

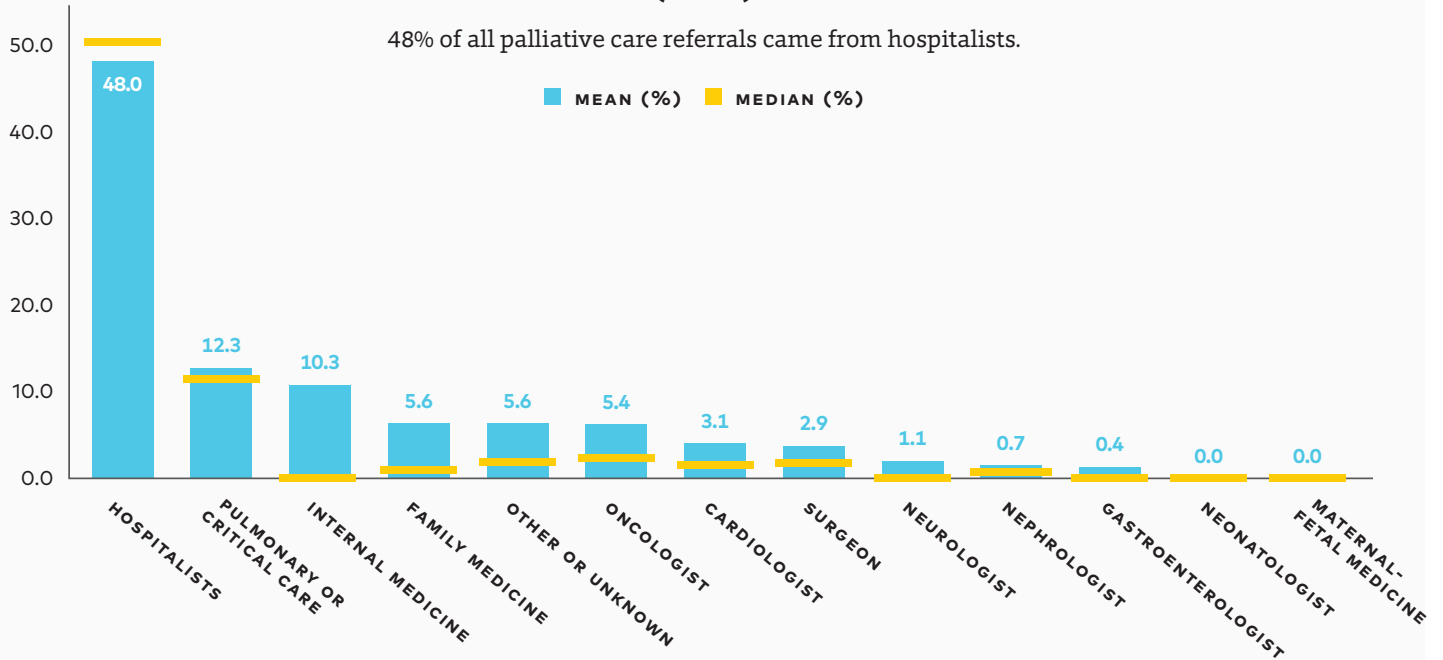
Palliative Care Referrals

2018–2019 Snapshot

As the number of Americans living with serious illness has increased, so has the penetration of palliative care in U.S. hospitals. Based on need, not prognosis, palliative care teams provide complex communication and symptom management for people living with serious illness. This saves the primary clinician time, matches patient goals to treatment options, and better coordinates care. Following are the results of the most recent analysis of the top referrals to palliative care.

