



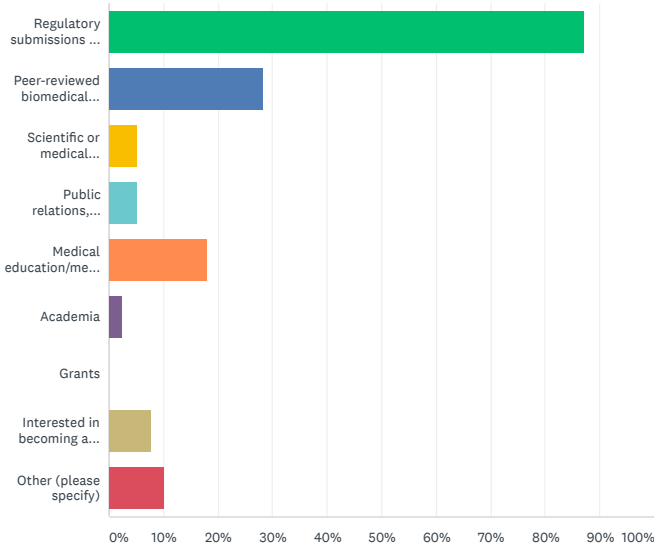
Medical Writing Community Professional Needs Survey

QUESTION SUMMARIES DATA TRENDS INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

Q1

In which area of medical writing do you work? (select all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Regulatory submissions to health authorities	87.18% 34
Peer-reviewed biomedical publication writing	28.21% 11
Scientific or medical journalism	5.13% 2
Public relations, marketing, advertising	5.13% 2
Medical education/medical communication, patient materials/patient leaflets, materials for physicians	17.95% 7
Academia	2.56% 1
Grants	0.00% 0
Interested in becoming a medical writer	7.69% 3
Other (please specify)	Responses 10.26% 4

You left out clinical - protocols, CSRs etc. I think the first category would be better as 'Clinical and Regulatory MW', which is how I describe myself.

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Investigator's Brochures, clinical protocols, informed consent forms, CSRs, recruitment & patient education materials

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Translation

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post-approval study documents (protocols and study reports)

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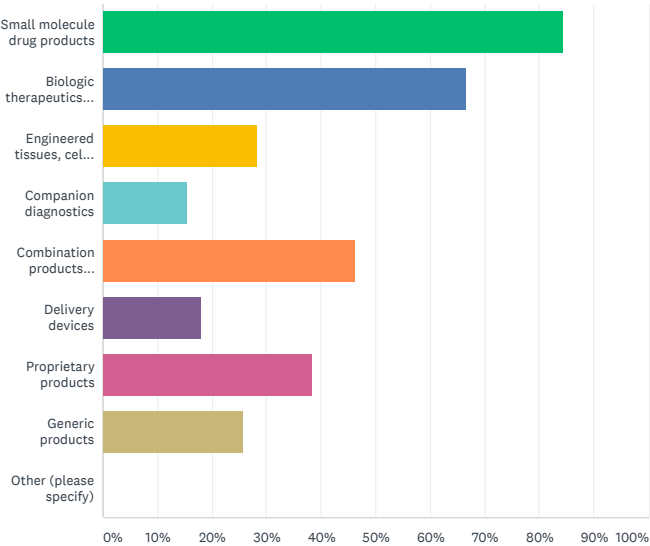
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Q2

Which product type do you generally support? (select all that apply)

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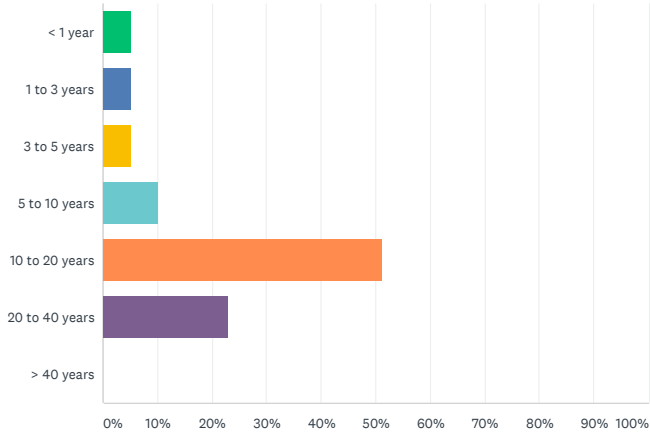


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Small molecule drug products	84.62%	33
Biologic therapeutics (large molecule)	66.67%	26
Engineered tissues, cell therapies, or gene therapies	28.21%	11
Companion diagnostics	15.38%	6
Combination products (drug/device, biologic/device)	46.15%	18
Delivery devices	17.95%	7
Proprietary products	38.46%	15
Generic products	25.64%	10
Other (please specify)	Responses 0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 39		

Q3

How long have you been a medical writer or worked in medical communications? (NOTE: we are the Medical Writing Community, DIA also has a Medical Communications Community)

