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Physicians' work with sickness certification; a survey of all physicians in Sweden

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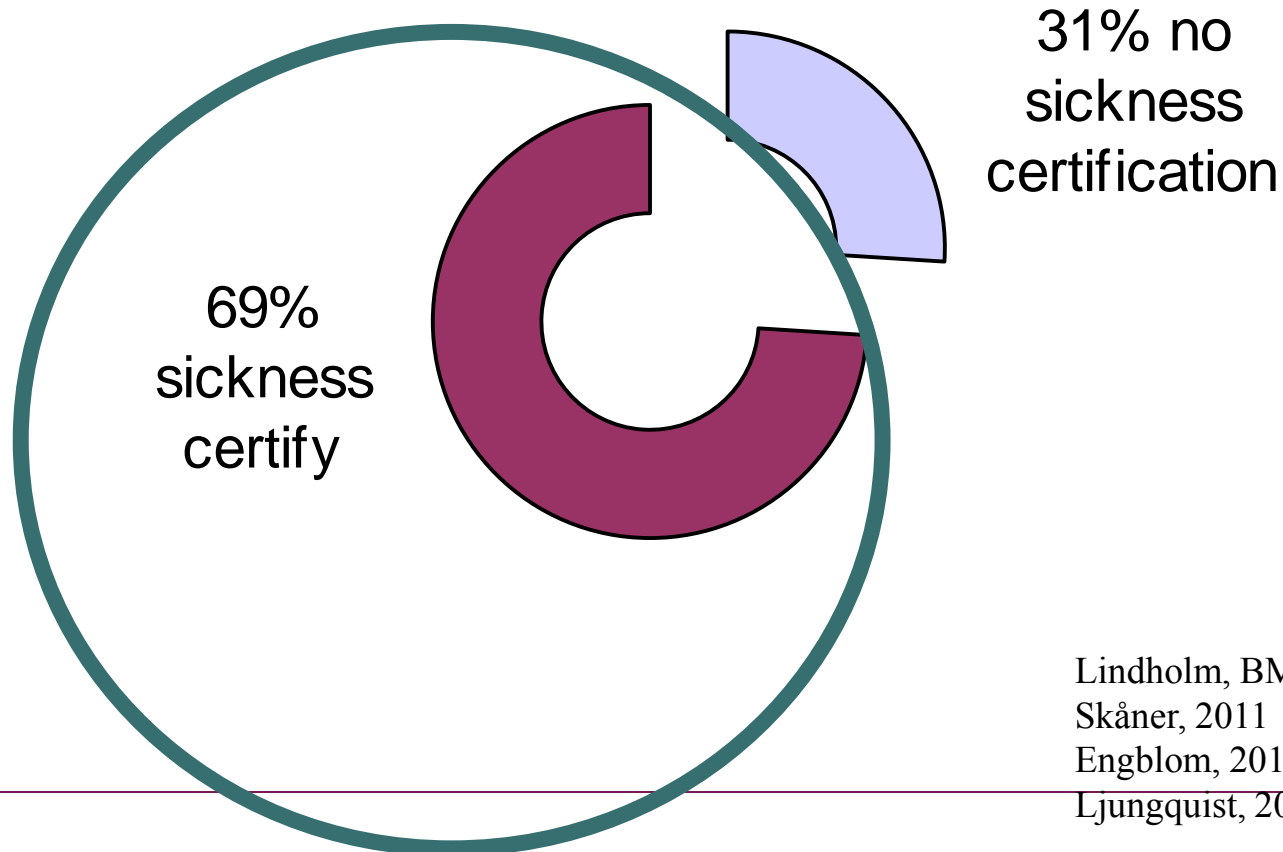
Sickness-certification tasks

