



# Are remote consults here to stay?

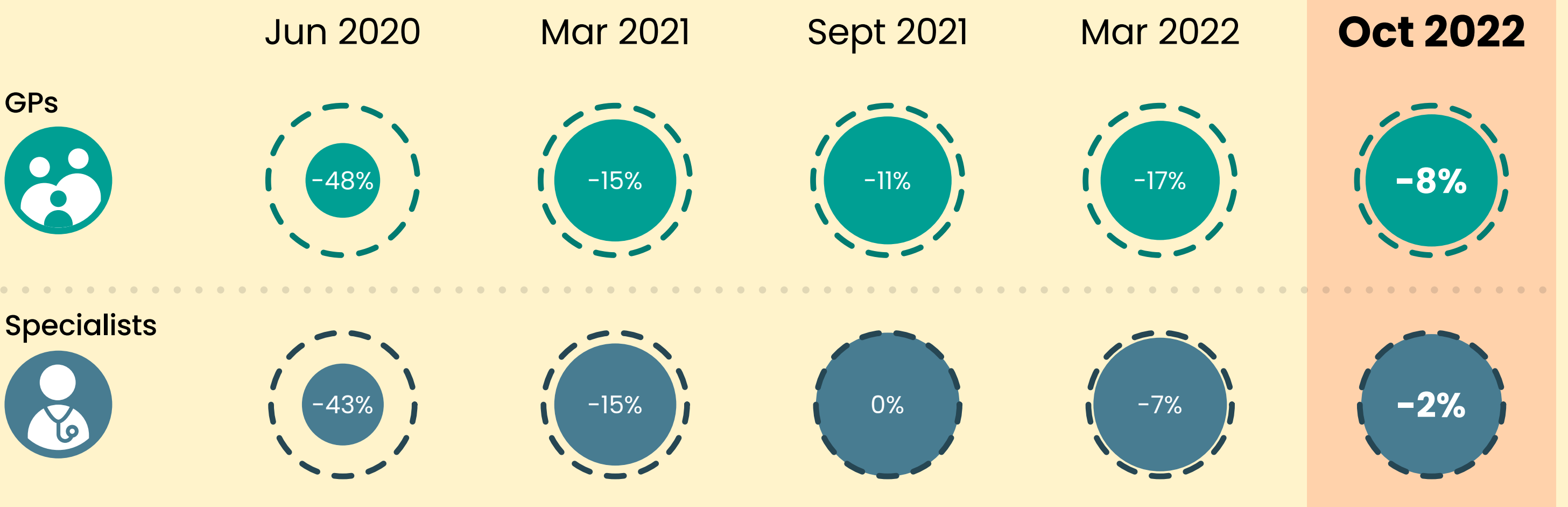
MD Analytics asked Canadian physicians about their workloads and interactions with patients before and during the pandemic, as well as their expectations for the future.