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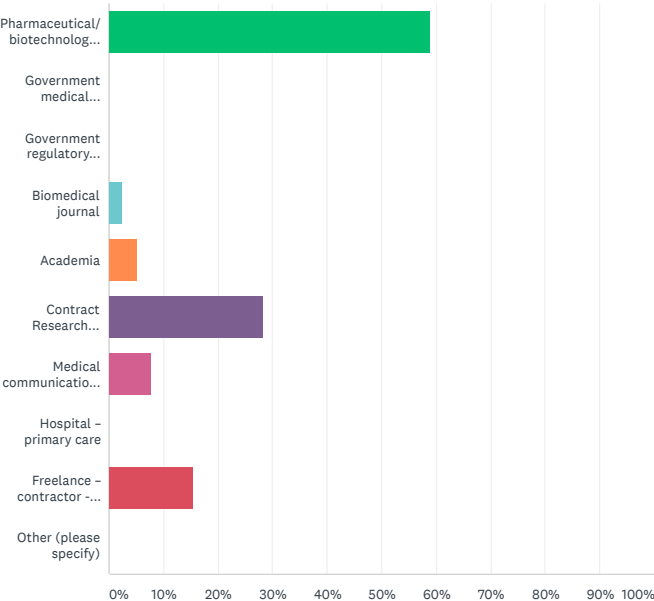
1 to 3 years	5.13%	2
3 to 5 years	5.13%	2
5 to 10 years	10.26%	4
10 to 20 years	51.28%	20
20 to 40 years	23.08%	9
> 40 years	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q4



What is your current work setting? (select all that apply)

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Pharmaceutical/biotechnology/device company	58.97% 23
Government medical research/health (e.g., NIH, CDC, NICE)	0.00% 0
Government regulatory agency (e.g., FDA, MHRA, HPFB, EM, MedSafe)	0.00% 0
Biomedical journal	2.56% 1
Academia	5.13% 2
Contract Research Organization	28.21% 11
Medical communications agency (typically prepares publications, posters, meeting abstracts, slide decks for pharma/device industry)	7.69% 3
Hospital - primary care	0.00% 0
Freelance - contractor - consultant	15.38% 6
Other (please specify)	Responses 0.00% 0
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Q5



Where are you located?

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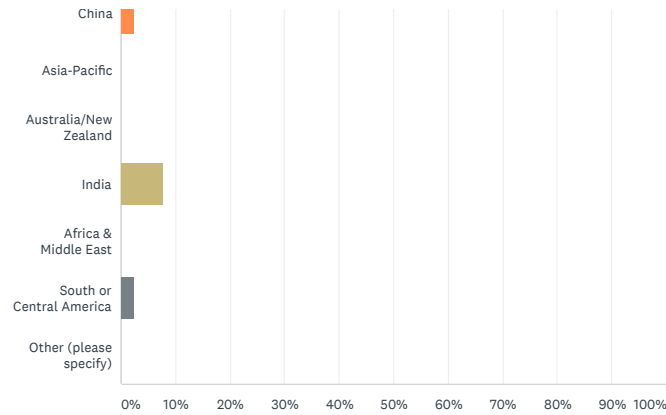
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ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

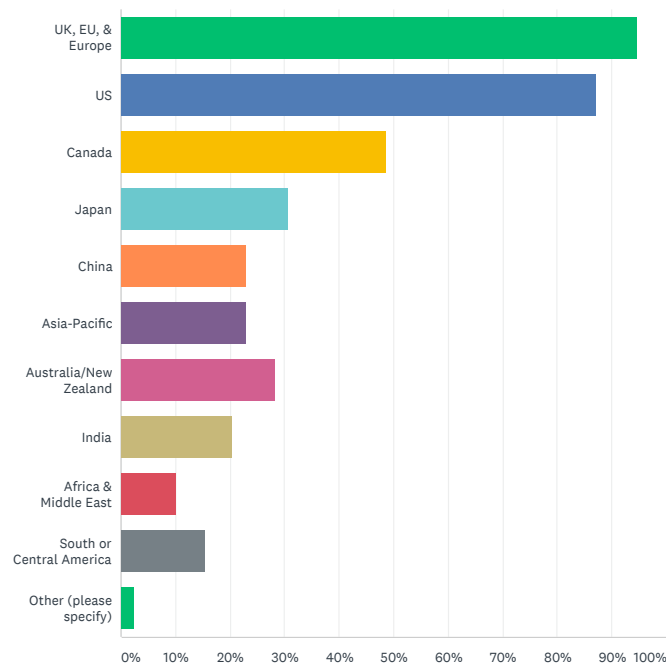
UK & Europe	23.08%	9
US	58.97%	23
Canada	0.00%	0
Japan	5.13%	2
China	2.56%	1
Asia-Pacific	0.00%	0
Australia/New Zealand	0.00%	0
India	7.69%	3
Africa & Middle East	0.00%	0
South or Central America	2.56%	1
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q6



What region do you write for or need to follow developments in? (select all that apply)

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Japan	30.77%	12	
China	23.08%	9	
Asia-Pacific	23.08%	9	
Australia/New Zealand	28.21%	11	
India	20.51%	8	
Africa & Middle East	10.26%	4	
South or Central America	15.38%	6	
Other (please specify)	Responses	2.56%	1

Potentially other major regions

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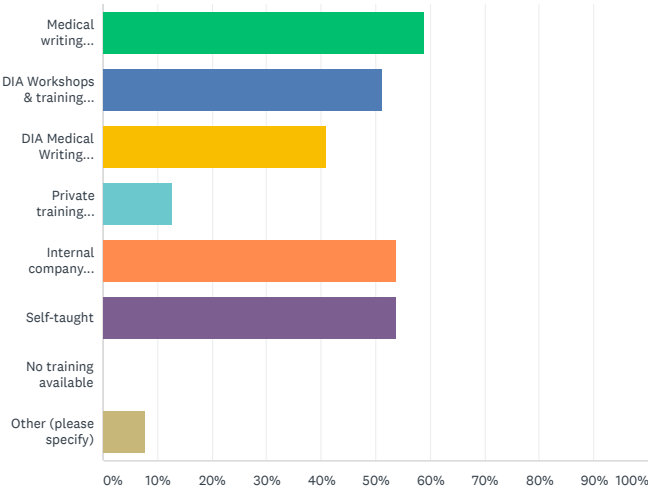
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Q7