1. Identify disease/injury
 - 2. Assess function and work capacity**
 3. Consider pros & cons with sick leave
 4. Determine duration of sick leave
 5. Co-operate with other stakeholders
 6. Write the certificate
 7. Document decisions & measures
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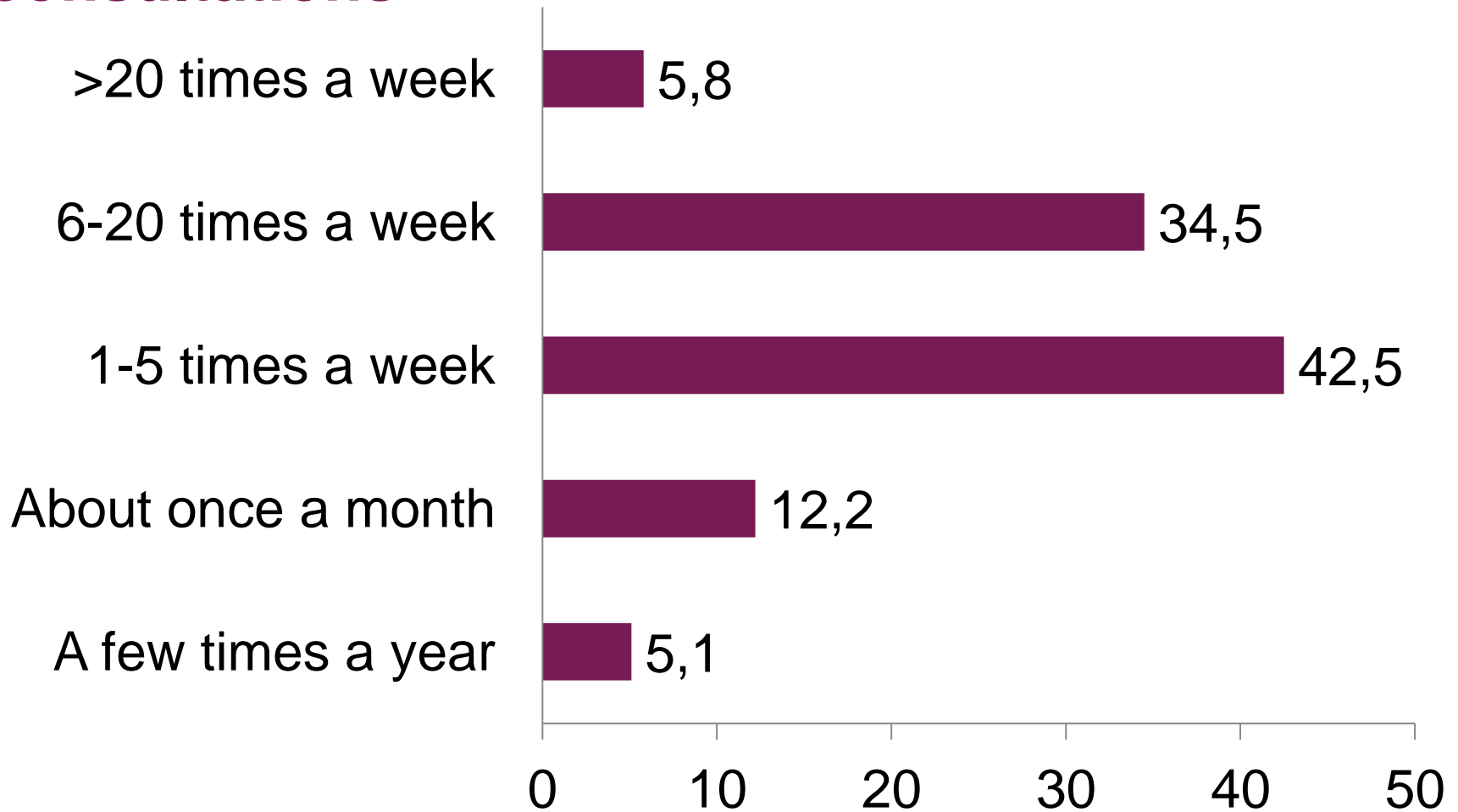
Results from a survey to all
physicians working in Sweden in 2008

