

24-Month Outcomes of the Evoke Study

Double-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial of Evoke Closed-Loop vs. Open-Loop SCS to Treat Chronic Back and Leg Pain

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Objectives.

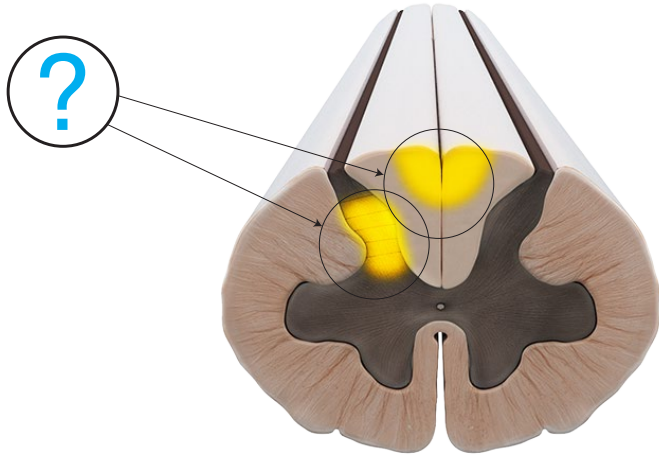
- Current State of Neuromodulation
- What is Closed Loop SCS?
- 24-Month Evoke Study Design and Outcomes

Current State of SCS Technologies

Unknown & Inconsistent Neural Activation

Unknown

Neural Activation

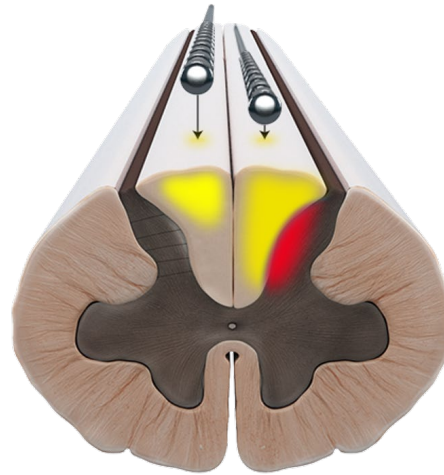


Regardless of Neural Target

- Dorsal Column
- Dorsal Horn
- Dorsal Root Ganglion

Inconsistent

Neural Activation



Regardless of Waveform

- Traditional Paresthesia
- Low-Rate, Sub-perception
- 10 kHz, Burst, Multiplexed
- Low-energy (LE) dosing or cycling

Inconsistent activation leads to frequent therapy adjustments that ***titrate from failure***

Issues with the Current SCS...

- We have no idea what is the appropriate dose of stimulation?
- We have no clear idea of what is (are) the target(s) for stimulation and are we able to reach the specific target(s)?
- If yes, how does the spinal cord target respond to the stimulation?
- We do not have the ability to record the target fibers response??
- **IT IS TRIAL AND ERROR WITHOUT ANY CONFIRMATION OF RESPONSE?**

Current State of SCS

Opportunity to Reduce Explants and Therapy Burden

Lack of Durability

~11-22%
of devices are
explanted

due to loss of efficacy
at **2** years¹⁻⁵

Significant Burden

3-4
visits

for re-programming per
patient per year⁶

Medication Utilization

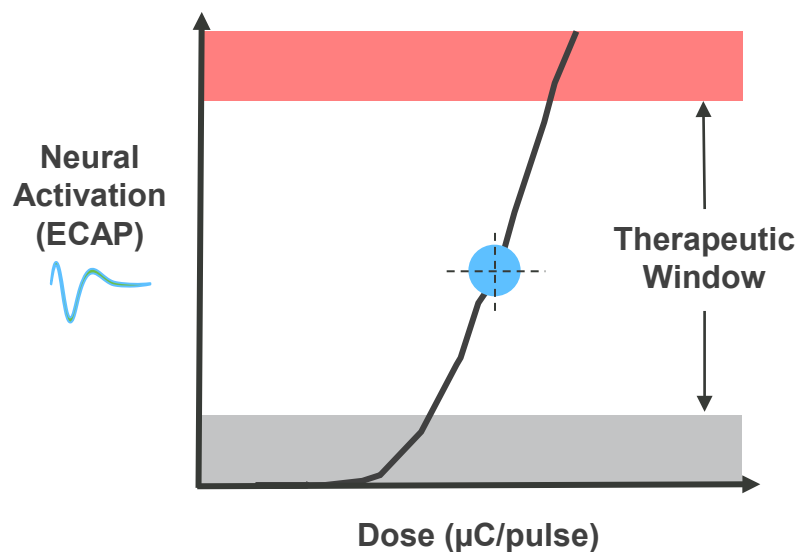
<35%
of patients
reduce
opioid use⁷

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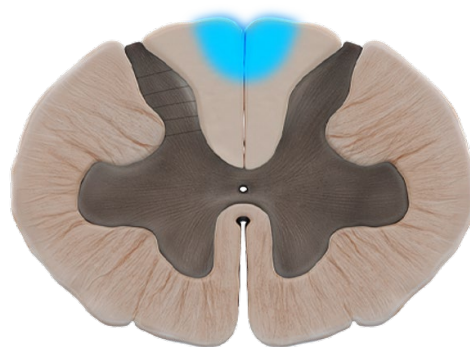
EVOKE Removes Programming Guesswork

