

Engagement in Advance Care Planning

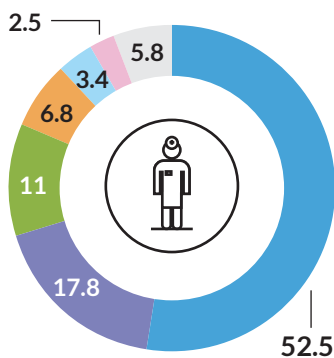
Perspectives from Colorado Health Care Providers

Advance Care Planning (ACP) is an important strategy for health engagement. ACP helps ensure people receive medical care consistent with their values, goals and informed preferences during serious, chronic or catastrophic illness. The Colorado Health Foundation's Advance Care Planning initiative is part of an overall strategy to empower individuals and families to manage their own health. The data below were used to inform the initiative, and reflect input from Colorado health care providers.



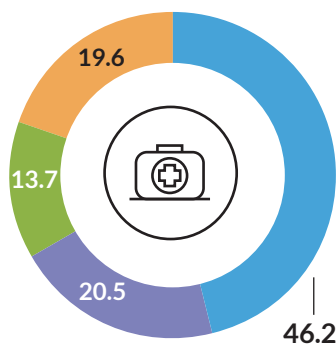
Colorado Provider and Practice Demographics

Role [%]



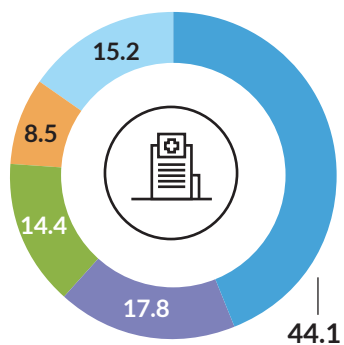
- Physician
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Nurse
- Administrator
- Chaplain
- Social Worker
- Other

Practice Type [%]



- Family Medicine
- Geriatrics
- Adult Primary Care
- Other

Clinical Setting [%]



- Community practice
- Long-term care
- Academic center
- Federally-qualified health center (FQHC)
- Other

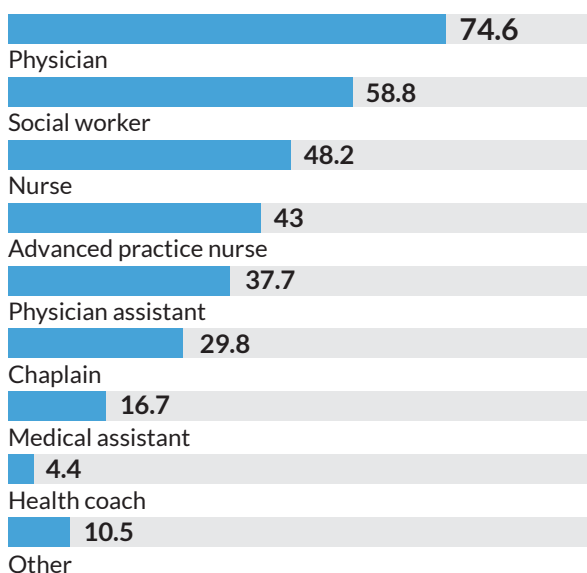
How high of a priority it is to systematically address ACP in your practice setting? [%]



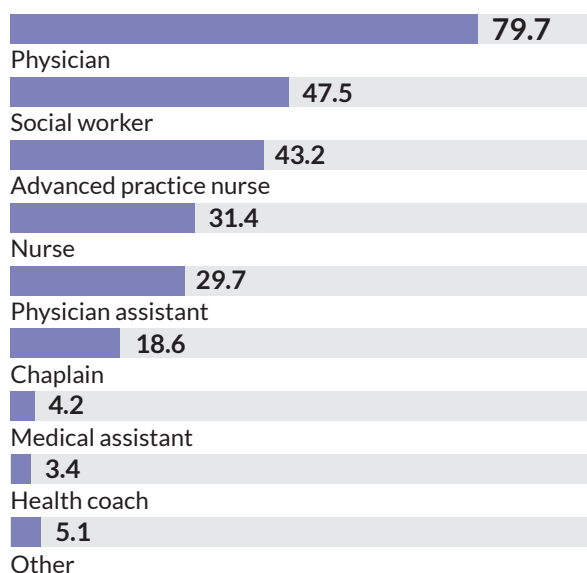
What Does ACP Look Like in Colorado Practices?



