

# In The Name of God



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**Attitude of cancer  
patients and their families  
toward truth telling in Iran**

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# Introduction



**Cancer ranks as the third  
leading cause of death  
worldwide, accounting for  
approximately 12% of all  
recorded deaths**

**Cancer is sometimes fatal and  
its treatment often involves  
invasive medical procedures  
and medication, it has a great  
impact on patient's lives**

**Previous studies show that patients  
cancer diagnosis is not routinely  
disclosed in many cultures**

**relatives usually exclude the patient from truth telling, in order to:**

- protect them from psychological distress**

- family's request**

- don't some patients want to be inform**

**According to the recent studies  
there was a strong wish for  
disclosure of cancer among  
the patients**



**METHODS**

**&**

**PATIENTS**



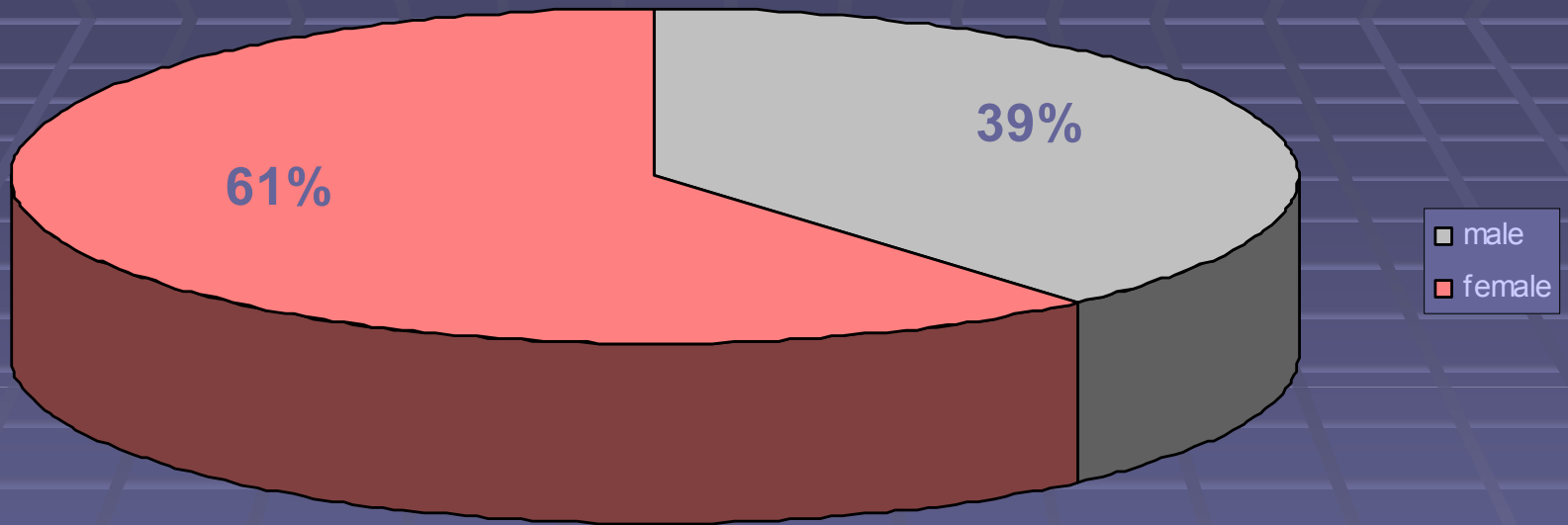
**This is a cross-sectional  
survey on 250 cancer  
patients in the cancer  
institute of imam hospital**

**The interviewers were  
physicians and nurses  
specifically trained in  
interviewing skills.**

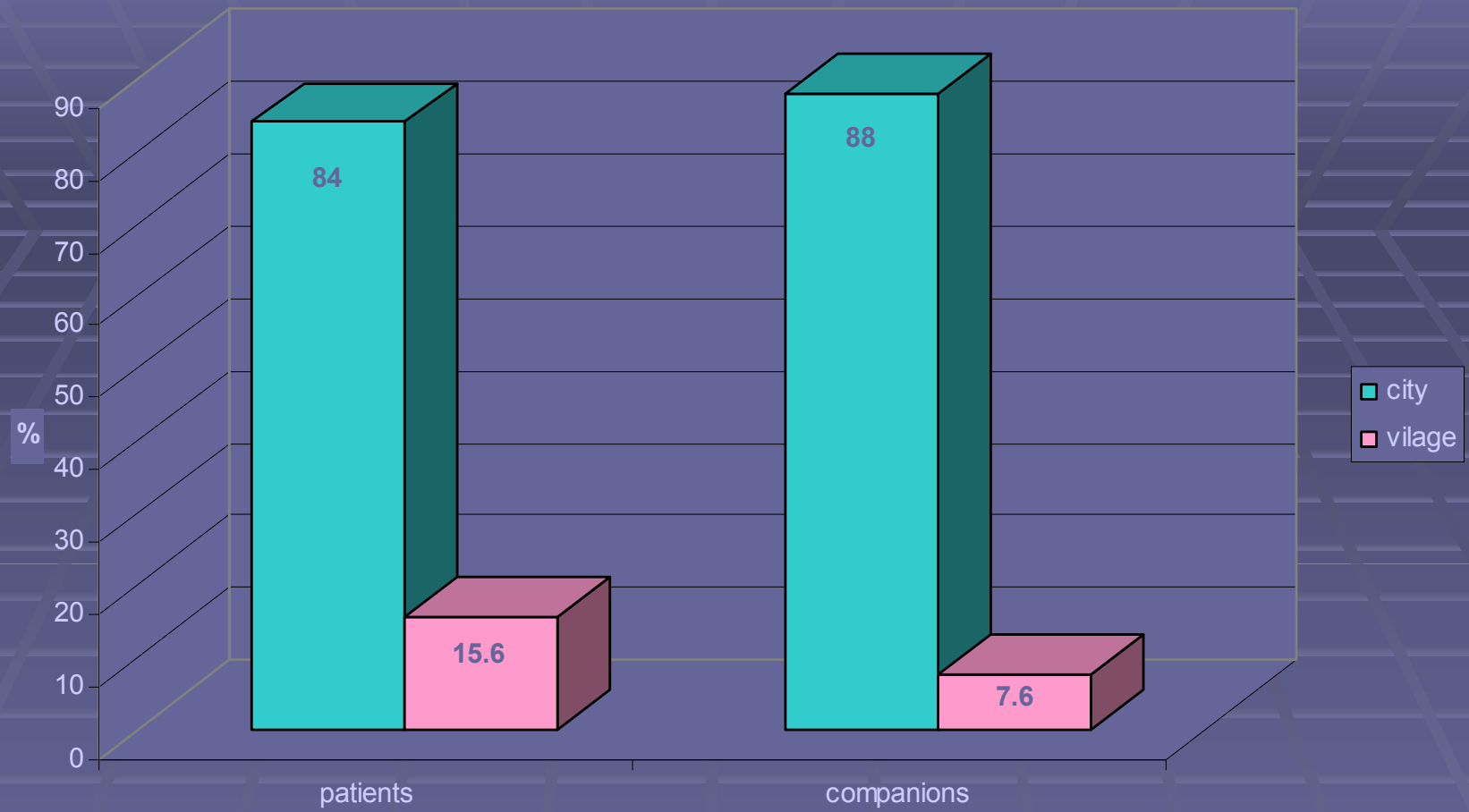
**The questionnaires answered**  
**with face to face interview**  
**with patients and companions**  
**from patients family members**  
**separately**

