests (seat 17" high), and a stopwatch.

① **Instruct the patient:**

1. Sit in the middle of the chair.
2. Place your hands on the opposite shoulder crossed, at the wrists.
3. Keep your feet flat on the floor.
4. Keep your back straight, and keep your arms against your chest.
5. On "Go," rise to a full standing position, then sit back down again.
6. Repeat this for 30 seconds.

**NOTE:**  
Stand next to the patient for safety.



② **On the word "Go," begin timing.**

If the patient must use his/her arms to stand, stop the test.  
Record "0" for the number and score.

③ **Count the number of times the patient comes to a full standing position in 30 seconds.**

If the patient is over halfway to a standing position when 30 seconds have elapsed, count it as a stand.

④ **Record the number of times the patient stands in 30 seconds.**

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCORING

### Chair Stand Below Average Scores

AGE	MEN	WOMEN
60-64	< 14	< 12
65-69	< 12	< 11
70-74	< 12	< 10
75-79	< 11	< 10
80-84	< 10	< 9
85-89	< 8	< 8
90-94	< 7	< 4

A below average score indicates a risk for falls.

# CARG

- [https://www.mycarg.org/?page\\_id=934](https://www.mycarg.org/?page_id=934)

GFR is calculated by CIS tool

In a sample of 500 patients receiving chemotherapy, 54% of those scoring between 8 to 9 experienced grade 3-5 toxicity, putting this patient at medium risk for such events. Scores between 0 and 5 are considered low risk, scores between 6 and 9 are considered medium risk, and scores between 10 and 19 are considered high risk. The above graph describes the percentage of patients experiencing grade 3-5 toxicity in each risk category. The below table summarizes the number of patients within each score in the Hurria et al study.

	Total Risk Score	%Risk	N
Low	0 to 3	25%	28
	4 to 5	32%	100
Mid	6 to 7	50%	136
	8 to 9	54%	91
High	10 to 11	77%	62
	12 to 19	89%	47

[https://www.annalsofoncology.org/article/S0923-7534\(19\)65641-3/fulltext#:~:text=%C3%97%20SCr\)%3B-,Jelliffe%2C,sex\)%5D%7D%2FSCr.](https://www.annalsofoncology.org/article/S0923-7534(19)65641-3/fulltext#:~:text=%C3%97%20SCr)%3B-,Jelliffe%2C,sex)%5D%7D%2FSCr.)

# Surgical Risk Calculator NSQIP

- <https://riskcalculator.facs.org/RiskCalculator/>

- Needs height and weight
- Will be done at Oncology office

# Life expectancy ePrognosis

<https://eprognosis.ucsf.edu/calculators/#/timeframe>

Mortality Risk for Schonberg Index			
Points	Risk of FIVE YEAR mortality	Risk of TEN YEAR mortality	Risk of FOURTEEN YEAR mortality
0 - 1	<3%	5 - 11%	19 - 21%
2 - 3	3 - 6%	9 - 12%	19 - 24%
4 - 5	7 - 8%	15 - 21%	27 - 36%
6 - 7	10 - 12%	26 - 37%	42 - 52%
8 - 9	17 - 27%	37 - 44%	42 - 52%
10 - 11	26 - 29%	53 - 60	74 - 78%
12 - 13	37 - 41%	60 - 68	81 - 83%
14 - 15	47 - 52%	74 - 76	87 - 88%
16 - 17	60 - 61%	86 - 87	100%
≥17	70%	92%	100%

Patients that have >50% chance of death in a specific time interval have an estimated life expectancy less than that time interval. For example, a patient with a 60% mortality risk at 5 years has a life expectancy <5 years.

Mortality Risk for Lee Index			
Points	Risk of FIVE YEAR mortality	Risk of TEN YEAR mortality	Life Expectancy (years)
0 - 1	1 - 2%	2 - 5%	33.1 - 35.4
2 - 3	2 - 4%	7 - 10%	23.7 - 30.1
4 - 5	6 - 8%	15 - 23%	17.7 - 21.1
6 - 7	9 - 15%	34 - 43%	12.6 - 14.3

## Visit: structured with flexibility



Unbundling of visit components allows flexibility  
Pharmacist, RN can occur on the day of or prior to  
CGA components can occur before visit- eRFA

