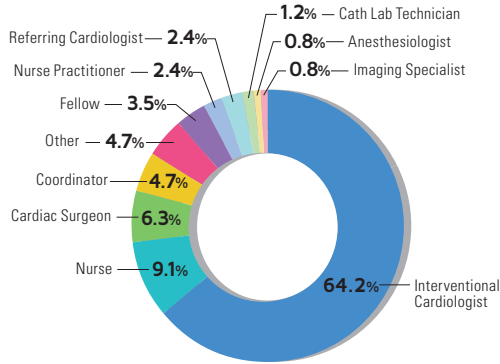


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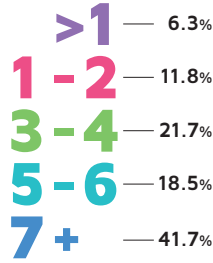
In January 2016, TCTMD sent out a survey request to our subscribers seeking their opinions on the Heart Team both in concept and practice. Overall, 254 people responded. Here are their thoughts.

Who responded?

Job Titles



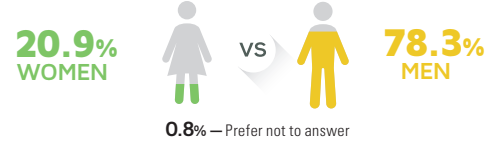
Years of Heart Team experience



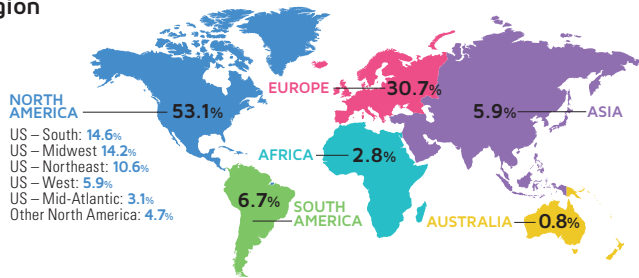
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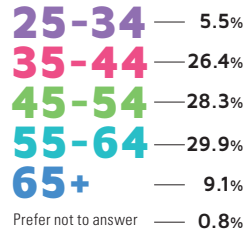
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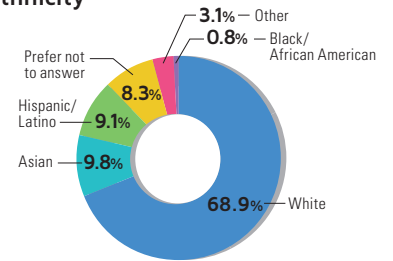
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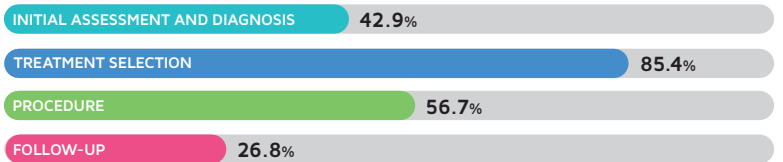
Ethnicity



How do you describe the Heart Team? Survey participants chose up to 3



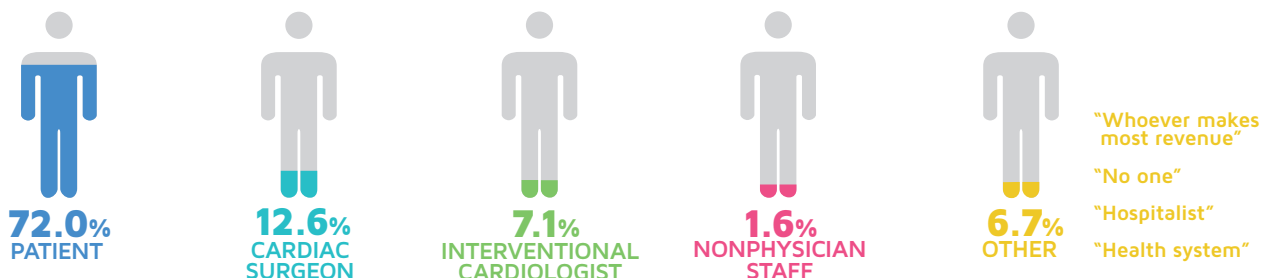
At which stage(s) of care is the Heart Team involved in your practice?