# FINDINGS

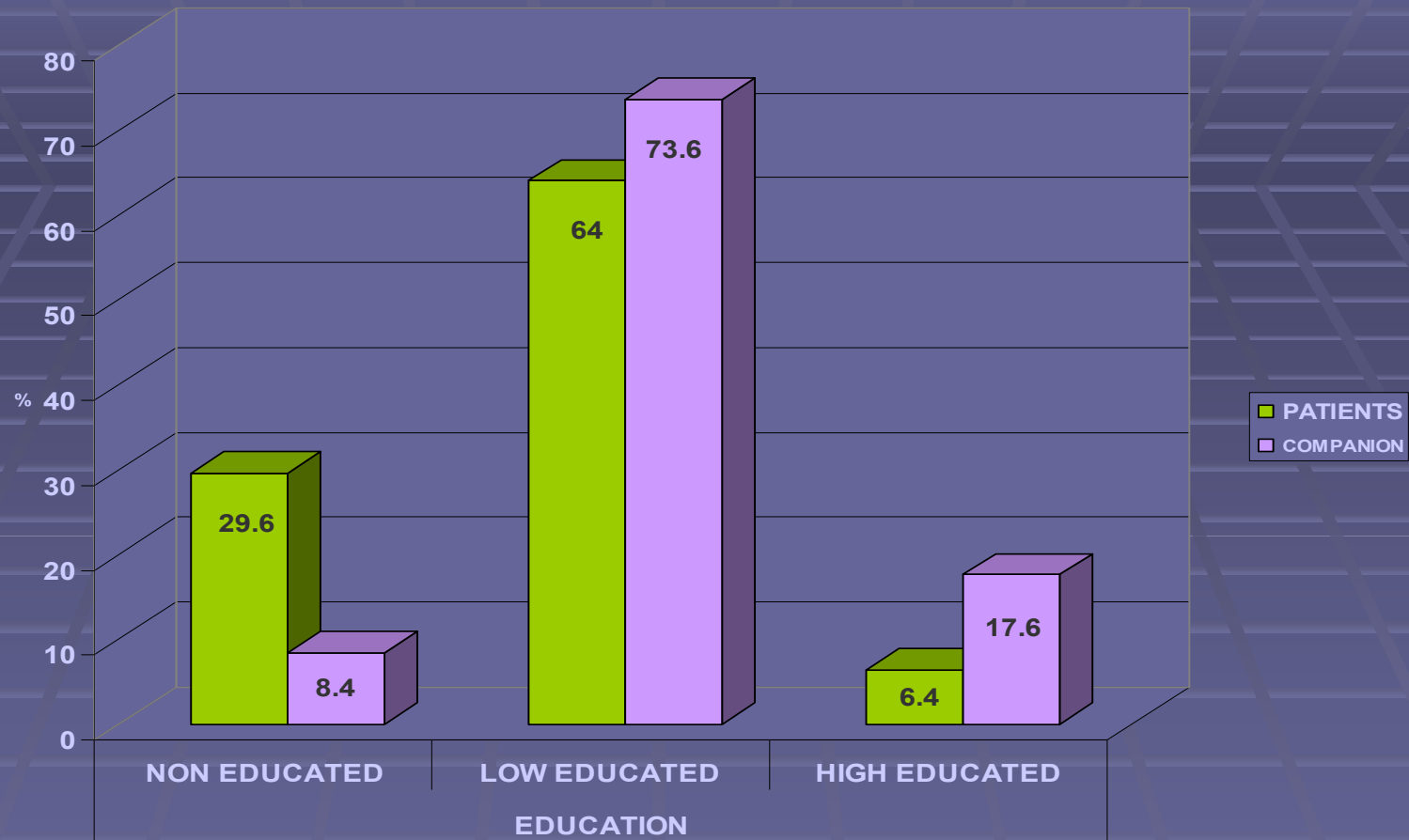




Gender of patients

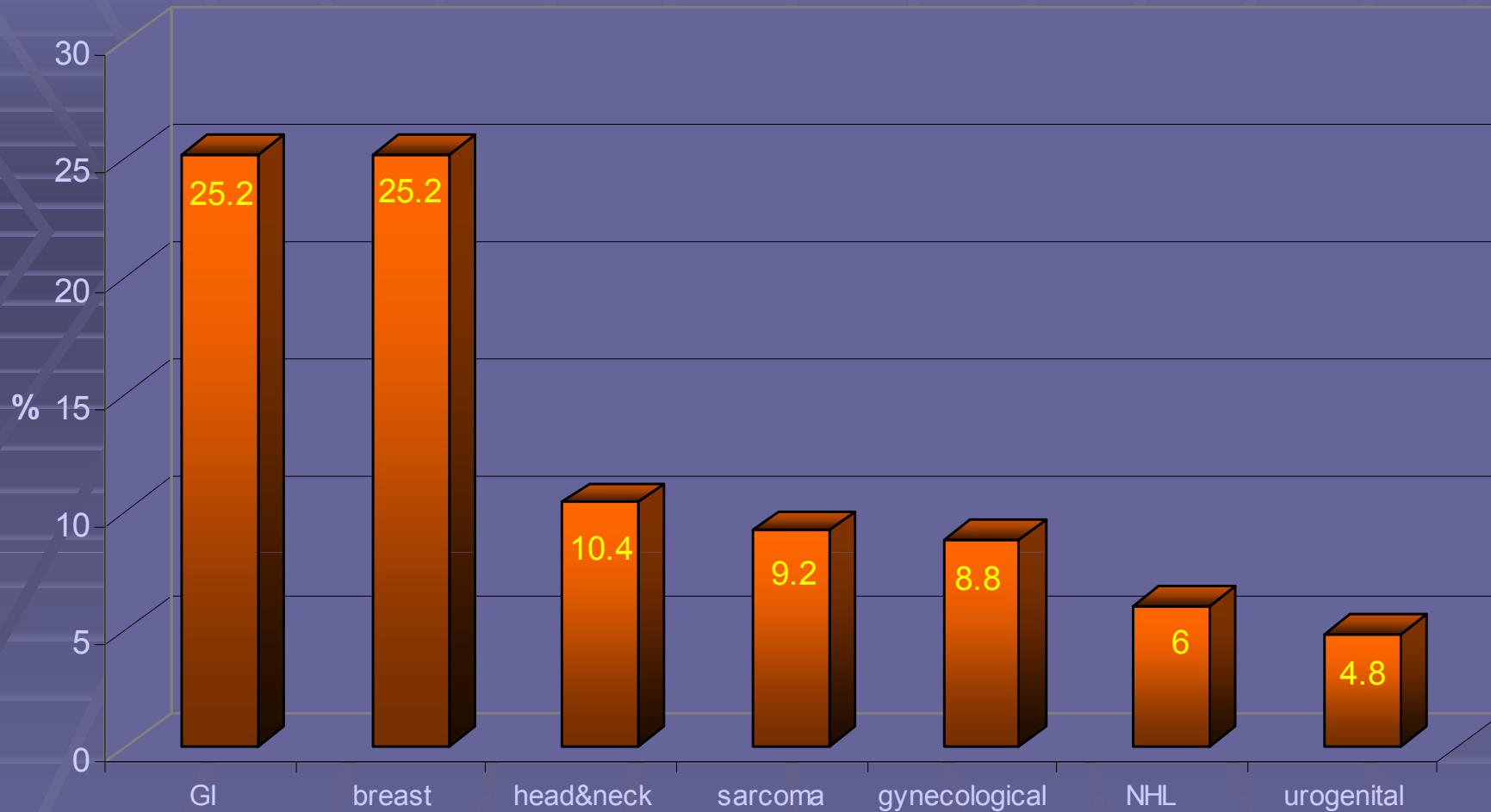