Objective, Prescribed Level of Neural Activation

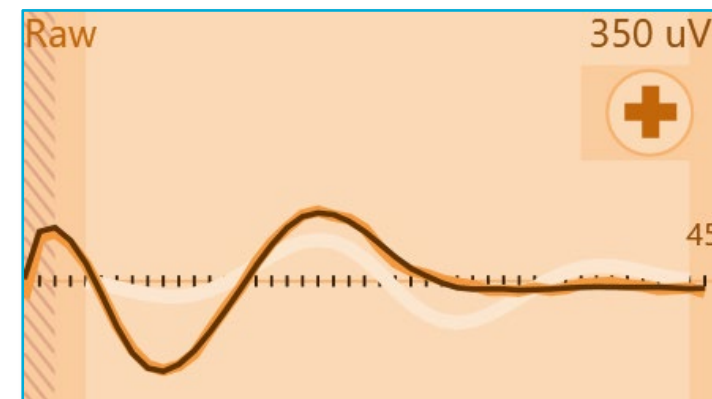
PREScribed NEURAL ACTIVATION



VOLUME OF NERVE ACTIVATION



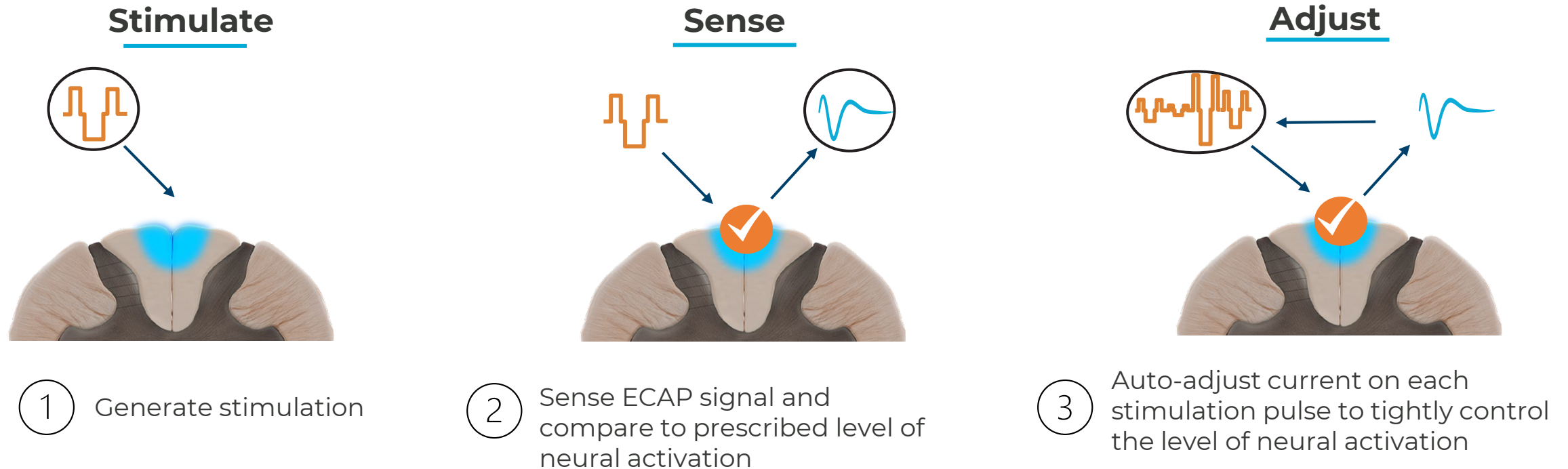
ECAP SHOWN ON PROGRAMMER CONFIRMS ACTIVATION



For the first time, patients are programmed with an **objective measure of activation**

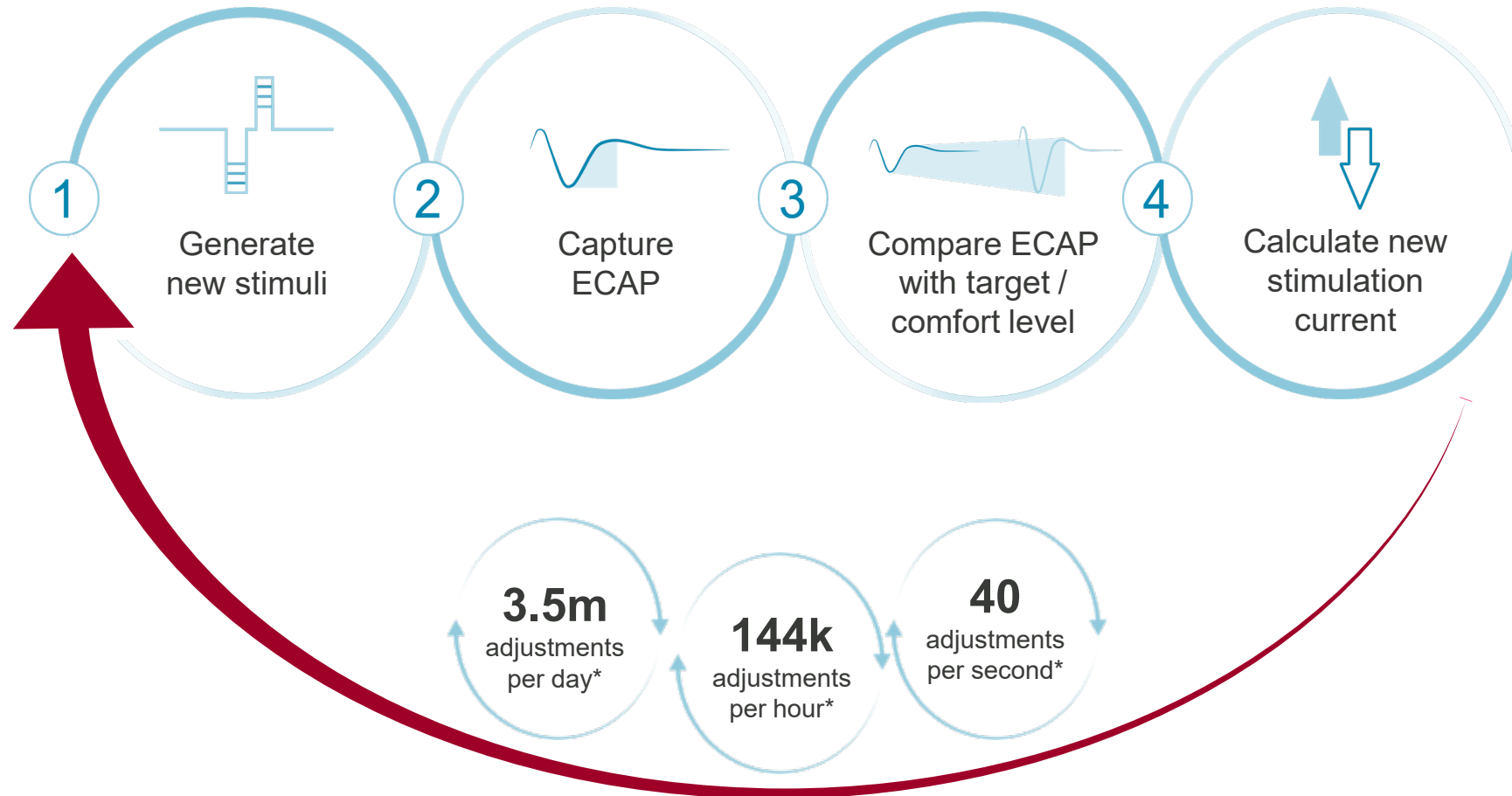
How does EVOKE Closed-Loop Stimulation Work?

