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2026 Global Site Landscape Survey – Part II

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A Smarter Trial Starts Here



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Quick Recap – Where We Left Off

Measured Progress

Five years of data demonstrate tangible improvements in staff turnover rates and negotiated contract terms.

Persistent Challenges

Budget adequacy and accounts receivable continue to be stagnant and represent ongoing areas of concern.

Global Expansion

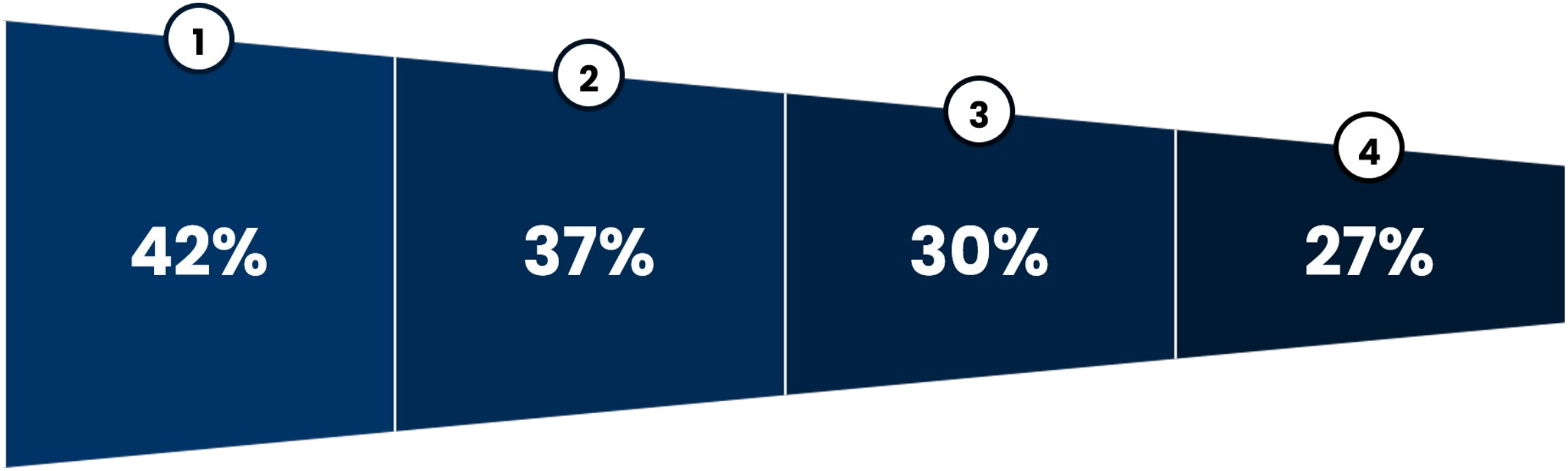
The 2026 data collection represents our most diverse sample, with 44% of respondents based outside of North America.

Core Friction

Sponsor/CRO interfaces remain the primary root cause of operational strain and resource depletion at study sites.

A fast reset for anyone joining fresh, and a bridge for those continuing from Session I.

