

Lung NODES: Final Webinar

October 10, 2025

Logistics!

- Please mute yourself!
- Don't put us on hold!
- This meeting is being recorded, and slides will be available on the project website approximately 5-7 days post webinar

Agenda

- Welcome
- Data Review
- Program Engagement Strategies
- Accreditation Notes
- Q and A and Wrap up
- Adjourn



Introducing our Speakers



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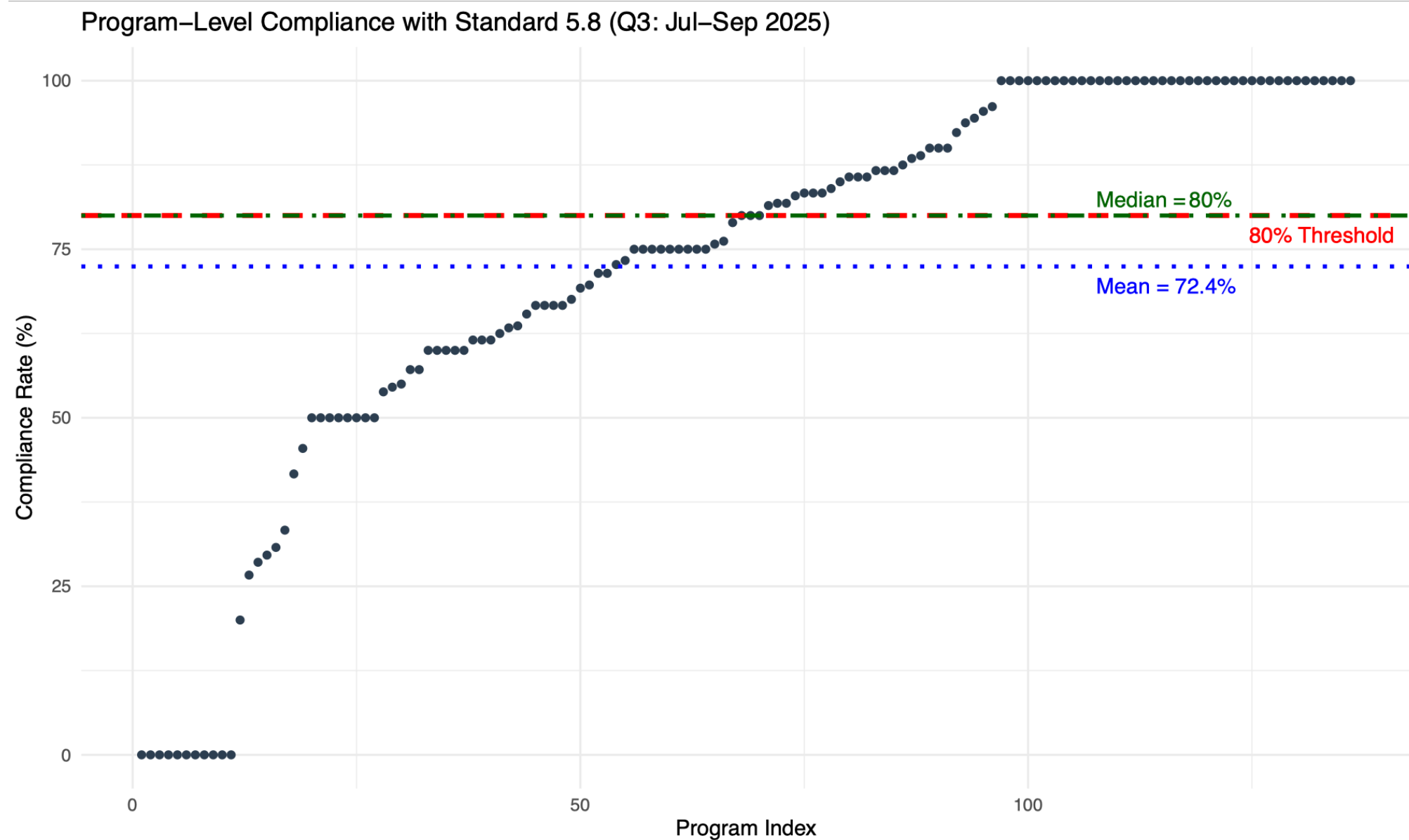
Year 2 Data to Date