Study population: 37 047

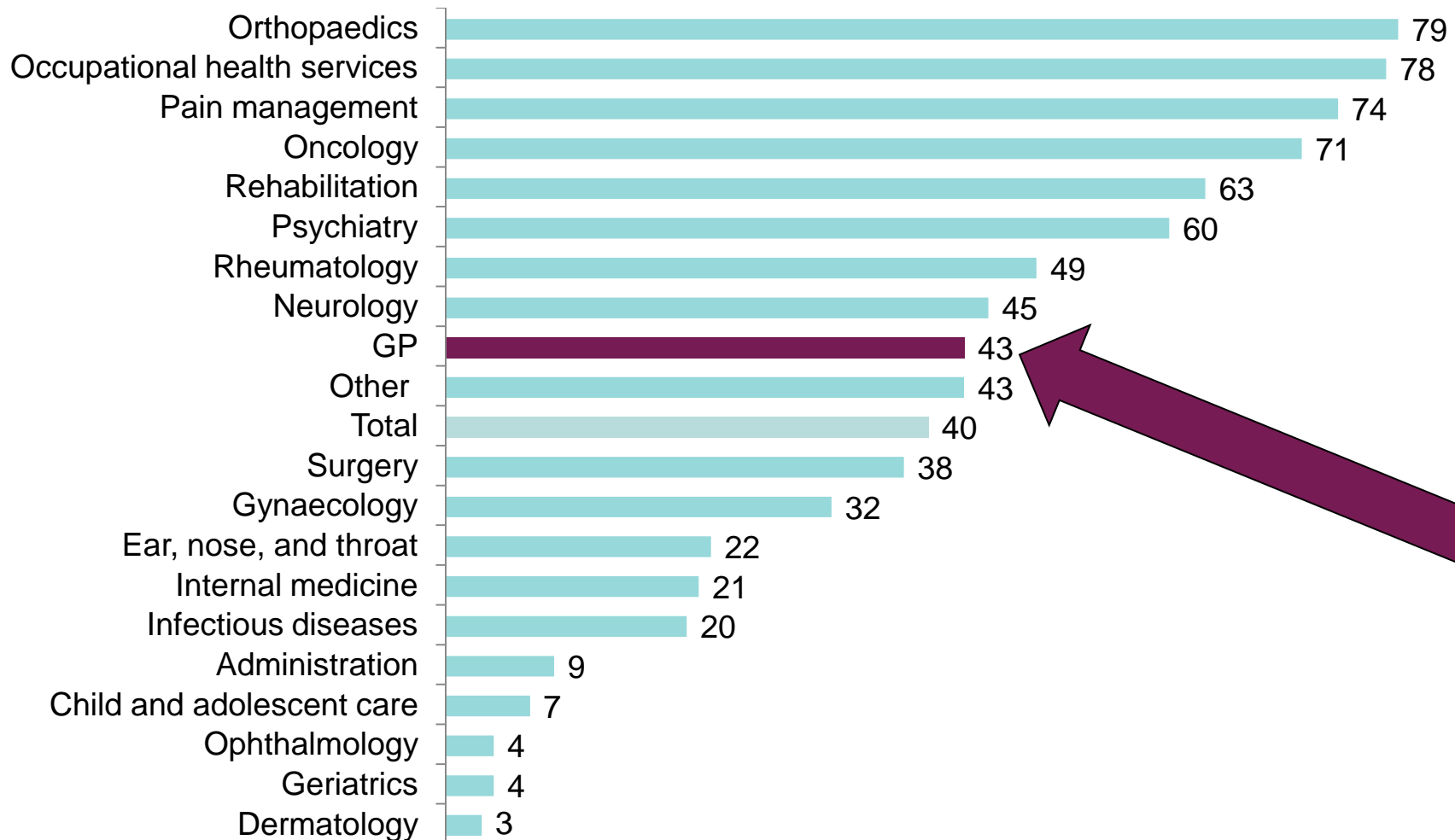
Response rate: 61% (n=22 498)



Among those who sickness certify: Frequency (%) of sickness-certification consultations



