

# Healthcare Resource Utilization of United States ROS1+ Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients Treated with Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors: Analysis of Electronic Medical Transcription Records

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## Background

- Lung cancer is a common and deadly cancer in the United States (US), accounting for ~25% of all cancer deaths.<sup>1</sup> Projections suggest that in 2022, there will be 236,000 incident cases and over 130,000 lung cancer-related deaths in the US.<sup>2</sup>
- Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) accounts for an estimated 84% of all diagnosed lung cancers, with a 5-year survival rate of 25% overall and 7% among patients with metastatic disease.<sup>3</sup>
  - Up to 2% of NSCLC patients have rearrangements of the ROS1 gene (c-ros oncogene) making ROS1+ NSCLC a rare cancer.<sup>4</sup>
- Targeted therapies are guideline-recommended early line treatments for ROS1+ NSCLC.<sup>5</sup>
  - Crizotinib and entrectinib are the two tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (2016 and 2019, respectively) for front-line treatment of ROS1+ NSCLC.<sup>6</sup>
  - Ceritinib, an ALK-TKI, received FDA approval in 2017 for ALK-positive metastatic NSCLC and is used off-label in ROS1+ NSCLC while clinical trials are underway.<sup>7</sup>
  - Lorlatinib, approved in 2018 for second/third line treatment of ALK+ metastatic NSCLC, is used off-label as a 2nd line therapy for ROS1+ NSCLC patients who have not responded to or have resistance to first-line TKI.<sup>8</sup>
- These agents and related routine medical care may contribute substantially to the high economic burden of ROS1+NSCLC.<sup>9</sup>

## Study Objective

- This exploratory analysis examined the unexpected healthcare resource utilization (HCRU) of ROS1+ NSCLC patients using data from physician narratives of real-world patient encounters in the US routine care setting.

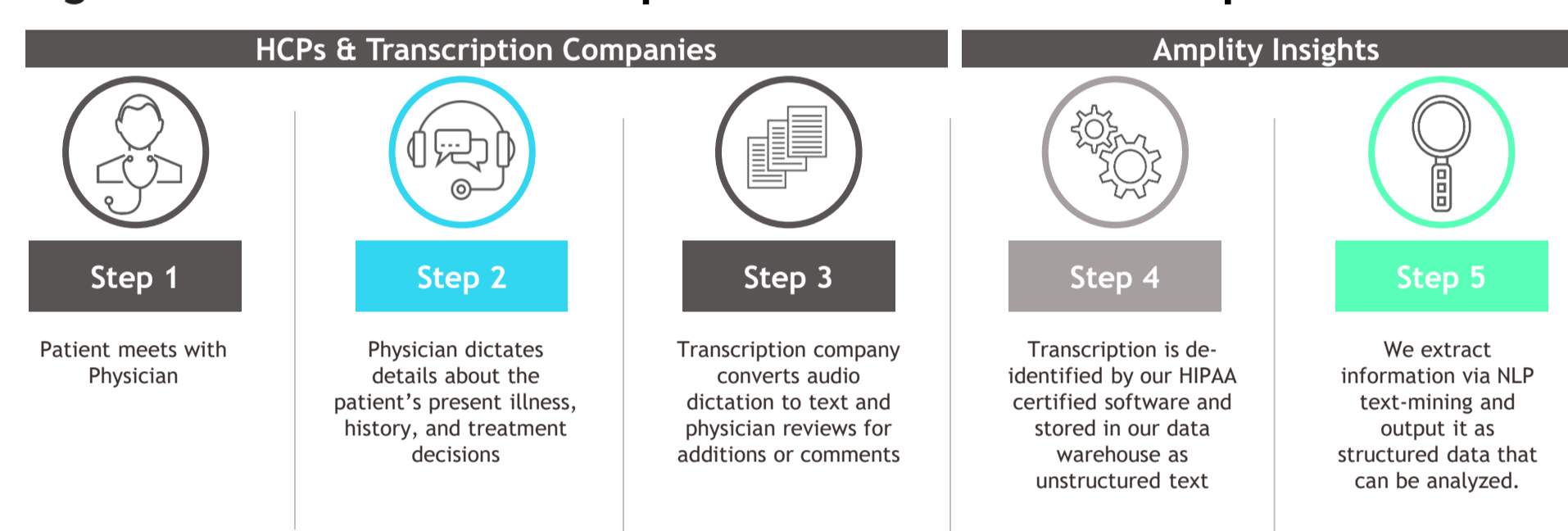
## Methods

- Two-phase retrospective, descriptive analysis included:
  - manual record review/abstraction by 2 independent abstractors, followed by
  - meta-data summarization and Natural Language Processing (NLP) text mining

