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Specialty Certificate Examination (SCE) in Geriatric Medicine 2023 Selected Examination Metrics

The 2023 SCE in Geriatric Medicine examination was sat in September 2023 by 244 candidates of whom 142 were self-declared UK trainees. Candidates who did not declare their training details and the OTH group are reported as 'Other' (102).
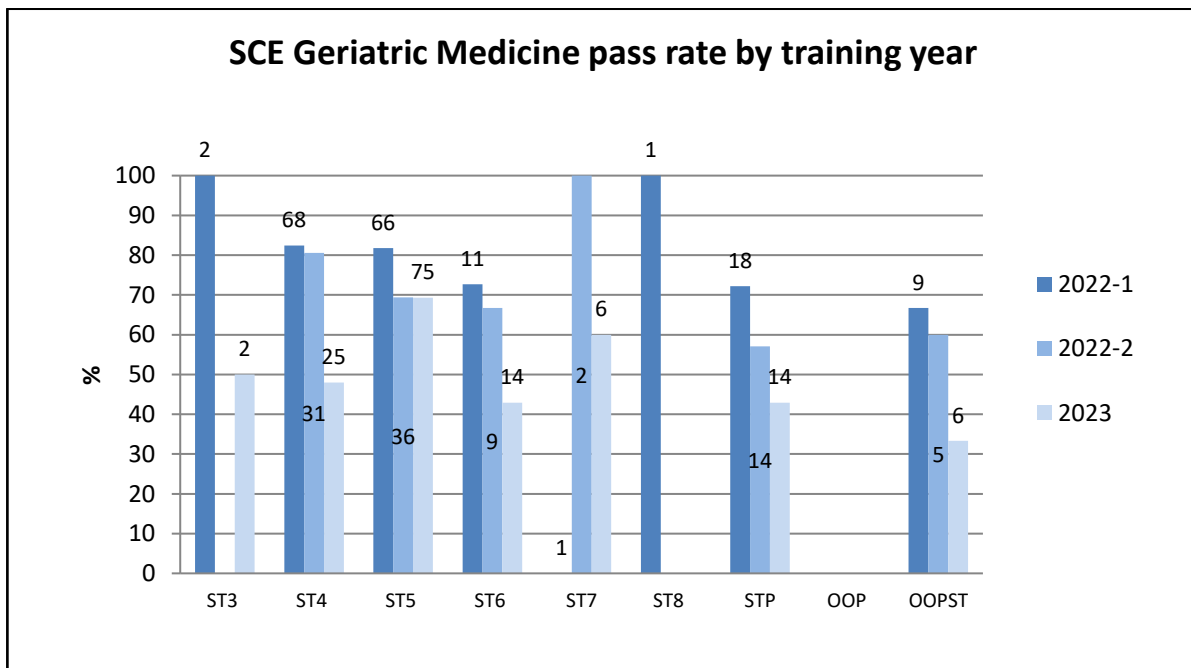From 2022 'OTH' self-declared UK trainees are excluded from UK trainees' cohort.

Pass Mark

The Geriatric Medicine 2023 examination was equated using 2019 UK trainees' performance, excluding OTH group, in line with all the other SCEs. In July 2022, the standards were reviewed based on 2019 UK trainees' performance excluding OTH group and the passing score remains 415. All future examinations will use 415 as the passing score until the standards are reviewed by the SCE Geriatric Medicine Examination Board.