Study Delays & Cancellations: 2026



Contract/Budget Negotiations

Historical trend: 41%

Sponsor-driven Pause

Historical trend: 37%

Study Supply Delays

Supply chain overhead

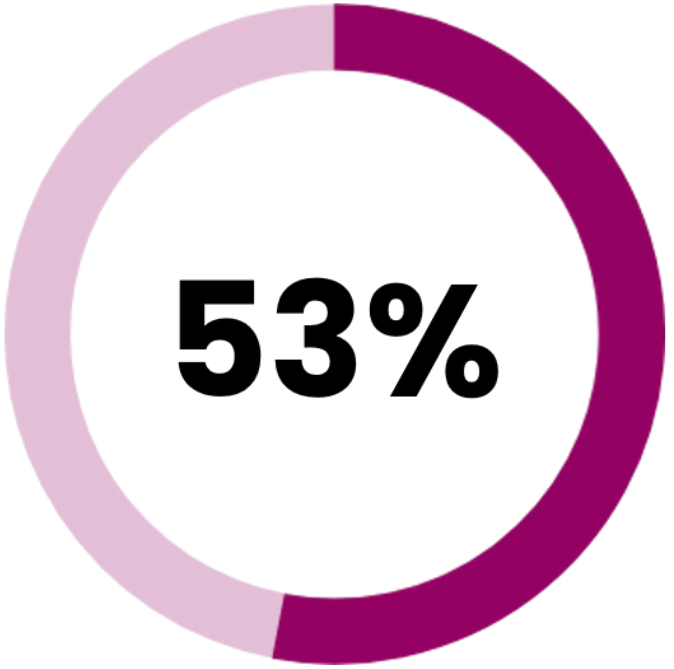
Protocol Amendments

Historical trend: 27%

The same interface – sponsors and CRO decisions – still drives the disruption.