### Data Source

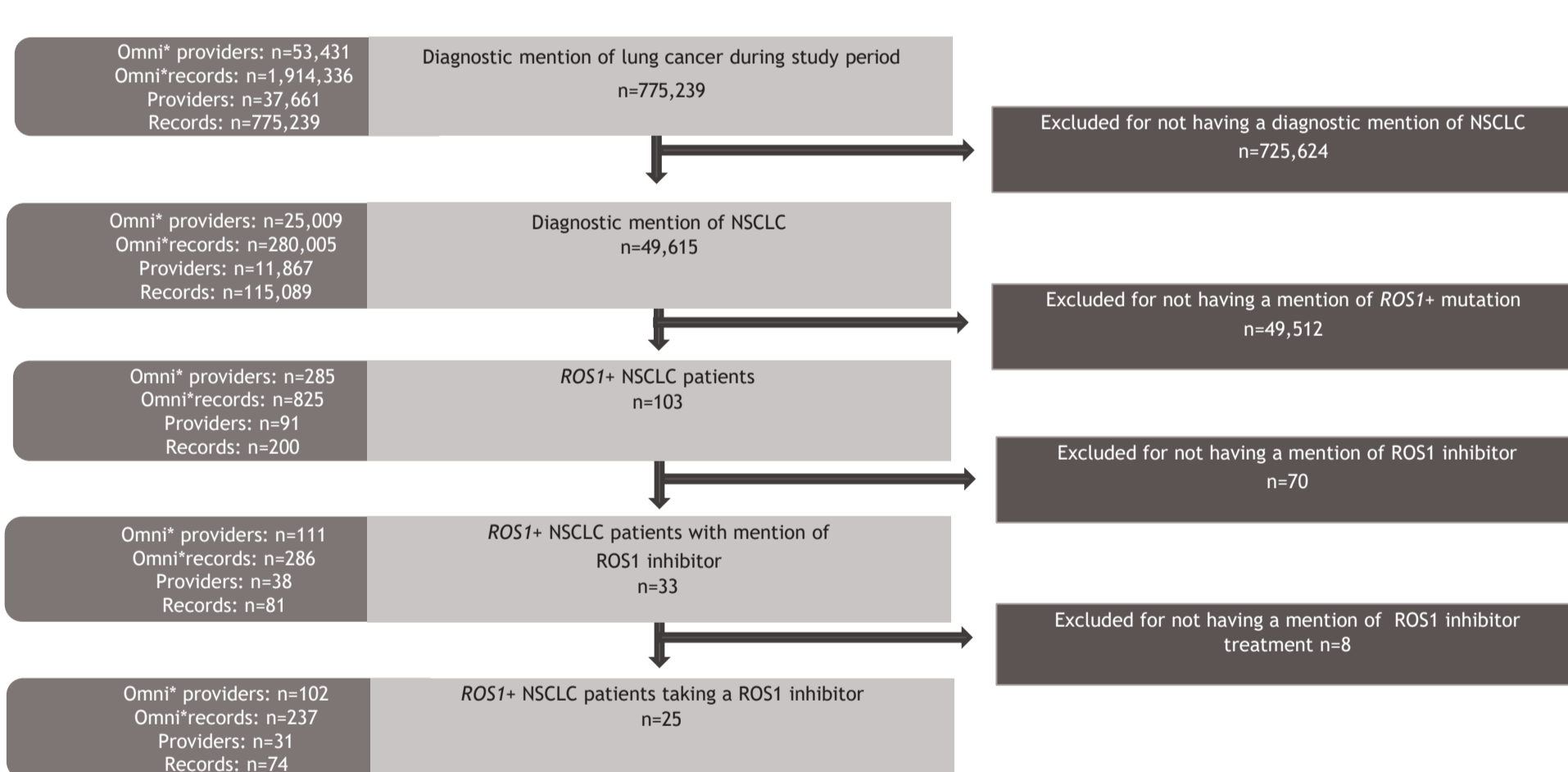
- Amplity Insights Database (at time of study; Figure 1):
  - >50 million electronic medical transcription records from >150,000 multi-specialty providers at approximately 40,000 inpatient/outpatient care sites across 50 states and 2 US territories
  - Study evaluated data from January 2015 through November 2021.
  - All payers: Medicare, Commercial, Medicaid, Uninsured, and Self-Pay.
- Study Population
  - Adults (age >18 years) ROS1+ NSCLC patients treated with crizotinib, entrectinib, ceritinib, and/or lorlatinib.

