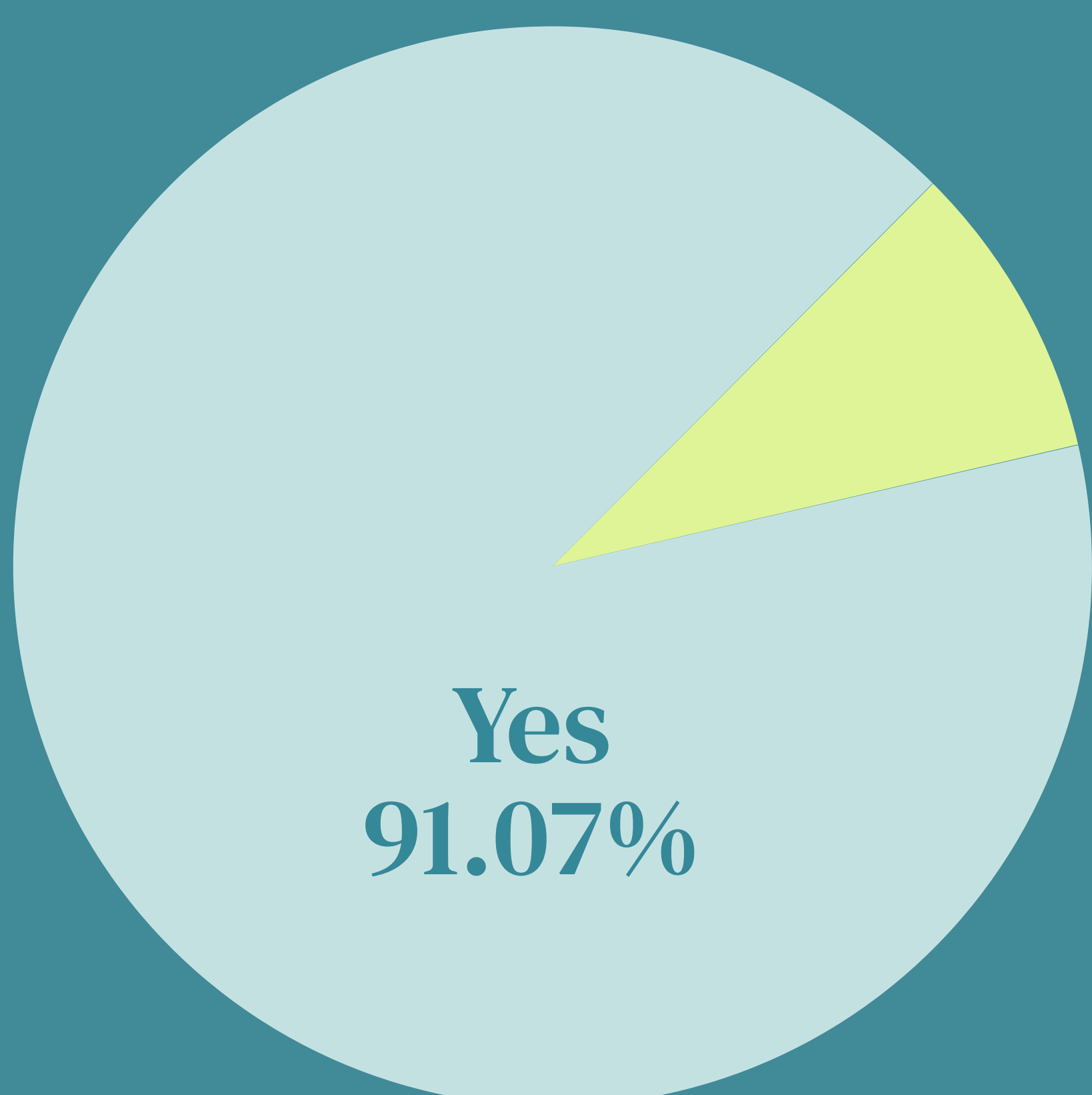


sex & intimacy after cervical cancer

Sexual health challenges are common among people who have or had cancer. This is certainly true for cervical cancer, as treatment can affect sexual functioning in a number of ways, both physical and emotional. **We recently surveyed just over one hundred cervical cancer patients and survivors about their experiences with intimacy and sex**—here's what they had to say.

