

MRCP(UK) Part 1 2024 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 2024 there were 4 examinations taking place and a total of 10550 sitting candidates (some of those sitting more than once). Out of those 10550, 1281 declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details together with those who declared they are in OTH (Other) category are reported as 'Other candidates' (9269).

Pass rate and performance by attempt

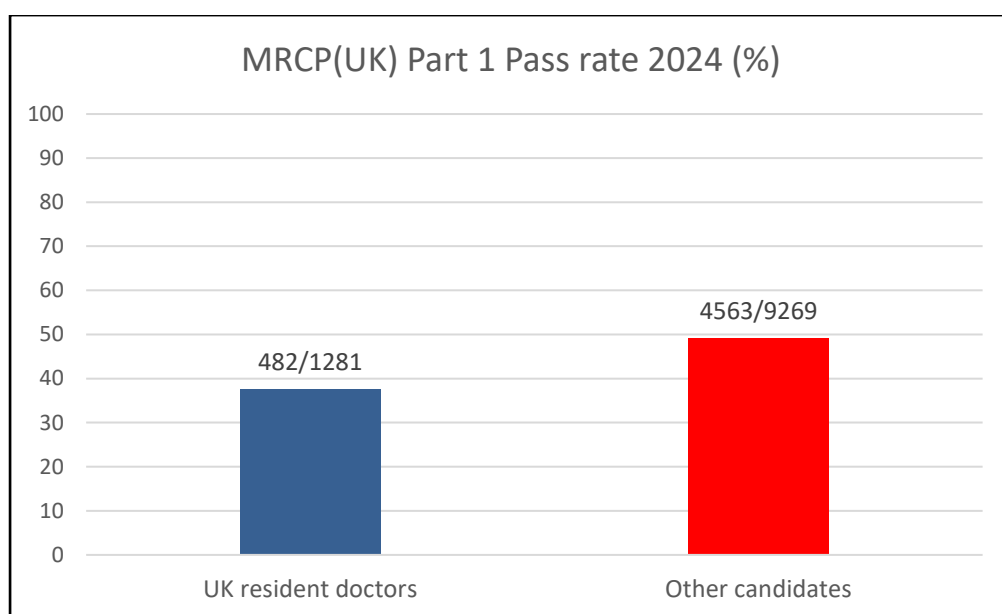


Figure 1. Pass rates for UK resident doctors and Other candidates. Note that training details are self-declared

UK resident doctors at first attempt had a pass rate of 31.9% (37/116). Other candidates on their first attempt had the highest pass rate of 53.7% (3758/6992).

UK resident doctors				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	37	79	116	31.9%
2-6	436	708	1144	38.1%
7+	9	12	21	42.9%
Total	482	799	1281	37.6%

Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	3758	3234	6992	53.7%
2-6	800	1461	2261	35.4%
7+	5	11	16	31.3%
Total	4563	4706	9269	49.2%

Table 1. Pass/fail rates by attempt for UK resident doctors 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 first attempt but passed on the second, they would be in the fail column for the first attempt and pass column for the 2-6 attempt.

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website: [limit of attempts](#)

Percentage score by topic

In 2024 IMY1, IMY2, IMY3 and Other candidates have the highest percent correct in Oncology and Palliative medicine and the lowest in Medical Ophthalmology. All three topics have a small number of questions in the exam.