Raheem Bell

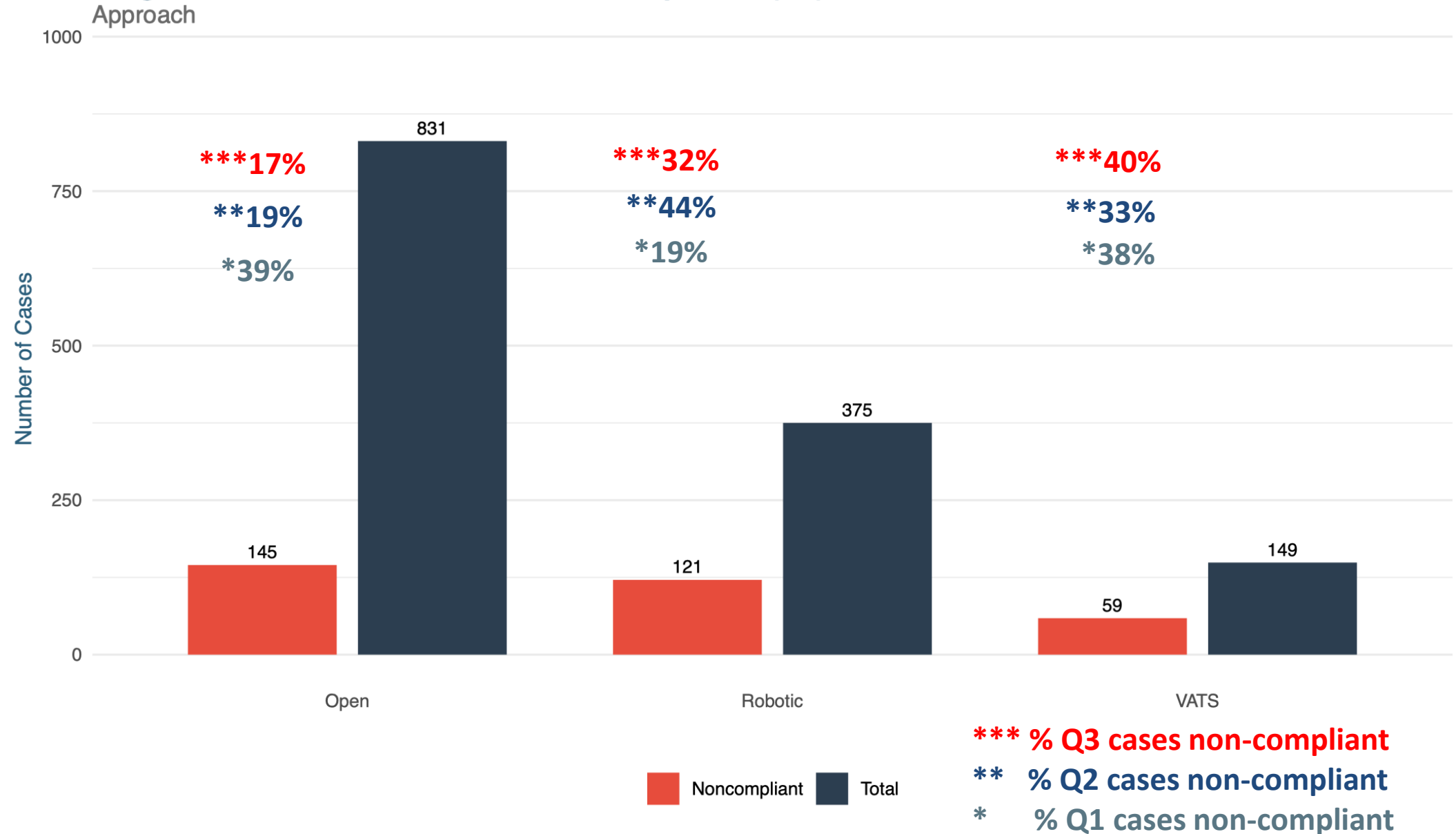
Year 2 Data

	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-June 2025	July-Sept 2025	Oct-Dec 2025
Median	75%	75%	80%	-
Mean	69%	69%	72.4%	-