Where do you currently obtain your medical writing training? (select all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Medical writing professional society (e.g., American Medical Writers Association, European Medical Writers Association, Indian Society of Clinical Research, International Society for Medical Publications Professionals, Council of Science Editors...etc.)	58.97% 23
DIA Workshops & training courses	51.28% 20
DIA Medical Writing Community	41.03% 16
Private training companies	12.82% 5
Internal company training/professional development	53.85% 21
Self-taught	53.85% 21

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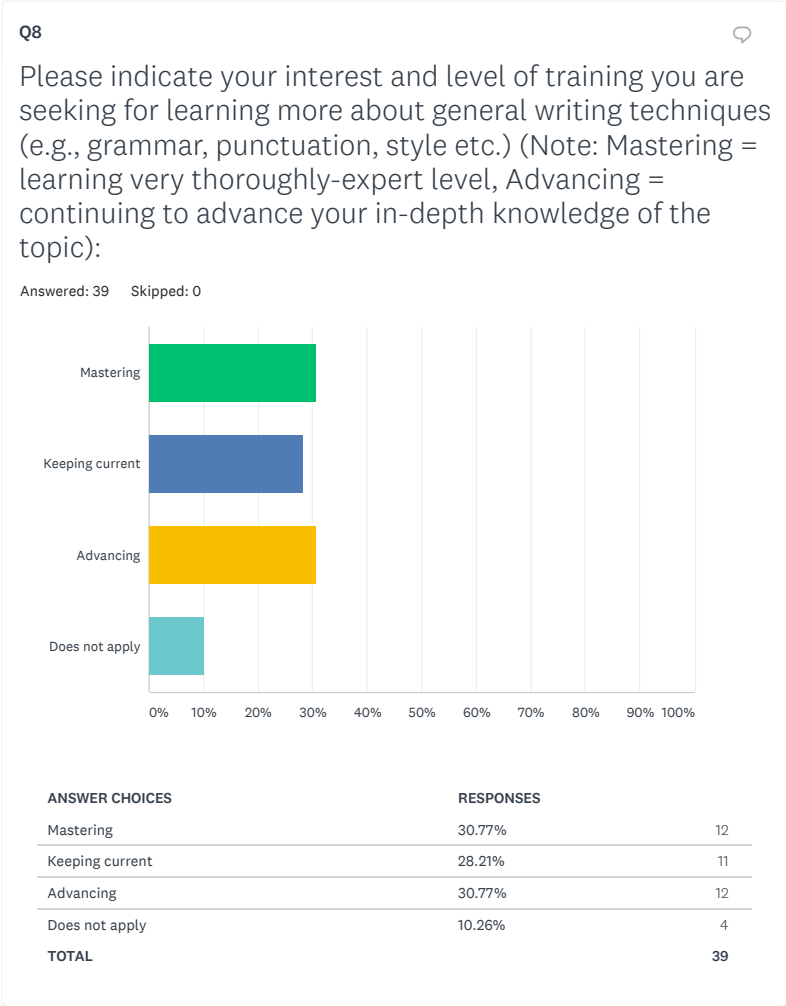
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Participation in AMWA (American Medical Writers Association)

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Q9

Please indicate your interest and level of training you are seeking for learning more about how to write specific submission documents (e.g., Clinical Study Reports [CSRs] —including for disclosure—as well as protocols, Investigator Brochures [IBs], and subject narratives acceptable to Health Authorities), or biomedical publication

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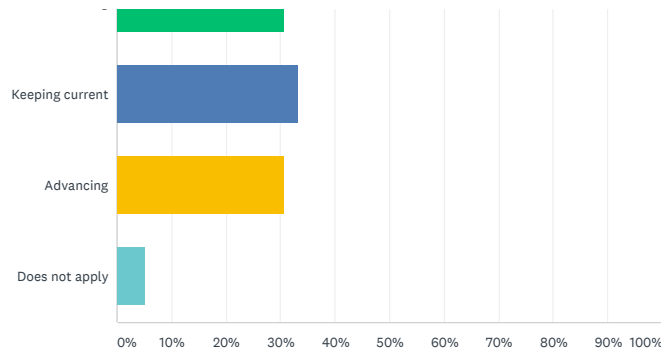
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ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

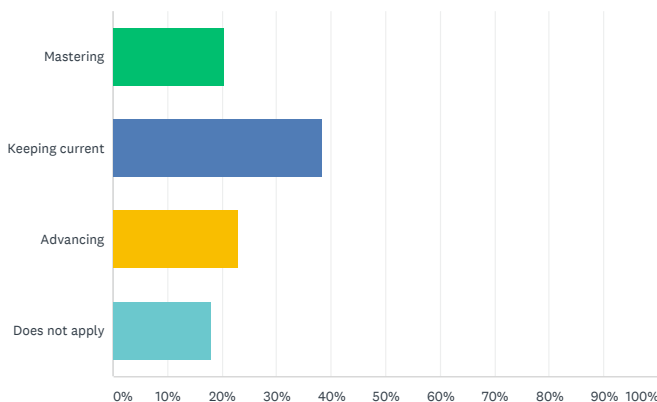
Mastering	30.77%	12
Keeping current	33.33%	13
Advancing	30.77%	12
Does not apply	5.13%	2
TOTAL		39