Figure 1. Overview of Data Capture from Medical Transcription Records



- Total of 389,973 patients with lung cancer and corresponding 775,239 records were identified (Figure 2).
- 49,615 patients had NSCLC.
- 33 patients were confirmed to be NSCLC and ROS1+ adults with a mention of ROS1 inhibitor.
- Final patient population for this analysis was narrowed down to 25 representing <0.006% of the total lung cancer population in the Amplity Health transcription records.

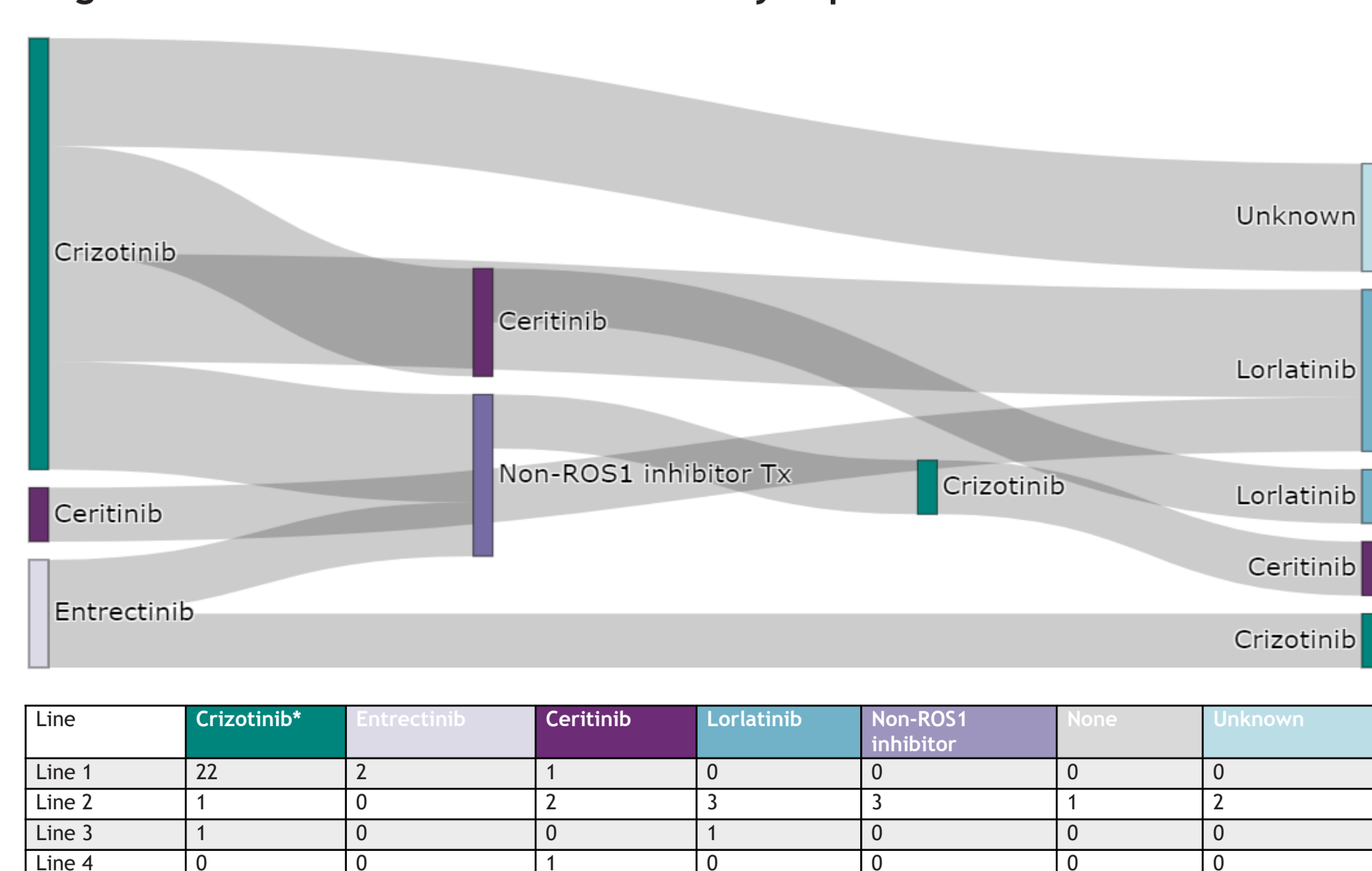
Figure 2. Study Population and Amplity Insights Real-World Database