Pow-wow at completion of components to facilitate charting treatment plan

# CAIT Clinic

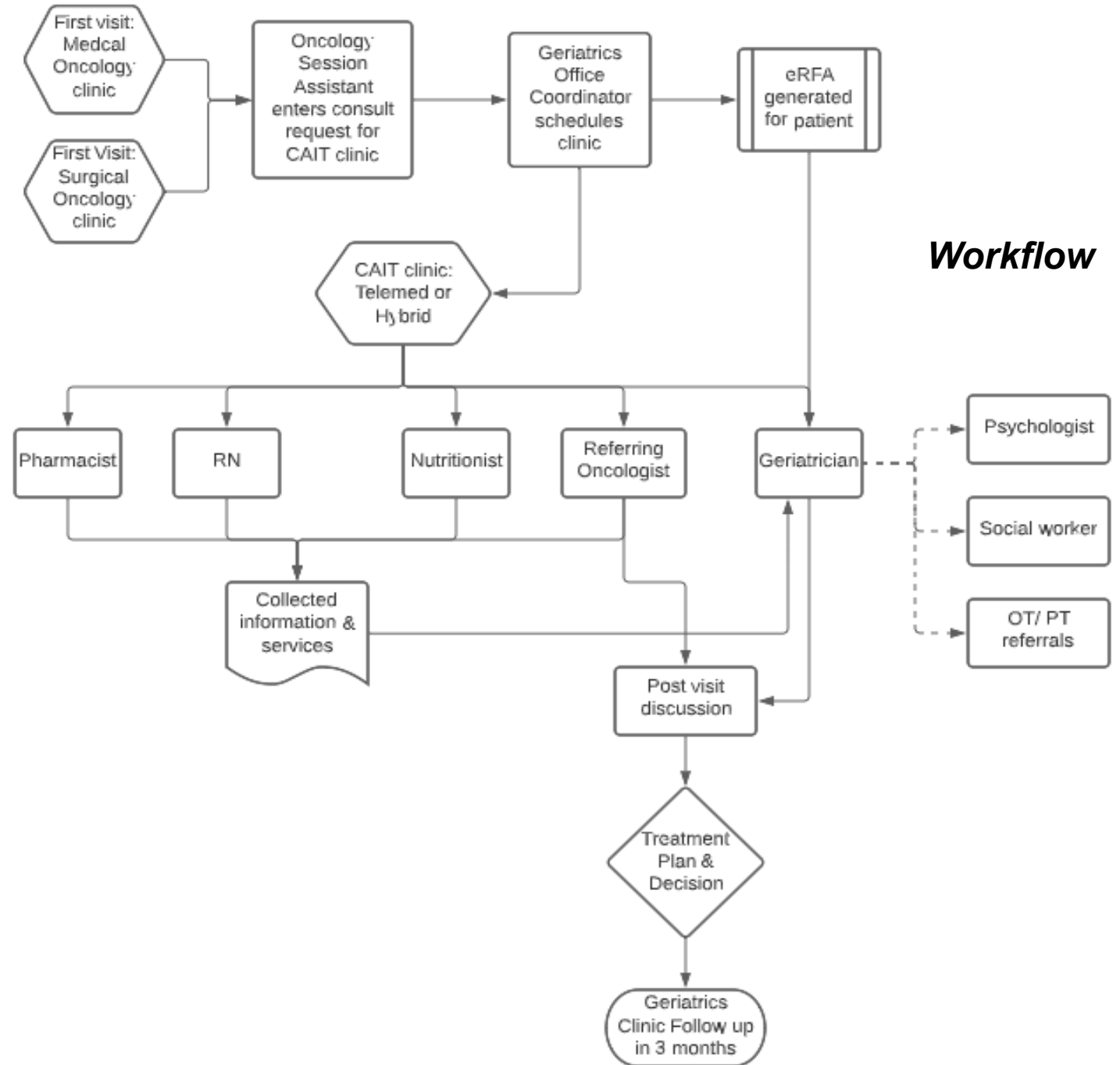
## Objectives:

- Identify abnormalities through GA **prior to initiation of cancer therapy** and correct the modifiable ones
- Measure *mortality and toxicity risks* to aid in choice of treatment

## Format:

Interdisciplinary clinic

- pure telemed** or **hybrid format**
- allows for asynchrony of components



## Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment:

Cognition: **MoCA score of 24/30** indicates deficits on the cognitive screen particularly in visuospatial and abstraction areas. Word recall 4/5 and she got the 5th one with just a category cue. Discussed the risk of possible cognitive changes during treatment. Brain imaging shows chronic microvascular ischemic changes. Will get Vit B12, Folate levels.

Function: Independent for the most part with ADLs and IADLs. She had **2 falls** both in clinics, none at home. Surprisingly, **30 second chair stand testing is normal** and her **TUG is < 10**- indicates normal functional performance. She will start using a cane when she goes out.

Nutrition: She had a combination of intentional followed by unintentional weight loss. Patient evaluated by RD and plan for a follow up with food diary.

HTN, lymphoedema- SBPs at home run in the low 100s. Her leg edema has improved. She is on HCTZ and valsartan. DM- very well controlled. She is only on metformin 500 mg once a day. Recent weight loss, decreased PO intake and HbA1c value of 6.5 **Discontinuing one of the antihypertensives and metformin discussed**. She will wait until she sees her PMD this week.

Based on CGA patient falls on the **Vulnerable area of the frailty spectrum**.