Q10



Please indicate your interest and level of training you are seeking for learning more about editorial skills:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Mastering	20.51%	8
Keeping current	38.46%	15
Advancing	23.08%	9
Does not apply	17.95%	7
TOTAL		39

Q11

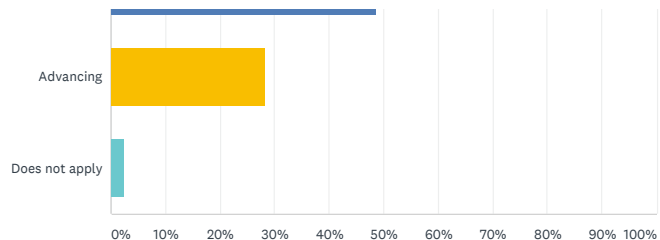


Please indicate your interest and level of training you are seeking for learning more about non-writing skills for medical writers (e.g., project & time management, best practices in document review).

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ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

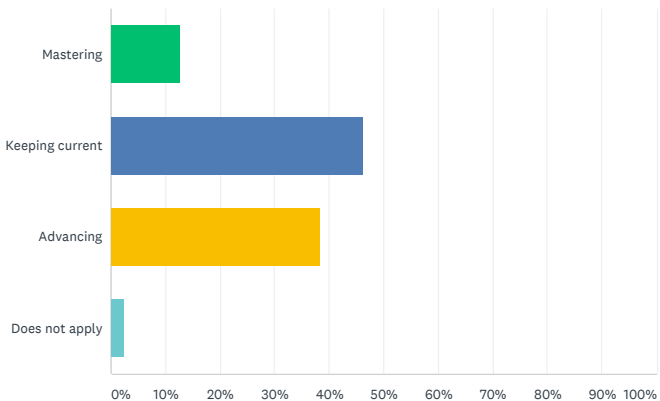
Mastering	20.51%	8
Keeping current	48.72%	19
Advancing	28.21%	11
Does not apply	2.56%	1
TOTAL		39

Q12



Please indicate your interest and level of training you are seeking for learning more about education in related disciplines used in medical writing (e.g., biostatistics, clinical research [trial design, trial conduct, specific indication areas], health economics, real world evidence, Artificial Intelligence/content reuse, pharmacokinetics)

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Mastering	12.82%	5
Keeping current	46.15%	18
Advancing	38.46%	15
Does not apply	2.56%	1
TOTAL		39

Q13



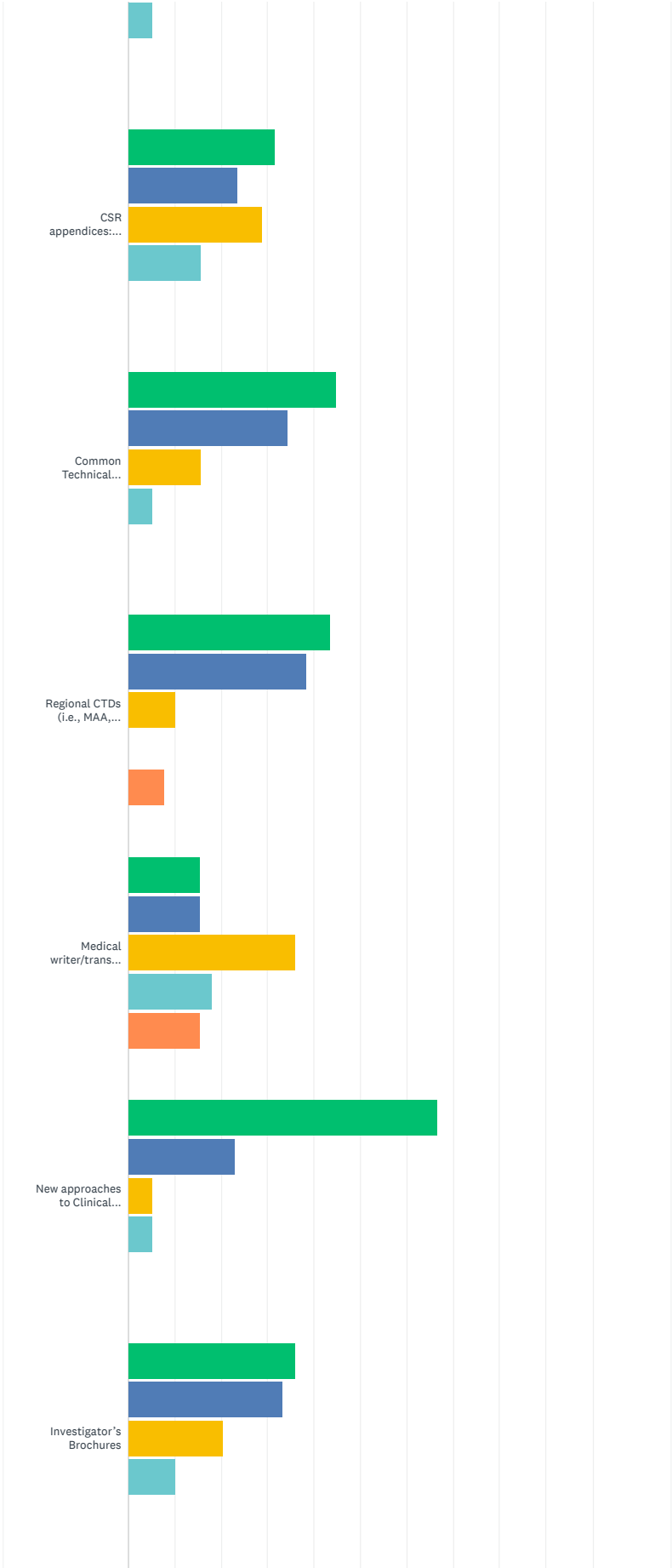
On a scale of 1-5 (5 being most important or most interesting), rate your interest in each of the following topics (rate each activity)