**Participants habitancy**

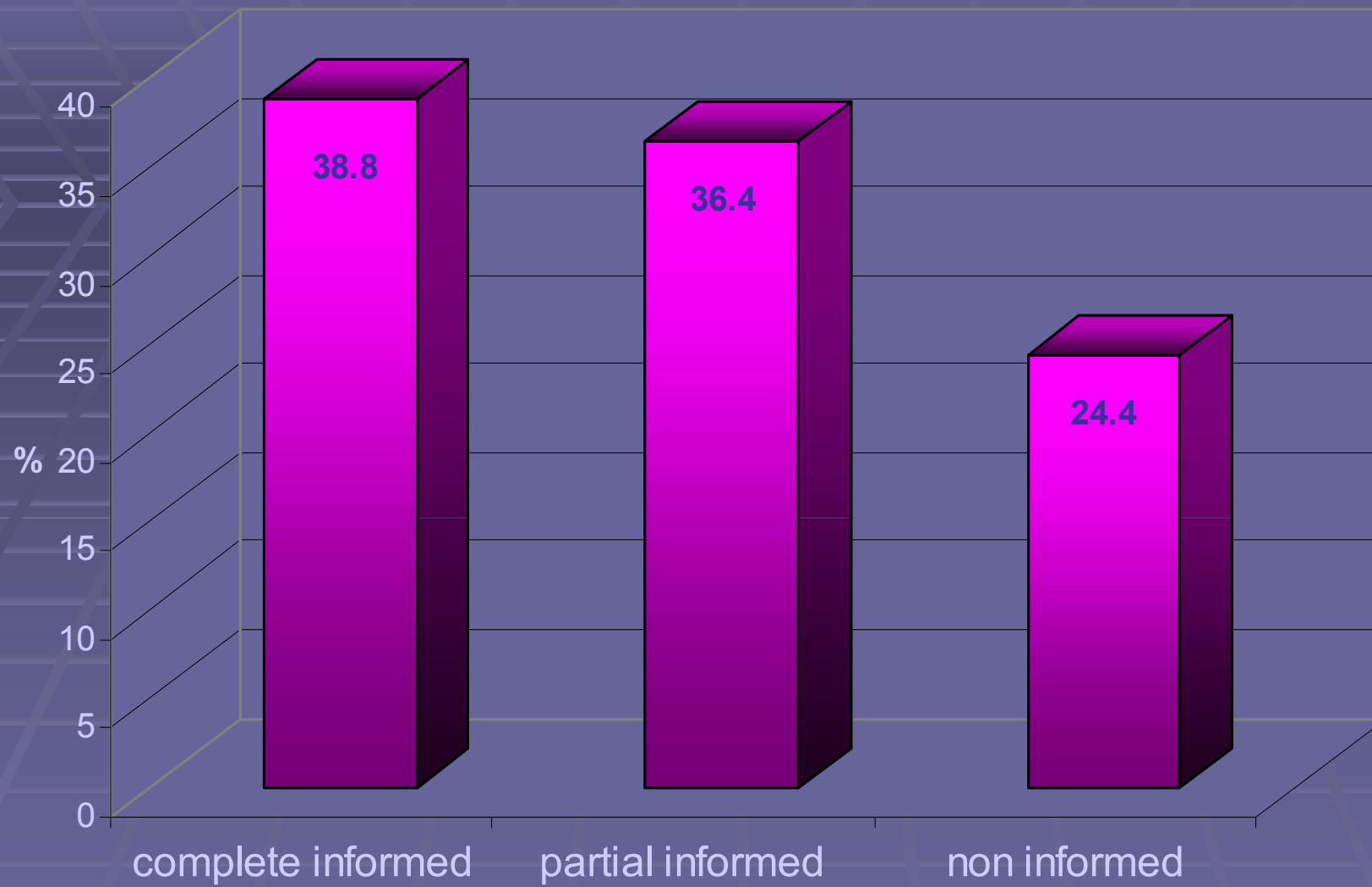


Education level of patients and companions

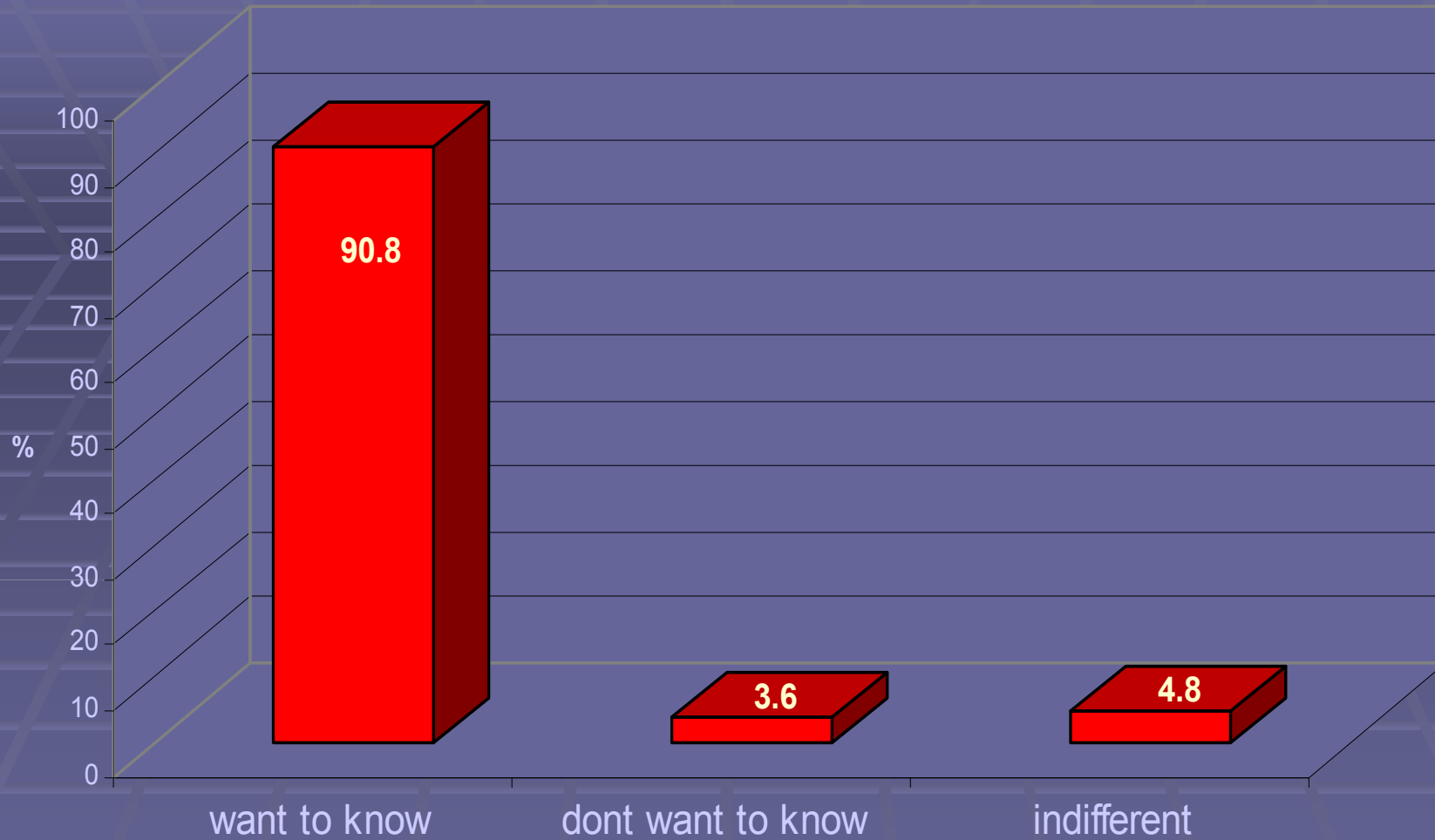