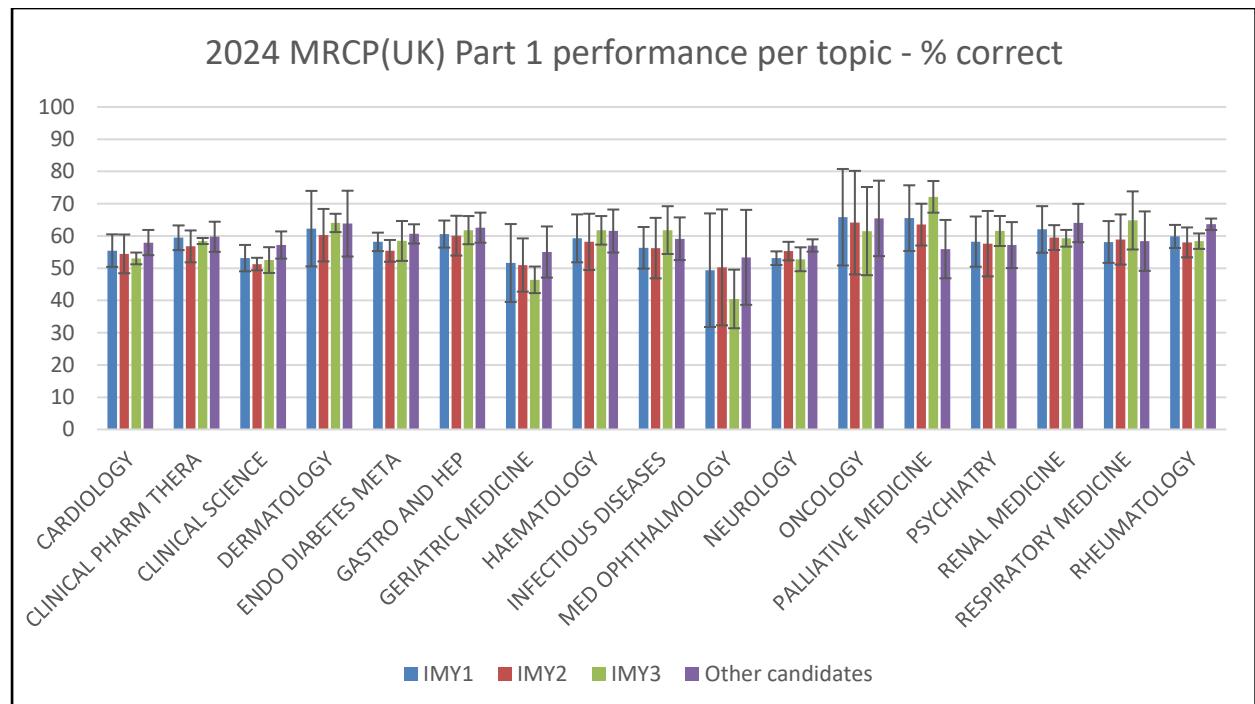
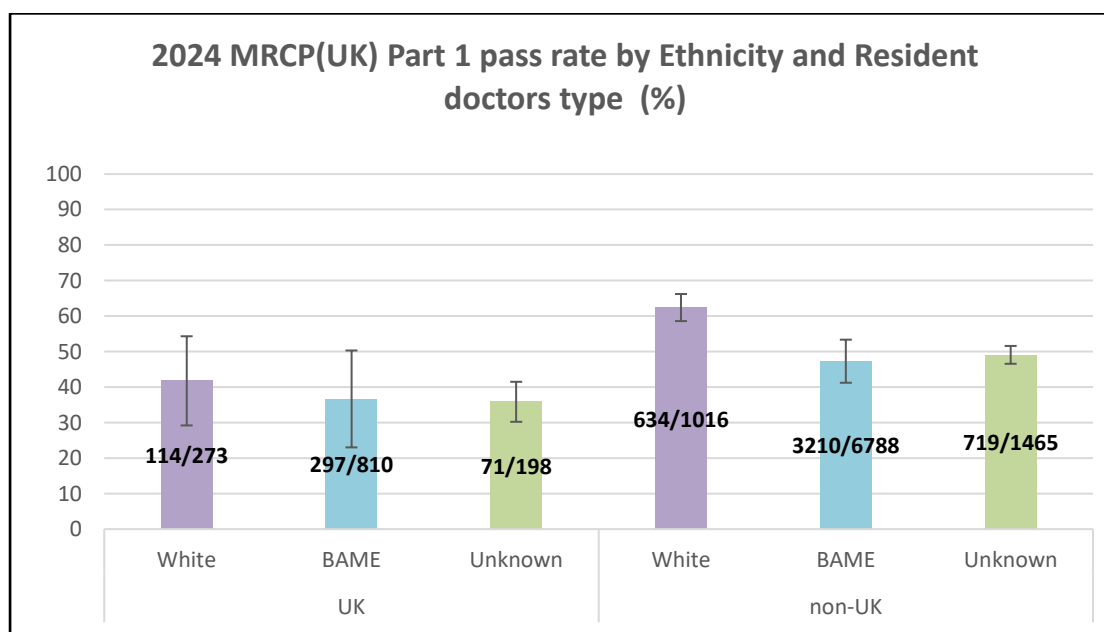
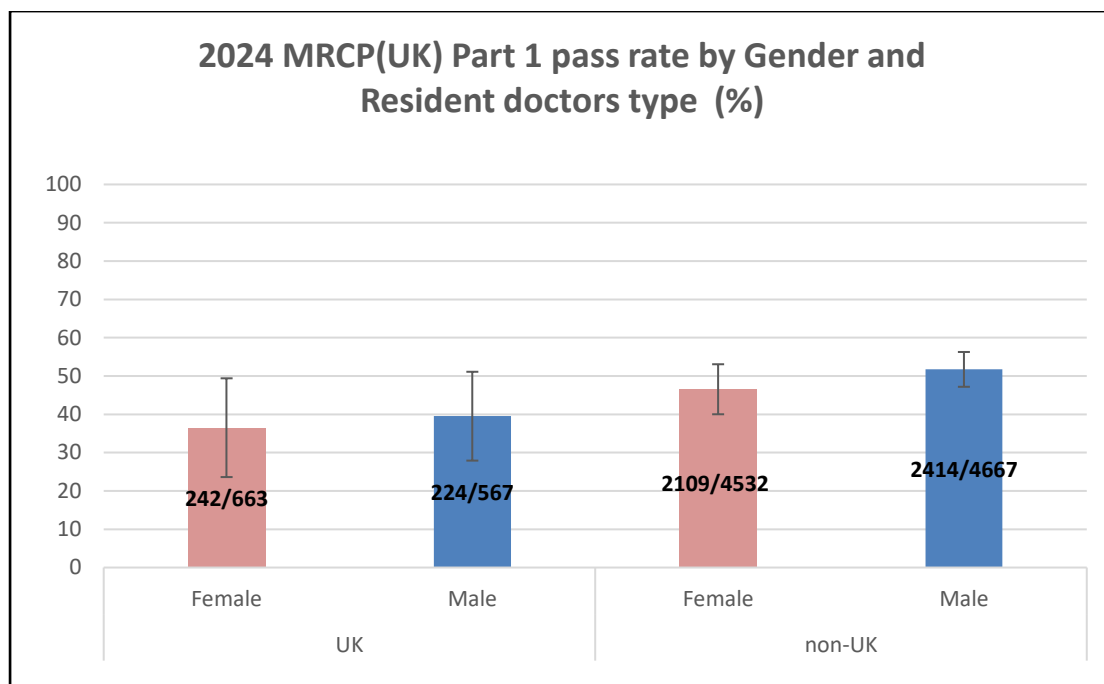


Figure 2. Performance by topic for IMY1, IMY2, IMY3 and Other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts

Pass rate by gender and ethnicity

In 2024 UK resident doctors male candidates are passing in a higher proportion than UK resident doctors female candidates (39.5% vs 36.5%). Same pattern is observed for Other candidates (51.7% vs 46.5%). There is a small number of candidates who did not declare their gender.

Also, White candidates have higher pass rate than BAME counterparts in both UK resident doctors and Other candidates. Many candidates did not declare their ethnic background (Unknown).



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