## Results

- 103 ROS1+ NSCLC patients were identified; 25 used TKI in any line. The low number of patients identified is consistent with rare nature of ROS1 driver mutation in NSCLC.
  - 23 patients used crizotinib, 4 used lorlatinib, 4 used ceritinib, and 2 used entrectinib (Figure 3).
- The mean age of this treatment cohort was 62 years; 52% of patients were female, 20% had a mentioned history of cancer, and 8% were confirmed current smokers.
- Total time on first-line TKI ranged from 1 to <18 months.
  - In patients who completed their 1L TKI, majority were on crizotinib and 44% treated for 6 to <18 months (n=8); 39% for <6 months (n=7).
- The majority of patients, including 65% (15/23) of crizotinib patients, experienced a TKI treatment disruption (holds, dose reductions, discontinuations or switches).
  - Time to disruption was assessed for 18 patients in whom 9 experienced their first disruption within 3 months after TKI initiation.
  - Progression (53%) and tolerability/adverse effects (AE) (47%) were the most commonly mentioned reasons for disruption, although treatment resistance was not specifically mentioned.

Figure 3. TKI Treatment Patterns in Study Population



## Results (continued)

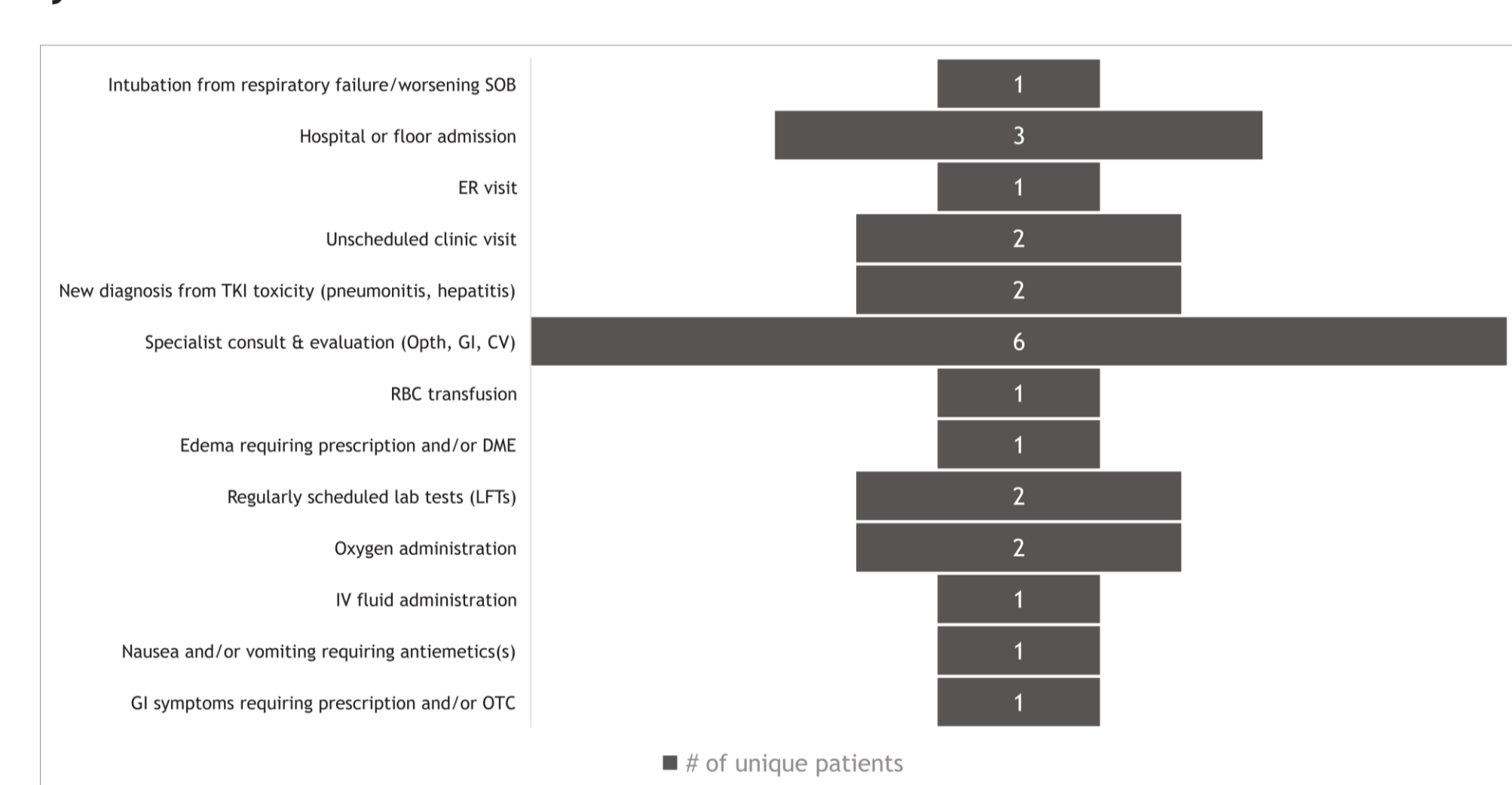
- Majority of TKI-treated ROS1+ NSCLC patients (68%) experienced a major or minor health care resource utilization (HCRU) event (Figure 4).
- 35% experienced a MAJOR<sup>†</sup> HCRU event associated with or while on TKI treatment such as unscheduled visit to Emergency Room (ER) or an unscheduled visit to the clinic.
- 38% experienced a MINOR<sup>‡</sup> HCRU event such as symptomatic management of an adverse event with a prescription medication or a new/recurring laboratory test.
- Of the 29 patients with mention of crizotinib, 23 patients were recorded as taking the drug. 61% of these crizotinib-treated patients (14 of 23) had mentions of a major or minor HCRU event. 7 of 23 (30%) experienced major HCRU event.
- Most common major HCRU events mentioned in the transcription record as directly related to patient's TKI by the treating physician were:
  - Referrals to a specialist due to adverse effect/tolerability
  - Unscheduled visits to emergency room or clinic
  - Admittance to a floor unit/hospital
- Additional details of HCRU events are provided in Figure 5 and Figure 6.

