



PROJECT EFFICIENCY - OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF SCARCE RESOURCES

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ABSTRACT

Project Efficiency, optimizes healthcare resources by redistributing unused medications from patients who no longer need them to those unable to afford them. By bridging the gap between surplus medication and unmet patient needs, the project not only minimizes medication waste but also significantly reduces the financial burden on vulnerable patients, ensuring access to essential treatments and fostering a sustainable, supportive healthcare ecosystem.

BACKGROUND

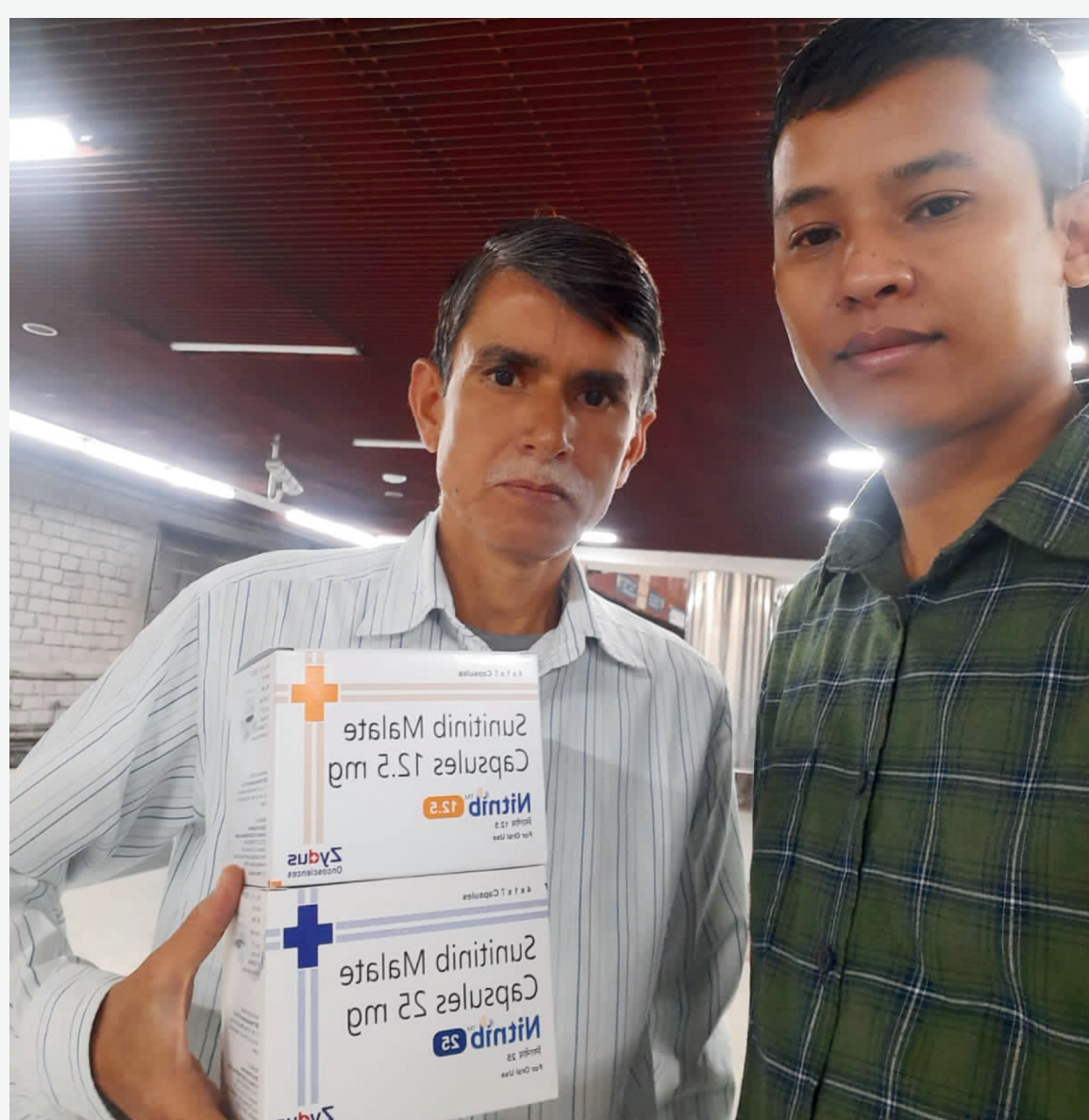
Sachin Sarcoma Society (SSS) created Project Efficiency to address the issue of medication affordability for sarcoma patients. Unused, expensive medications due to disease progression or unfortunate circumstances like death result in significant wastage.

OBJECTIVE

Project Efficiency aims to reduce medication waste and help patients who cannot afford medications by organizing the donation and redistribution process. The initiative's goal is to provide a systematic way to redistribute unused but usable medications to those in need.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Collection and Verification:** SSS collects medications from willing donors, ensuring the medications are in proper condition, within their expiry date, and fit for use.
- 2. Inventory Management:** The collected medications are cataloged and organized based on their type, dosage, and expiration dates.
- 3. Identifying Recipients:** SSS identifies patients who require the specific medications. This is done through a thorough assessment of the patients' needs, prescription compatibility, and financial constraints.
- 4. Distribution and Follow-up:** The medications are distributed to the selected recipients, accompanied by counseling and guidance on their usage.



BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- **Reduced Financial Burden**
- **Minimized Medication Waste**
- **Enhanced Treatment Adherence**
- **Community Support**
- **Financial Relief for Families**

Project Efficiency stands as a testament to the **power of community support** and efficient resource utilization, making a **tangible and meaningful impact on the lives of sarcoma patients and their families.**

NEXT STEPS

- Expand collaborations with healthcare institutions and organizations to widen the network for medication collection and distribution.
- Including medical aids such as wheelchair, walkers, sticks etc. along with medicines.
- Intensify awareness campaigns and community engagement efforts to encourage more patients to participate in medication donation.
- Implement measures to ensure the safe and secure handling of donated medications throughout the entire process.

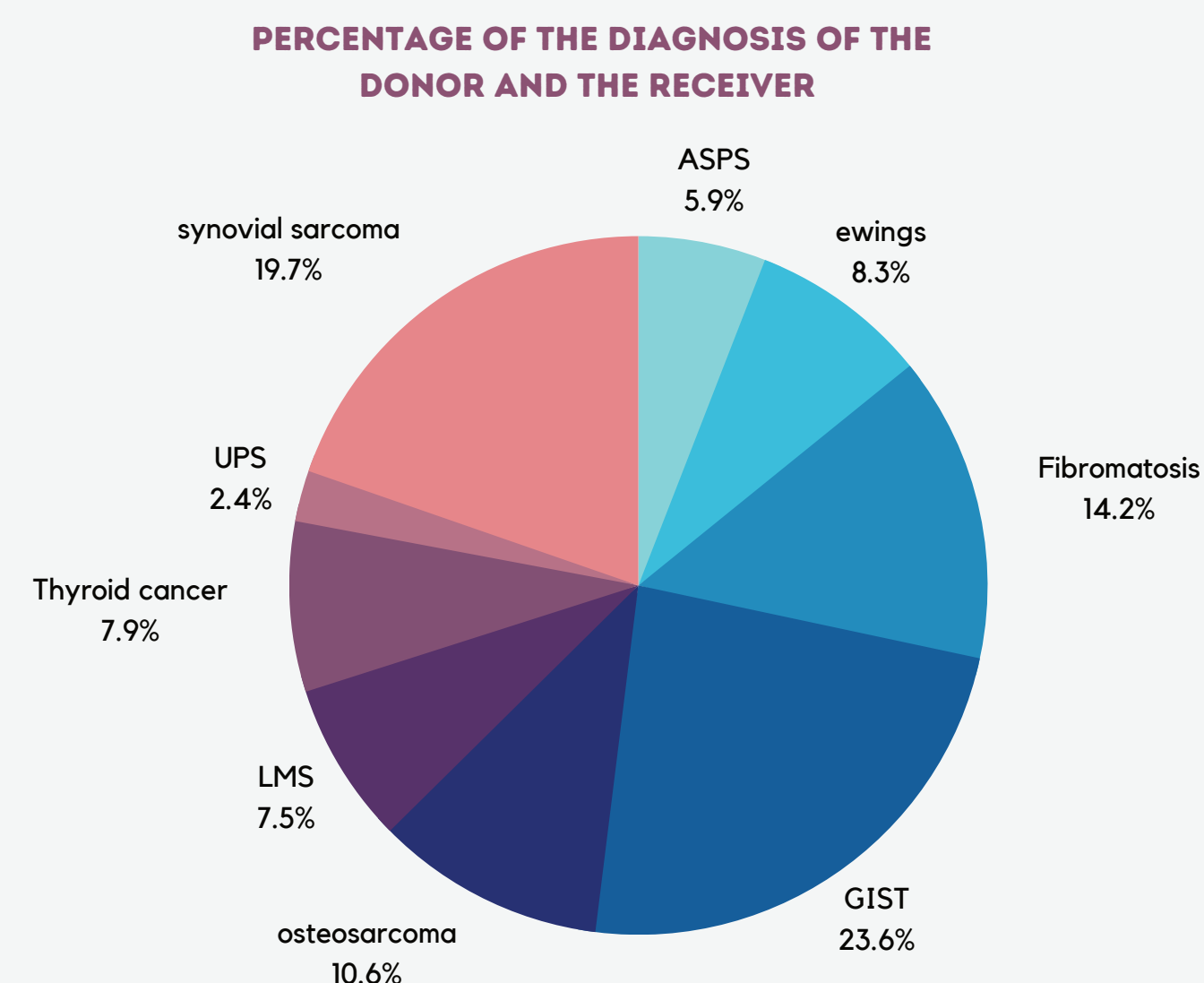
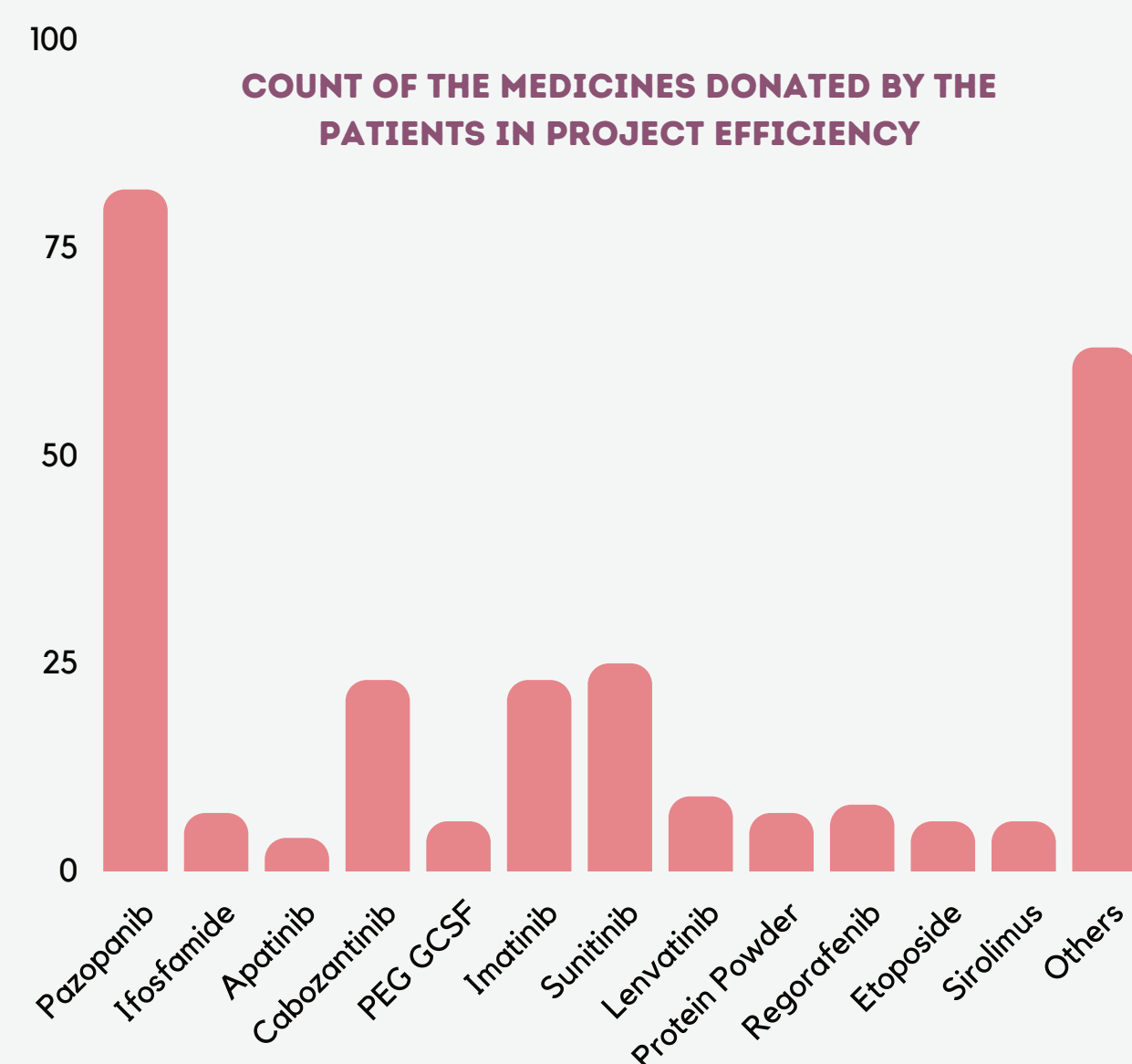


LIMITATIONS

- **Legal Restrictions:** In several countries including the US, UK, Europe, and Australia etc., donating medicines directly from one patient to another is prohibited by law, posing a significant obstacle to the implementation of the initiative.
- **Cold Storage Challenges:** Certain medications require specific temperature control, posing challenges in storage and transportation. Negotiations with pharmaceutical companies are ongoing to address these concerns, ensuring the safe distribution of temperature-sensitive me

£28000

worth of medicines have been donated to **221 patients** via Project Efficiency in last 1.5 years



*Sample set used for the analysis is of 221 patients

ABOUT SACHIN SARCOMA SOCIETY (SSS)

SSS is dedicated to providing comprehensive support to sarcoma patients and their families. Their key objectives include:

- **Patient Support:** Offering emotional, financial, administrative, and logistical support to sarcoma patients, guiding them through their treatment journey.
- **Awareness and Education:** Spreading awareness about sarcoma to dispel myths, encourage early diagnosis, and promote understanding about the disease among the general public.
- **Research and Innovation:** Collaborating with medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, and other NGOs to promote research, innovative treatments, and drug accessibility.



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