

New Frontiers: A Panel on Opportunities to Transition from Traditional to Non-Traditional Therapy Roles and Settings

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Objectives

1. Presenters will briefly discuss moral injury, burn-out, and ways in which the public health emergency contributed to health care professionals seeking new professional opportunities.
2. Presenters will discuss ways in which the public health emergency facilitated expansion of novel modes of delivery of healthcare services including physical therapy.
3. Attendees will gain insight into the numbers of healthcare professionals changing career paths in the current healthcare environment.
4. Attendees will be exposed to evolving professional opportunities available to physical therapist and physical therapist assistants.
5. Attendees will increase their comfort in highlighting translatable skills for non-traditional roles.

Special Populations

CHRONIC DISEASES IN AMERICA

6 IN 10

Adults in the US
have a **chronic disease**



4 IN 10

Adults in the US
have **two or more**

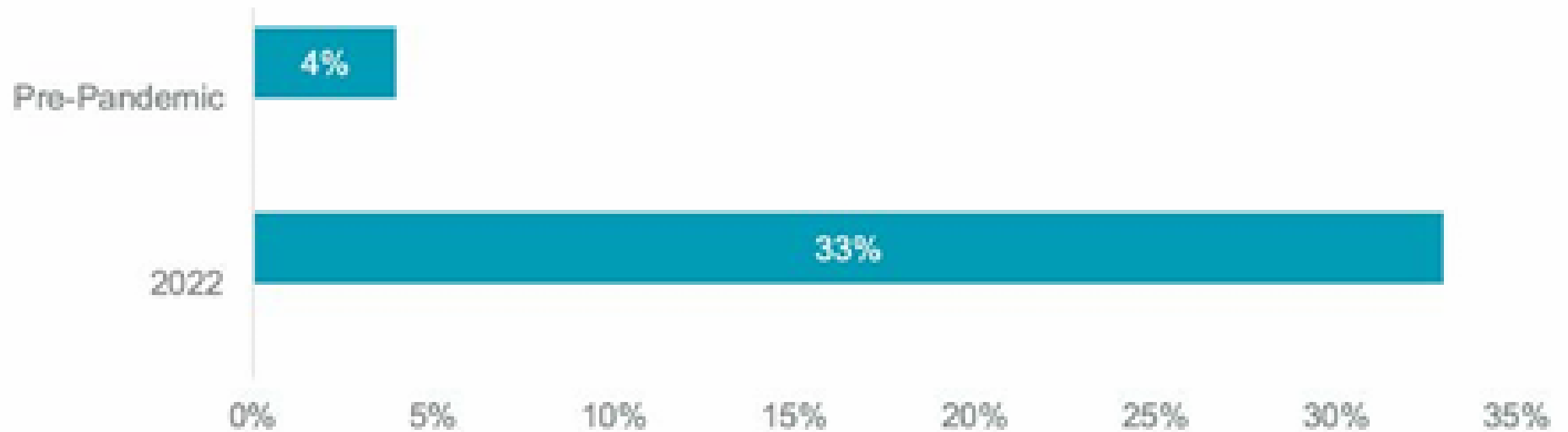
THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND DISABILITY
and Leading Drivers of the Nation's **\$3.8 Trillion** in Annual Health Care Costs