For the 2023 examination the pass score of **415** had a correspondent percent of **58.8% or 117/199.** One question was pulled from scoring due to poor performance.
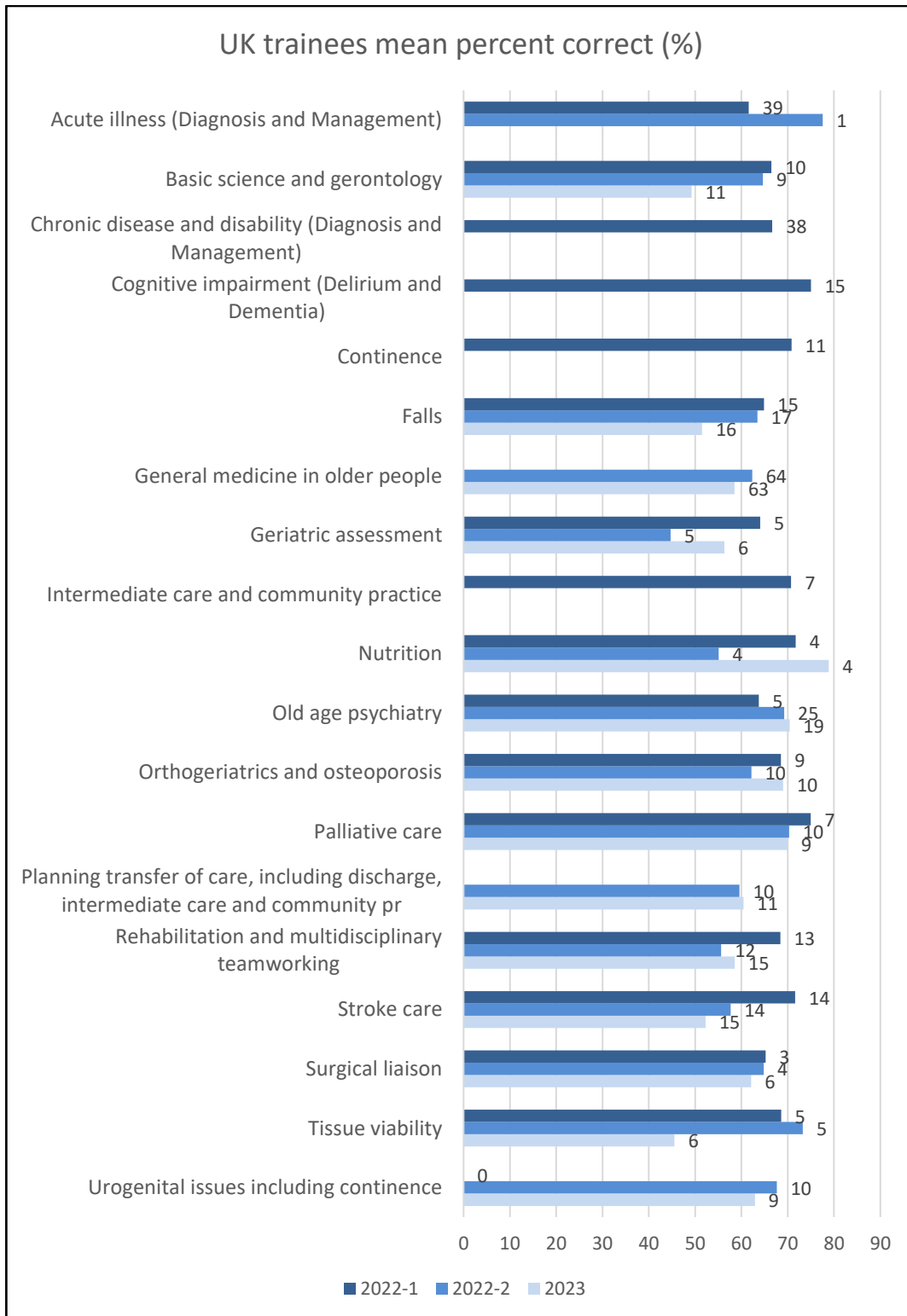
UK trainees' performance

In 2023 ST5 UK trainees had the highest sitting number (75) and a pass rate of 69.3%. The pass rate for all UK trainees was 57.7% and 47.5% for all candidates.

The numbers at the top of the bars are the number of trainees sitting

Topic performance

2023 UK trainees had the highest percentage of correct answers in Nutrition (78.9%) and their lowest in Tissue viability (45.5%).

UK trainees mean percent correct (%)

Topic	2022-1	2022-2	2023
Acute illness (Diagnosis and Management)	39		1
Basic science and gerontology	10	9	11
Chronic disease and disability (Diagnosis and Management)	38		
Cognitive impairment (Delirium and Dementia)	15		
Continence	11		
Falls	15	17	16
General medicine in older people		64	63
Geriatric assessment	5	5	6
Intermediate care and community practice	7		
Nutrition	4	4	4
Old age psychiatry	5	25	19
Orthogeriatrics and osteoporosis	9	10	10
Palliative care	7	10	9
Planning transfer of care, including discharge, intermediate care and community pr		10	11
Rehabilitation and multidisciplinary teamworking	13	12	15
Stroke care	14	14	15
Surgical liaison	3	4	6
Tissue viability	5	5	6
Urogenital issues including continence	0	10	9

