# There's no time to waste in your grateful patient strategy

New data collected from 2,000 patients and family members shows that an effective grateful patient strategy must focus on how to prepare, foster, and respond rapidly to patient prospects.

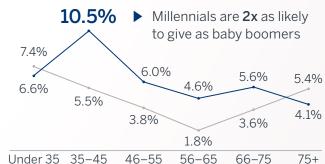
Here's why: The "window of generosity" peaks within one month of discharge and closes steadily afterward. With a 30-day countdown, this is what it looks like to design a program that acts while the opportunity is the greatest.

## Predict gratitude before it happens

Prospect identification strategies too often rely on what conventional wisdom says a grateful patient donor is supposed to look like.

### Likelihood to give weakens with age





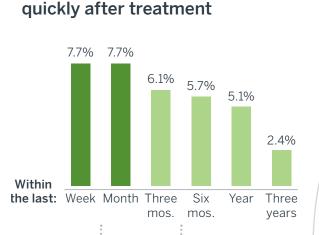
Younger patients want to hear from you

## Window of generosity closes

month post-discharge.

Prioritize speed over perfection

The number of patients who are very likely to give makes its biggest decline after just one



in proportion of patients "very likely" to give as time since treatment passes from one to three months

Patients who receive fundraising

# Higher affinity among family



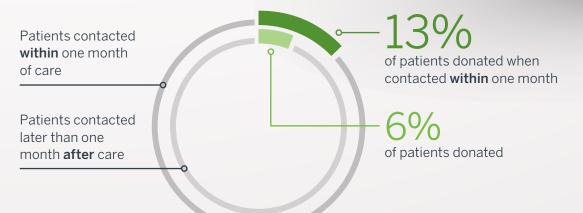
### **RECONSIDER:**

- Limiting outreach exclusively to older patients
- Failing to provide opportunities for family members to express gratitude

### START:

- Expanding appropriate outreach modes to younger donors
- Developing a strategic approach to incorporating family members in cultivation

### communication within one month of treatment are twice as likely to donate than those who get information after one month.



### Be more present in the patient experience

Patients who receive non-clinical rounding and a broad menu of support service are much more likely to donate.

 Large-scale mailings that require a month or more to get out the door

**RECONSIDER:** 

 Meticulous prospect research that delays first contact

### **START:**

- Developing outreach that prioritizes speed over polish
- Mandating quick turnaround from clinician referral to outreach

### Rounding works

Service matters

Patients are:

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Patients are:

• 3x more likely to donate if rounded on by one nonclinical staff member

and

and

**7x** more likely to donate if rounded on by two or more non-clinical staff members

### Yet, only...

round on patients

### Yet, only...

provide special services

### **RECONSIDER:**

**4x** more likely to donate

if they received **one** 

special service/amenity

· Leaving money on the table because of cultural aversions to rounding and concierge

### **START:**

14x more likely to

donate if they received

• at least **four** services

- Committing to metrics-driven service inflection
- Finding ways to leverage existing patient experience infrastructure to generate leads

