Neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) are rare tumors that can produce and secrete a variety of hormones that regulate bodily functions. Out of every 100,000 people are diagnosed with NETs each year. 5–60–80% of patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage, often because symptoms can be similar to those associated with more common conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome, colitis, and asthma.

**Quality-of-Life Results**

- **NETs have a moderate to significant negative impact on 74% of patients’ lives.**
- **94% of patients make a lifestyle change as a result of their NETs.**
- **46% of patients experience general fatigue, muscle fatigue, and weakness on a daily basis.**

**Work and Finances**

- **64% among those currently working (42%) took days off work due to their NET.**
- **60% spent more time and money on travel to and from medical appointments.**

**Emotional Health**

- **58% of patients worry about uncertainty of the future.**
- **58% of patients are unable to participate in activities they used to enjoy.**
- **47% of patients feel confused about the management of their disease.**

**Lifestyle**

- **71% of patients make a lifestyle change as a result of their NETs.**
- **54% of patients made several lifestyle changes as a result of their disease.**
- **58% of patients experienced general fatigue, muscle fatigue, and weakness on a daily basis.**
- **46% of patients cut or stop back on physical activity.**

**About the Survey**

The goal of the survey was to increase understanding of the experiences, needs and challenges of NET patients, and provide insights and learnings among countries and regions to advance NET care on a global level. In the US, 758 patients with NET took part in the Global survey, representing 39% of the total survey population of 1928 patients.

**Methodology**

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**Quality-of-Life Results**

- **Overall, patients feel that: **
  - 1) improved access to NET treatments (51%)  
  - 2) improved access to a NET medical team (45%)  
  - 3) a better understanding of how to manage disease-related symptoms (44%)  
  - 4) would help them to live a better life (58%)  

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