

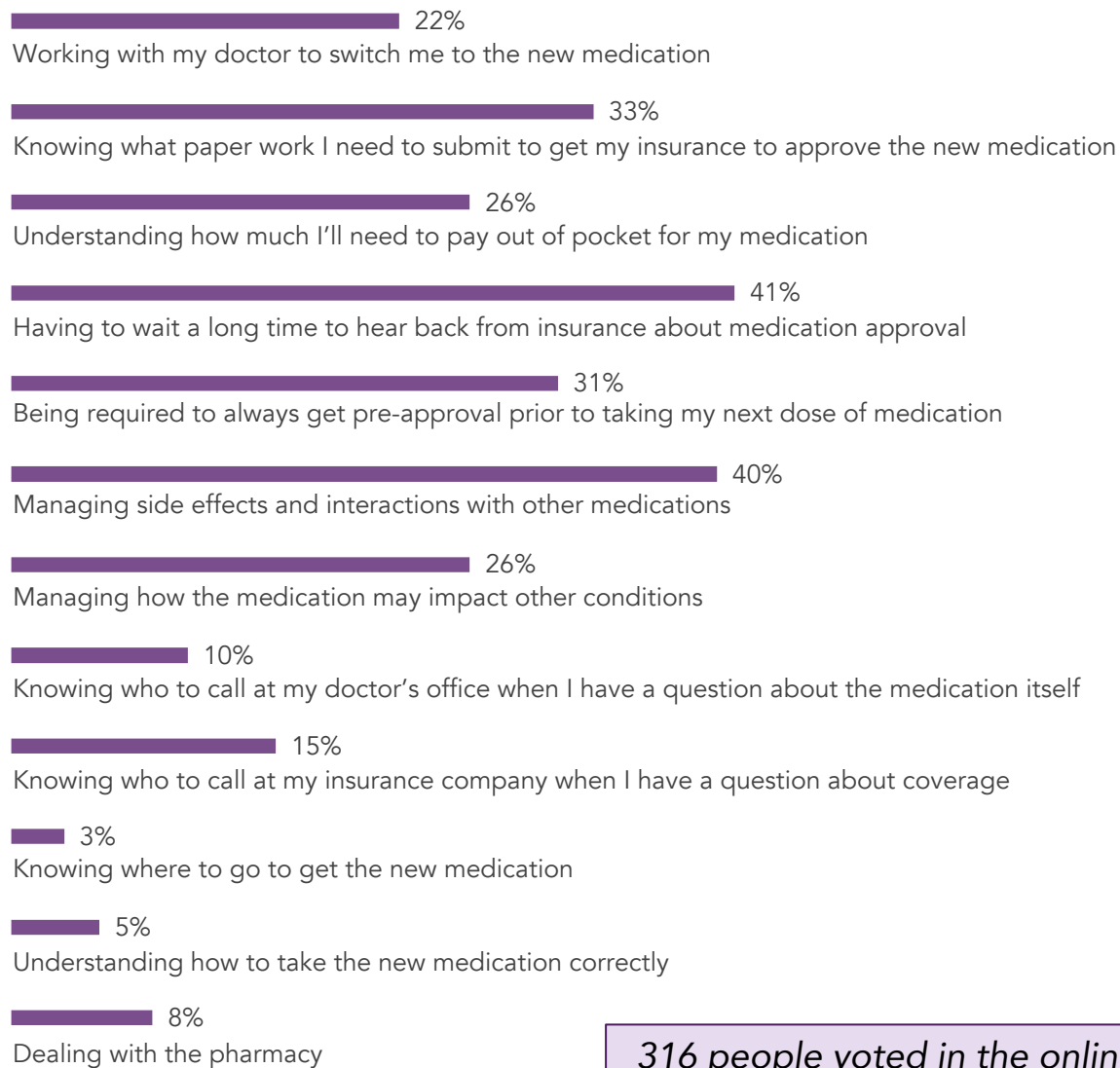


PATIENT POLLS

New Medication Complexities

Migraine Meanderings hosted a poll that asked members of its online community **"What is the most complex part of starting a new medication for migraine?"** Respondents could select all answers that applied.

MOST COMPLEX PART OF STARTING NEW MIGRAINE MEDICATION



316 people voted in the online poll

New Medication Complexities

"For me, [the most complex part of starting a new migraine medication is] the anxiety of will this work or make me worse! We all know this story way too well!

—Migraine Patient

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HIGHLIGHTS

The results of this poll show that people starting new migraine medications face many complexities. The top three answers were:

1. Having to wait a long time to hear back from insurance about medication approval (41%)
2. Managing side effects and interactions with other medications (40%)
3. Knowing what paperwork to submit to get insurance to approve the new medication (33%)

Starting a new medication can be daunting for a host of reasons. Insurance barriers make it difficult and time-consuming for many to obtain the medication in the first place. Once, and if, they are able to get the medication, patients are then faced with uncertainty about how effective the medication will be, the side effects that may come and how it will interact with other medications or conditions they are dealing with. It is a challenging and often intrusive experience.