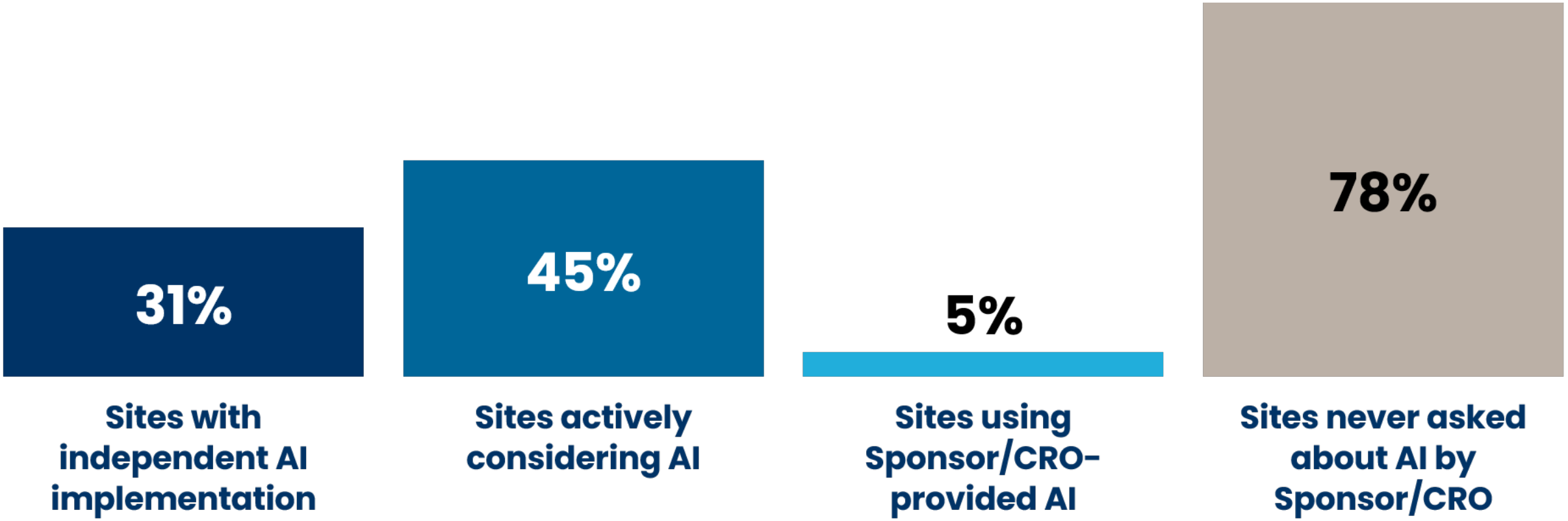
Training Burden: 2026 Status

Over half of sites say more than a quarter of their training is redundant



Site feedback on training redundancy

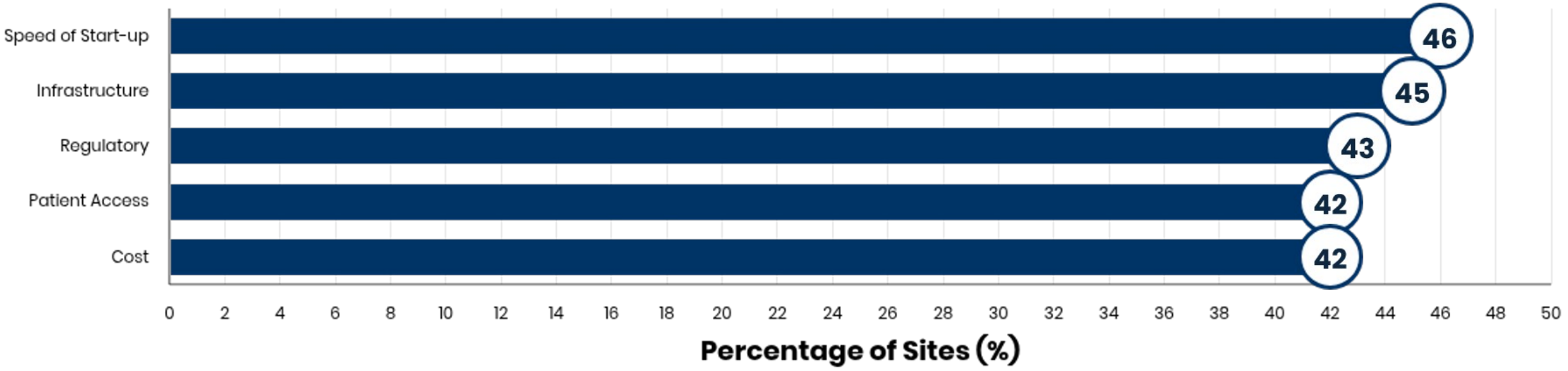
AI at the Site Level: An Emerging Story



Sites are moving on AI largely on their own – sponsors and CROs have barely engaged them on it.

Geopolitics & Regional Competitiveness: A Global Lens

Top Drivers of Competitive Advantage



An impact on site stability and study placement.

Geopolitical Concern: The Global View

70%

say the geopolitical environment affects study placement or continuity in their region

81%

express at least some concern about studies moving to other regions or countries

46%

describe the current U.S. research climate as having a negative effect on their site (vs. 15% positive)

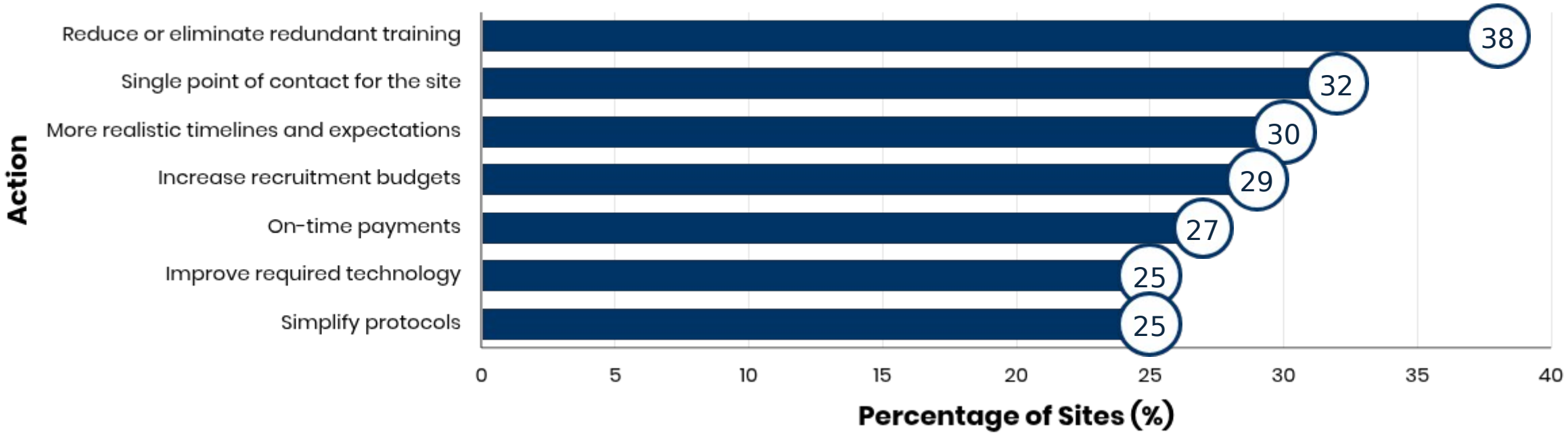
U.S. Clinical Research Climate — Perceived Impact on Site



A genuinely new dimension for the survey — sites now weigh global placement risk, not just local operations.