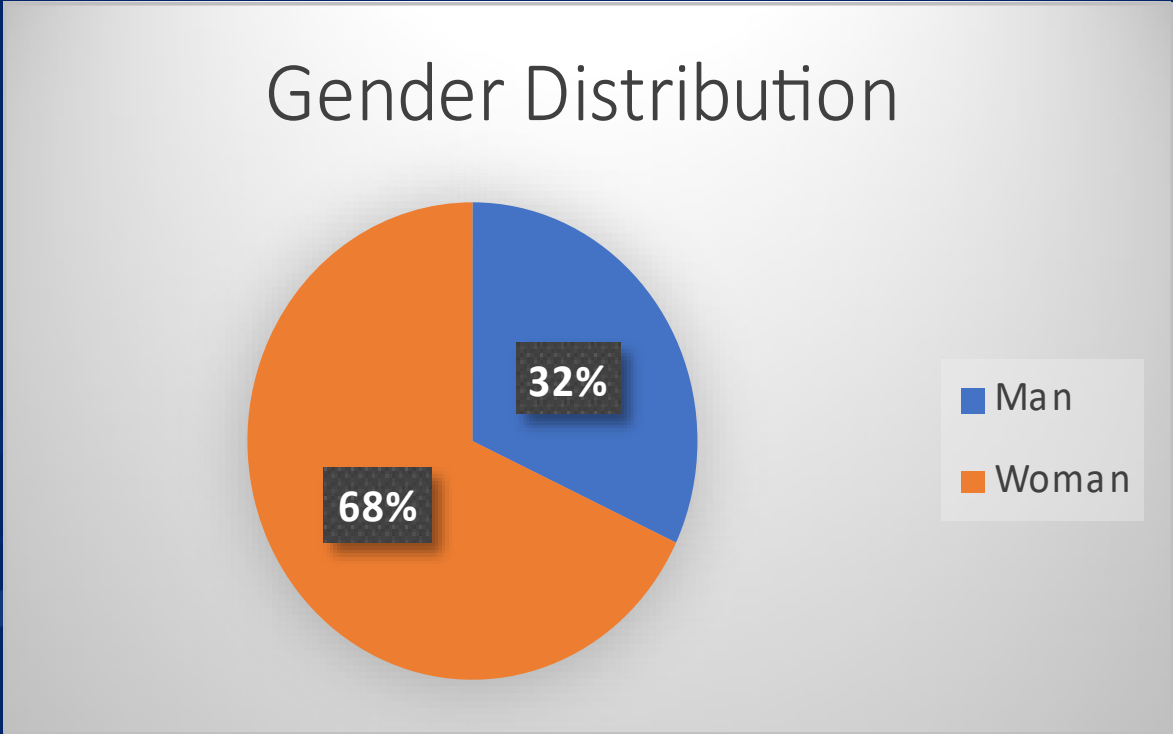
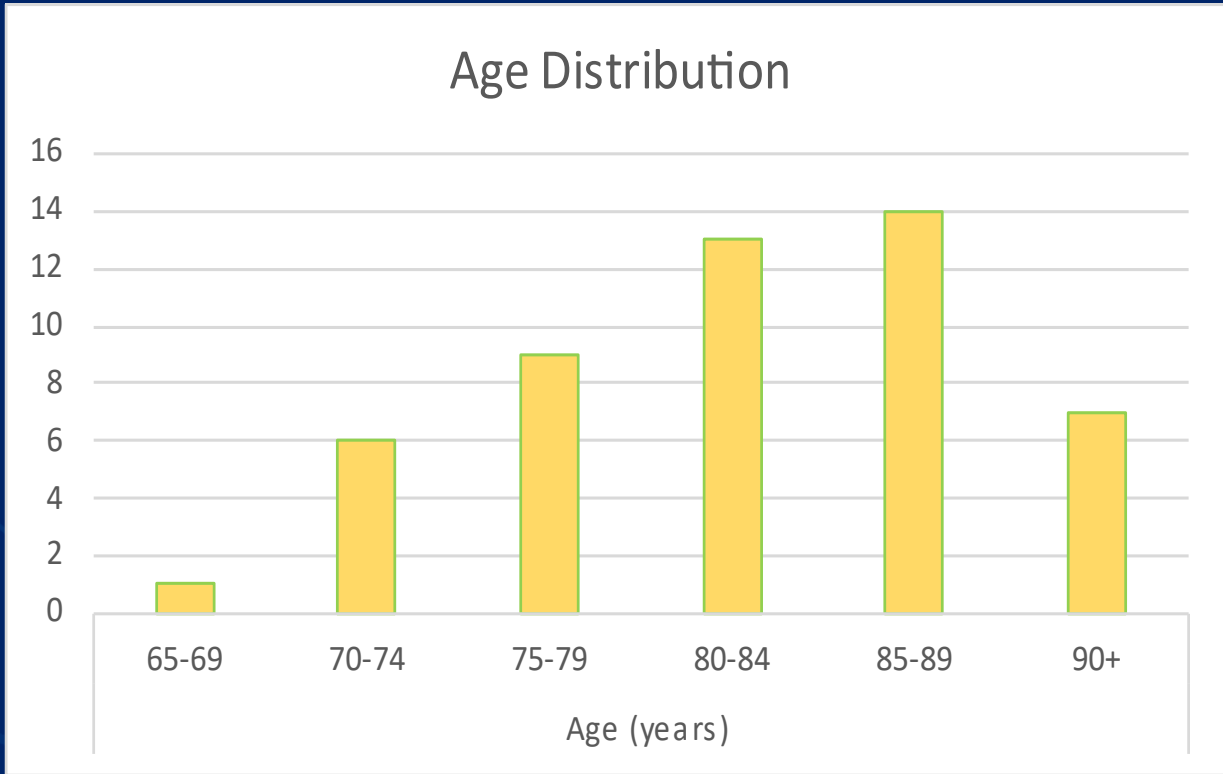
## Calculators:

**CARG score of 16 indicates 94% toxicity risk**. This falls in the high risk category  
ePrognosis calculators the **Schonberg Index predicts a 5 year mortality risk of 47- 52%**.

I see the plan is for Carbo/Taxol +/- EBRT. Were you already considering a modified regime or standard dose?

# Patient Characteristics

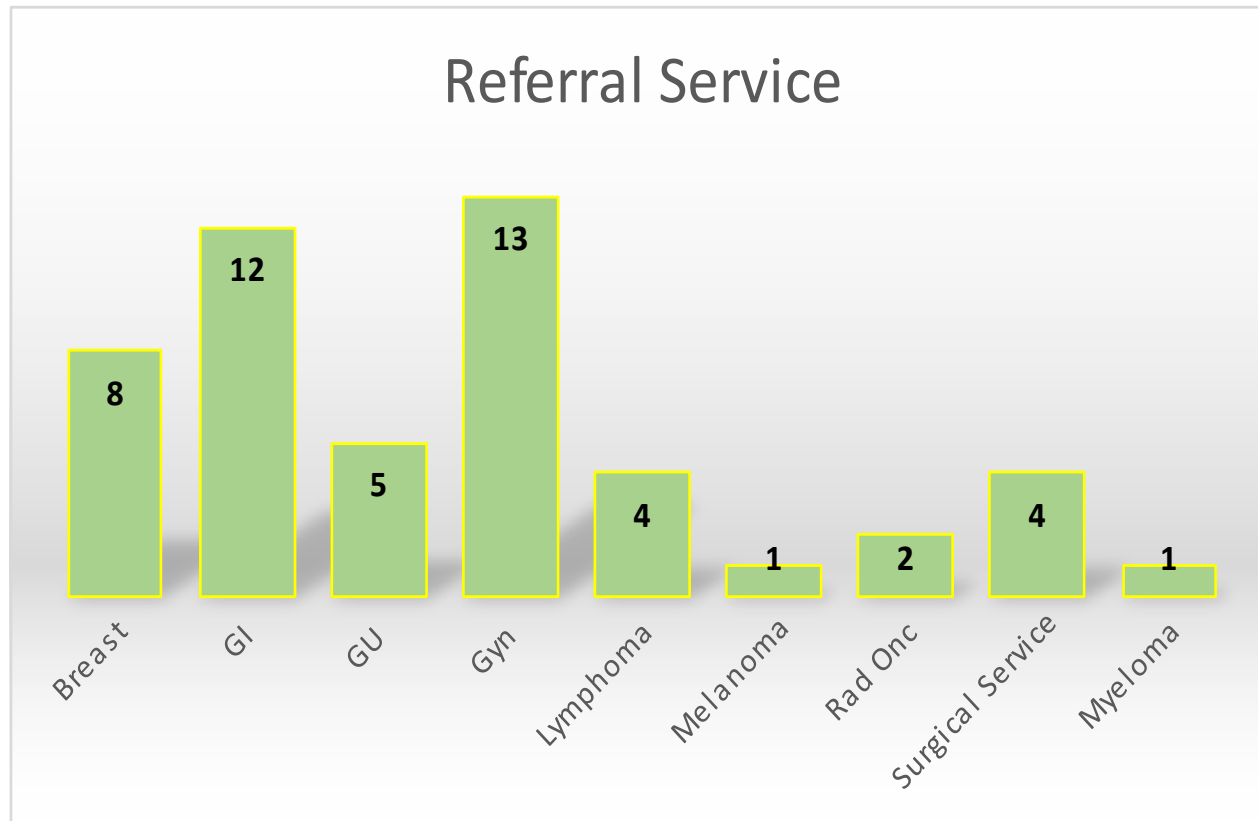
N= 50



68% were 80 years of age or older (range 67-99 years)