Consistent Neural Activation Is Maintained Through Instantaneous and Precise Adjustments



**100+ Precise Adjustments
Per Second**

How Closed-Loop SCS Works

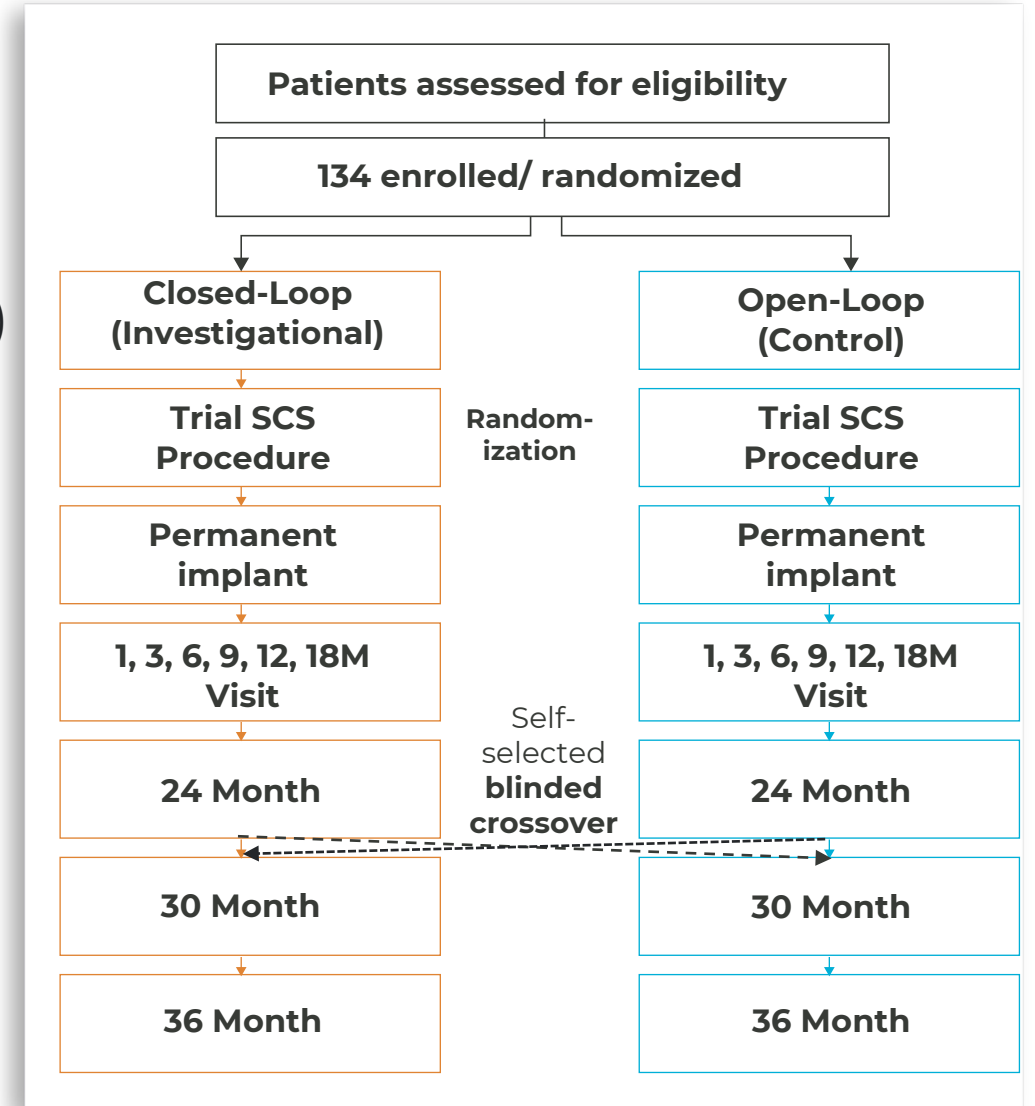
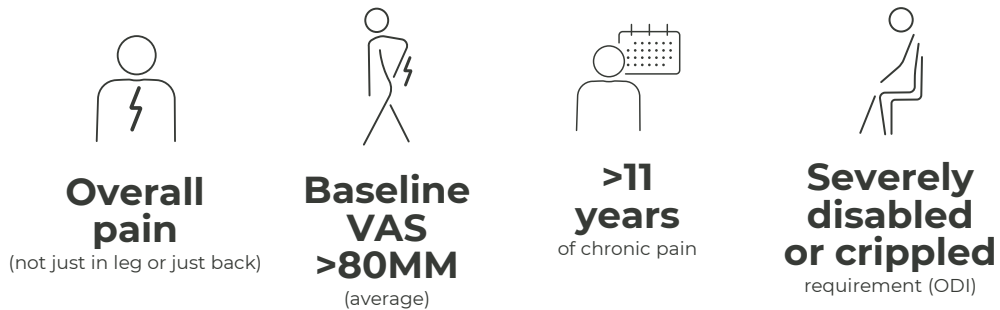


*Frequency 40Hz

EVOKE Study:

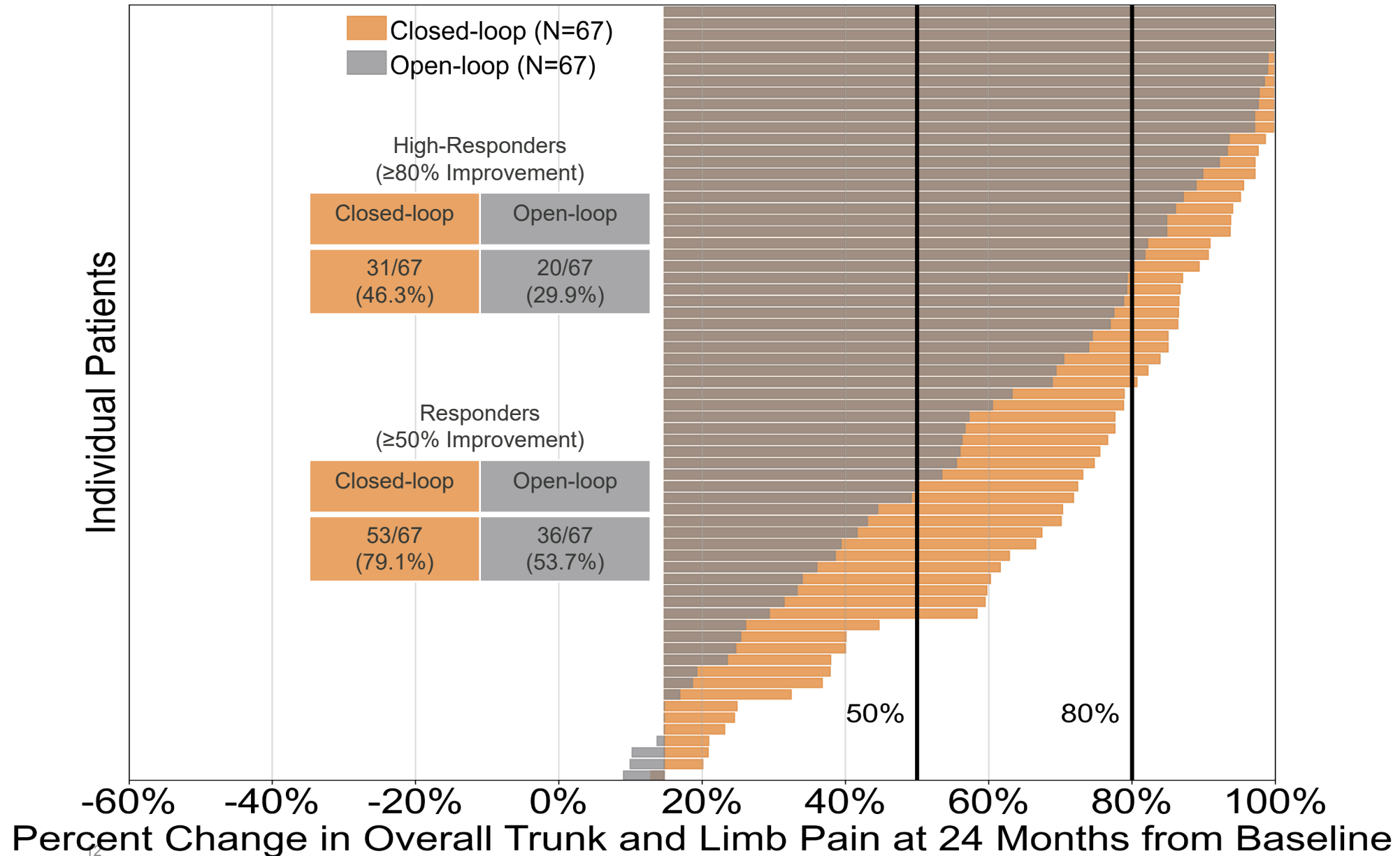
The Only Double-Blind Pivotal RCT

- **Multicenter, parallel arm**
- **Longest-term RCT data in SCS** (collecting out to 36m)
- **134 randomized patients across 13 U.S. sites**
 - ECAP confirmation in both arms
- **Challenging patient population** studied