Not Adversarial – What Sites Are Actually Asking For

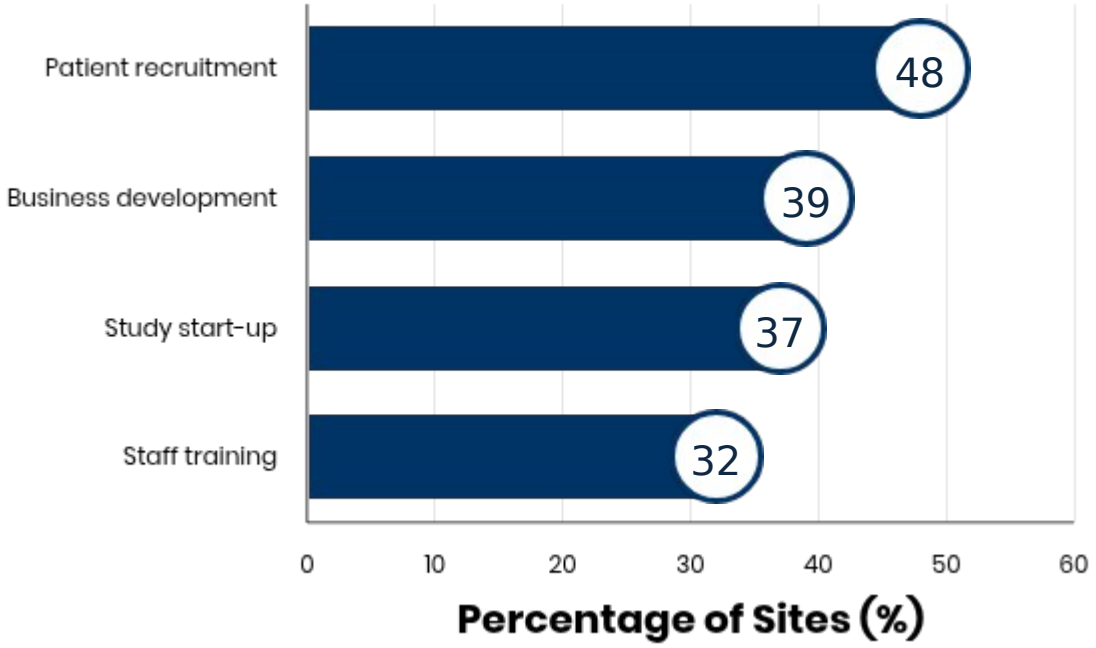
Data points (2026 top sponsor/CRO actions requested):



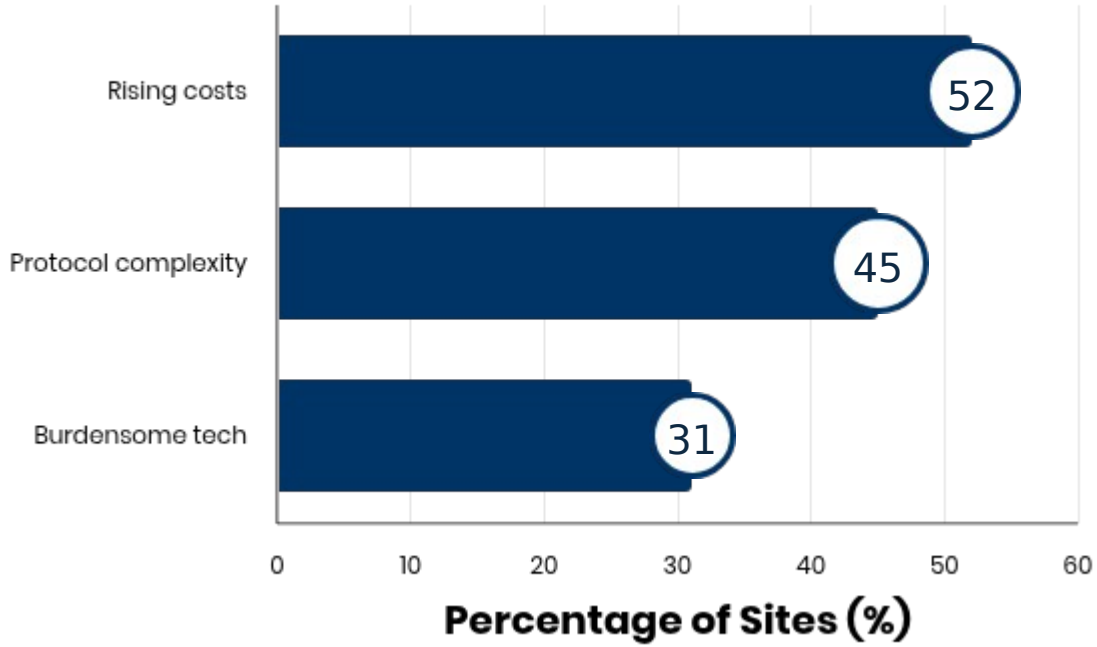
The asks are procedural, not financial – and squarely actionable by sponsors and CROs.

