

Specialty Certificate Examination (SCE) in Palliative Medicine 2025 Selected Examination Metrics

The 2025 SCE in Palliative Medicine examinations were sat in March and December 2025 by 136 candidates of whom 84 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 candidates' (52).

Pass Mark

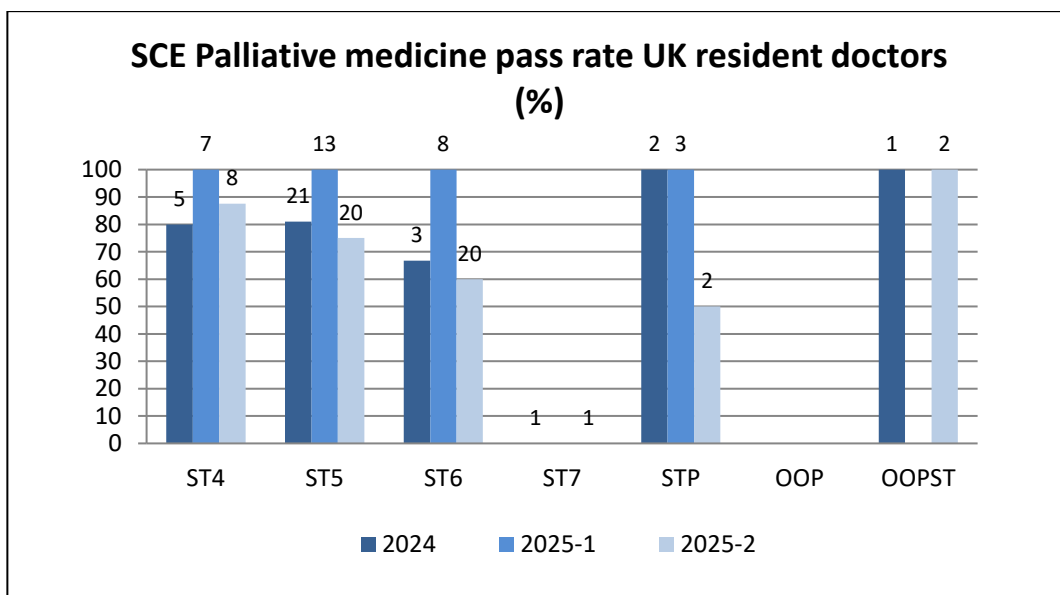
The pass mark for the March examination was established by equating based on 2019 UK resident doctors' performance after excluding OTH group and based on 2025 UK resident doctors' performance after excluding OTH group for the December examination. The standards of the examination were reviewed in June 2025, and the pass score was decreased from 462 to **420**. All future examinations will use 420 as the passing score until the standards are reviewed by the SCE Palliative Medicine Examination Board.

For the 2025-1 SCE Palliative Medicine March examination the pass mark was set at **462 (59.8% or 119/199)**.

For the 2025-2 SCE Palliative Medicine December examination the pass mark was set at **420 (66.2% or 131/198)**.