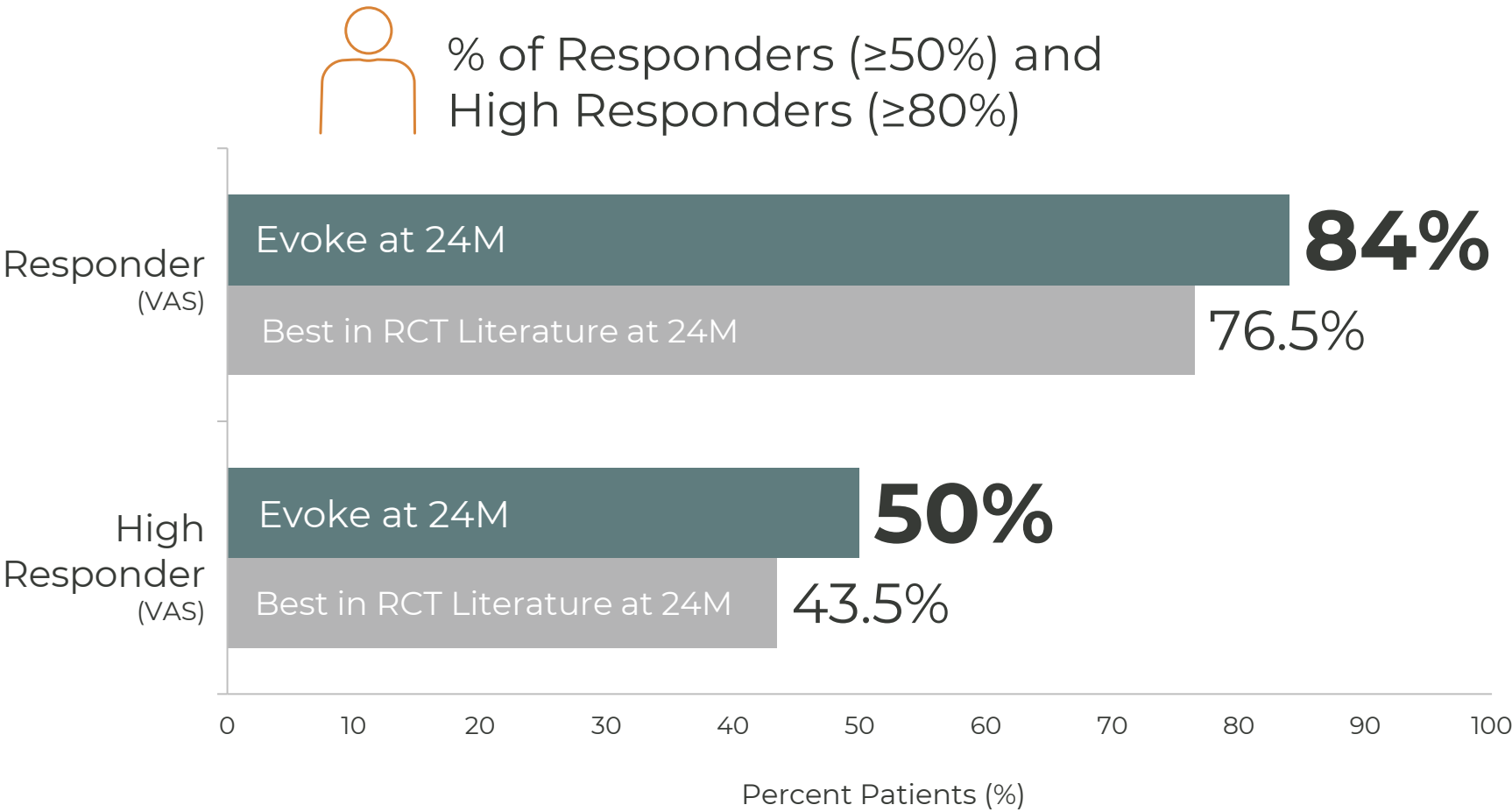


AE Rate consistent with literature.

Change of the Overall Pain at 24 Months



Highest Responder and High Responder Rates in 24M RCT Literature



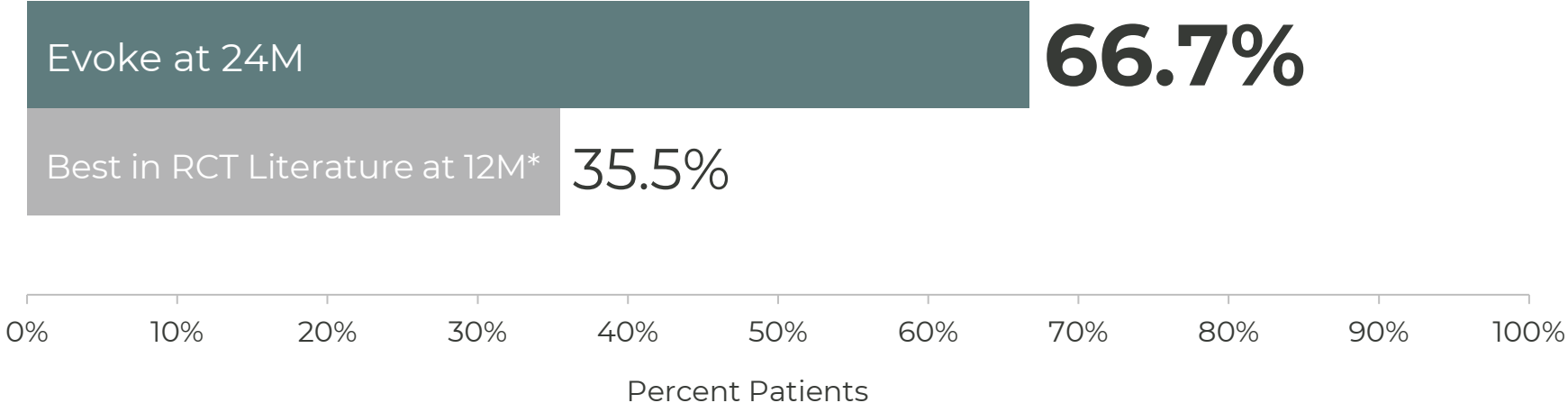
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Consistent Pain Relief Enabled Compelling Opioid Reduction