# Characteristics



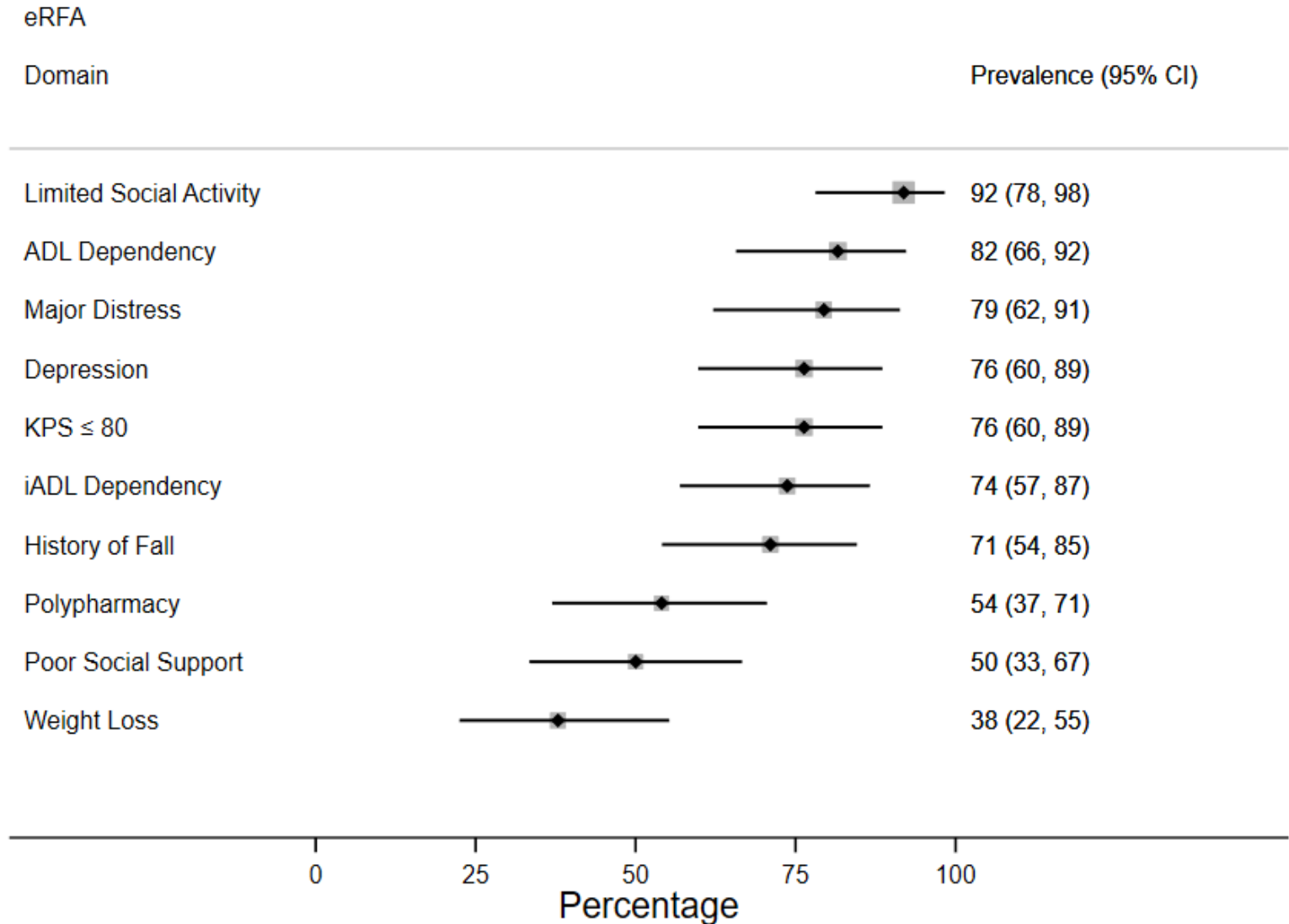
Type of Cancer	
Breast	8 (16%)
Gastrointestinal	10 (20%)
Gynecological	13 (26%)
Head and Neck	3 (6.0%)
Hematological	5 (10%)
Hepato-pancreato-biliary	4 (8.0%)
Melanoma	1 (2.0%)
Urological	6 (12%)
<b>Metastatic Cancer</b> (among non-Hematological cancers, N=45)	22 (49%)

# Medical Comorbidities

Coronary Artery Disease	10 (20%)
Congestive Heart Failure	4 (8.0%)
Atrial Fibrillation	11 (22%)
Peripheral vascular disease	1 (2.0%)
Cerebrovascular Accident or Transient Ischemic Attack	6 (12%)
<b>Dementia/ Cognitive dysfunction</b>	<b>10 (20%)</b>
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	12 (24%)
Mixed Connective Tissue Disease	6 (12%)
Peptic Ulcer Disease	7 (14%)
Diabetes	15 (30%)
Hemiplegia	1 (2.0%)
Moderate/Severe Chronic Kidney Disease	4 (8.0%)

