

Specialty Certificate Examination (SCE) in Palliative Medicine 2024 Selected Examination Metrics

The 2024 SCE in Palliative Medicine was sat in May 2024 by 61 candidates of whom 35 were self-declared UK resident doctors. From 2022 'OTH' self-declared UK resident doctors are excluded from UK resident doctors' cohort.

Candidates who did not declare their training details and the OTH group are reported as 'Other' (26).

Pass Mark

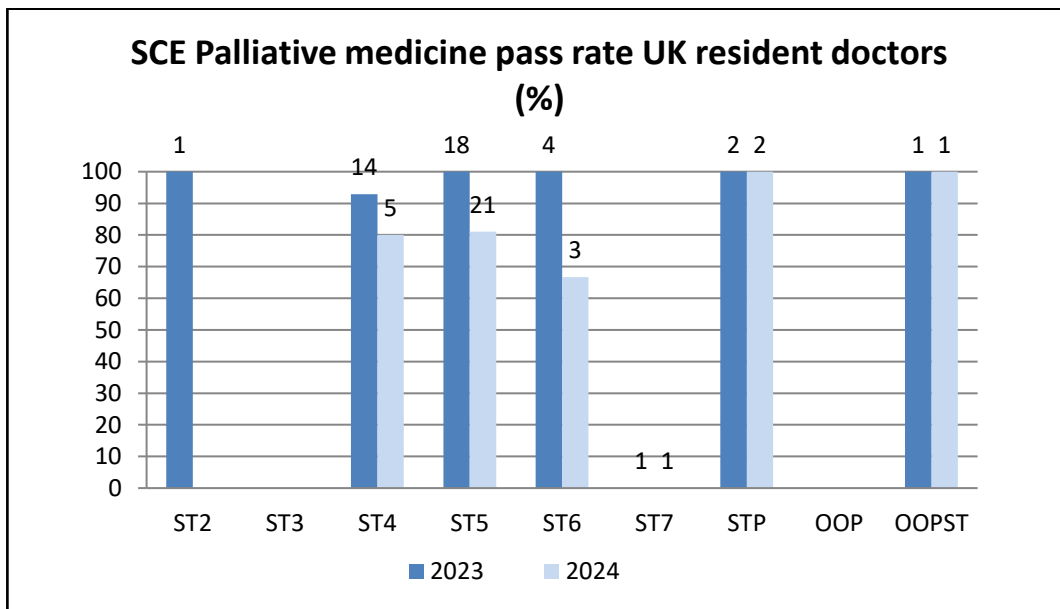
The pass mark for this examination was established by equating based on 2019 UK resident doctors' performance after excluding OTH group. The standards of the examination were reviewed in June 2022 and the pass score was increased from 457 to **462**. All future examinations will use 462 as the passing score until the standards are reviewed by the SCE Palliative Medicine Examination Board.

For the 2023 SCE Palliative Medicine examination the pass mark was set at **462 (65.8% or 129/196)**.

Four questions were removed from scoring due to poor performance.

UK resident doctors' performance

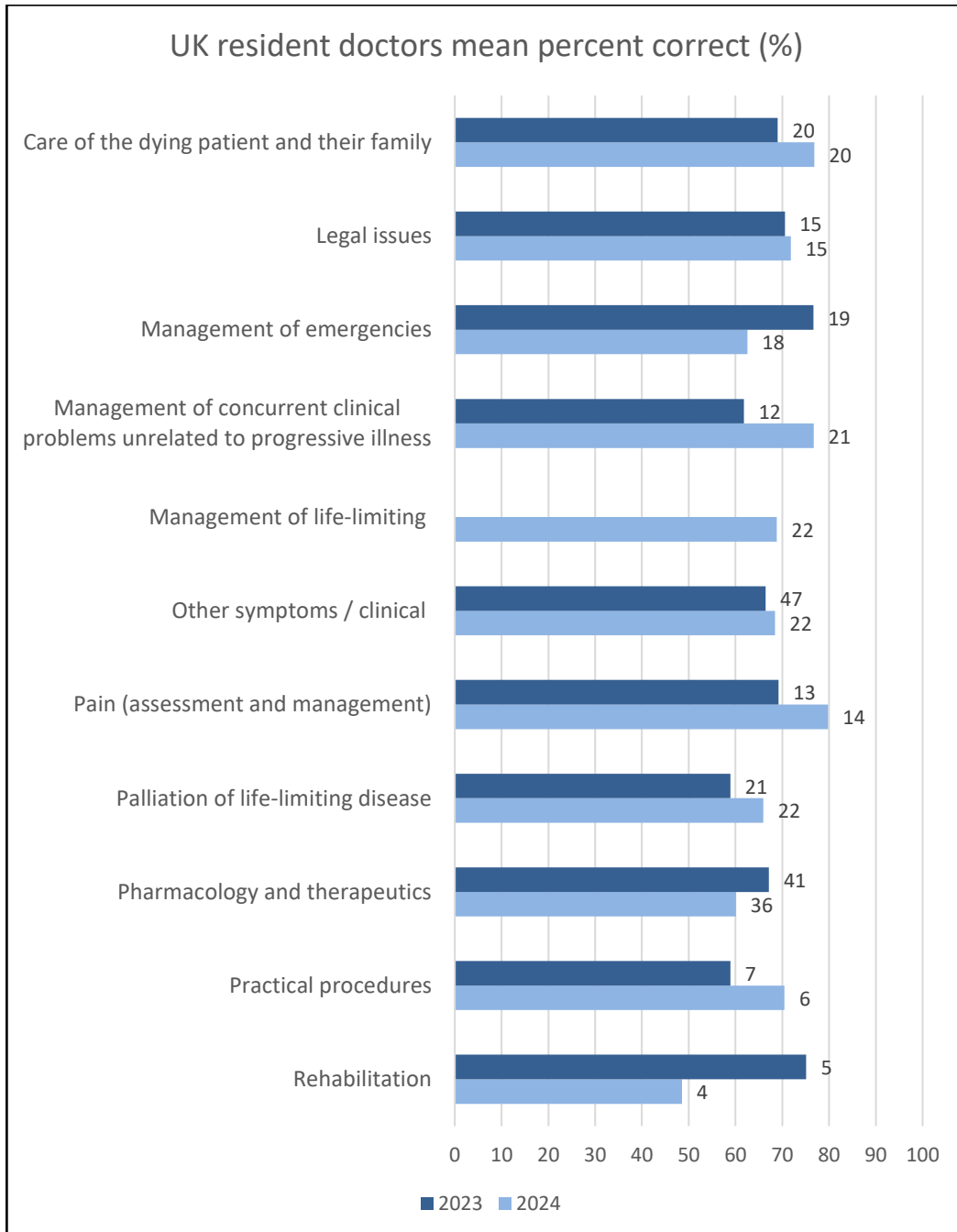
In 2024 ST5 UK resident doctors had the highest sitting number (21) and a pass rate of 81%. The pass rate for all UK resident doctors was 74.3% and 52.5% for all candidates.