UK resident doctors' performance

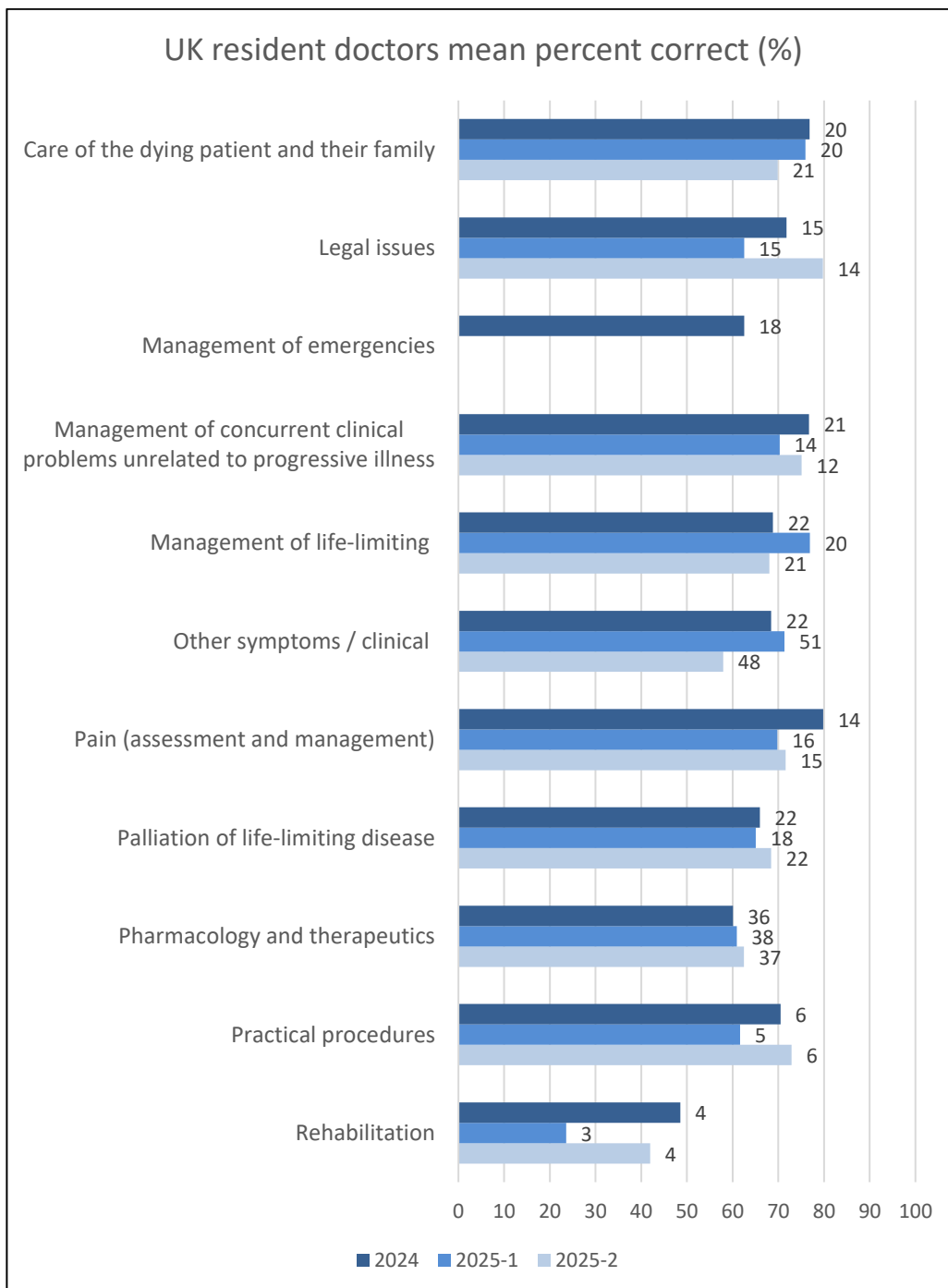
In 2025 ST5 UK resident doctors had the highest sitting number (33) and a pass rate of 84.8%. The pass rate for all UK resident doctors was 81% and 58.8% for all candidates.