Figure 4. Number of HCRU Events Mentioned\*



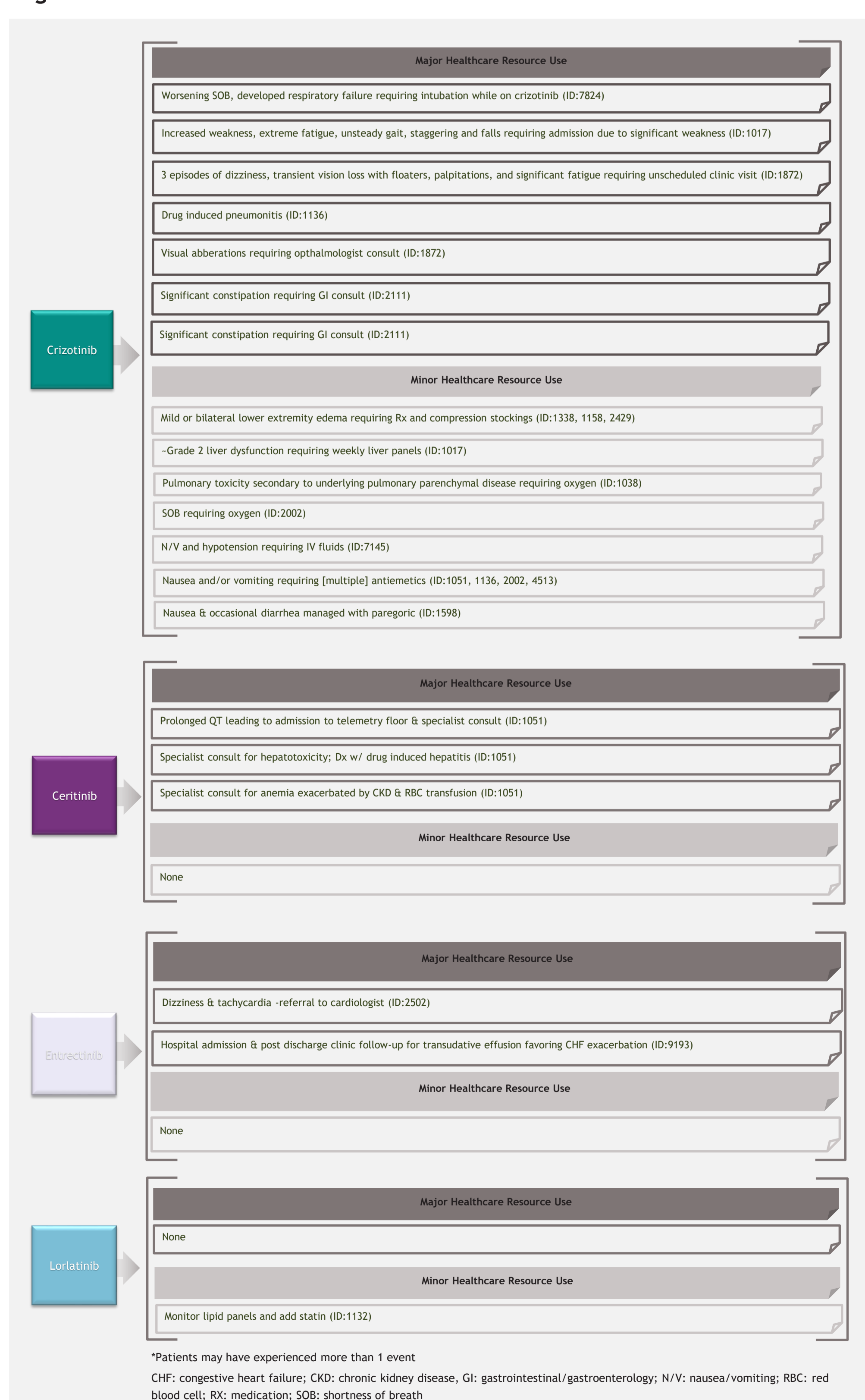
\*Some patients used multiple TKI agents during the study. <sup>†</sup>HCRU mentions by clinician as captured in medical transcription records; probably or likely associated with or during TKI treatment, excluding treatment disruptions or missing records. <sup>‡</sup>Major HCRU event is defined as admission to hospital/ED, unscheduled clinic visit, specialist referral/consult, new Dx requiring treatment, or medical procedure (e.g., intubation). <sup>††</sup>Minor HCRU event is defined as prescription or use of OTC or prescription drug/DME to manage symptoms, non-invasive intervention (oxygen, IV fluids), or regularly scheduled labs. <sup>†††</sup>DME: durable medical equipment; DX: diagnosis; ER: emergency room; IV: intravenous; OTC: over-the-counter medication; RBC: red blood cell; Rx: prescription medication