Where Sites Are Headed in 2026

Top 2026 Priorities



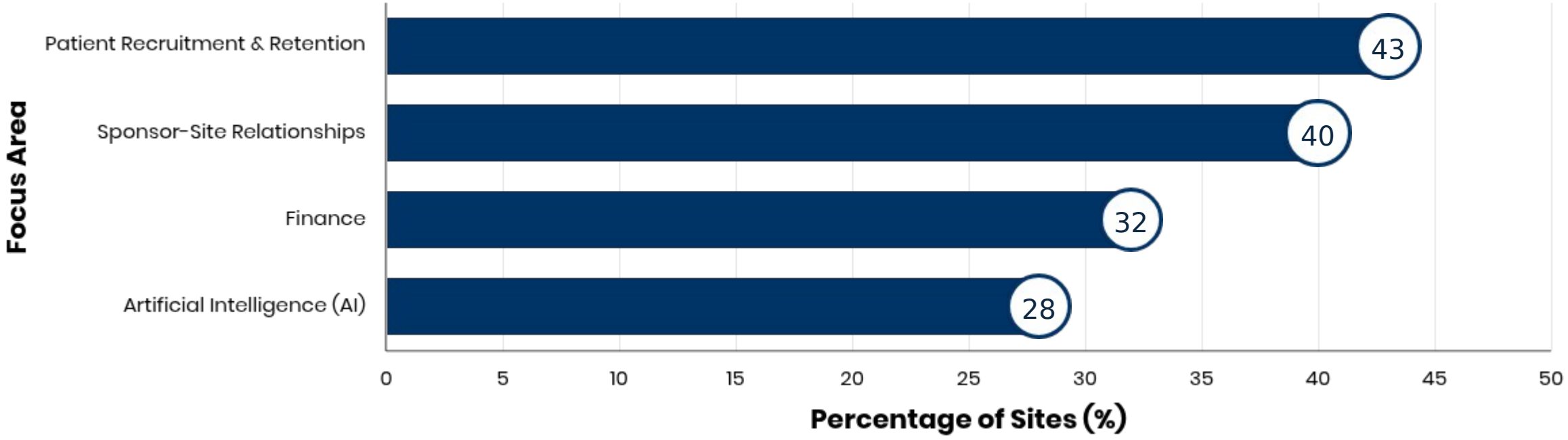
Top Pressing Issues (Next 2-3 Years)



Recruitment and speed dominate site priorities – with AI and finance close behind.

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Top Innovation Focus Areas



The Ask: Center Site Capacity in What Comes Next

- **Progress Follows Partnership**

  Notable gains in site satisfaction and efficiency are directly linked to intentional collaboration between sponsors and CROs.

- **Addressing Persistent Hurdles**

  We must proactively tackle budget adequacy, receivables, and redundant training to remove operational roadblocks.

- **A Call for Operational Ease**

  Improvement is driven by proactive coordination, realistic, data-backed timelines, and providing a single, empowered point of contact.

Moving from transactional relationships to operational partnerships.


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