Metric	Value
Number of Participating Programs	136
Number of Cases Submitted	1487
Number of Compliant Cases	1121
Overall Case-Level Compliance (%)	75.4
Median Cases per Program	8
IQR (Cases per Program)	5 – 15
IQR (Program-Level Compliance)	60 – 100
Programs with $\geq 80\%$ Compliance	69
Percent of Programs with $\geq 80\%$ Compliance	50.7

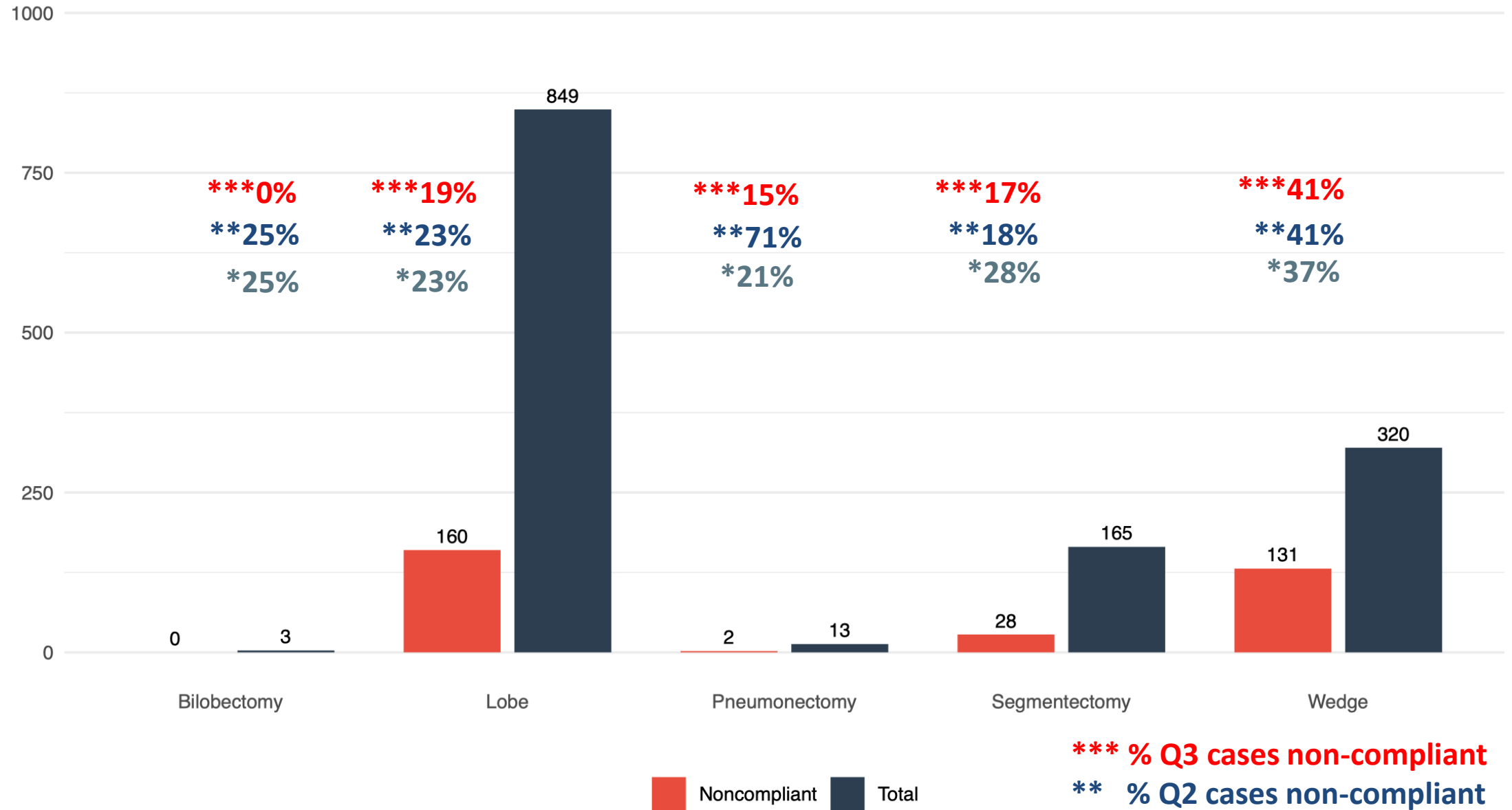


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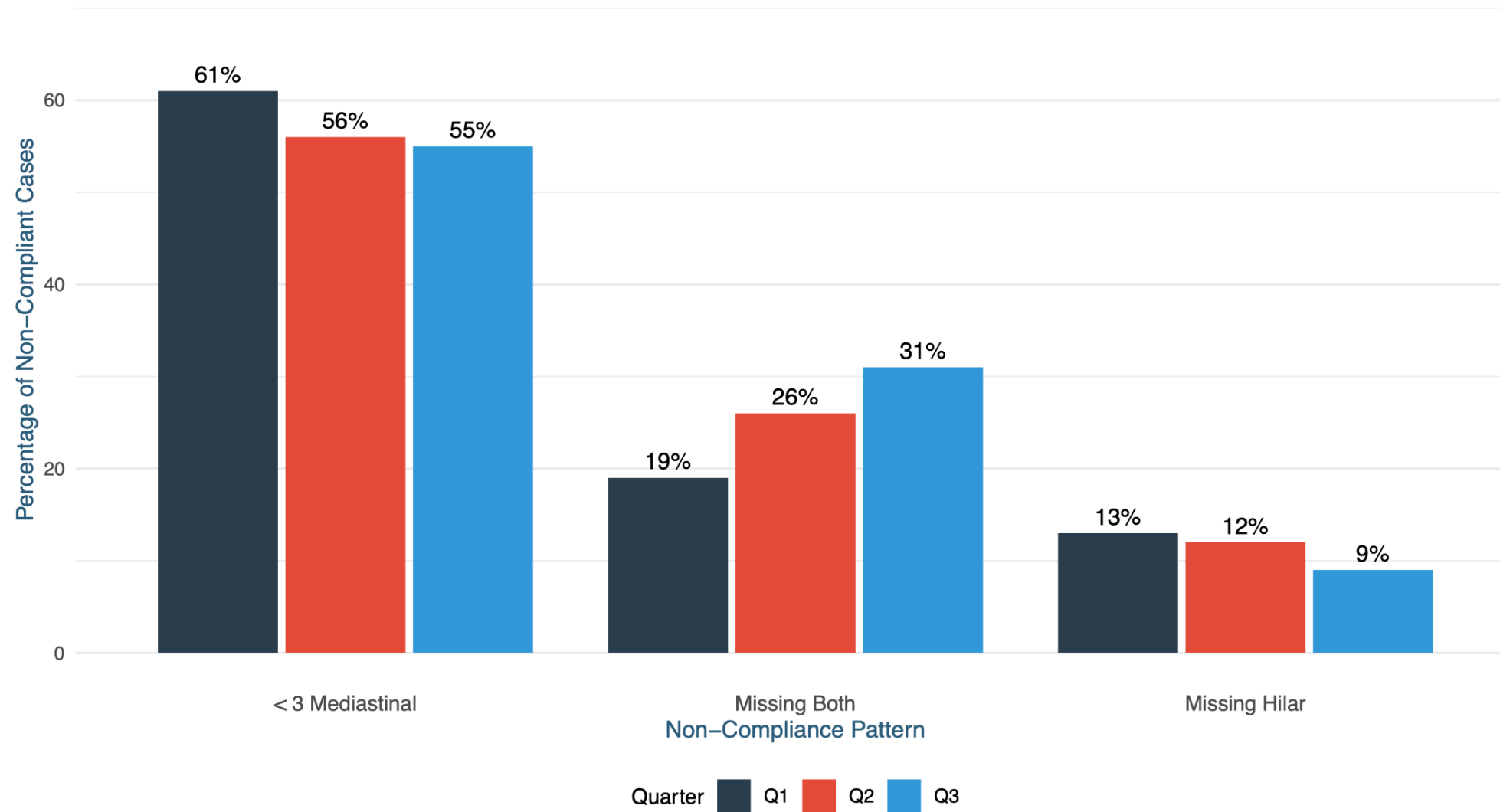