# Geriatric Assessment

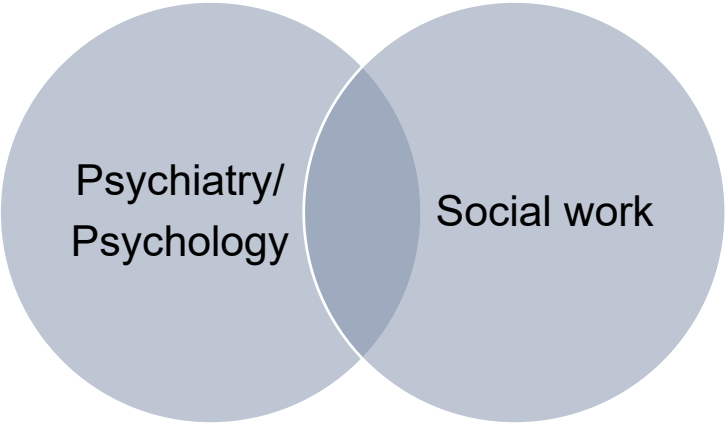
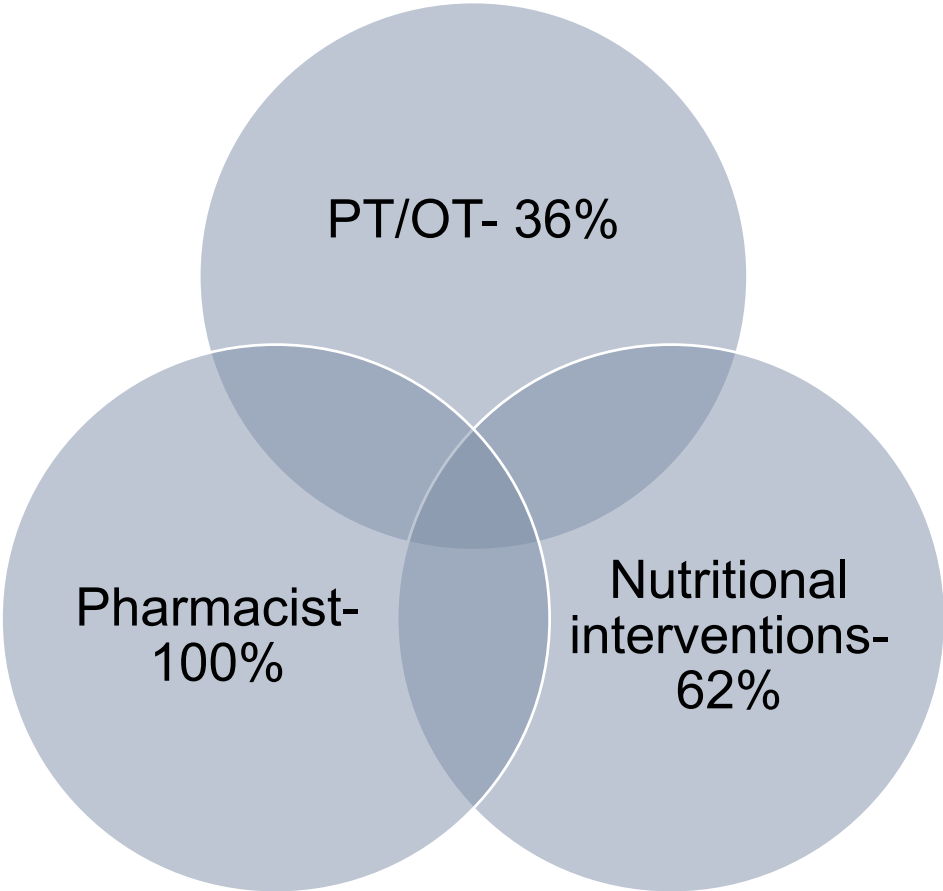
Marital Status	
Not Partnered	28 (56%)
Partnered	22 (44%)
Living Conditions	
Alone	14 (28%)
Living with Family	33 (66%)
Living with 24/7 Aide	3 (6.0%)