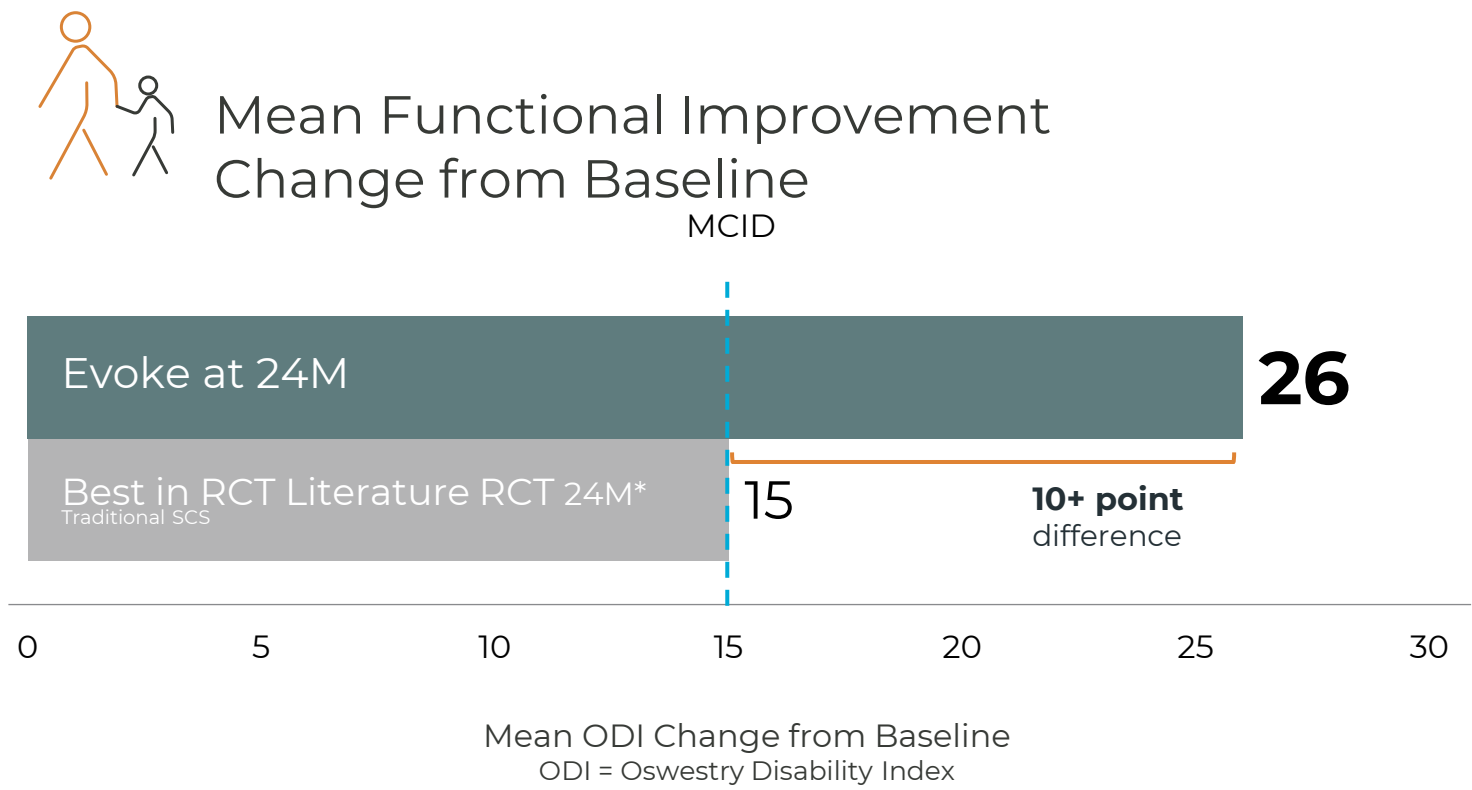


% Patients who Reduced or Eliminated Opioids



*Not reported in RCT literature at 24 months.

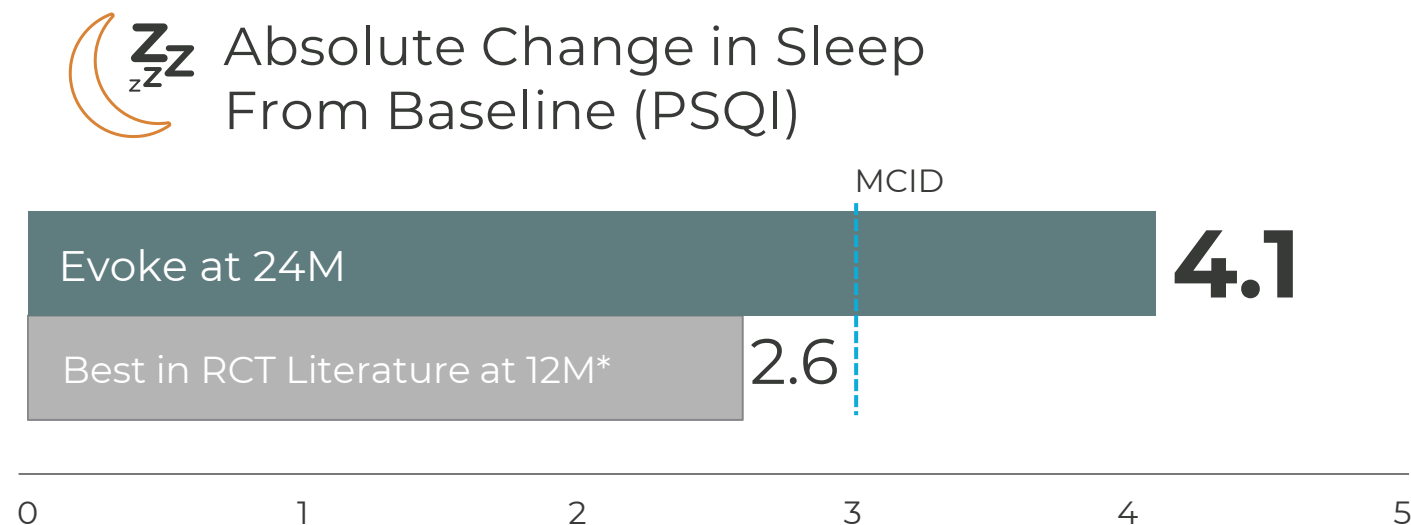
Evoke Enables a Return to a More Normal, Active Lifestyle



82% of Evoke patients demonstrated **clinically significant** functional improvements at 24M

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Evoke Patients Gain More Sleep and Improve Sleep Quality



Evoke patients gained an **additional 1.2 hours of sleep per night**, which is 54 extra full nights of sleep*

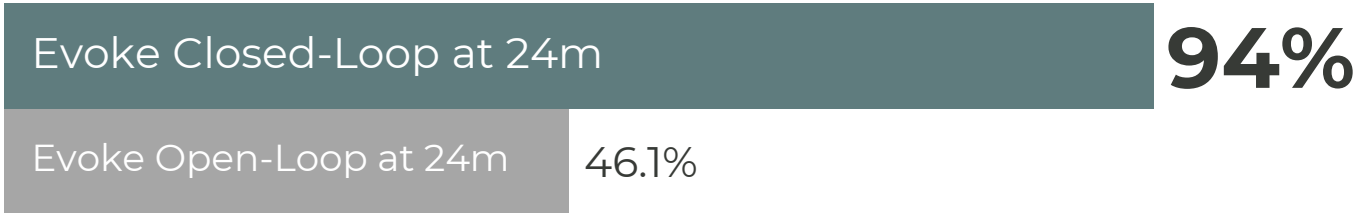
* Full night = 8 hours of sleep

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Precise Neural Activation Drives Superior Outcomes



Time Spent within the Therapeutic Window



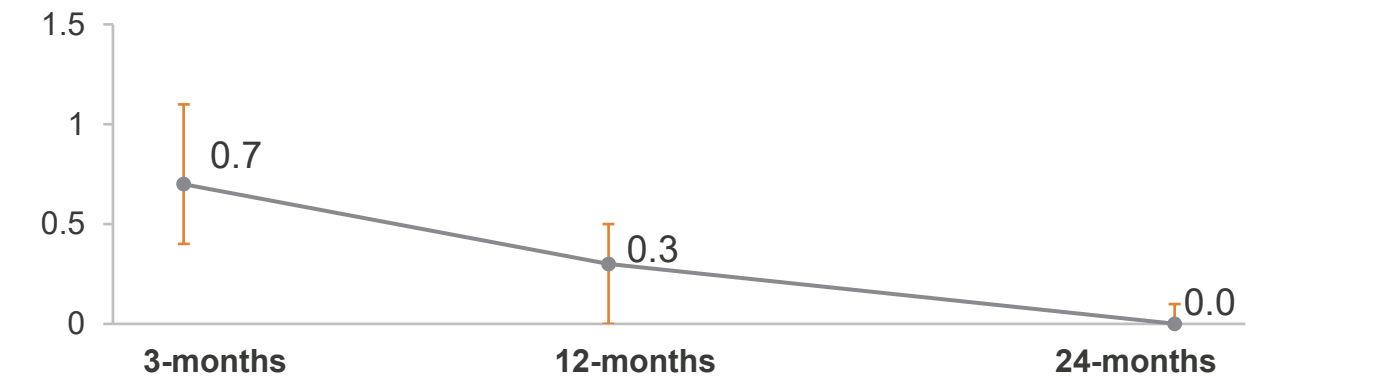
Patients with ECAP-controlled therapy receive **>2x more therapeutic stimulation**