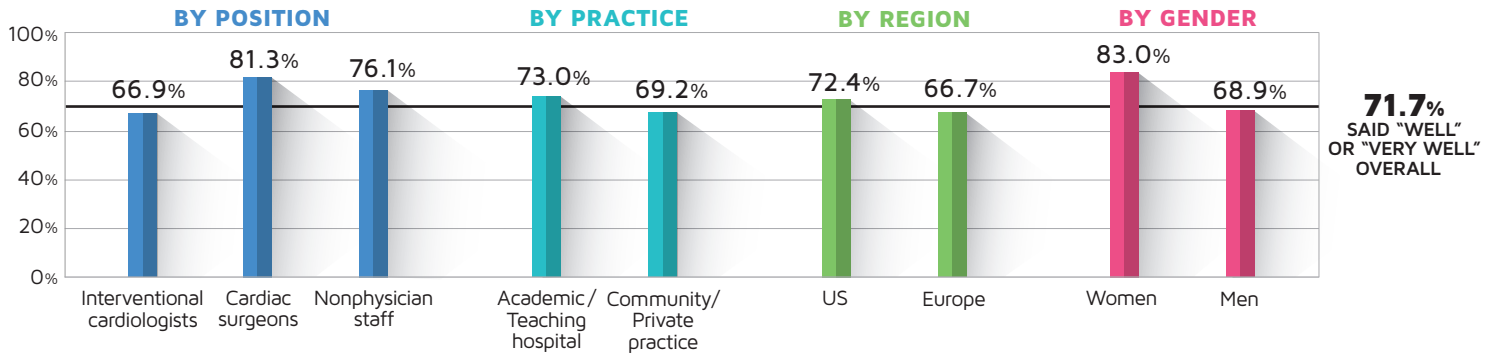
OF NOTE:

- 19.7% said they use the Heart Team during all four stages
- 29.1% said they only use it for treatment selection
- 6.7% said only during the procedure
- 4.3% said only for initial assessment and diagnosis
- 0.8% said only for follow-up

Who benefits most from the Heart Team?



Who thinks the Heart Team works well in practice? Overall, 71.7% responded "well" or "very well"—with the rest responding "neutral," "poorly," or "very poorly."



What works best about the Heart Team?

"Streamlined appointments; cardiologist and Cardiothoracic surgeon see patients in the same day, if possible."
- Nurse

"Keeps maverick operators under control."
- Interventional cardiologist

"Multiple disciplines bring multiple points of view."
- Interventional cardiologist

"Better patient care, more efficient procedures, and fewer errors and missed opportunities."
- Cath lab technician

"Interaction and collegiality between surgery and cardiology."
- Interventional cardiologist

What are the biggest barriers that prevent your Heart Team from functioning optimally?

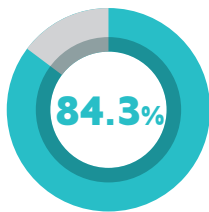
"Physicians still feeling 'superior' to other staff and communication breakdowns."
- Nurse

"Pressure from hospital to send more patients to surgery."
- Interventional cardiologist

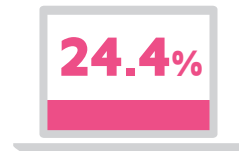
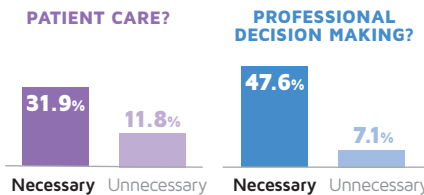
"Difficulty in getting all stakeholders together at the same time."
- Interventional cardiologist

"Multiple Cardiothoracic surgeon buy-in."
- Coordinator

"Not being reimbursed for all the additional time and effort required."
- Cardiac surgeon



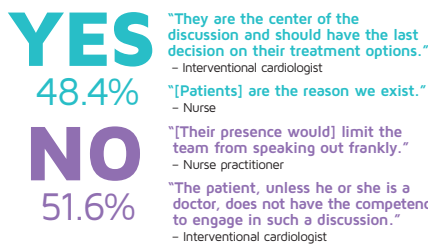
How necessary is the Heart Team for...



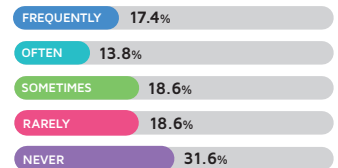
say they have received some form of **FORMAL EDUCATION/TRAINING** about the Heart Team.



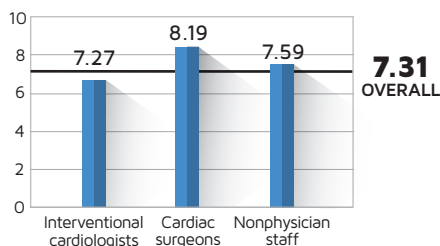
Does the patient belong on the Heart Team?



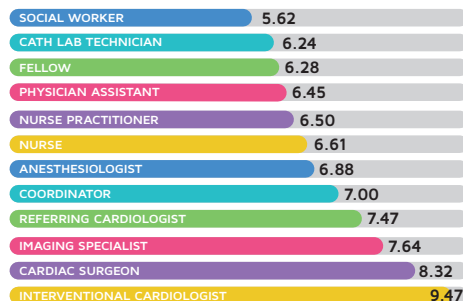
In practice, how often does the patient participate in the Heart Team?



How valued do you feel by other members of the Heart Team? (scale of 1-10)



How much do you value other members of the Heart Team? (scale of 1-10)



"The coordinator is single most important member of team."
- Interventional cardiologist

"The referring cardiologist is the most important—without patients there is no program."
- Interventional cardiologist

"We rarely require a social worker."
- Cardiac surgeon

"The more staff involved in the treatment process, ... the better."
- Interventional cardiologist

"Palliative care is [also] a vital member of the team."
- Interventional cardiologist