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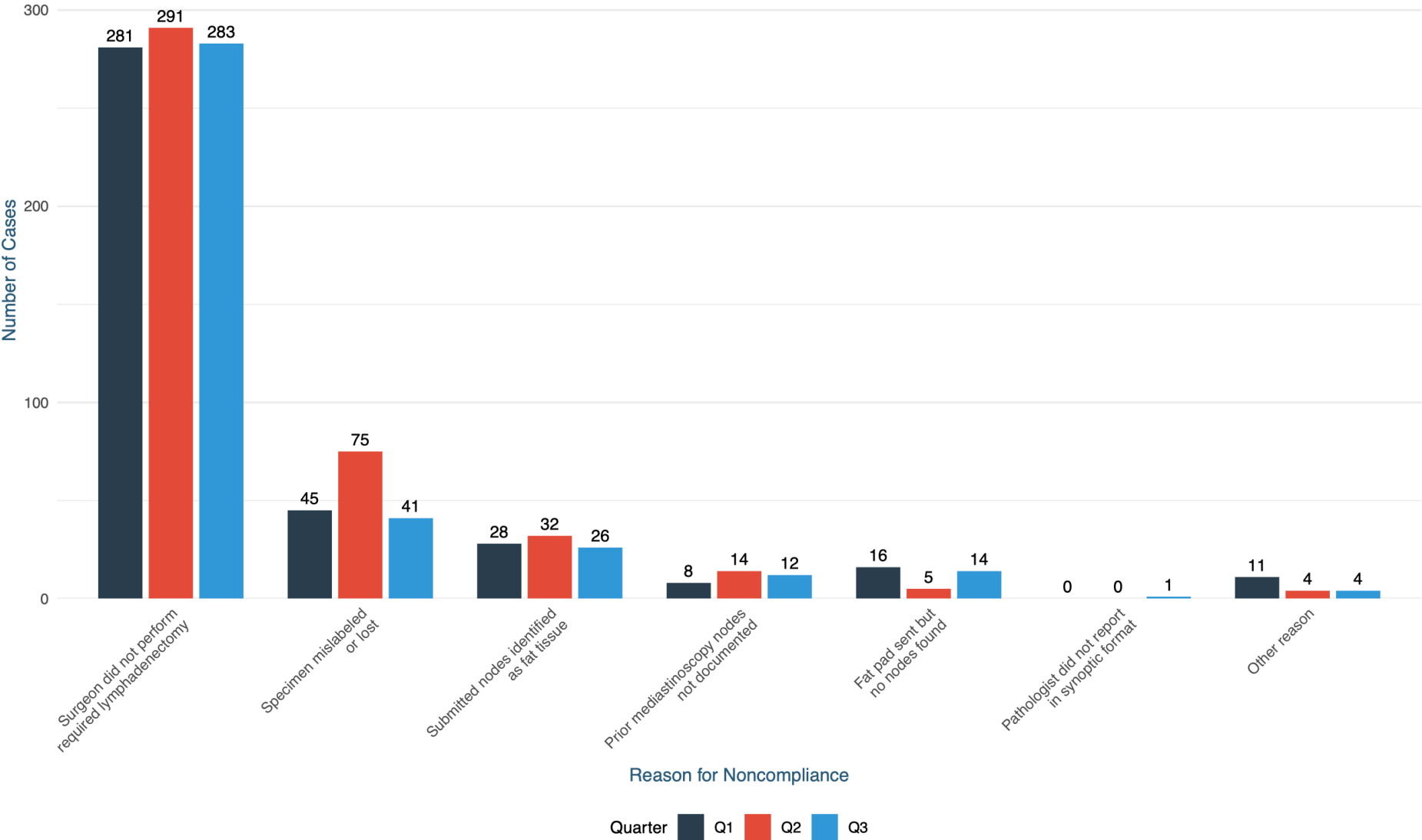
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Lymph Node Non-Compliance Patterns: Q1 vs Q2 vs Q3 Comparison