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

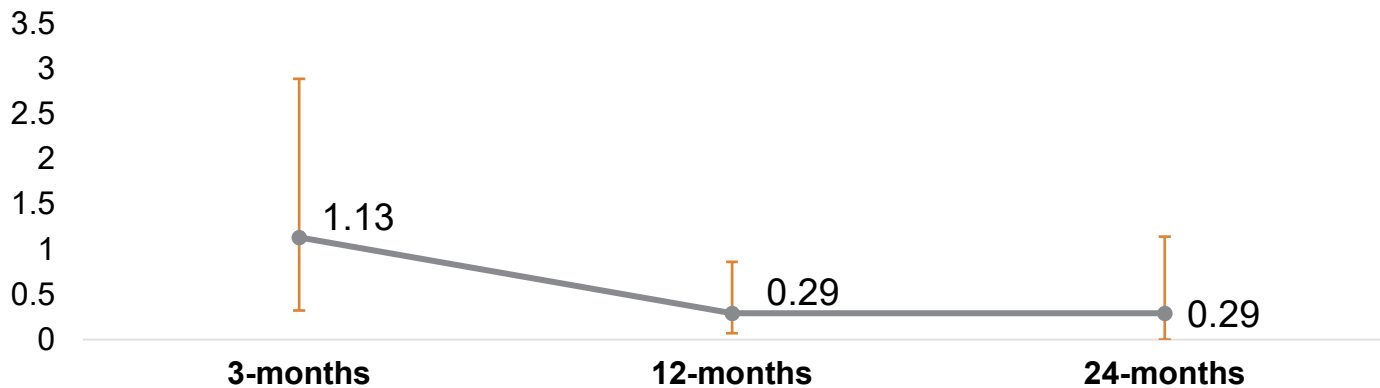
Durability and Consistency of Treatment

Near Elimination of Reprogramming and Patient Burden

Median Number of Interim Reprogramming Visits/Month/Patient



Median Daily Patient Button Presses to Adjust Stimulation Intensity



EVOKE Study

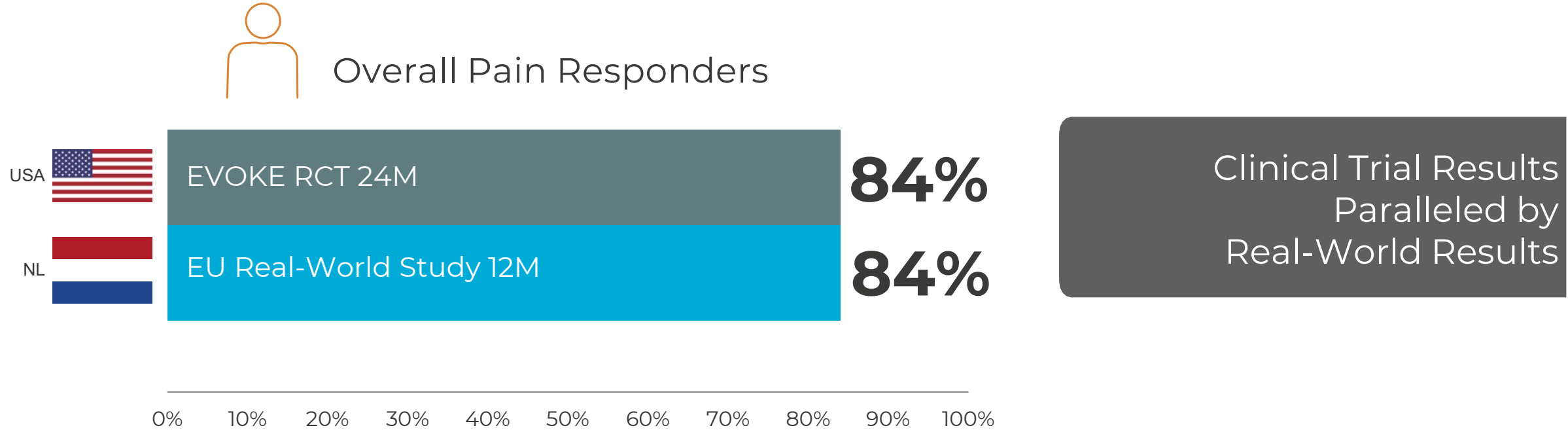
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Reprogramming Visit
per patient per year
12 months & beyond

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Daily patient button
presses to adjust
Stimulation Intensity
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Commercial Outcomes Parallel RCT Evidence



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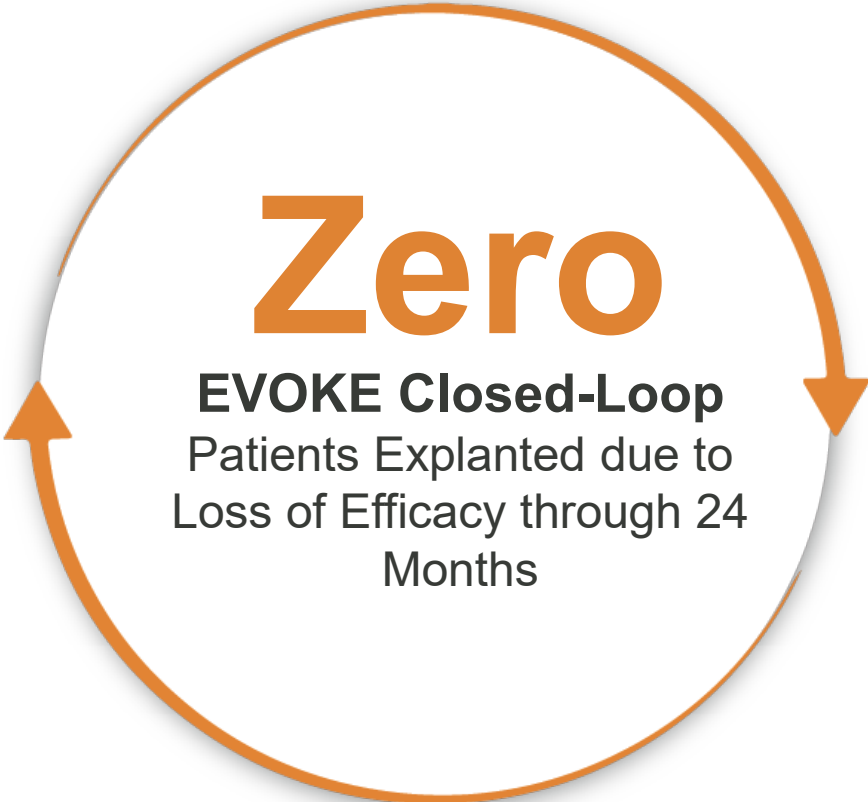
Safety Profile

