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MRCP(UK) Part 1 2017 performance report

The purpose of the MRCP(UK) Part 1 examination is to test knowledge and understanding of common and important disorders, as outlined in the UK curriculum, as well as clinical science. Knowledge and understanding of UK national guidelines is also required.

In 2017 (diets 1 -3) the Part 1 examination was sat by 11,032 candidates (some of those sat more than once in 2017), 4,079 declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as 'Other candidates' (6,953).
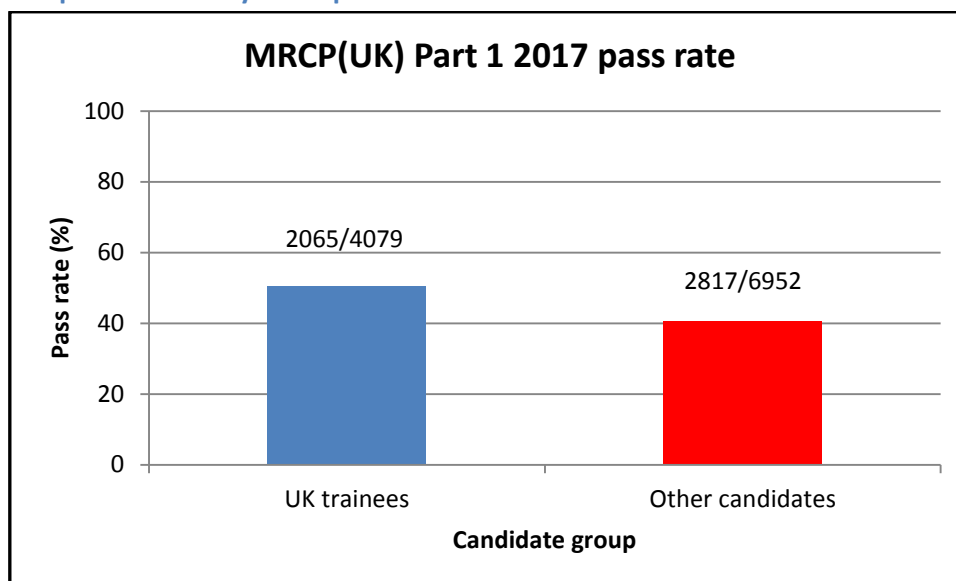
Pass rate and performance by attempt

Figure 1. Pass rates for UK trainees and Other candidates. Note that training details are self-declared

UK trainees on their first attempt had a pass rate of 57.4% (1423/2481).
Other candidates on their first attempt had a pass rate of 44.0% (1901/4317).

UK trainees				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1423	1058	2481	57.4%
2-6	629	918	1547	40.7%
7+	13	38	51	25.5%
Total	2065	2014	4079	50.6%

Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1901	2416	4317	44.0%
2-6	910	1705	2615	34.8%
7+	6	15	21	28.6%
Total	2817	4136	6953	40.5%

Table 1. Pass/fail rates by attempt for UK trainees and other candidates. Candidates will be counted multiple times if they have sat on more than one occasion. For example if a candidate failed at the second attempt but passed on the third, they would be in the fail column for the second attempt but pass column for the third attempt.

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website: https://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/regulations/limit-attempts
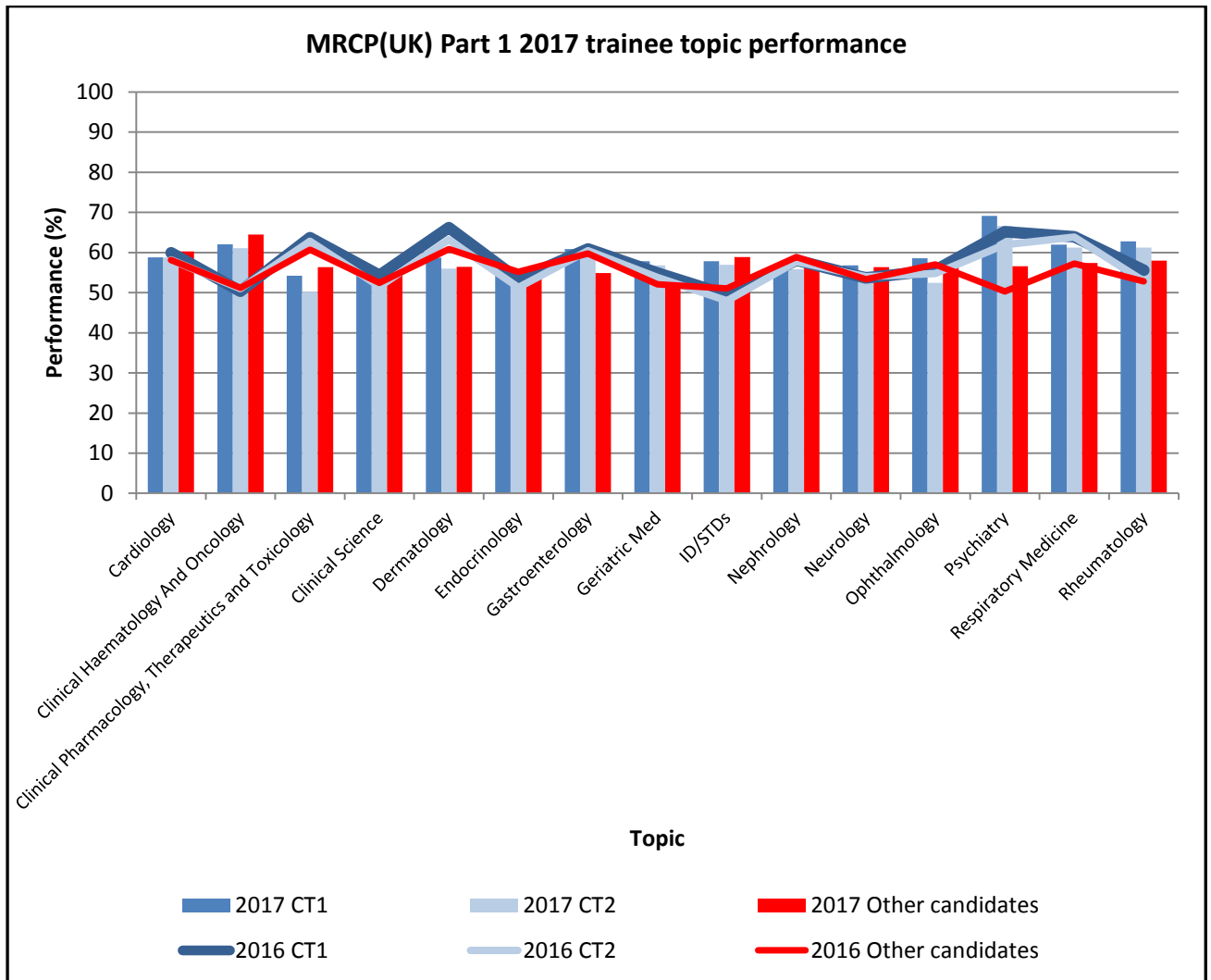
Percentage score by topic

Figure 2. Performance by topic for CT1 and CT2 UK trainees and other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts made at the examination.

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