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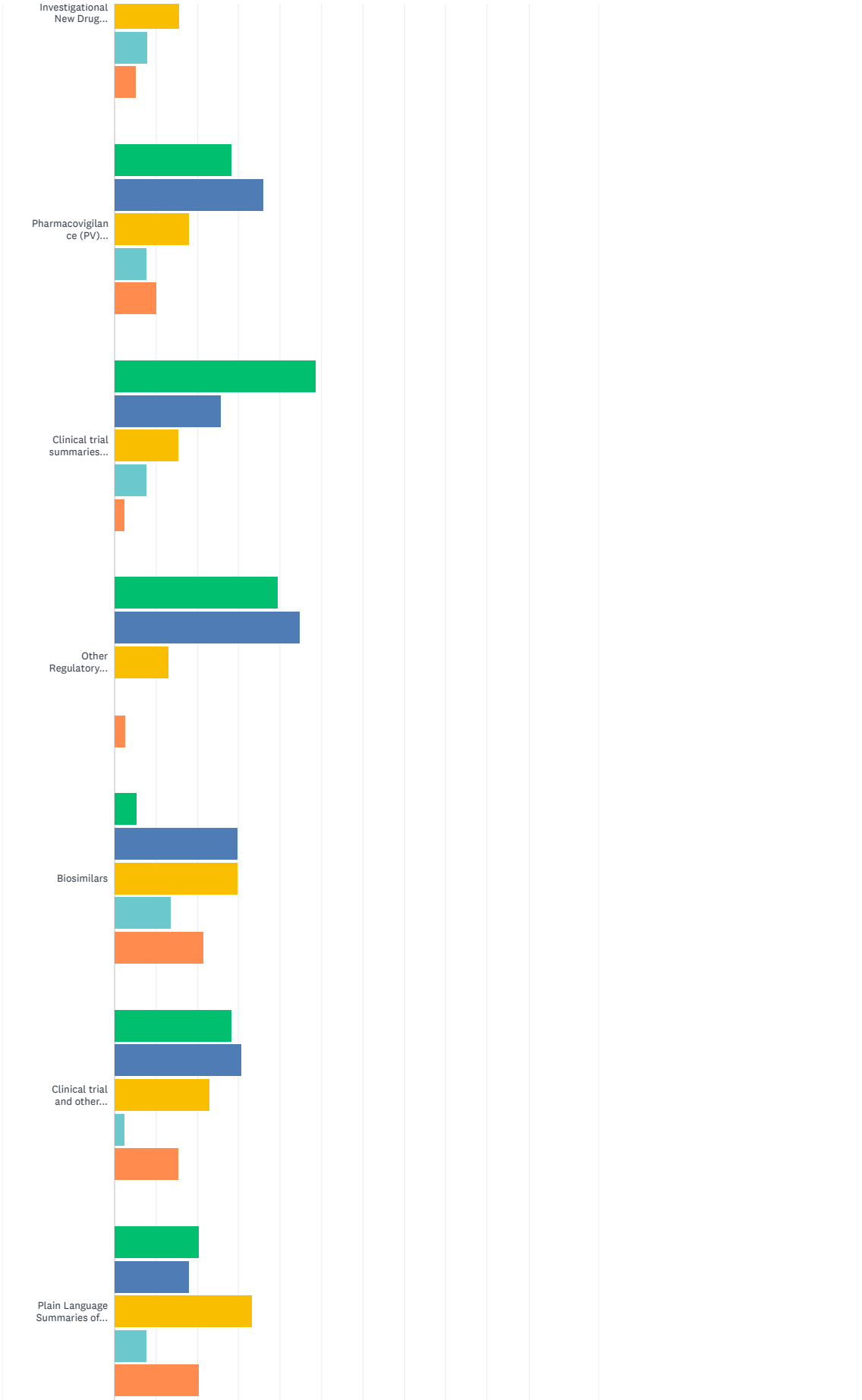
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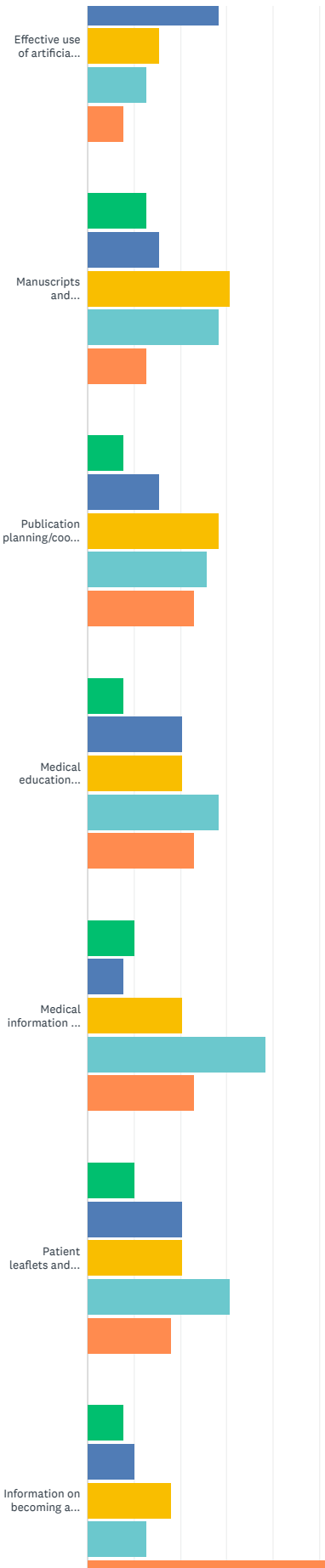
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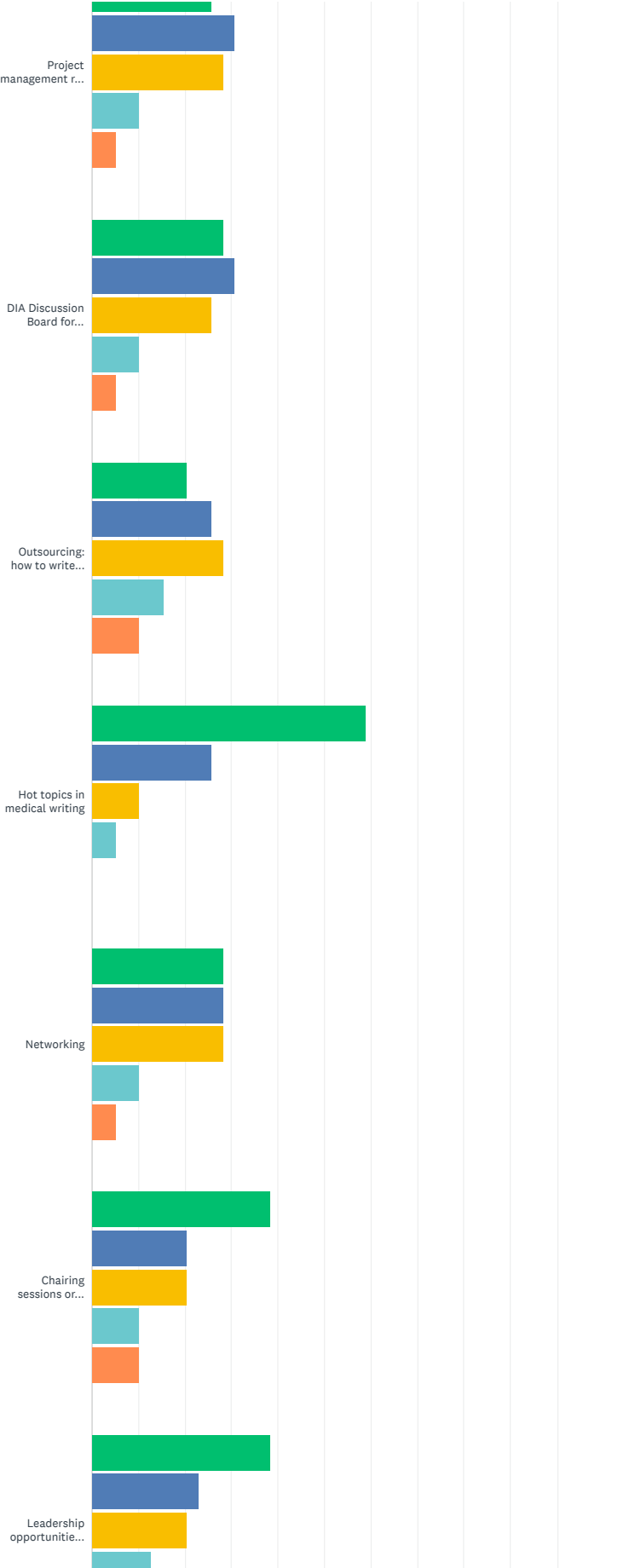
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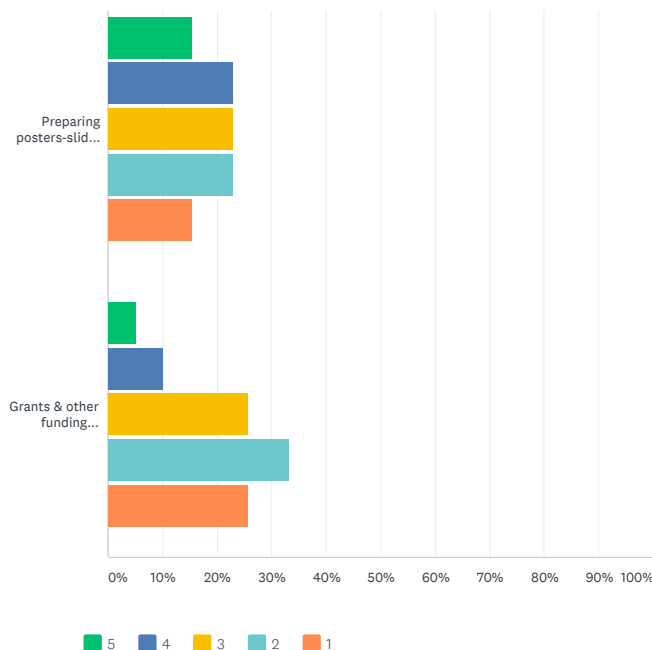
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New approaches to CSRs	51.28% 20	25.64% 10	17.95% 7	5.13% 2	0.00% 0	39
CSR appendices: clarity about which from ICH E3 are needed	31.58% 12	23.68% 9	28.95% 11	15.79% 6	0.00% 0	38
Common Technical Documents (CTDs) overall	44.74% 17	34.21% 13	15.79% 6	5.26% 2	0.00% 0	38
Regional CTDs (i.e., MAA, NDA, BLA, NDS) and differences between them	43.59% 17	38.46% 15	10.26% 4	0.00% 0	7.69% 3	39
Medical writer/translation relationships (ensuring documents translated into other languages are accurate and clear)	15.38% 6	15.38% 6	35.90% 14	17.95% 7	15.38% 6	39