The numbers at the top of the bars are the number of resident doctors sitting

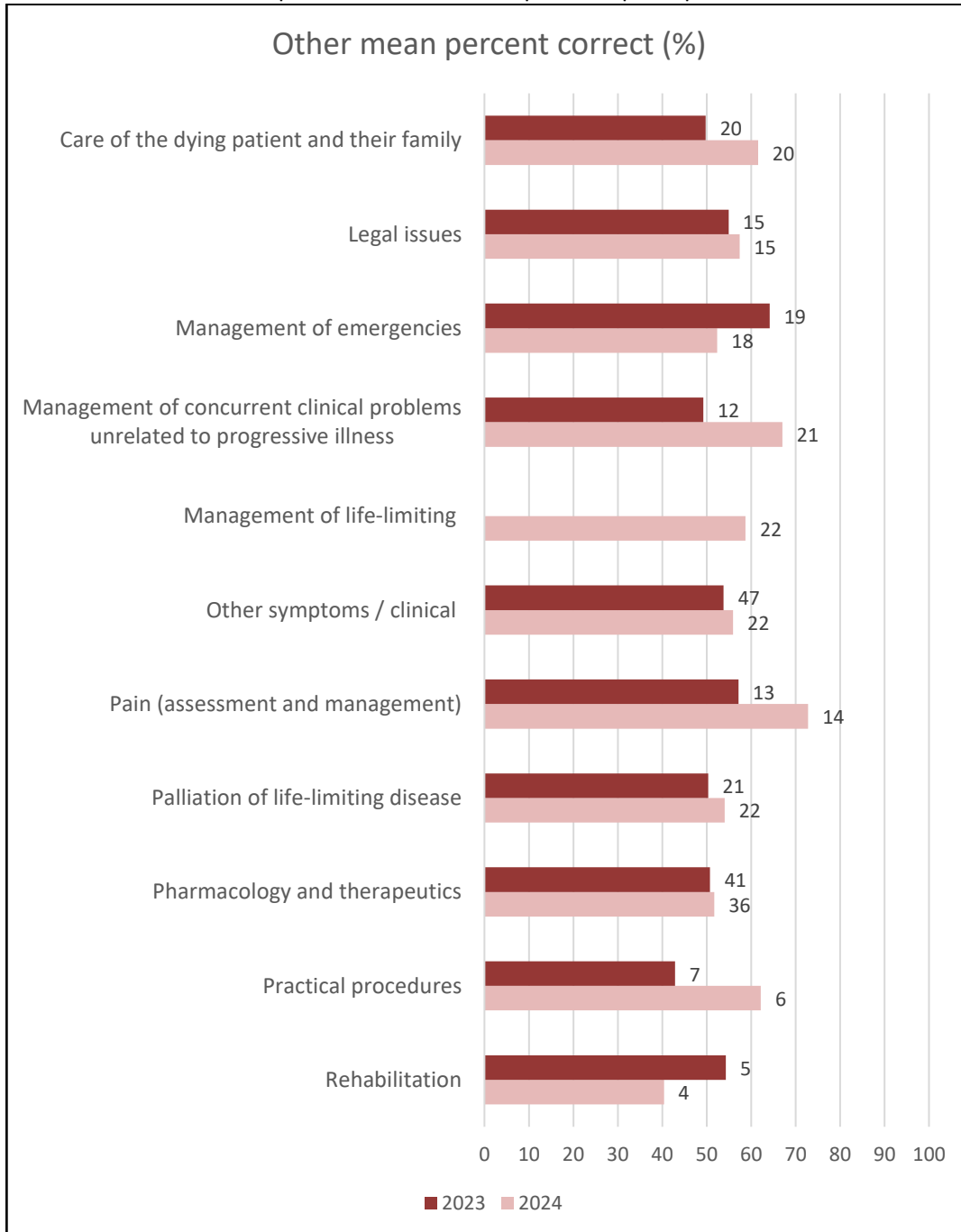
Topic performance

In 2024 UK resident doctors had the highest percentage of correct answers in Pain (assessment and management) (79.8%) and their lowest in Rehabilitation (48.6%).



In 2024 Other candidates had the highest percentage of correct answers in Pain (assessment and management) (72.8%) and their lowest in Rehabilitation (40.4%).

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



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