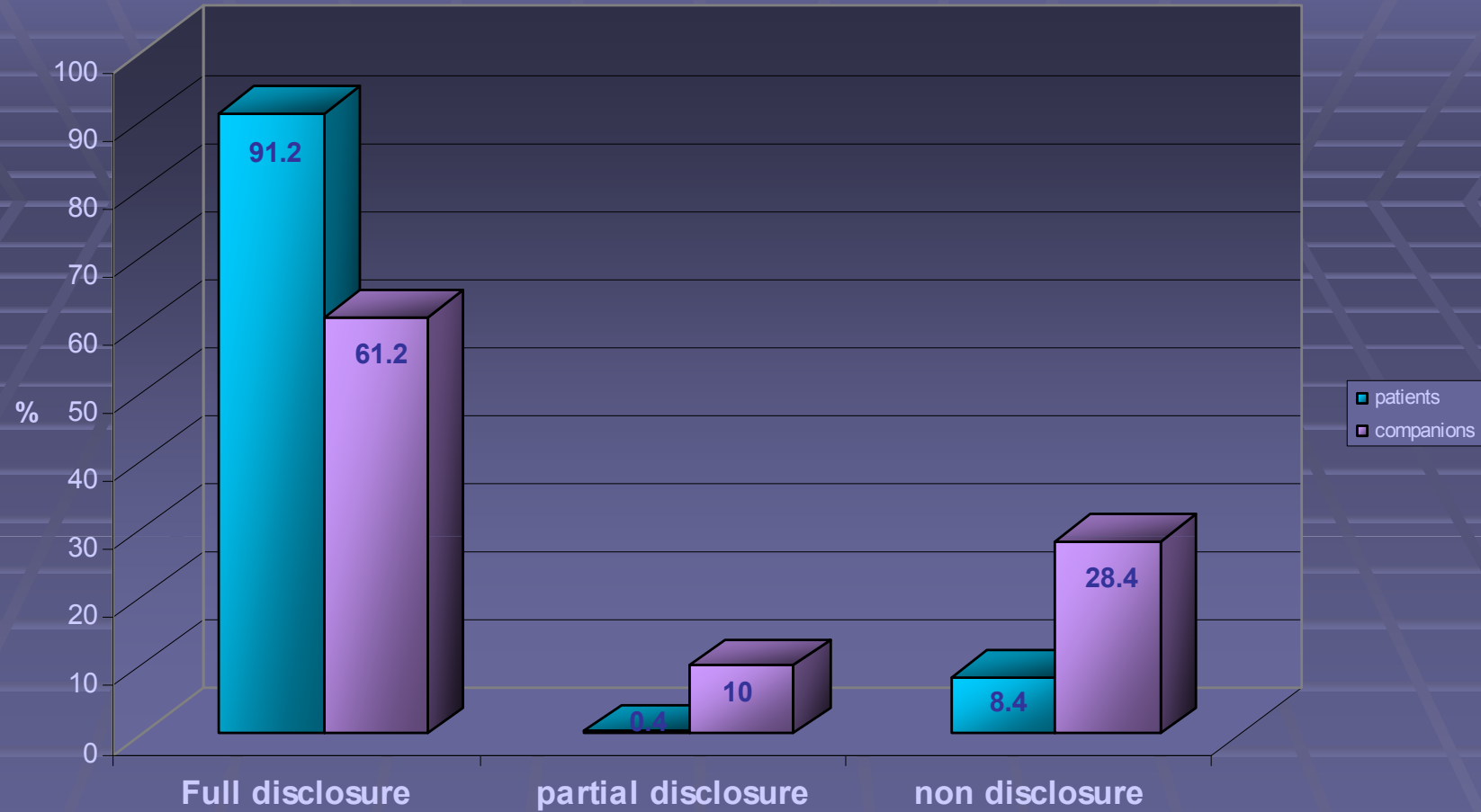
**Site of primary cancer**



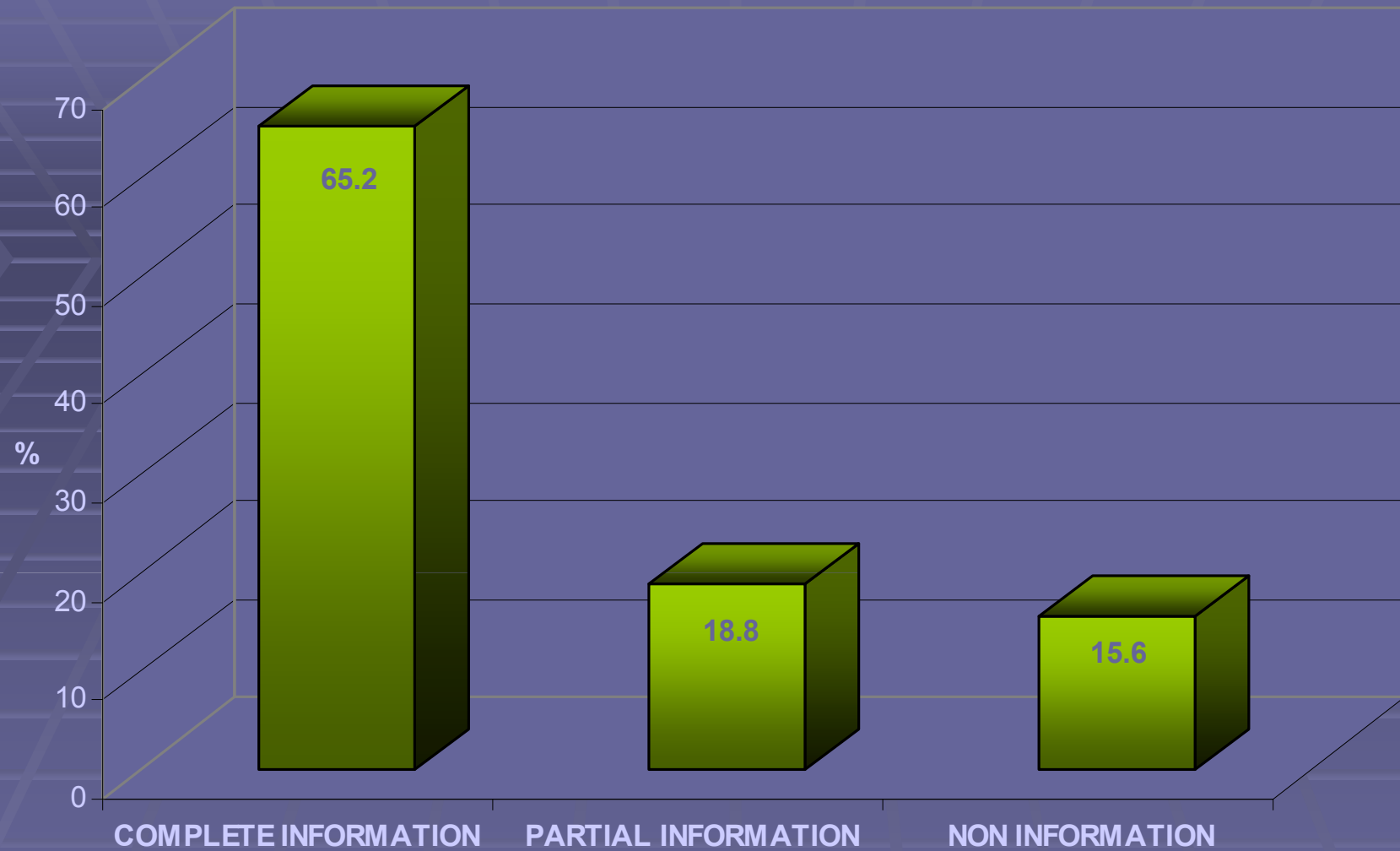