Figure 5. Number of Unique Patients\* for Each Type of Healthcare Resource Use by Treatment



CT: computerized tomography; DX: diagnosis; HCRU: healthcare resource utilization; PET: positron emission tomography

Figure 6. Healthcare Resource Use Detail

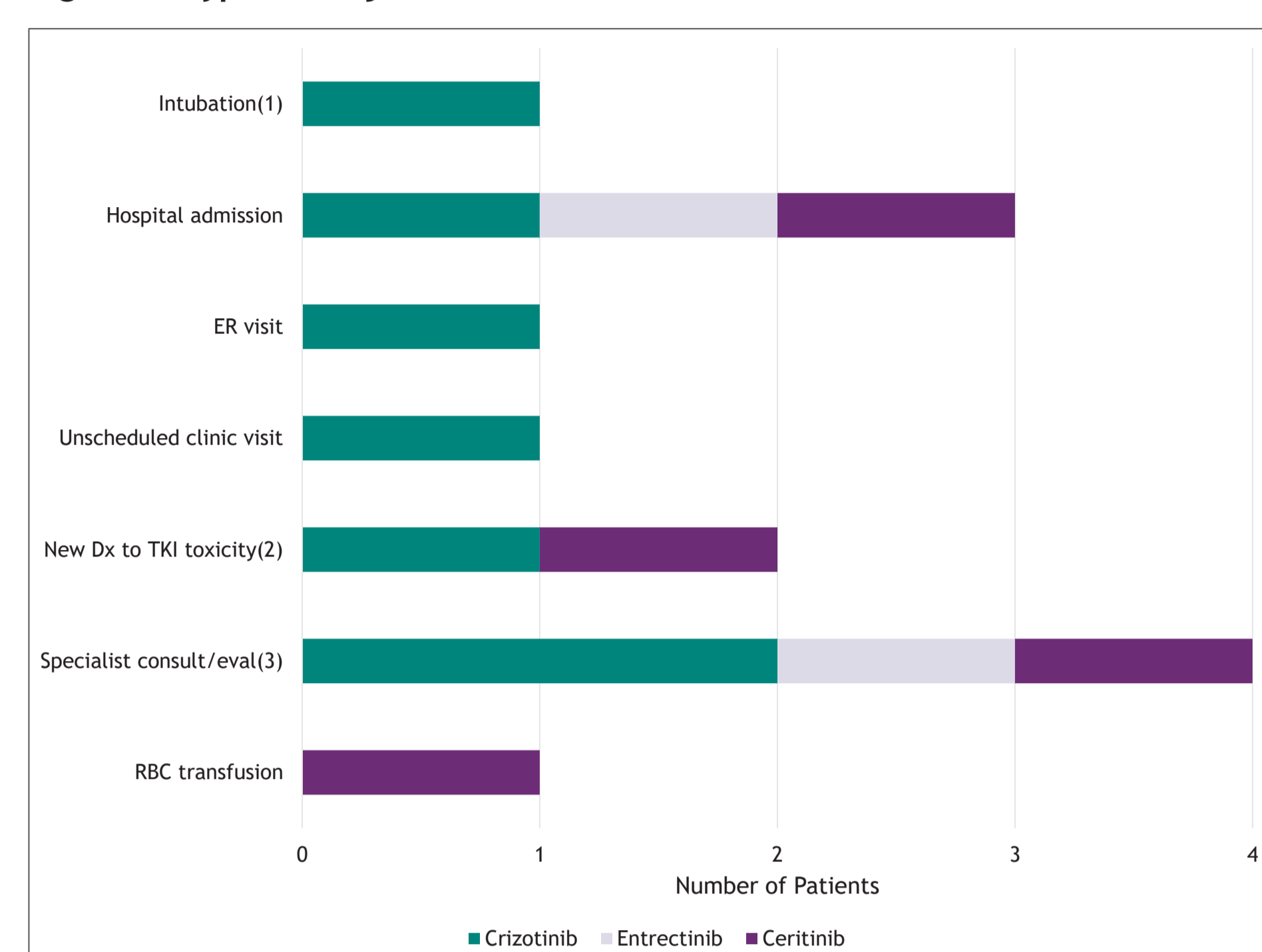


\*Patients may have experienced more than 1 event. CHF: congestive heart failure; CKD: chronic kidney disease; GI: gastrointestinal/gastroenterology; N/V: nausea/vomiting; RBC: red blood cell; Rx: medication; SOB: shortness of breath

## Results (continued)

- Among patients who had a major HCRU event mentioned (Figure 7):
  - 6 patients required specialist consults/evaluations due to adverse effect or toxicity (Ophthalmology, Cardiovascular, or Gastroenterology)
  - 5 patients had unplanned hospital/floor admission, ER, or clinic visit
  - 2 patients received a new diagnosis potentially-related to TKI toxicity
  - 1 patient had to be intubated due to worsening shortness of breath, and another patient received an RBC transfusion