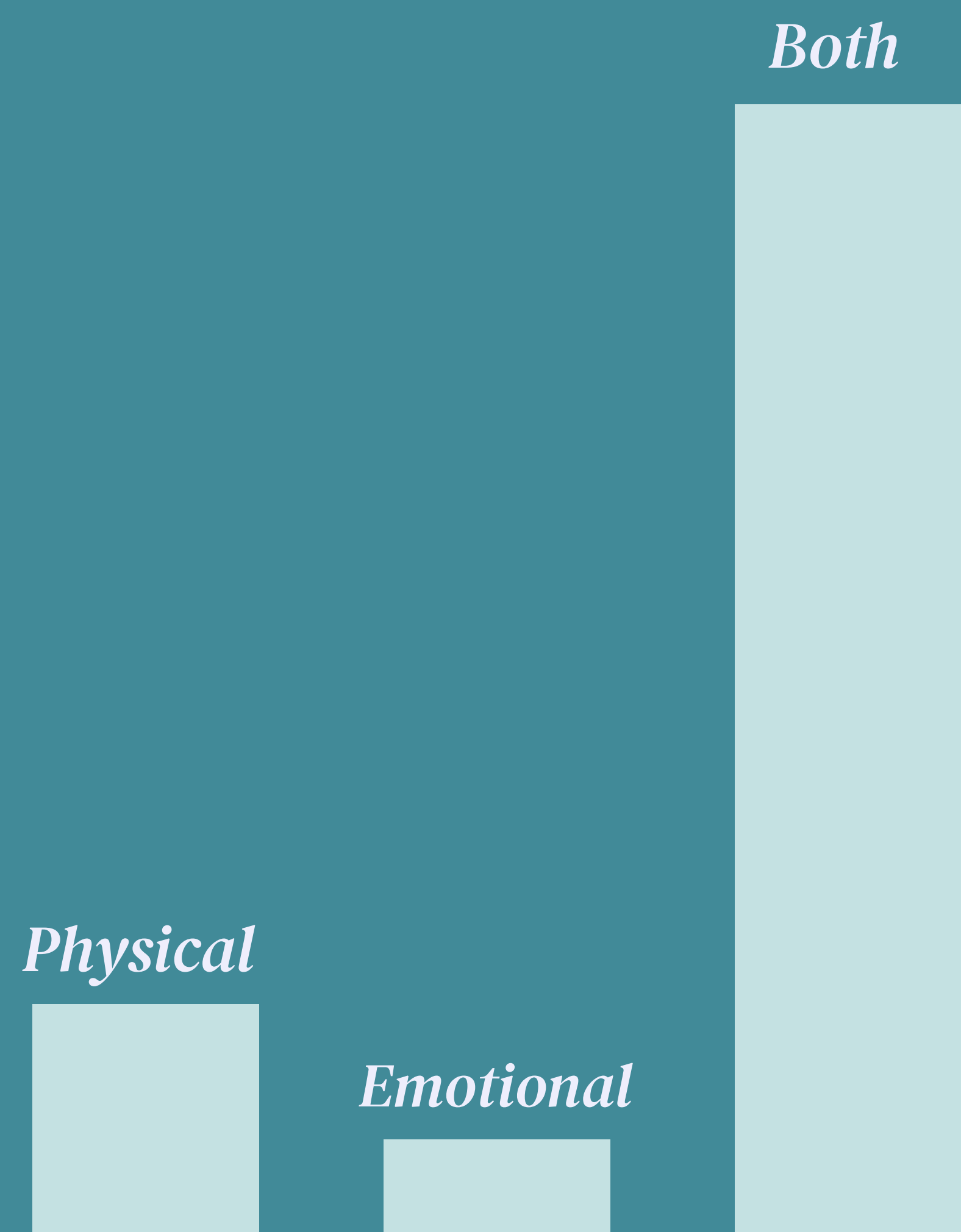
sexual problems are **nearly universal**

In response to the question "**Have you had problems with sex or intimacy as a result of your cancer diagnosis**" more than 91% of respondents said **yes**.



the impact is both **physical and emotional**

When we asked "**Are your problems primarily physical, emotional, or both**" more than three-quarters of respondents said **both**.



it can be difficult to communicate about sexual problems



Just over 61% of respondents said they have been able to successfully communicate with their partner(s) about these issues.



Even fewer—only 45%—have been able to successfully discuss these problems with a healthcare provider.

there are resources that can help



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