**informing patients about their real disease by their physicians**



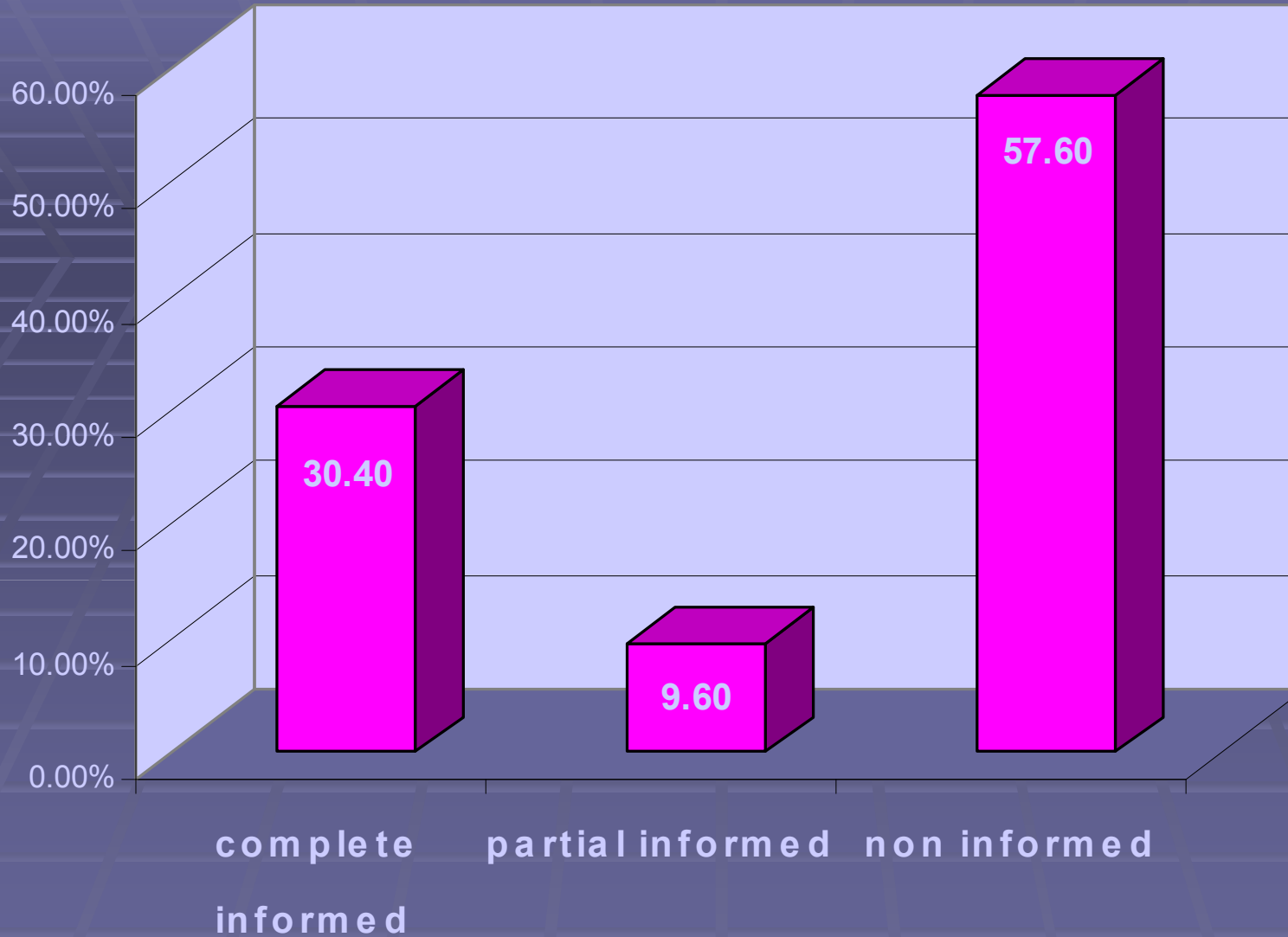
patients tendency for know the diagnosis