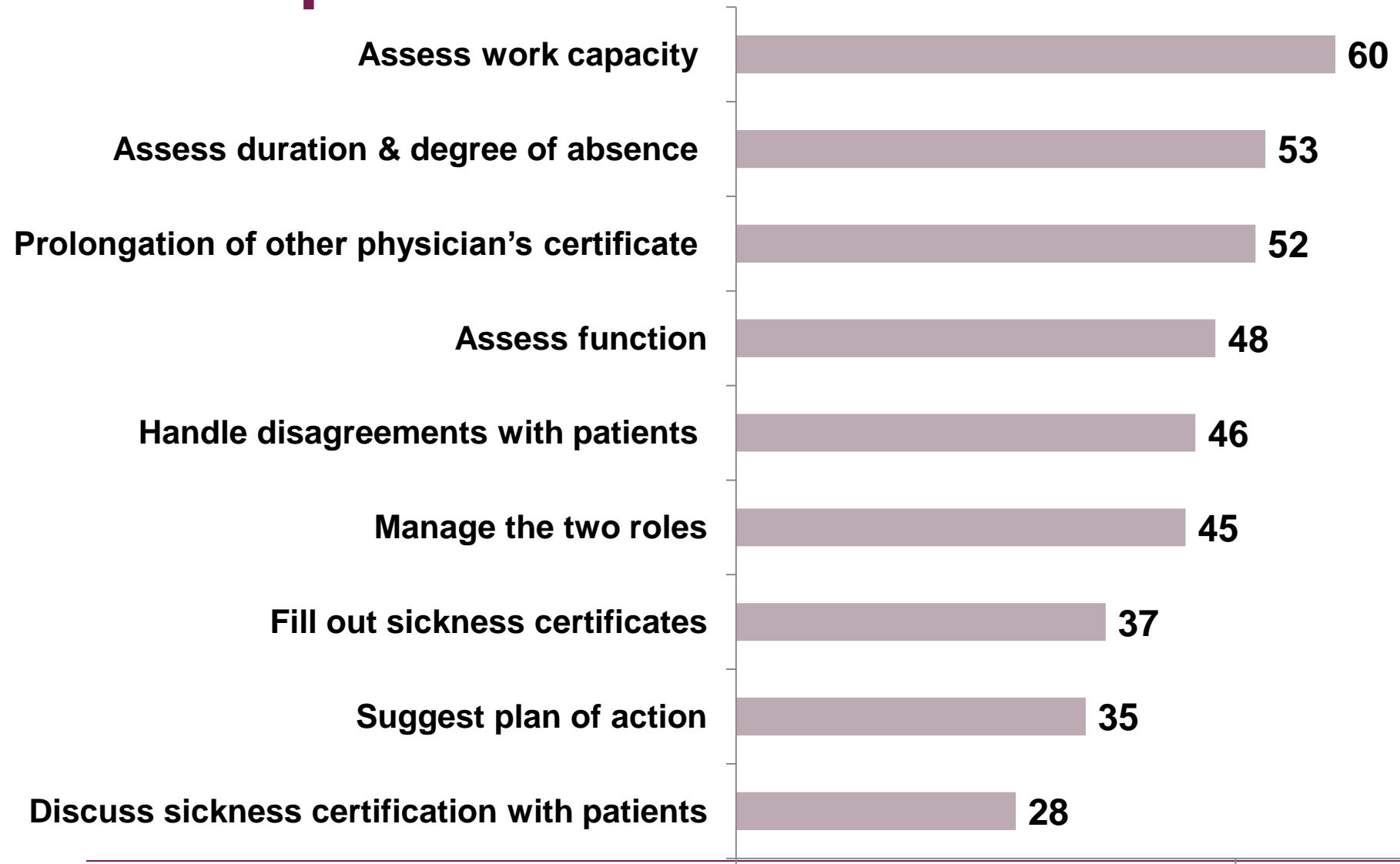
Sickness-certification consultations > 5 times/week