65%

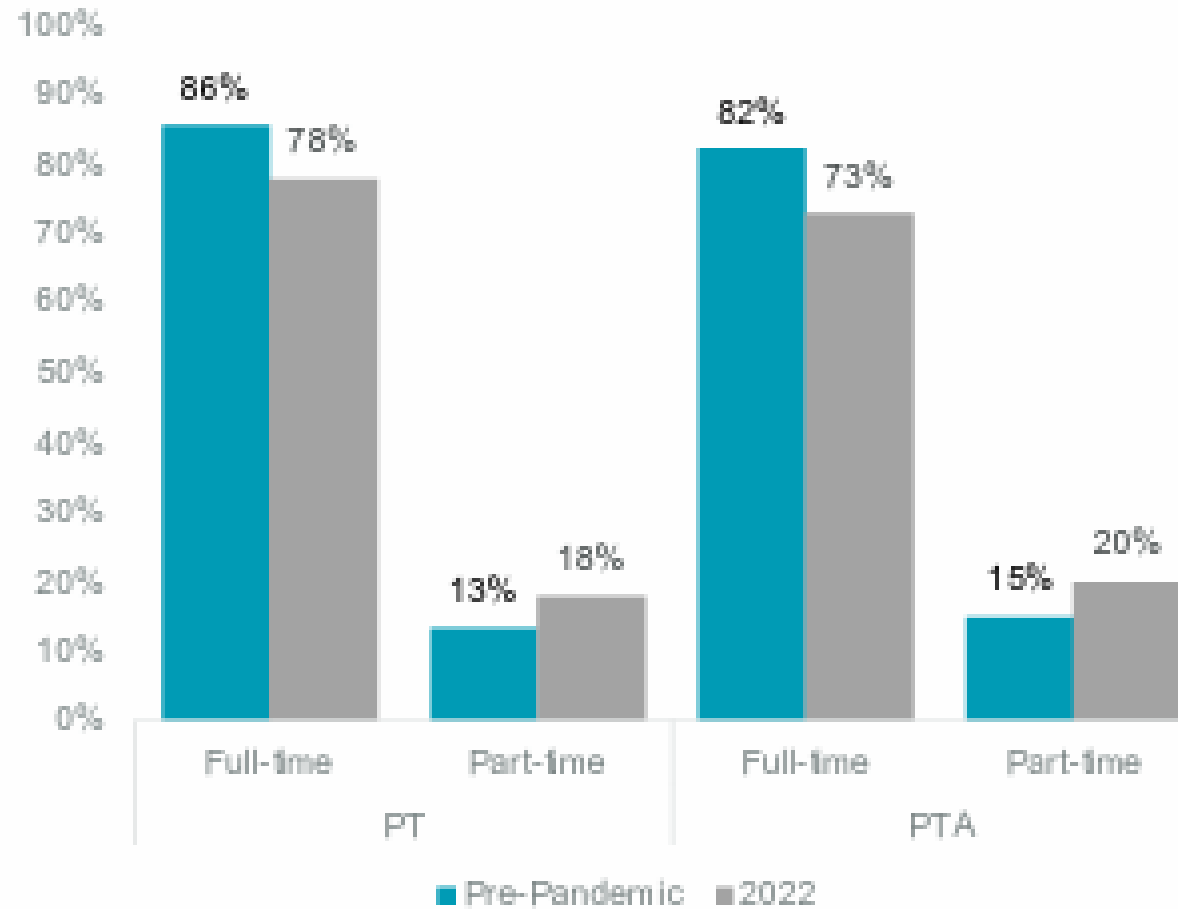


of PTs reported seeing additional or more-severe conditions in their patient population that they attributed to lack of medical or physical therapy follow-up during the pandemic.

PTs Who Provide Telehealth Services



Changes in Employment Status



The total vacancy rate reported by outpatient practices averaged 16%. Vacancy rates were highest for PTs, at 17%, followed by 14% for support personnel, and 13% for PTAs. Nearly 80% of respondents reported at least a 5% vacancy rate across all positions.

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Perfect Climate for New Opportunity

The COVID Microscope

- HealthCare inequities
- Preventive Care needs
- More Complex Patient Presentations in All Settings
- Need to Meet Patients “Where They Are”

Value Shift – Personal

- Work Life Balance
- Personal Needs –health/family
- Age in Place

Value Shift - Professional

- Moral Trauma
- The two-sides of the “B” word
- Challenge
- Upward Mobility

Opportunities Secondary to the Pandemic

PT/PTA Skill-sets

- Broadly translatable
- Problem-solving
- Leadership
- Specialization
- Communication
- Education

LIVE Q&A PANEL

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