Reasons for Noncompliance: Q1 vs Q2 vs Q3 Comparison



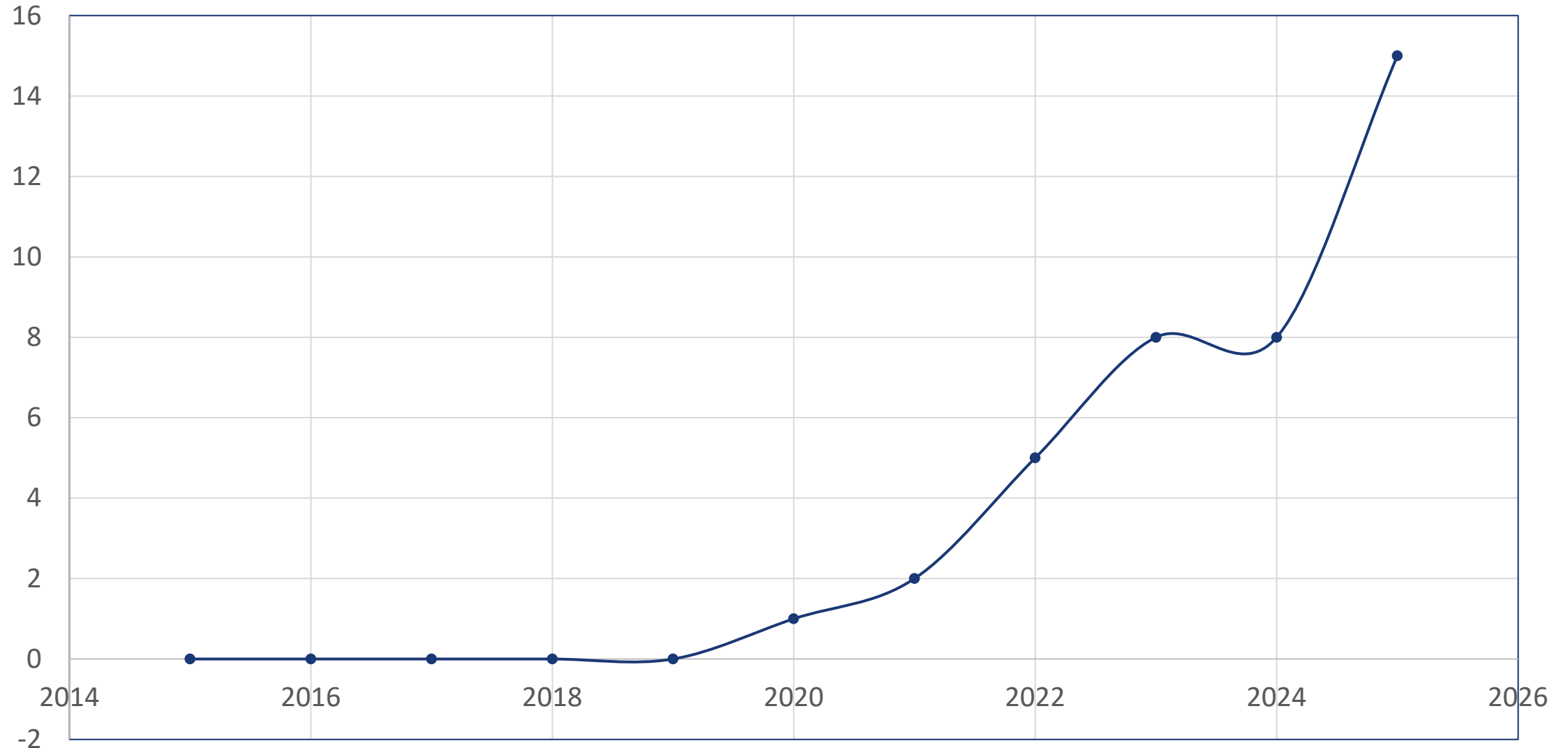
Programs that gained compliance from Q2 to Q3

