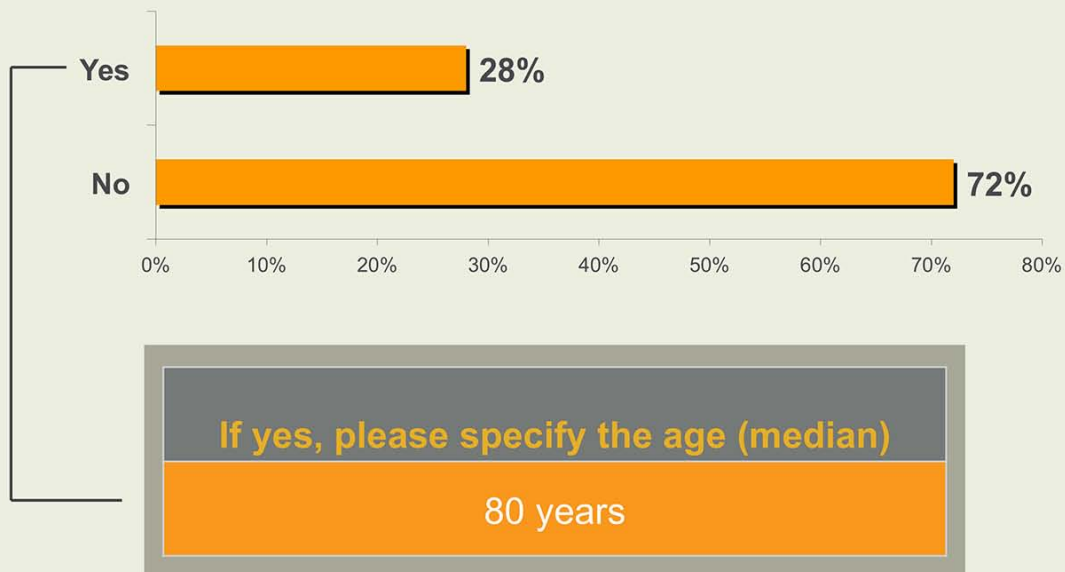


## Age and use of bevacizumab

For a patient who is otherwise healthy with no comorbidities, is there an age at which you generally do not treat with bevacizumab?



### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Many investigators believe that age is just a number and that in fit elderly patients without significant comorbidities, therapies similar to those commonly recommended for younger individuals can be employed. In this regard, we inquired about the use of bevacizumab and found that although Dr Wakelee and most survey respondents don't have an age cutoff, Dr Ramalingam and 28% of oncologists will pull back from using the drug in patients around age 75 to 80. A post-hoc analysis of data from PointBreak and ECOG-E4599 demonstrated that bevacizumab was well tolerated in patients older than age 65, but in those older than 75 more complications were seen.

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