Specialty Certificate Examination (SCE) in Medical Oncology 2023
Selected Examination Metrics

The 2023 SCE in Medical Oncology was sat in July 2023 by 176 candidates of whom 57 were self-declared UK trainees. From 2022 ‘OTH’ self-declared UK trainees are excluded from UK trainees’ cohort. Candidates who did not declare their training details and the OTH group are reported as 'Other' (119).

Pass Mark

The 2023 Medical Oncology examination was equated using 2019 UK trainees’ performance, excluding OTH group, in line with all the other SCEs. The standards of the examination were reviewed in November 2022 and the pass score is maintained to 371. All future examinations will use 371 as the passing score until the standards are reviewed by the SCE Medical Oncology Examination Board.

For the 2023 SCE Medical Oncology examination the pass mark was set at 371 (61% or 122/200).

UK trainees’ performance

In 2023 ST4 UK trainees had the highest sitting number (23) and a pass rate of 73.9%. (17/23) The pass rate for all UK trainees was 64.9% (37/57) and 53.4% (94/176) for all candidates.

The numbers at the top of the bars are the number of trainees sitting.
In 2023 UK trainees had their highest percentage of correct answers in Urothelial cancer (90.64%) and their lowest in Ovarian cancer (32.3%). There are very few questions in these two topics.
In 2023 Other candidates had their highest percentage of correct answers in Cervical cancer (82.1%) and their lowest in Standard operating procedures (25.8%). There are very few questions in these two topics.

![Bar chart](chart.png)

Data labels on the chart represent the number of questions per topic.

**MRCP(UK) Research unit**

*February 2024*