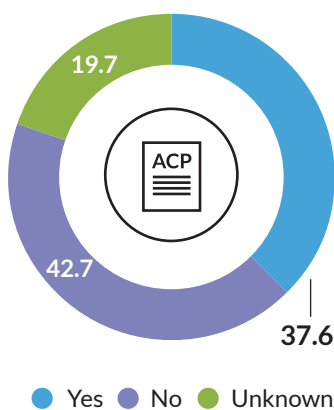
Who helps with any part of ACP? [%]



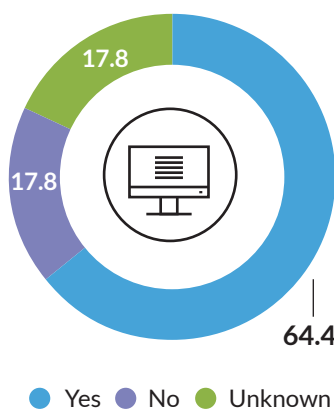
Who directly meets with patient/family for ACP discussion? [%]



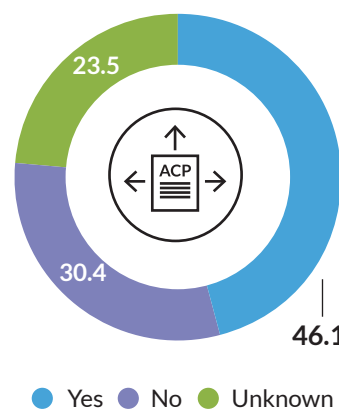
Does practice setting have guidelines related to ACP documentation? [%]



Are ACP documents stored electronically? [%]



Are ACP documents systematically available to another health care setting? [%]



Most settings do not have guidelines related to ACP documentation. ACP documents are stored electronically in 64% of practice settings, although only 46% are able to provide ACP documents with another health care setting.

Community Education



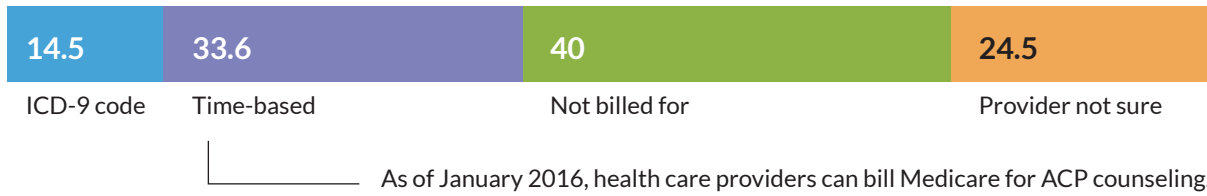
Does practice setting offer community outreach or education programs to improve ACP engagement? [%]



Patient Billing



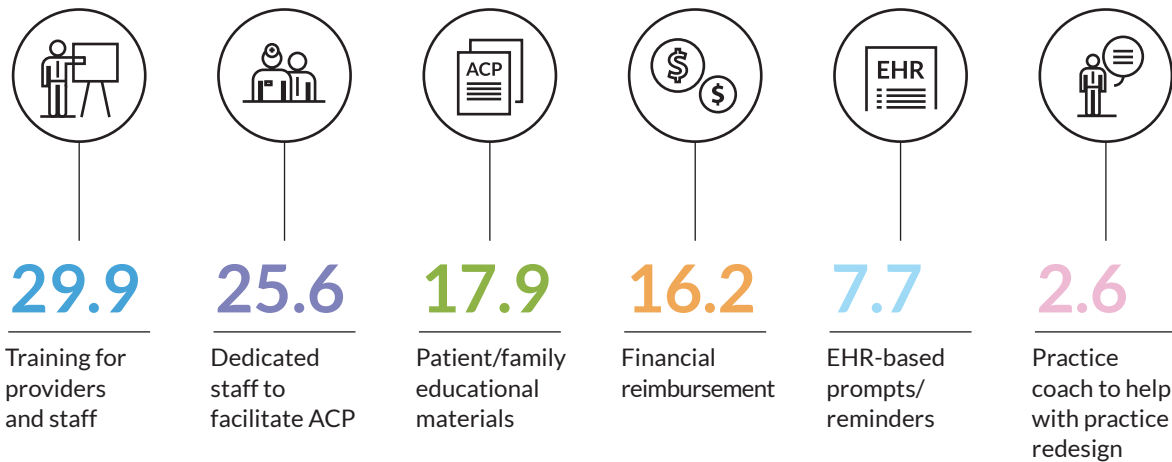
What are current billing practices for ACP discussions with patients? [%]



Provider Needs

What is the MOST CRITICAL resource for practice settings to systematically incorporate ACP into routine care? [%]

Colorado health care providers identified multiple specific needs to improve ACP for their patients.



ACP involves becoming informed about future medical decisions that may need to be made in the event of incapability or at end of life. It can help ensure that medical care and other services align with an individual's values, goals and informed preferences.

The Colorado Health Foundation is partnering with individuals, health care providers, health care systems and Colorado communities to improve education and opportunities for individuals and families to engage in advance care planning, and ultimately receive medical care and other services that are important to them.



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