New approaches to Clinical Trial Protocols (e.g., Master Protocols)	66.67% 26	23.08% 9	5.13% 2	5.13% 2	0.00% 0	39
Investigator's Brochures	35.90% 14	33.33% 13	20.51% 8	10.26% 4	0.00% 0	39
Investigational New Drug Applications, CTX, Pre-IND meeting packages, etc.	31.58% 12	39.47% 15	15.79% 6	7.89% 3	5.26% 2	38
Pharmacovigilance (PV) documents (e.g., PSURs, DSURs, RMPs, patient narratives, etc.)	28.21% 11	35.90% 14	17.95% 7	7.69% 3	10.26% 4	39
Clinical trial summaries (including for disclosure)	48.72% 19	25.64% 10	15.38% 6	7.69% 3	2.56% 1	39
Other Regulatory Authority meeting documents (e.g., for FDA Advisory Committees, EU Scientific Advice, etc.)	39.47% 15	44.74% 17	13.16% 5	0.00% 0	2.63% 1	38
Biosimilars	5.41% 2	29.73% 11	29.73% 11	13.51% 5	21.62% 8	37
Clinical trial and other document summaries in lay language(for public disclosure or for patients)	28.21% 11	30.77% 12	23.08% 9	2.56% 1	15.38% 6	39
Plain Language	20.51%	17.95%	33.33%	7.69%	20.51%	