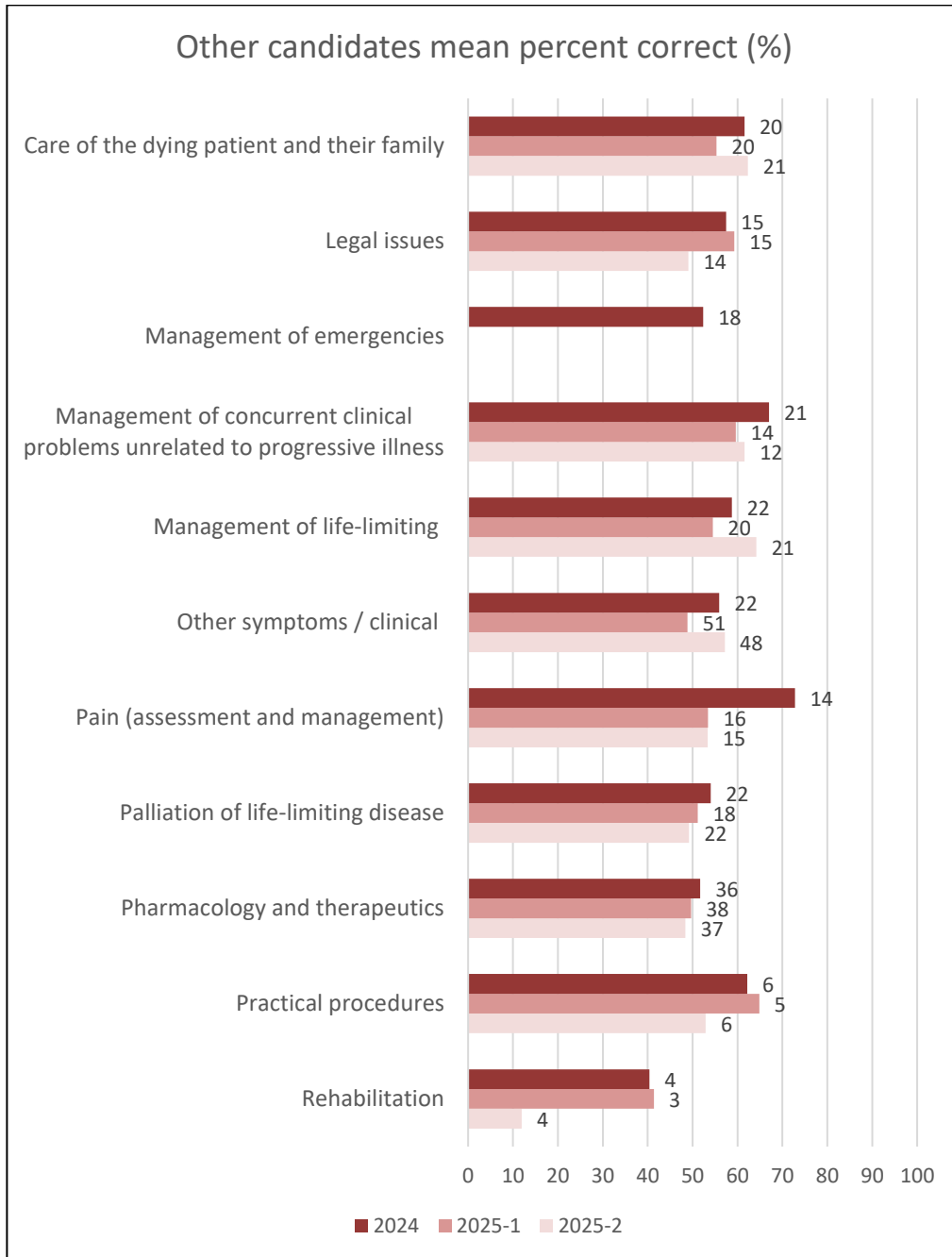
The numbers at the top of the bars are the number of resident doctors sitting

Topic performance

In 2025 UK resident doctors had the highest percentage of correct answers in Management of life-limiting (76.9%) and in 2025-2 the highest was in Legal issues (79.8%). Their lowest, both in 2025-1 and 2025-2, was in Rehabilitation (23.6% and 42%).



In 2025-1 Other candidates had the highest percentage of correct answers in Practical procedures (64.8%) and in 2025-2 the highest was in Management of life-limiting (64.2%). Their lowest, both in 2025-1 and 2025-2, was in Rehabilitation (41.4% and 12%).



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

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