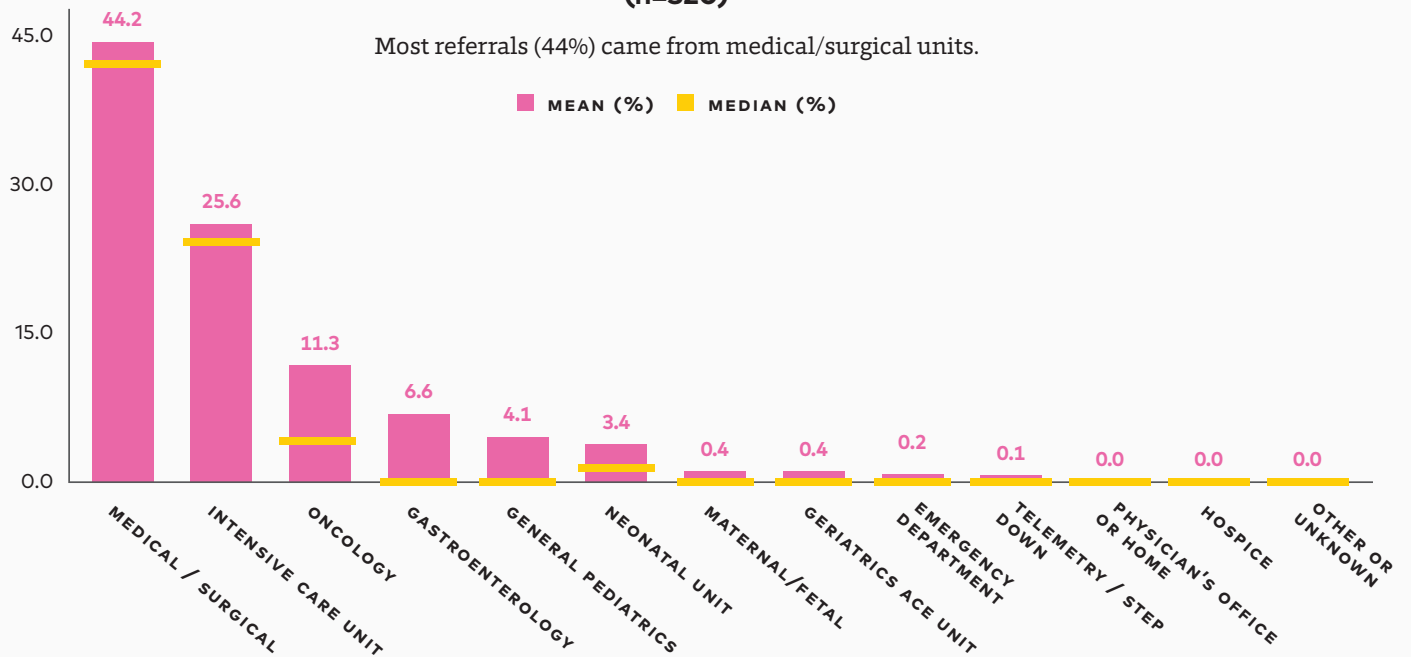
Top Referring Physician Specialties (n=310)

48% of all palliative care referrals came from hospitalists.

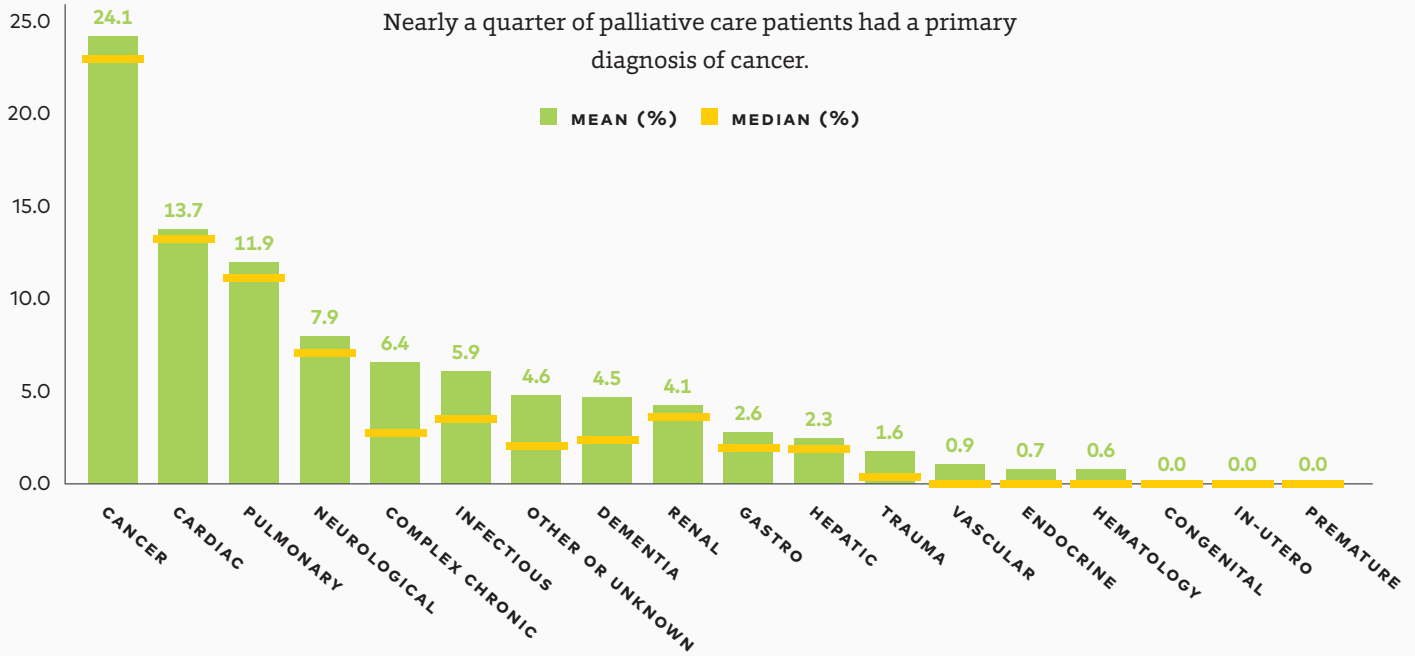


Top Referring Sites (n=320)

Most referrals (44%) came from medical/surgical units.



Top Primary Diagnosis Groups (n=297)



Analyses were based on the 2018–2019 National Palliative Care Registry™ dataset. Analyses were limited to hospital palliative care programs in the United States that were not pediatric-specific palliative care programs. Response rates varied by question.



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