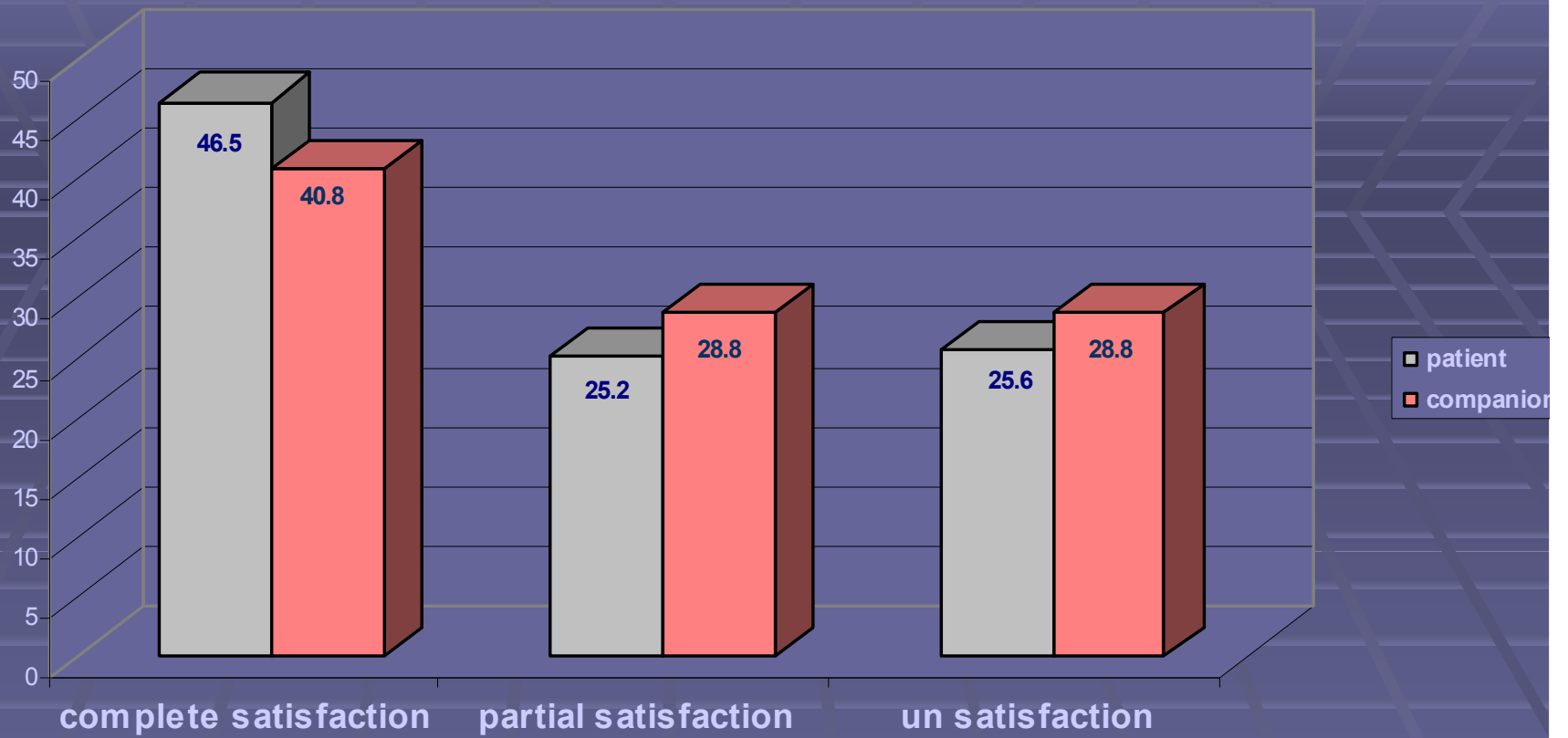
disclosure preferences in patients and families



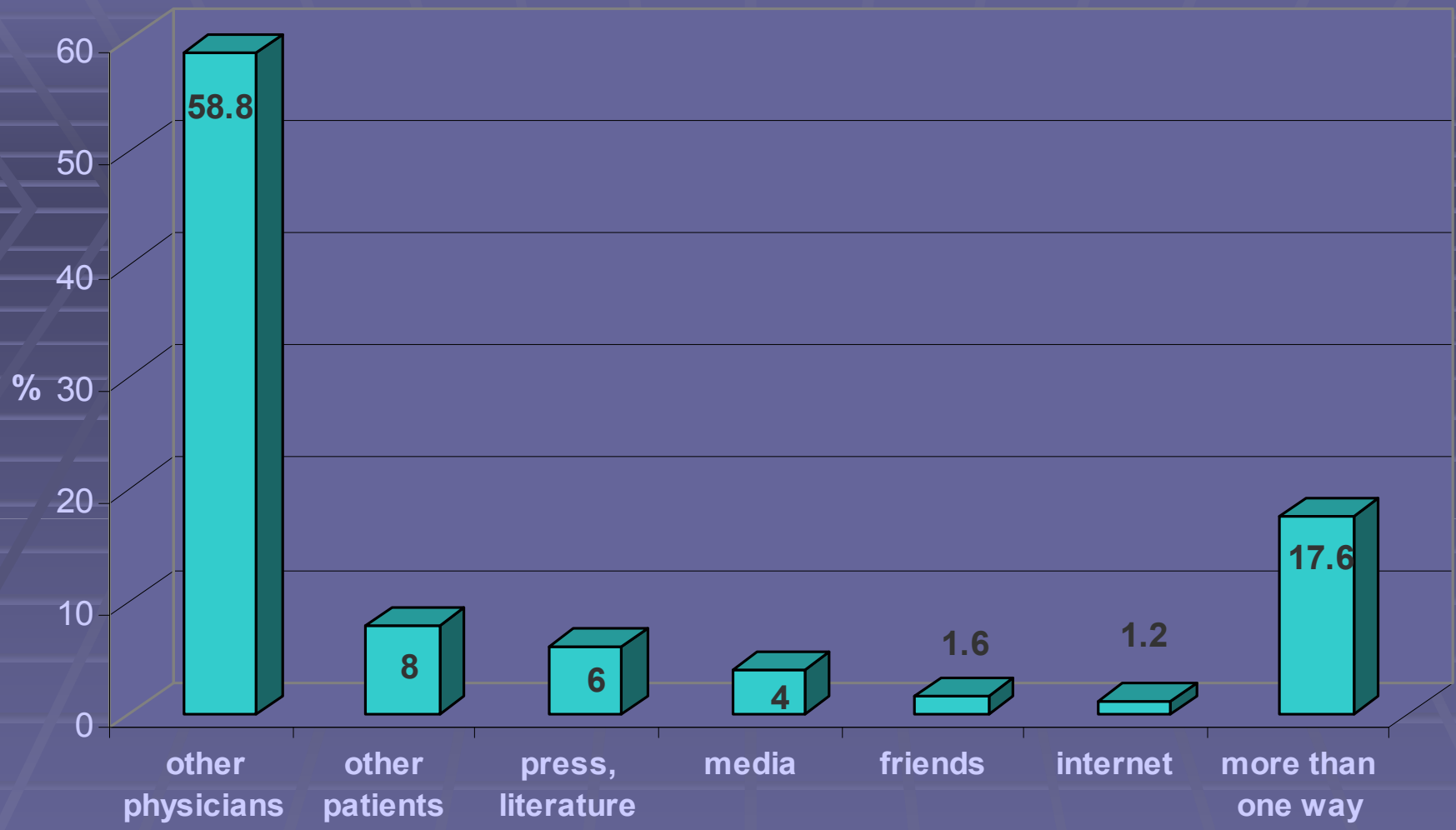
Rate of patients information about treatment methods