# Geriatric Assessment (CGA)

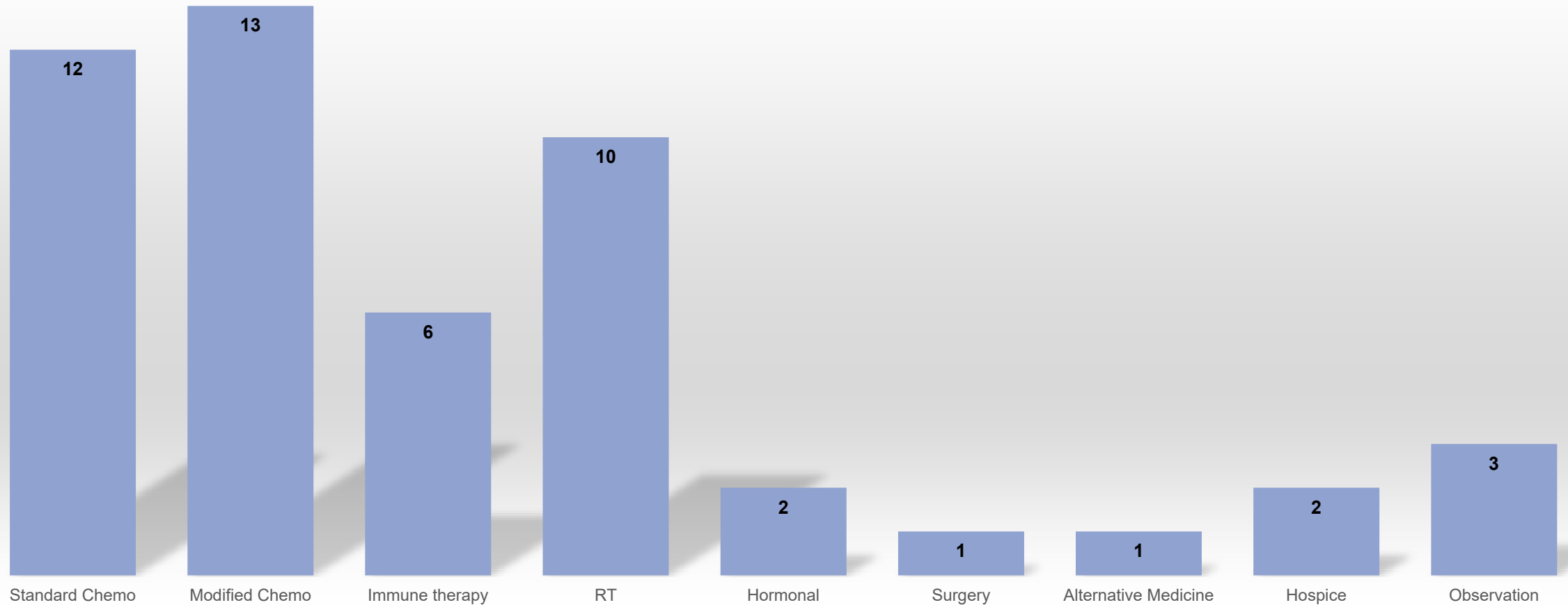
<b>Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA)</b>	
Normal (26-30)	16 (32%)
Mild Cognitive Impairment (18-25)	18 (36%)
Moderate Cognitive Impairment (10-17)	4 (8.0%)
Severe Cognitive Impairment (0-9)	3 (6.0%)
Attempted, but unable to complete	2 (4.0%)
Missing	7 (14%)
<b>Abnormal 30-second Chair Stand (N=34)</b>	18 (53%)
<b>Mini nutritional assessment (MNA)</b>	
Normal nutrition status (12-14 points)	24 (48%)
At risk of malnutrition (8-11 points)	18 (36%)
Malnourished (0-7 points)	8 (16%)
<b>Polypharmacy</b>	30 (60%)

# Interventions



# Treatment choice Outcome

Treatment Choice after CAIT referral



# Oncologist Satisfaction Survey

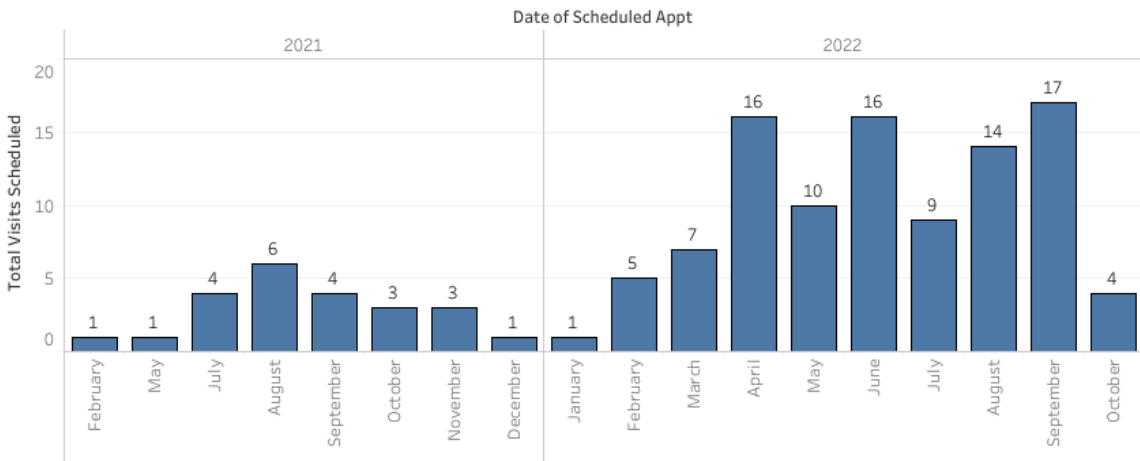
Nearly half (14/29) of oncologists responded to the survey

100% of the Oncologists who responded reported that the appointment was scheduled in a timely manner and that it was easy to communicate with the Geriatricians