% stating the following tasks to be problematic

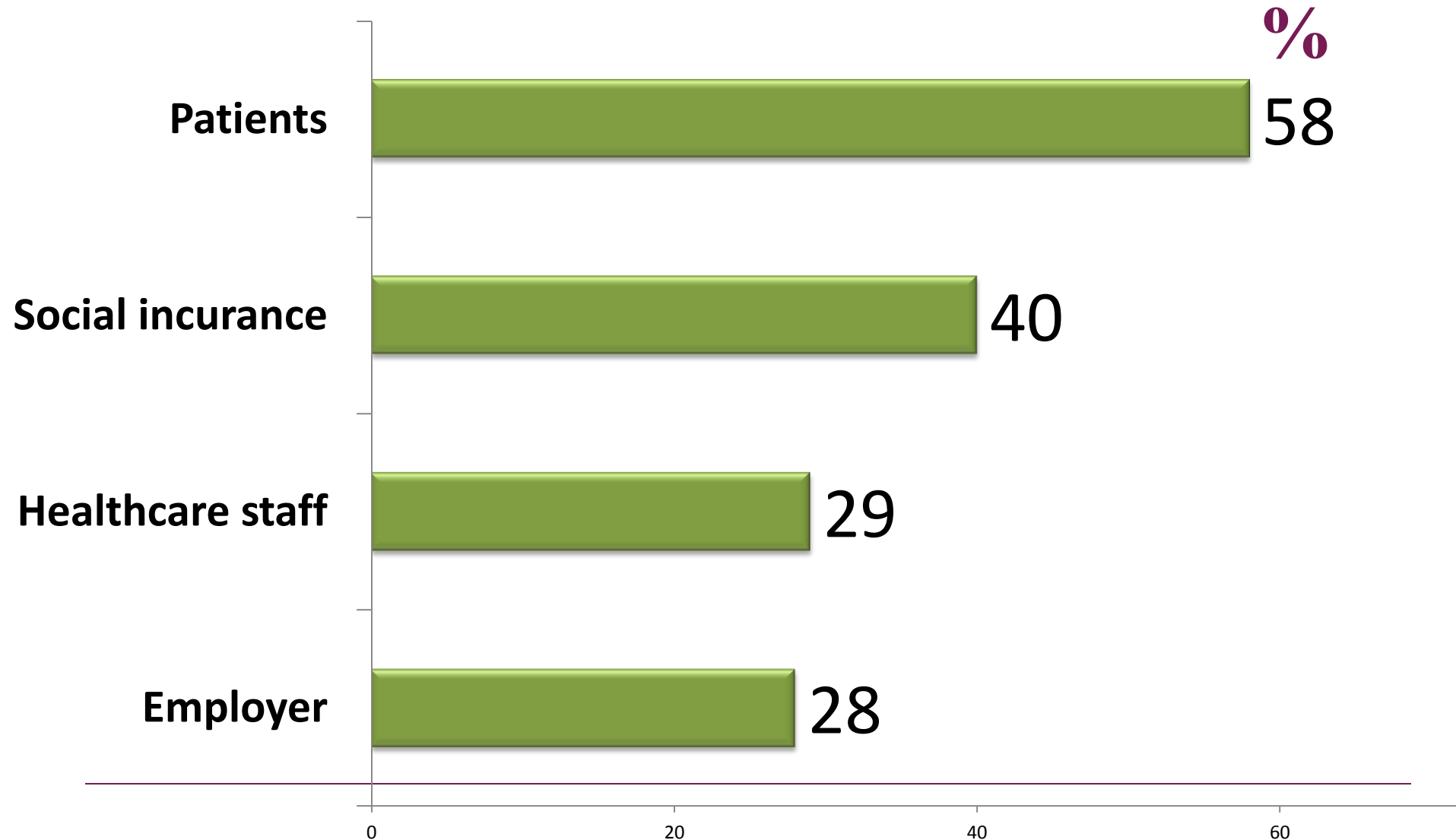


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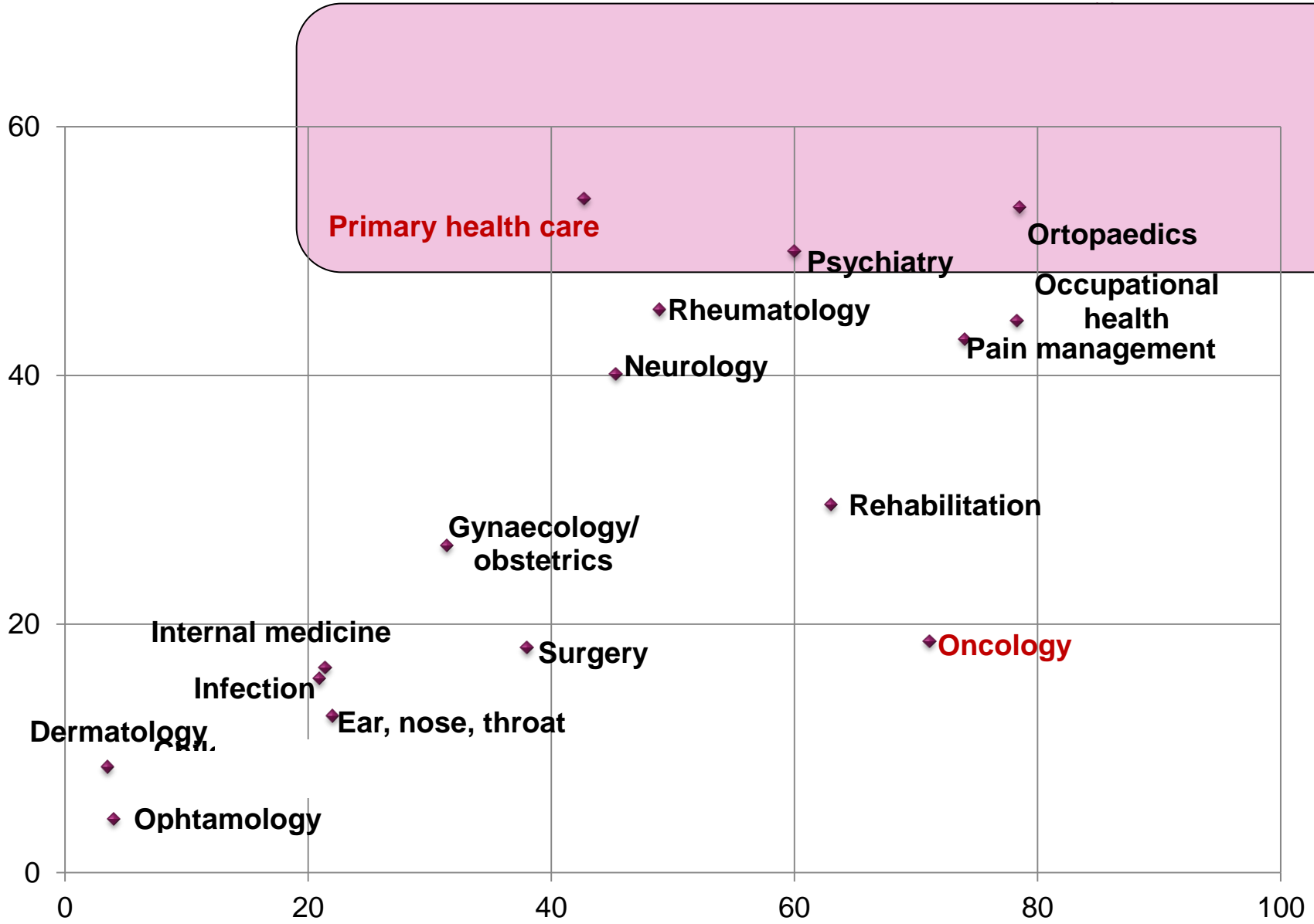
Sweden introduced national sick-leave guidelines in 2007

The sick-leave guidelines facilitate my contacts with



- **35 % experienced problems every week**
 - **40 % regarded sickness certification fairly or very problematic**
 - **this is great work environmental problem 10%**
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Problems at least once/week