Record ID	Q2 Compliance rate	Q3 Compliance rate	volume	volume_category
79	66.67	100.00	3	Low (< 10 resections)
119	0.00	100.00	4	Low (< 10 resections)
123	50.00	100.00	2	Low (< 10 resections)
124	78.95	86.67	19	Medium (10-24 resections)
129	57.14	90.00	7	Low (< 10 resections)
137	72.73	81.82	11	Medium (10-24 resections)
155	50.00	100.00	2	Low (< 10 resections)
158	66.67	100.00	3	Low (< 10 resections)
169	50.00	100.00	2	Low (< 10 resections)
176	65.22	81.48	23	Medium (10-24 resections)
177	50.00	100.00	6	Low (< 10 resections)
179	66.67	100.00	3	Low (< 10 resections)
182	72.73	100.00	11	Medium (10-24 resections)
185	65.00	84.00	20	Medium (10-24 resections)
192	75.00	86.67	12	Medium (10-24 resections)
194	75.00	100.00	5	Low (< 10 resections)
217	60.00	81.82	10	Medium (10-24 resections)

Programs that lost compliance from Q1 to Q2

Record id	Q2 Compliance rate	Q3 Compliance rate	Volume	Volume category
18	83.33	75.00	6	Low (< 10 resections)
47	100.00	50.00	2	Low (< 10 resections)
51	80.00	71.43	5	Low (< 10 resections)
56	82.35	78.95	18	Medium (10-24 resections)
90	90.91	65.38	22	Medium (10-24 resections)
98	90.00	69.23	9	Low (< 10 resections)
100	80.00	33.33	5	Low (< 10 resections)
101	85.71	75.00	7	Low (< 10 resections)
132	100.00	60.00	8	Low (< 10 resections)
144	100.00	73.33	15	Medium (10-24 resections)
147	100.00	75.00	5	Low (< 10 resections)
166	100.00	66.67	1	Low (< 10 resections)
195	100.00	75.00	6	Low (< 10 resections)
206	80.00	75.00	20	Medium (10-24 resections)

Number of Publications/Abstracts/Commentaries Referencing Standard 5.8



Discussion: Surgeon, Pathologist, and Leadership Engagement

David Odell

Deanna Benoit

Nicole Sant'Elia

Accreditation Reminders

Eileen Reilly

How will a site reviewer know I participated

- By January 31, a link will be sent to the primary contact to complete the attestation form
 - Please let us know if the primary contact email needs to be changed
- Complete attestation, save and print copy for your records
- Document a status update at least twice in minutes
- 7.3 template is NOT required, but good practice!
- If you need your form before January 31, email cancerqi@facs.org

The screenshot displays a web-based attestation form for the ACS Cancer Programs. It consists of four main sections, each with a title bar indicating the variable being attested: 'attestation', 'nameverify', 'emailverify', and 'acknowledgement'. Each section includes a text area for the user's input, a red asterisk indicating a required field, and three buttons: 'Add Field', 'Add Matrix of Fields', and 'Import from Field Bank'. The 'attestation' section contains a pre-filled text block with variables like [initial_applicatio_arm_1][fin_number] and [initial_applicatio_arm_1][hospital_name], followed by a green 'Add signature' link. The 'nameverify' section prompts the user to 'Please type the full name of the person completing this form'. The 'emailverify' section prompts the user to 'Please verify the email of the person completing this form'. The 'acknowledgement' section contains a detailed paragraph about the PDF download and upload requirements, followed by a radio button labeled 'Acknowledge' and a 'reset' link.

Variable: attestation

I attest that [initial_applicatio_arm_1][fin_number] [initial_applicatio_arm_1][hospital_name] has submitted all required data for the Lung NODES QI project and our program has meaningfully participated over the course of the year.

* must provide value

Add Field Add Matrix of Fields Import from Field Bank

Variable: nameverify

Please type the full name of the person completing this form

* must provide value

Add Field Add Matrix of Fields Import from Field Bank

Variable: emailverify

Please verify the email of the person completing this form

* must provide value

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Variable: acknowledgement

I acknowledge that once I click 'Submit' below, a PDF of this form will be available to download before closing my browser window. This document serves as confirmation of completion and proof of full participation in the 5.8 Lung NODES Quality Improvement Project for 2024. This PDF is required to be uploaded to the Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ) prior to the next accreditation site visit, and a hard copy must be made available to the site reviewer upon request.