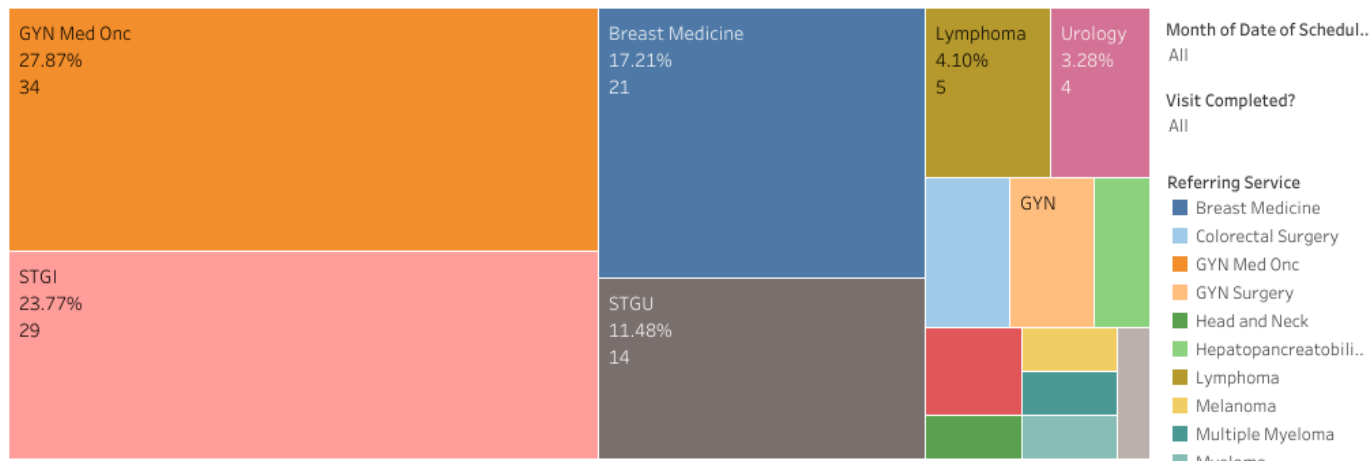
93% agreed that their goals for referring the patients to the CAIT clinic were met and that it helped define an optimal treatment plan

# September CAIT Clinic Summary

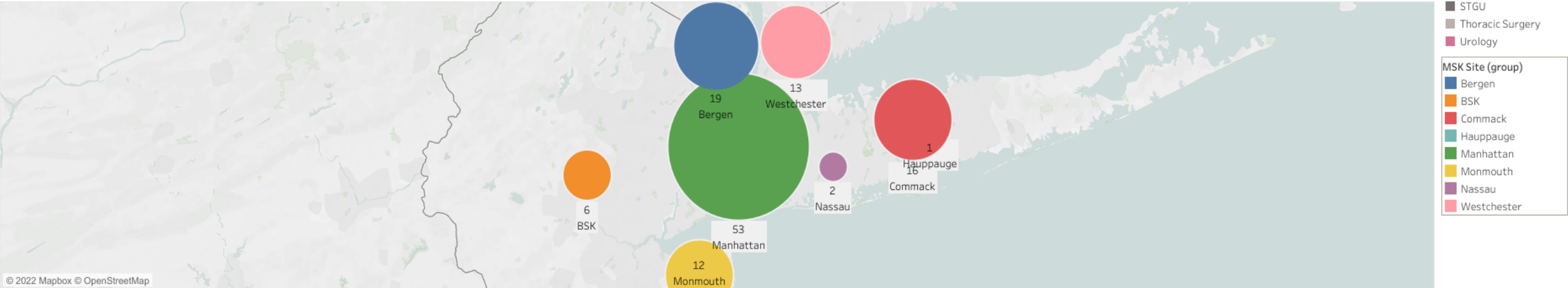
## Monthly Visits Scheduled



## Referrals By Service

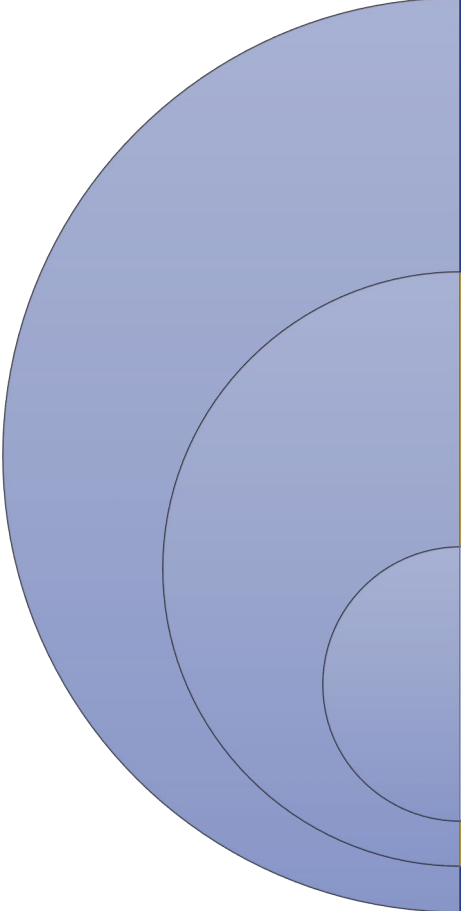


## Referrals by MSK Location





## What about patients with difficulty doing telemedicine?



Direct to patient telemedicine- with presence of family member/ caregiver in their home to set them up.

“Brick & mortar” Geriatrics clinic in the city

Hub and spoke telemedicine- go to closest regional center. Clinic staff help set them up for a visit

Questions?

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