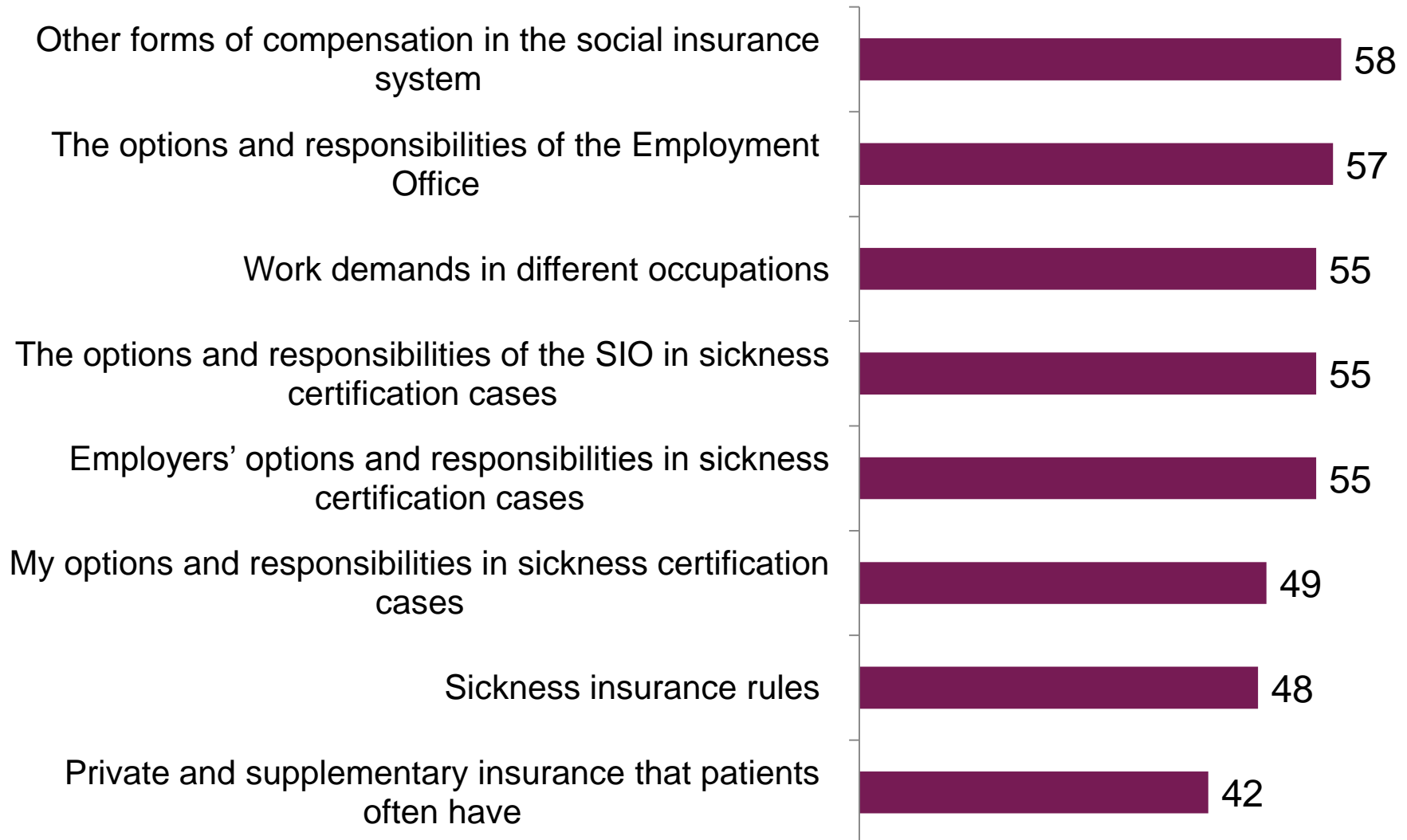
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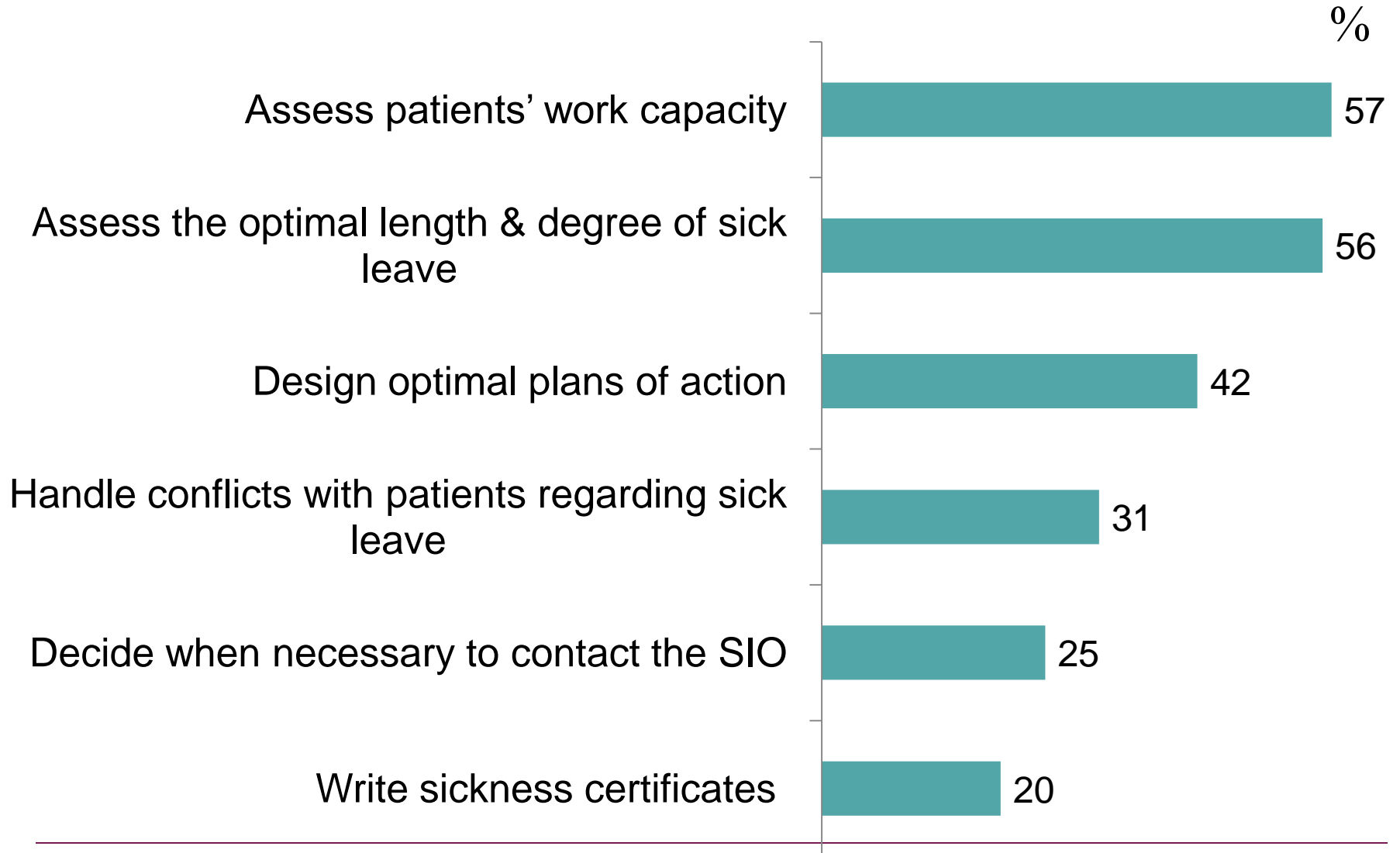
**The absolute majority of
physicians wants more
competence in
sickness insurance!**

Large/fairly large need for more knowledge

(%)



Large/fairly large need for more skills





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Thank you for your attention!

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