

# Digital Patient Education: A Tool to Improve Awareness of CMV

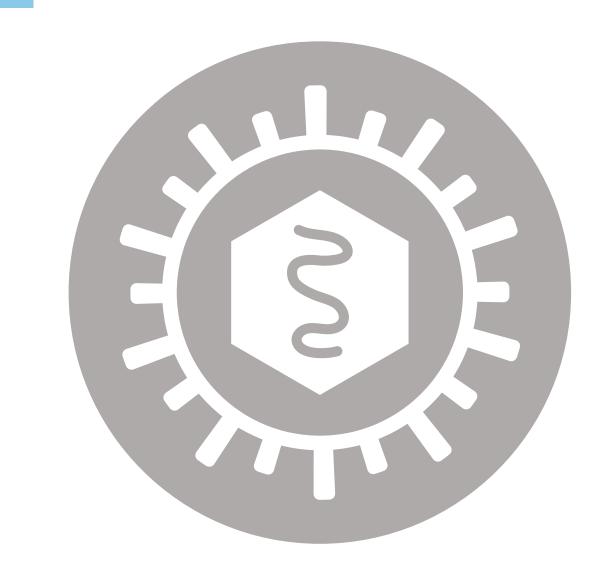
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## BACKGROUND

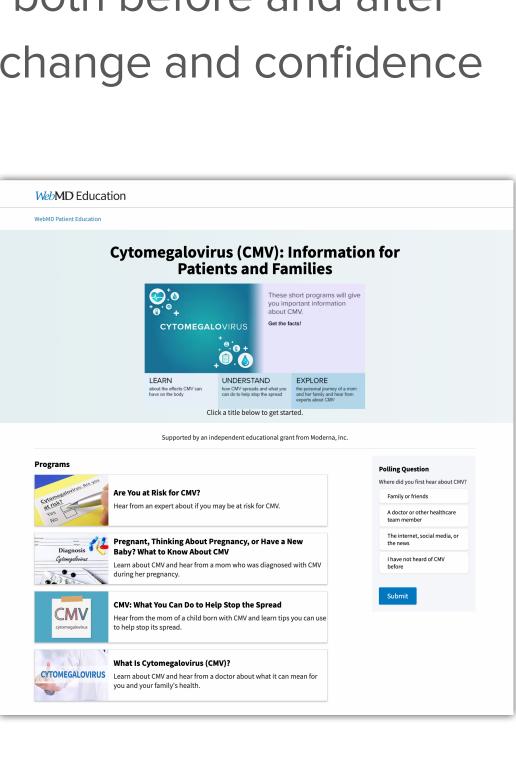
More than half of US adults over the age of 40 have already been infected by cytomegalovirus (CMV).<sup>2</sup>
Despite high prevalence, patient/caregiver awareness and understanding of CMV is low. This study assessed

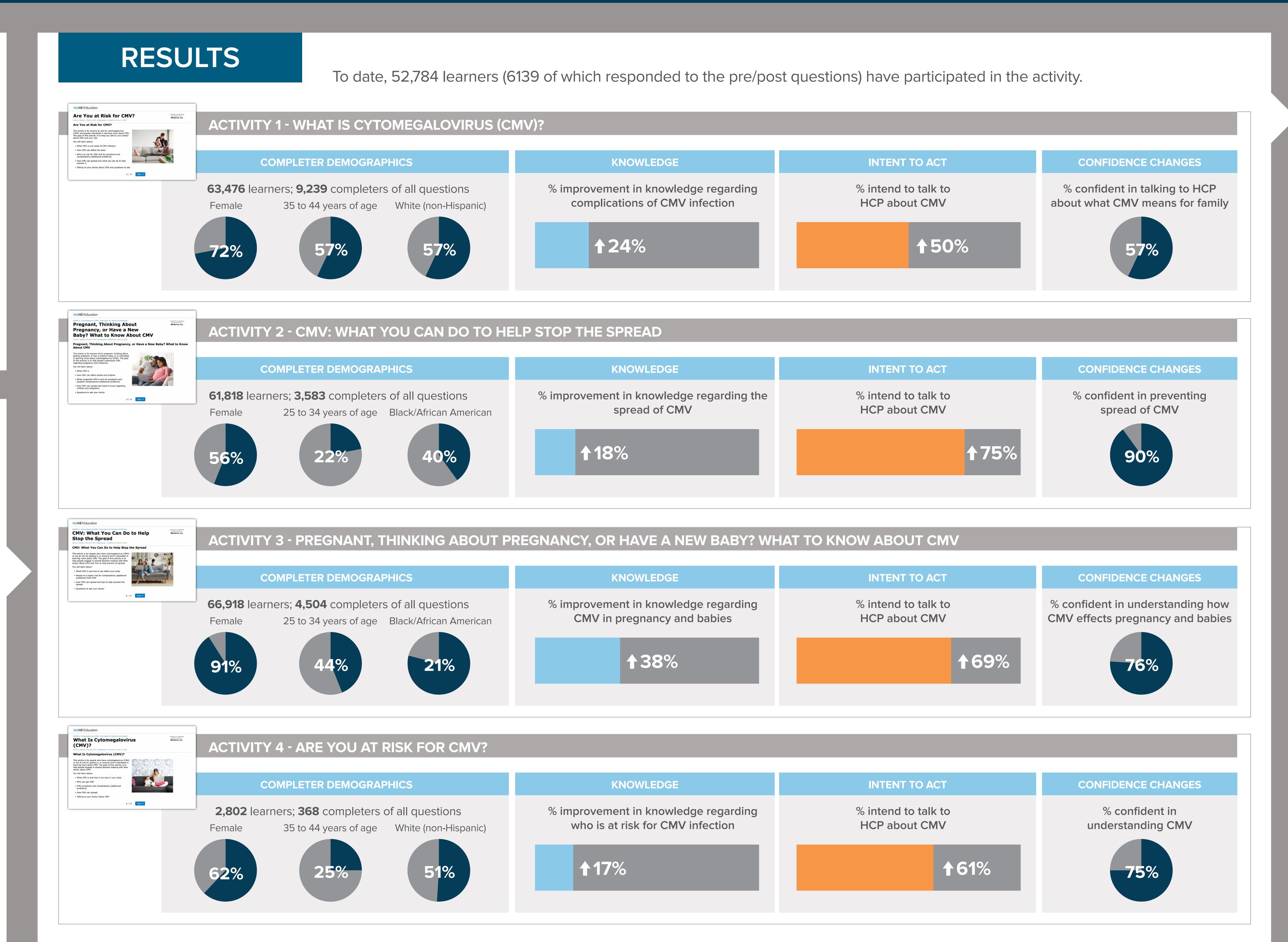


the impact of online patient education on knowledge, confidence, and intent to act regarding CMV.

## METHODS

- The educational intervention consisted of 4 activities published on a dedicated learning center on WebMD Education from February-June, 2022.
- The activities were comprised of text, integrated visuals, and either a patient or healthcare professional (HCP) video commentary.
- Demographic questions were asked prior to each activity.
   Knowledge questions were asked both before and after to assess learning gains. Intent to change and confidence questions were asked at the end of each activity.
- Absolute improvements
   were calculated for
   pre/post questions.
- Data for the complete analysis were collected until 8/10/22.





# CONCLUSIONS

The metrics and outcomes gathered in this assessment are a strong indicator that online patient activities on WebMD Education improved knowledge and confidence and prompted intent to act related to CMV.

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