## Physician workloads are back to pre-COVID levels

Mean % change in total number of patients seen compared to before the pandemic

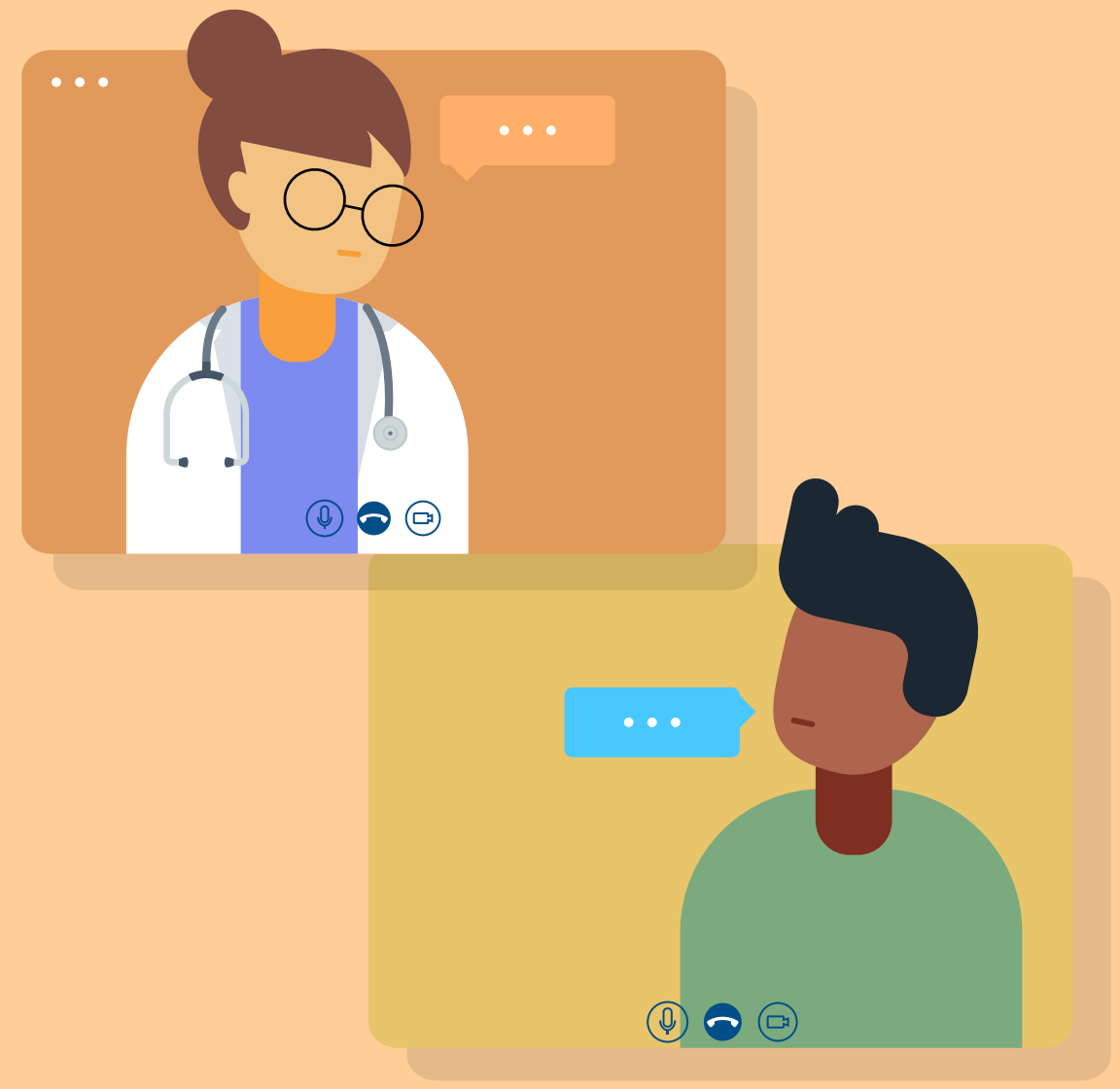
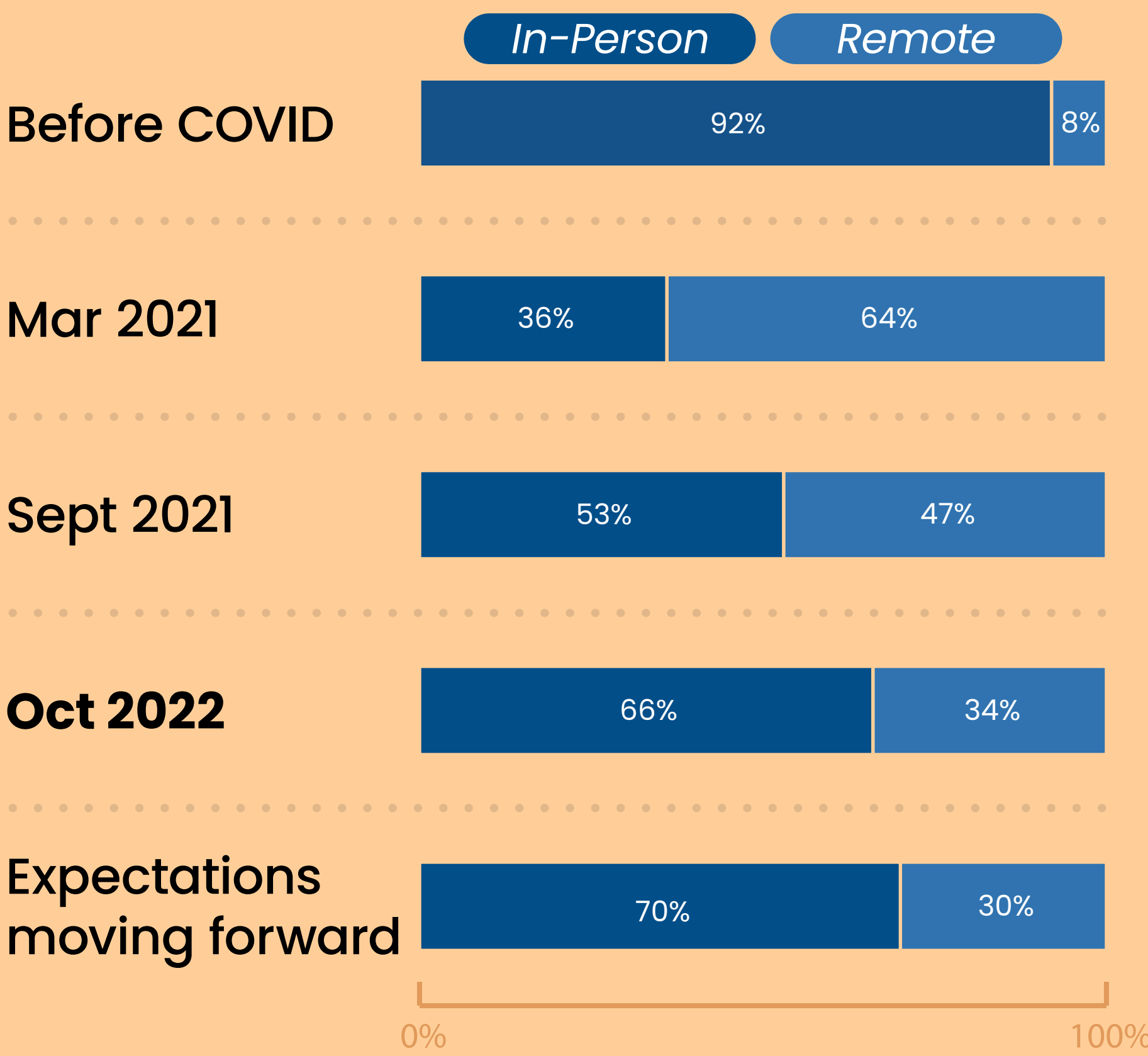
Pre-COVID Baseline