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☐ Acknowledge

reset

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What credit do I get for participating (2025)

- 7.3 Quality Improvement
- 5.8 Lung Resection

Site Visit Year	Application of Standard 5.8 QI Project Credit
2024 (Reviews years 2021, 2022, 2023)	Sites receiving a deficiency in Standard 5.8 may use successful completion of the 5.8 QI Project to resolve the deficiency.
2025 (Reviews years 2024, 2023, 2022)	<p>If the site achieves the required compliance percentage during the medical record review, the site will receive a Compliant rating.</p> <p>Sites that do not achieve the required compliance percentage during the medical record review but successfully completed the QI project in 2024 will receive a Deficient but Resolved rating.</p> <p>(Deficient but Resolved acknowledges that the standard was deficient but does not require the program to submit corrective action).</p>
2026 (Reviews years 2025, 2024, 2023)	<p>Sites can choose to only provide 2025 cases in the patient list for selection by the site reviewer.</p> <p>Sites that do not achieve the required compliance percentage during the medical record review but successfully completed the QI project in 2025 will receive a Deficient but Resolved rating.</p> <p>(Deficient but Resolved acknowledges that the standard was deficient but does not require the program to submit corrective action).</p>
2027 (reviews years 2026, 2025, 2024)	<p>Sites can choose to only provide 2025 and 2026 cases in the patient list for selection by the site reviewer.</p>

Q and A

Wrap up and Reminders



5.8 Toolkits and Webinars

CANCER PROGRAMS

Operative Standards Toolkit

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This toolkit includes resources to assist with the implementation of the six [Commission on Cancer \(CoC\) Operative Standards](#) in the [Optimal Resources for Cancer Care \(2020 Standards\)](#), Standards 5.3 through 5.8. Resources are organized by category or standard. CoC-accredited programs should share these resources with their staff to increase awareness and understanding of these accreditation standards. Please send any questions to cssp@facs.org.

Frequently Accessed Resources

Frequently Asked Questions on the CoC Operative Standards [↗](#)

Quick Reference Guide – Standards 5.3-5.6 Synoptic Operative Reporting Requirements [↗](#)

Letter to Surgeons with Documentation Requirements for the CoC Operative Standards [↗](#)

Overview of Compliance Requirements & Site Visit Process for CoC Operative Standards

Visual Abstract of Synoptic Operative Reporting Information for Standards 5.3-5.6 [↗](#)

CoC Standard 5.8: Requirements & Best Practices (Video) [↗](#)

Educational Webinars

Programs interested in participating in this national QI project are encouraged to view these informational webinars for more detailed information about the project. Attendance is requested by at least one member of each QI team, unless clinical care interferes. Recordings and slides are available through the links below. Registration is required to listen to recorded webinars.

Year 1

December 7, 2023 - Informational Webinar

[View the Recording](#) | [View Webinar Slides](#)

March 22, 2024 - Lung NODES: Next Steps

[View the Recording](#) | [View Webinar Slides](#) | [Webinar FAQ](#)

May 31, 2024 - Root Causes and Success Case

[View the Recording](#) | [View Webinar Slides](#)

August 2, 2024 - From Assessment to Action

[View the Recording](#) | [View Webinar Slides](#)

October 25, 2024 - Year End Wrap Up

[View the Recording](#) | [View Webinar Slides](#)

Year 2

Timeline

Date	Event
Jan 30	"Intent to participate" due
Feb 14	Group call at 12pm CT (Registration link to come)
February 28	NEW PROGRAMS ONLY Submit baseline data
March 31	All programs Dec 2024-Feb 2025 data due
April 11	Group call 12pm CST
May	
June 30	March 1-May 31 data due
July	
August 15	Group call 12pm CST
September 30	June-August data due
October 10	Group Call 12pm CST
November	
December 31	Sept-Nov data due

Reminders:

- Surgeon engagement is REQUIRED
- Data due December 31
 - REDCap is sent to the primary contact by December 1
- Reach out to cancerqi@facs.org
- Save the date: November 14, 11am CT
 - New QI project centered on QM BLCT1

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Year 2



Year 2 Informational Slides

February 14, 2025 - Lung NODES Kickoff Call

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April 11, 2025 - Lung NODES Call

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Thank you