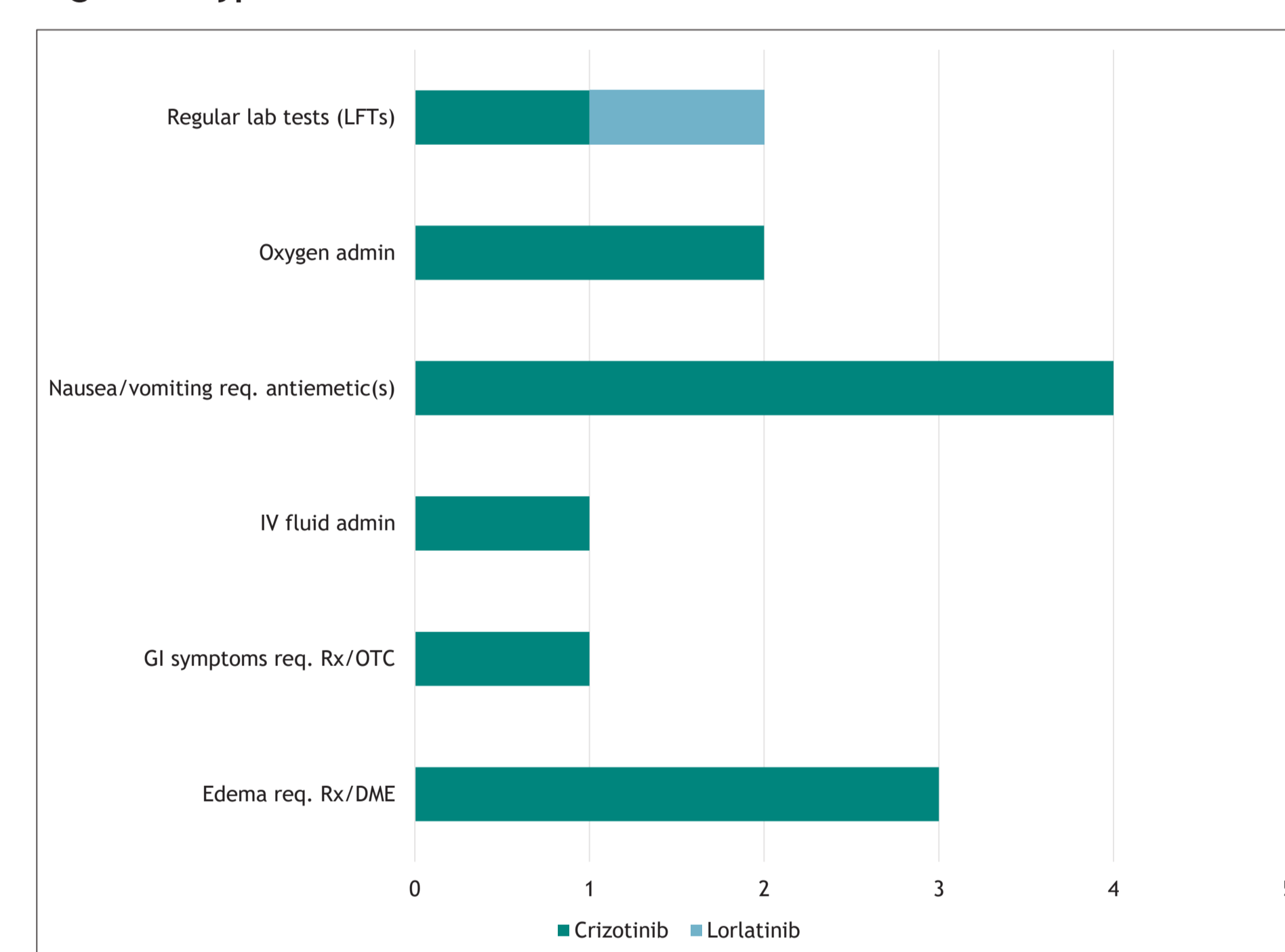
Figure 7. Types of Major HCRU Events Mentioned\*



\*Healthcare resource use as noted on transcription record. (1) From respiratory failure/worsening SOB; (2) Pneumonitis, Hepatitis; (3) Ophthalmologist, cardiologist, gastroenterologist. ER: emergency room; RBC: red blood cell; SOB: shortness of breath.

- Among patients who had a minor HCRU event mentioned (Figure 8):
  - 3 patients required either oxygen or IV fluid administration
  - 2 patients underwent regularly scheduled lab tests
  - 4 patients required the use of antiemetics for nausea/vomiting
  - 3 patients experienced lower extremity edema requiring use of compression stockings and/or prescription medications

Figure 8. Types of Minor HCRU Events Mentioned\*



\*Healthcare resource use as noted on transcription record. DME: durable medical equipment; IV: intravenous; LFT: liver function test; OTC: over-the-counter medication; RBC: red blood cell; req: requiring; Rx: prescription medication

## Limitations and Conclusions

### Limitations

- This was an exploratory, descriptive study.
- Generalizability of results may also be limited by small sample sizes.
- Treatment landscape shifted during the observation period (January 2015 - November 2021) with the approval of entrectinib in late 2019.
- Patients may be lost to follow-up for a variety of reasons, and follow-up may be incomplete for study patients.
- Medical transcriptions are providers' narrative descriptions of patient-provider encounters.
  - As such, only events/terms specifically mentioned by providers (i.e., positive mentions) would be identified in these records.
  - Positive mentions have credibility, but absence of keywords should not be interpreted to mean the event/symptom was necessarily absent.
- Lack of linked adjudicated administrative claims data to confirm whether clinician-mentioned HCRU events actually occurred or to quantify costs and actual economic impact.

### Conclusions

- The majority (68%) of all patients experienced a HCRU event.
- 35% experienced major events and 38% experienced minor events.
- The most common major events were consults/referrals to specialist, unscheduled visit to ER/clinic, and admittance to hospital.
- 61% of crizotinib (14 of 23), 67% of entrectinib (2 of 3), 20% of lorlatinib (1 of 5), and 25% of ceritinib (1 of 4) patients had major or minor HCRU events mentioned in their transcription medical records.
- Unexpected HCRU events among ROS1+ NSCLC patients treated with crizotinib or other available TKIs may contribute to the total cost of care and should be considered as a relevant and significant additional burden of managing this diagnosis with the current treatment options.

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