Rate of patients information about treatment complications

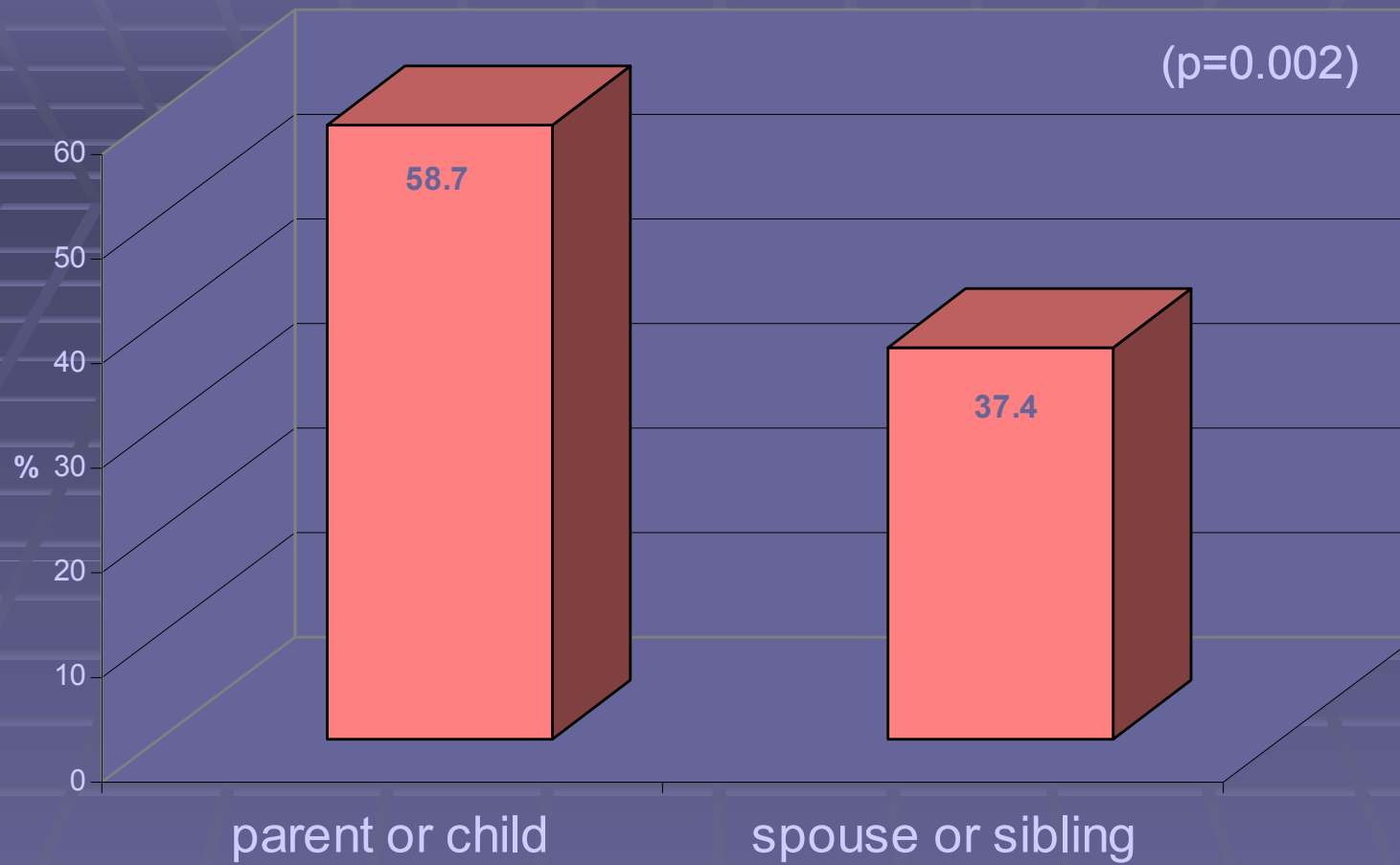


Rate of satisfaction among patients and relatives

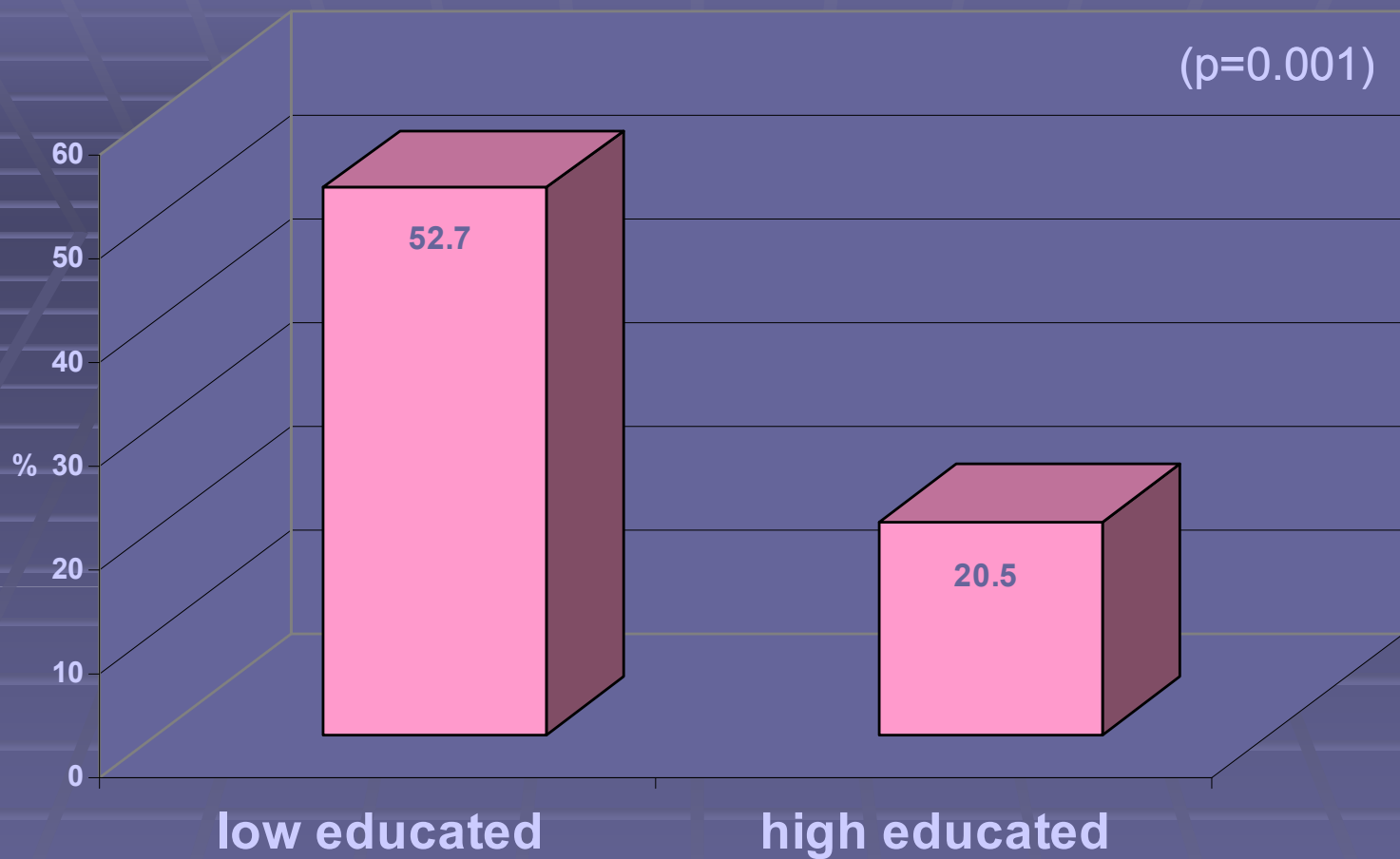


Patient's preference ways to get information (other than their physician)

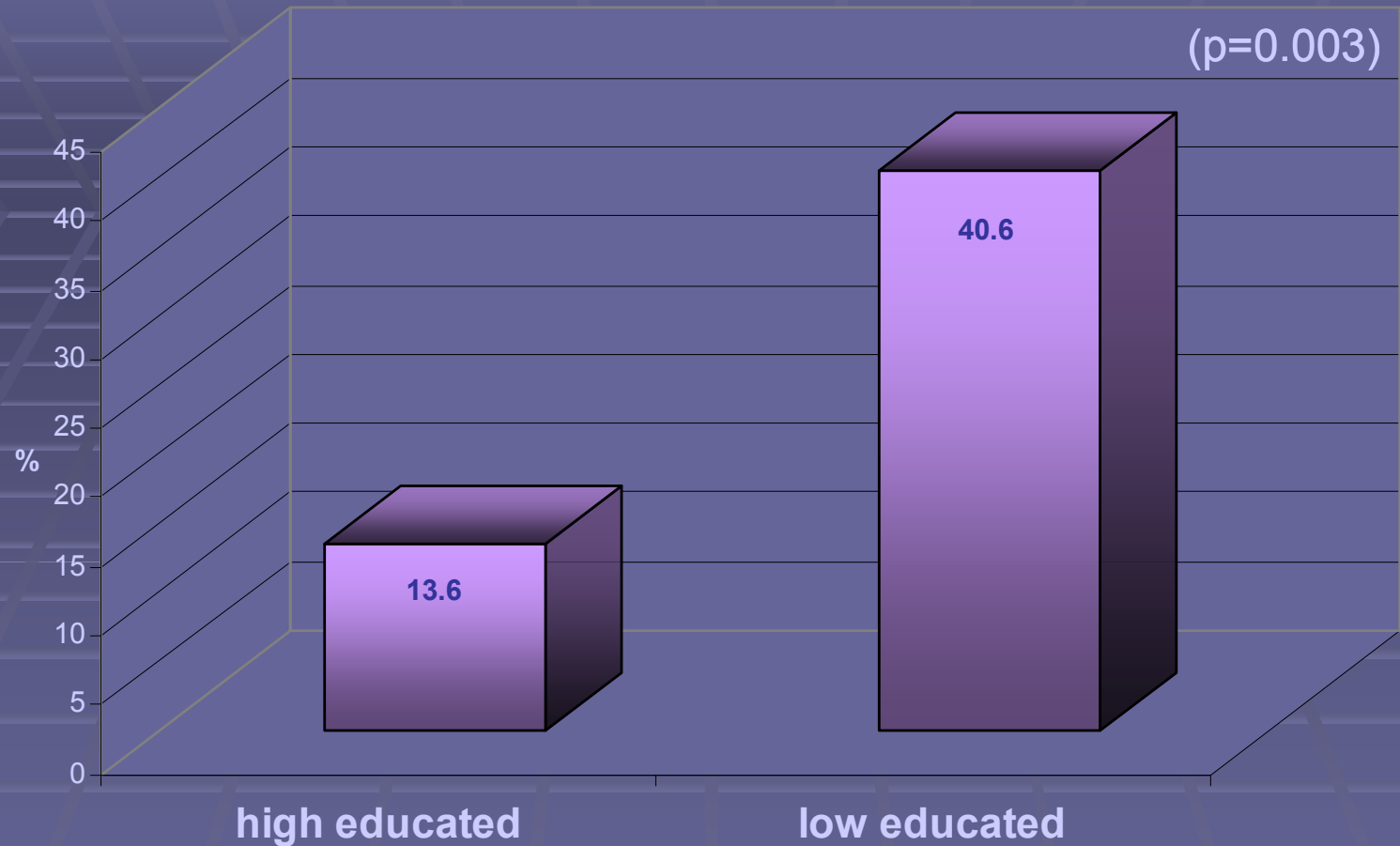




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Believing that the disclosure decrease treatments results  
Between companions with different educational level

**141 family members (from 250) that  
think**

**patients are not right to know the  
truth**

**don't want to be informed , truth.**

- **57.7% of family members who believed for getting permission to tell the truth to patient if they affected by cancer in the future want to get permission from their to inform to their family members**

- 34.5% of companion of 226 pts who wanted to inform completely believed that disclosure may decrease treatment results and 60% believed cancer disclosure with details could increase treatment results

**Our findings indicated that  
most patients and family  
members want to be  
informed about diagnosis,  
while some of them  
achieved this aim**

**We suggests that physicians  
should respect the patients and  
their family standpoint  
because patients have the right  
to know about their own  
condition**



**Thanks for your attention.**