This year, 6 in 10 physicians expect to be busier in the Fall, compared to 4 in 10 last year.

## Remote interactions with patients are expected to remain above pre-COVID levels

% of interactions with patients (GPs/SPs combined)

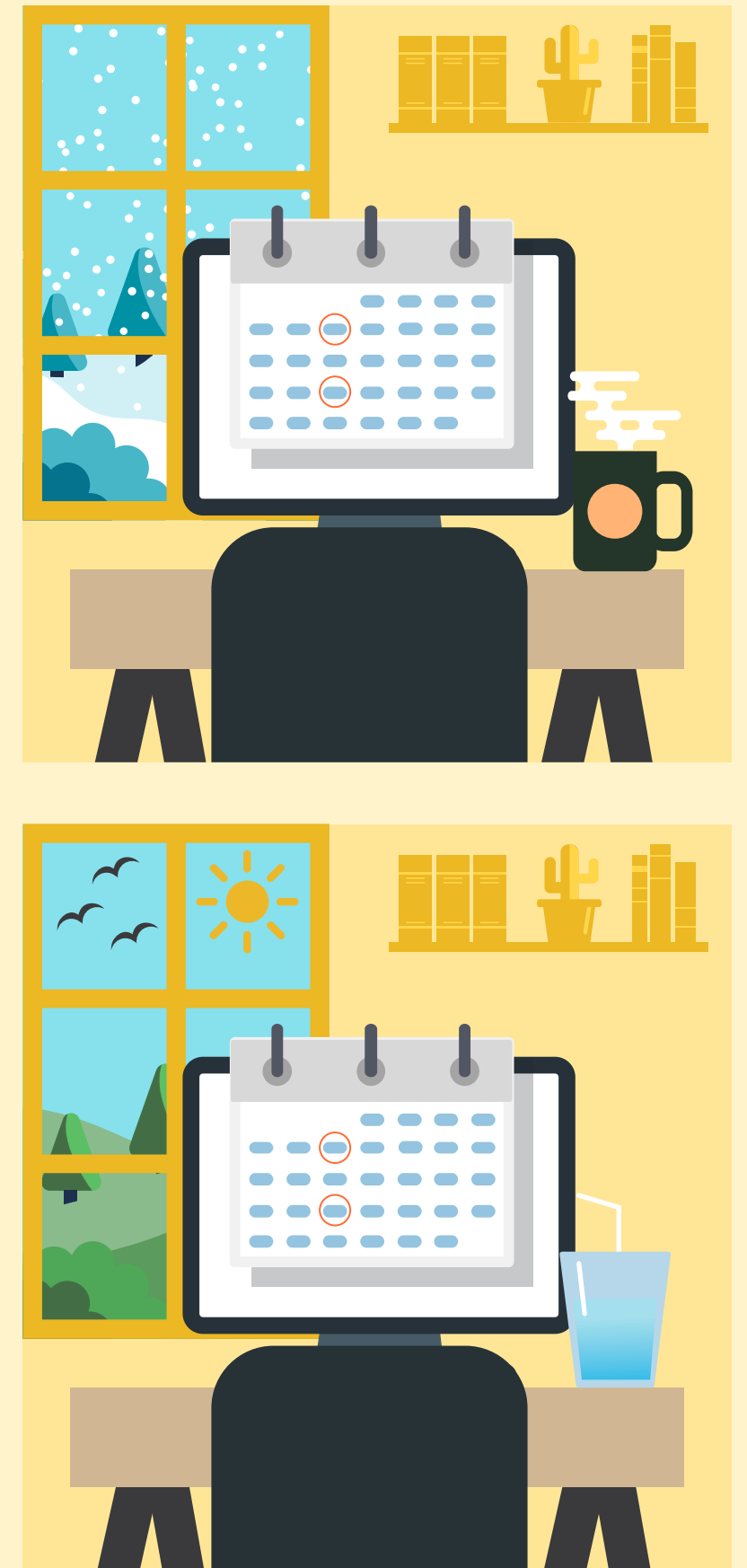
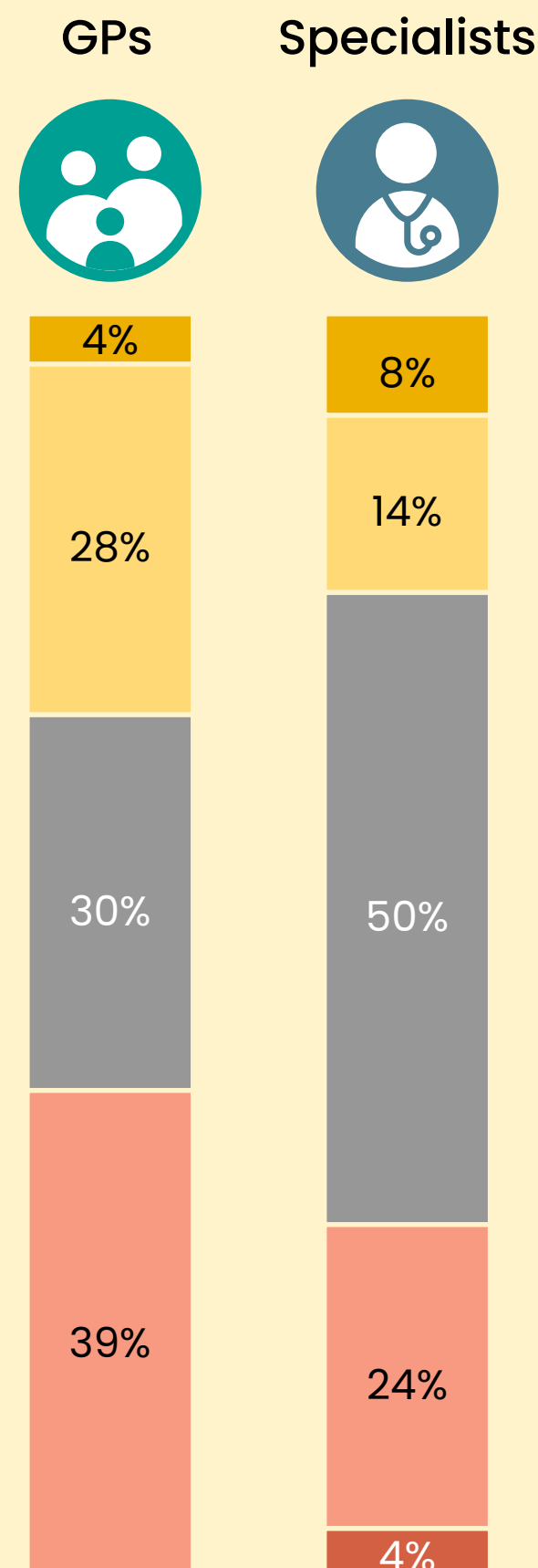


Increased volumes of remote interactions might be challenging for new drug providers, as physicians are less likely to be **very** comfortable with initiating patients on new drugs remotely (26%) than in-person (89%).

## Physicians report patient engagement in their healthcare has not changed since the pandemic

Perceived level of patient engagement in the management of their health

- Much more engaged
- Somewhat more engaged
- Not changed/ remained the same
- Somewhat less engaged
- Much less engaged



Data based on survey of total n= 140 (n= 50 General Practitioners and n=90 Specialist Physicians), October 2022.



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