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Manuscripts and peer-reviewed biomedical publications	12.82% 5	15.38% 6	30.77% 12	28.21% 11	12.82% 5	39
Publication planning/coordination	7.69% 3	15.38% 6	28.21% 11	25.64% 10	23.08% 9	39
Medical education (i.e., Continuing Medical Education) materials	7.69% 3	20.51% 8	20.51% 8	28.21% 11	23.08% 9	39
Medical information for physicians (e.g., about new products)	10.26% 4	7.69% 3	20.51% 8	38.46% 15	23.08% 9	39
Patient leaflets and other material for patients	10.26% 4	20.51% 8	20.51% 8	30.77% 12	17.95% 7	39
Information on becoming a medical writer	7.69% 3	10.26% 4	17.95% 7	12.82% 5	51.28% 20	39
Project management role of a medical writer	25.64% 10	30.77% 12	28.21% 11	10.26% 4	5.13% 2	39
DIA Discussion Board for Medical Writing Community	28.21% 11	30.77% 12	25.64% 10	10.26% 4	5.13% 2	39
Outsourcing: how to write requests for information/requests for proposals, contracts, and managing external writers	20.51% 8	25.64% 10	28.21% 11	15.38% 6	10.26% 4	39
Hot topics in medical writing	58.97% 23	25.64% 10	10.26% 4	5.13% 2	0.00% 0	39
Networking	28.21% 11	28.21% 11	28.21% 11	10.26% 4	5.13% 2	39
Chairing sessions or presenting at meetings (e.g., Annual Meeting, Shared Learning webinars)	38.46% 15	20.51% 8	20.51% 8	10.26% 4	10.26% 4	39
Leadership opportunities (e.g., committee, working group, or DIA meeting session chair)	38.46% 15	23.08% 9	20.51% 8	12.82% 5	5.13% 2	39
Preparing posters-slide decks for DIA and professional society meetings	15.38% 6	23.08% 9	23.08% 9	23.08% 9	15.38% 6	39
Grants & other funding applications	5.13% 2	10.26% 4	25.64% 10	33.33% 13	25.64% 10	39