No Difference between Closed-Loop and Open-Loop SCS

- All subjects received the same device and underwent the same procedure. Thus, the **true indicator of safety differences between groups are stimulation therapy-related adverse events.**
- **There were no differences in the safety profiles between treatment groups.**
 - 95% confidence interval (CI) for the rate difference between groups includes zero (see table).
- **Type, frequency, and severity of adverse events were similar to those reported in other SCS studies.**

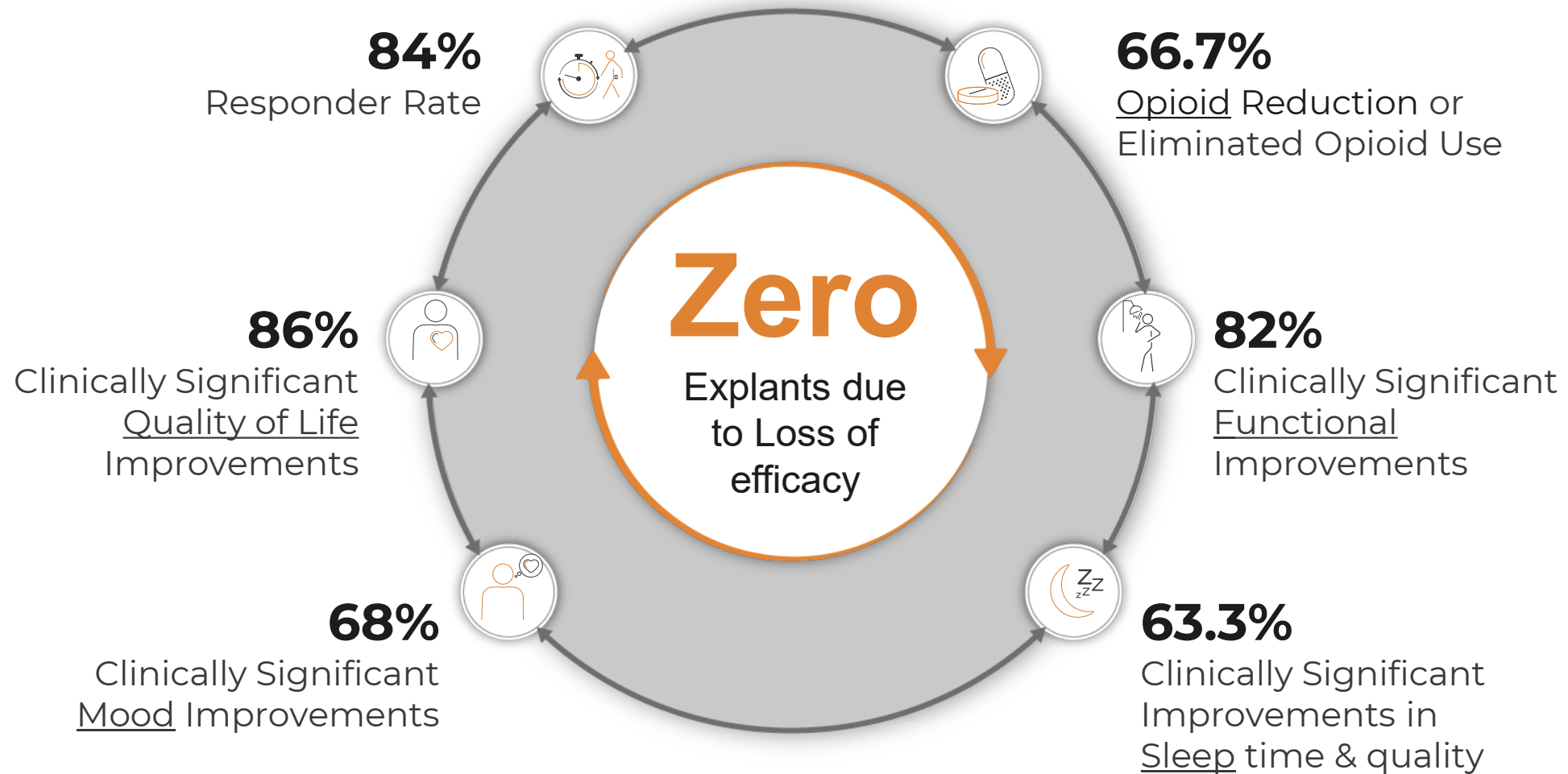
Adverse Events (AEs)	Total N=134		Difference Between Groups
	Events n	Patients n (%)	Rate Difference (%) and 95% CI
Study-Related* AEs	42	28 (20.9%)	6.0 (-7.8, 19.7)
Procedure-Related AEs	28	21 (15.7%)	4.5 (-7.8, 16.8)
Device-Related AEs	18	17 (12.7%)	4.5 (-6.8, 15.7)
Stimulation Therapy- Related AEs	10	8 (6.0%)	3.0 (-5.0, 11.0)

*Adjudicated by the Clinical Events Committee (CEC) as possibly or probably related to the procedure, device and/or stimulation therapy.



The EVOKE Study

Unprecedented, Restorative Clinical Outcomes at 24 Months



Better Understanding of the
Mechanism of Action of SCS
with Proper Neurophysiologic monitoring
as well as Better patient's Selection
Will Significantly Improve the Outcomes of
Neuromodulation

Thank you...

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