

clinical research studies about unwanted effects are being concealed, we cannot have that”.

- **Which trials are presently available.**

Ms Fonfa also noted in her interview: “When patients are first diagnosed with cancer, they do not understand what is going on. These patients need the best possible information about the products, services and techniques that may be useful to treat or alleviate their condition”. Patients do not get that sort of information now. Although the Spitzer lawsuit brought against GSK caused the numbers of

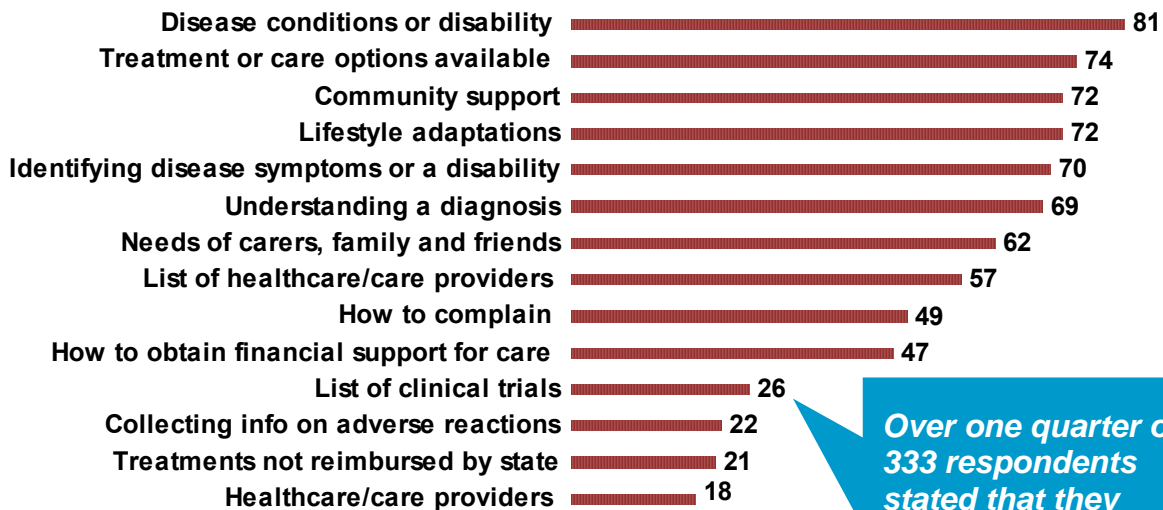
commercially-sourced clinical trial registrations to escalate, only a fraction of all listings on the US government clinical trial registry are posted by commercial sponsors. The rest come from non-commercial outfits.

- **Comprehensive information about a particular clinical trial.**

In 2002, the US government conducted an inspection of websites that provided listings of clinical trials. None of the sites visited described the risks of participating in a study (in fact, less than one third even named the trial

Information provided by health campaigners to their constituency

*% of respondents
number of respondents = 333*



Over one quarter of 333 respondents stated that they provided their constituency with information on relevant clinical trials

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