Comments (1)

Clinical Summaries in CTD (SCE, SCS, Clinical Overview)

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Q14



The following topics have been suggested for the monthly Medical Writing Shared Learning webinars. Note: yes, some of these were addressed repeatedly, but there still

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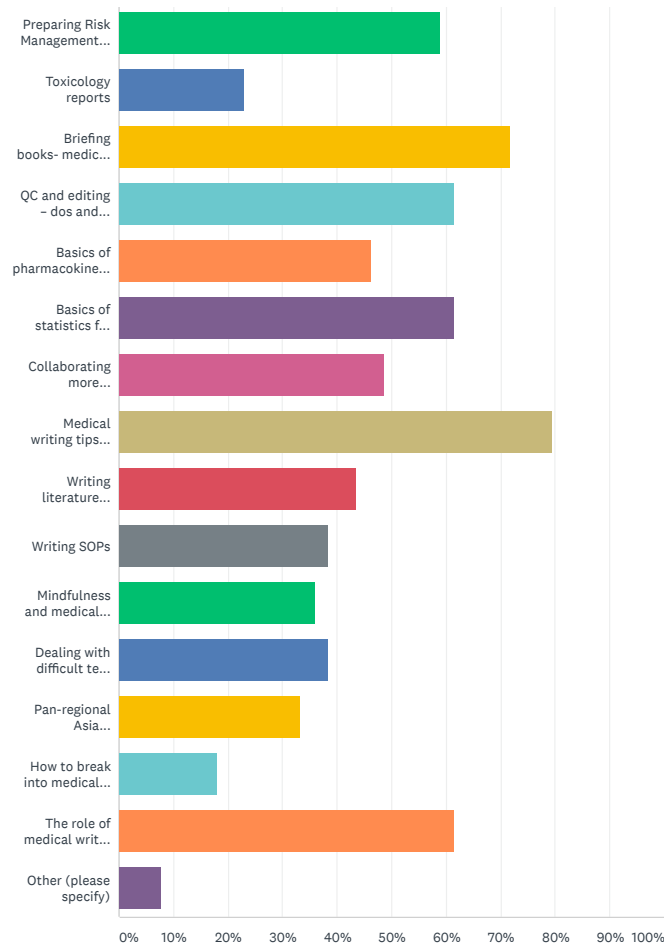
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ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Preparing Risk Management Plans, PSURs/DSURs, and other PV documents	58.97%	23
Toxicology reports	23.08%	9
Briefing books- medical writing contribution	71.79%	28
QC and editing - dos and don'ts	61.54%	24
Basics of pharmacokinetics- really understanding Cmax and other concepts	46.15%	18
Basics of statistics for medical writers	61.54%	24
Collaborating more effectively with regulatory department & other stakeholders	48.72%	19
Medical writing tips for CTD submission documents- 2.7.2/2.7.4/2.7.3/2.5	79.49%	31
Writing literature summaries	43.59%	17
Writing SOPs	38.46%	15
Mindfulness and medical writing	35.90%	14
Dealing with difficult team members	38.46%	15
Pan-regional Asia submissions (recent experience, role of medical writer, changing regulatory requirements)	33.33%	13
How to break into medical writing (panel discussion with several medical writers)	17.95%	7
The role of medical writer in facilitating best review practices for documents	61.54%	24
Other (please specify)	7.69%	3

Medical Writing for the Lay person

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2020 and Beyond: NDA Writing w/a Virtual Team

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Best MW practices for submitting CTD dossiers to China/Asia.

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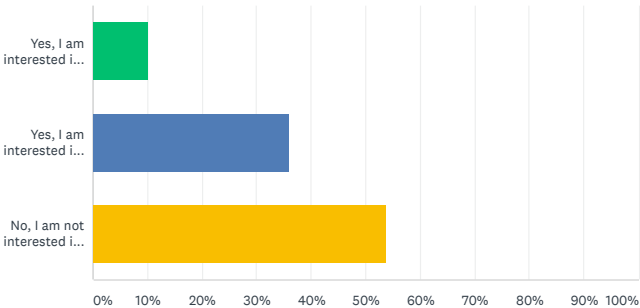
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Q15



Are you interested in being mentored by an experienced medical writer? Or, if you are an experienced medical writer, are you interested in being a mentor to new medical writers? (select one response)* Note: our ability to follow through providing mentors/protégées will depend on responses

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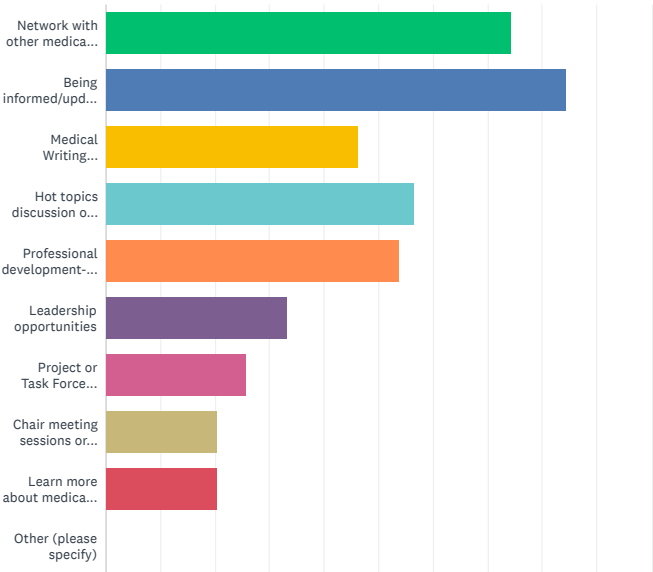
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am interested in being mentored by an experienced medical writer	10.26%	4
Yes, I am interested in mentoring a new medical writer	35.90%	14
No, I am not interested in being involved in a mentoring program	53.85%	21
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Q16



What was your main reason(s) for joining the Medical Writing Community? (select all that apply)

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Network with other medical writers/subject matter experts (e.g., about specific documents, region-specific best practices)	74.36%	29
Being informed/updated about new developments in medical writing and related fields	84.62%	33
Medical Writing Community Discussion Board	46.15%	18
Hot topics discussion or Shared Learning webinars	56.41%	22
Professional development-furthering medical writing expertise	53.85%	21
Leadership opportunities	33.33%	13
Project or Task Force Activities (e.g., white papers, guidance doc review)	25.64%	10
Chair meeting sessions or present at DIA meetings	20.51%	8
Learn more about medical writing and developing a career as a medical writer	20.51%	8
Other (please specify)	Responses 0.00%	0
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