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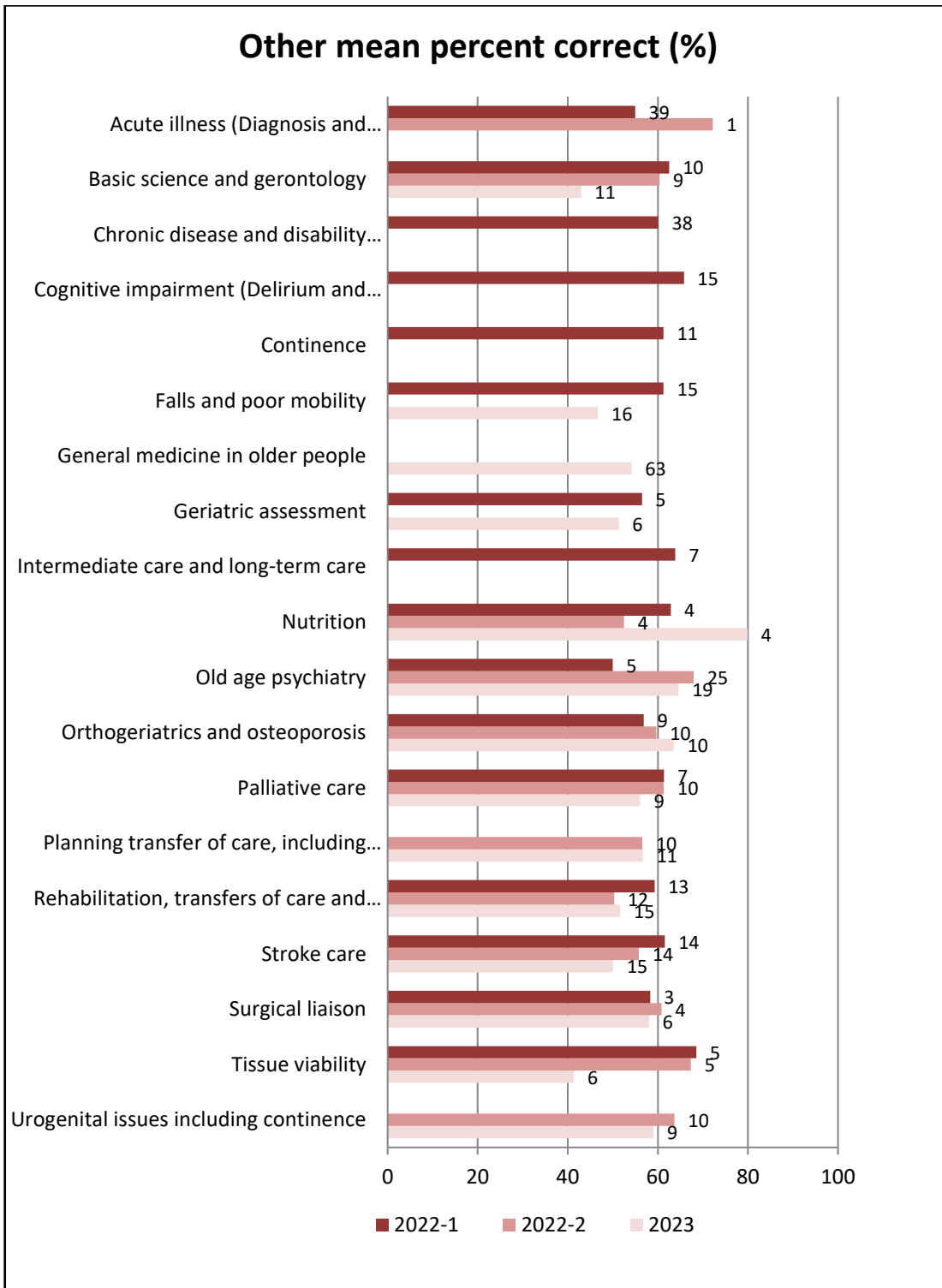
2023 Other candidates had the highest percentage of correct answers in Nutrition (79.9%) and their lowest in Tissue viability (41.3%).

Other mean percent correct (%)

Topic	2022-1	2022-2	2023
Acute illness (Diagnosis and…	39	1	
Basic science and gerontology	10	9	11
Chronic disease and disability…	38		
Cognitive impairment (Delirium and…	15		
Continence	11		
Falls and poor mobility	15		16
General medicine in older people			63
Geriatric assessment	5		6
Intermediate care and long-term care	7		
Nutrition	4	4	4
Old age psychiatry	5	25	19
Orthogeriatrics and osteoporosis	9	10	10
Palliative care	7	10	9
Planning transfer of care, including…	10		11
Rehabilitation, transfers of care and…	13	12	15
Stroke care	14	14	15
Surgical liaison	3	4	6
Tissue viability	5	5	6
Urogenital issues including continence	10	9	

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