

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

The 2023 SCE in Palliative Medicine was sat in August 2023 by 62 candidates of whom 41 were self-declared UK trainees. From 2022 'OTH' self-declared UK trainees are excluded from UK trainees' cohort. Candidates who did not declare their training details and the OTH group are reported as 'Other' (21).

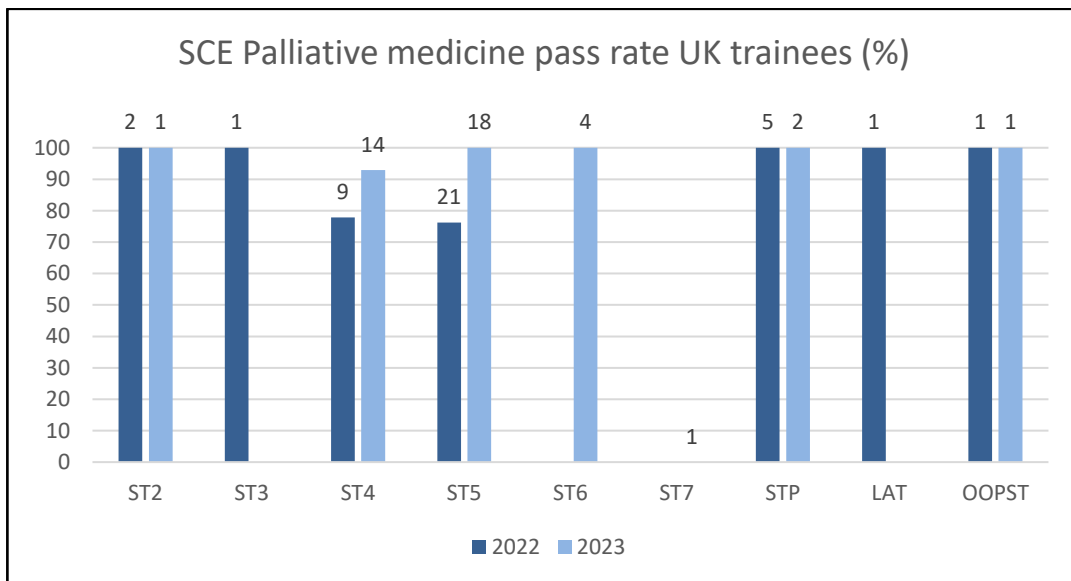
Pass Mark

The pass mark for this examination was established by equating based on 2019 UK trainees' 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 (61.2% or 120/196)**.

UK trainees' performance

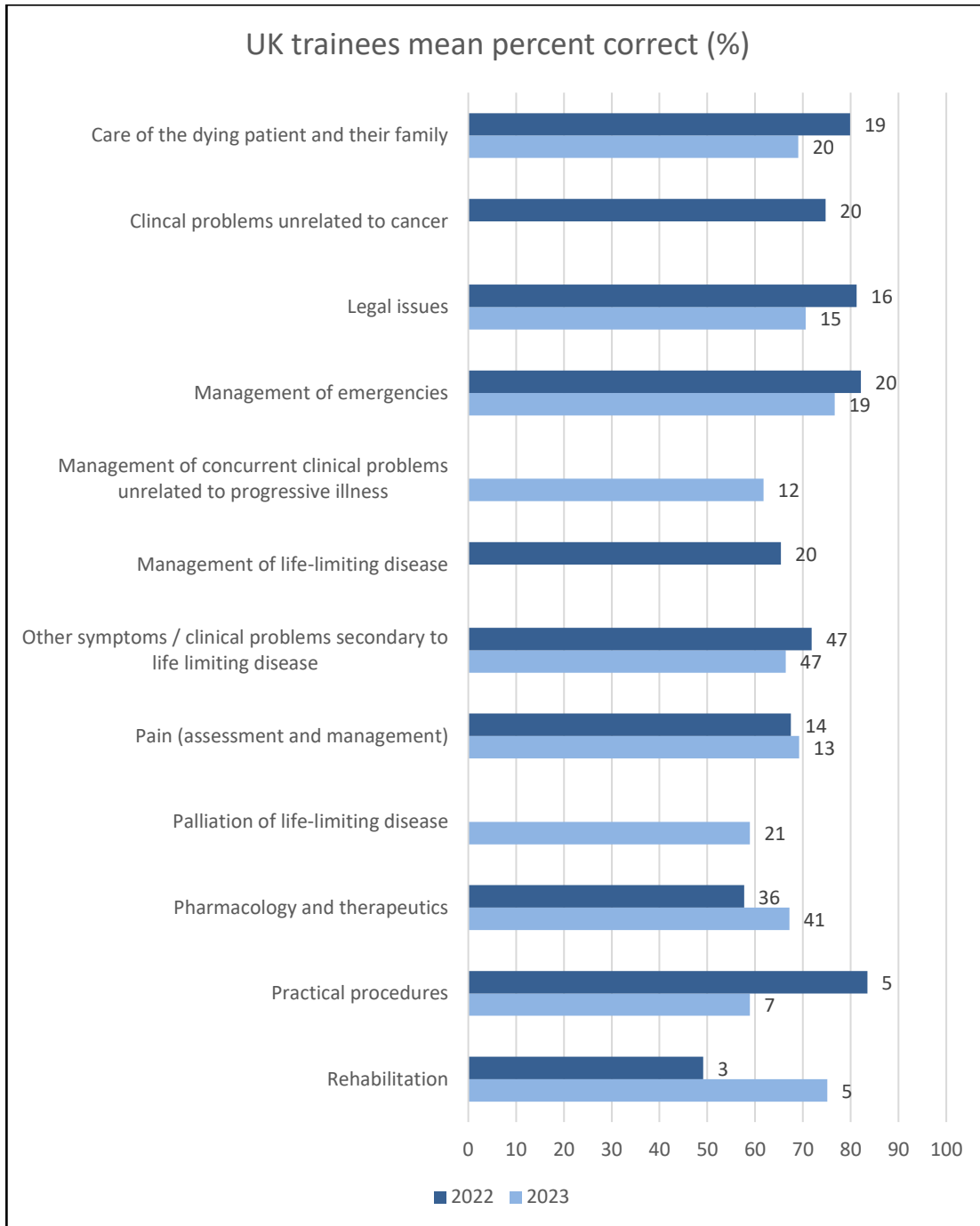
In 2023 ST5 UK trainees had the highest sitting number (18) and a pass rate of 100%. The pass rate for all UK trainees was 95.1% and 74.2% for all candidates.



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

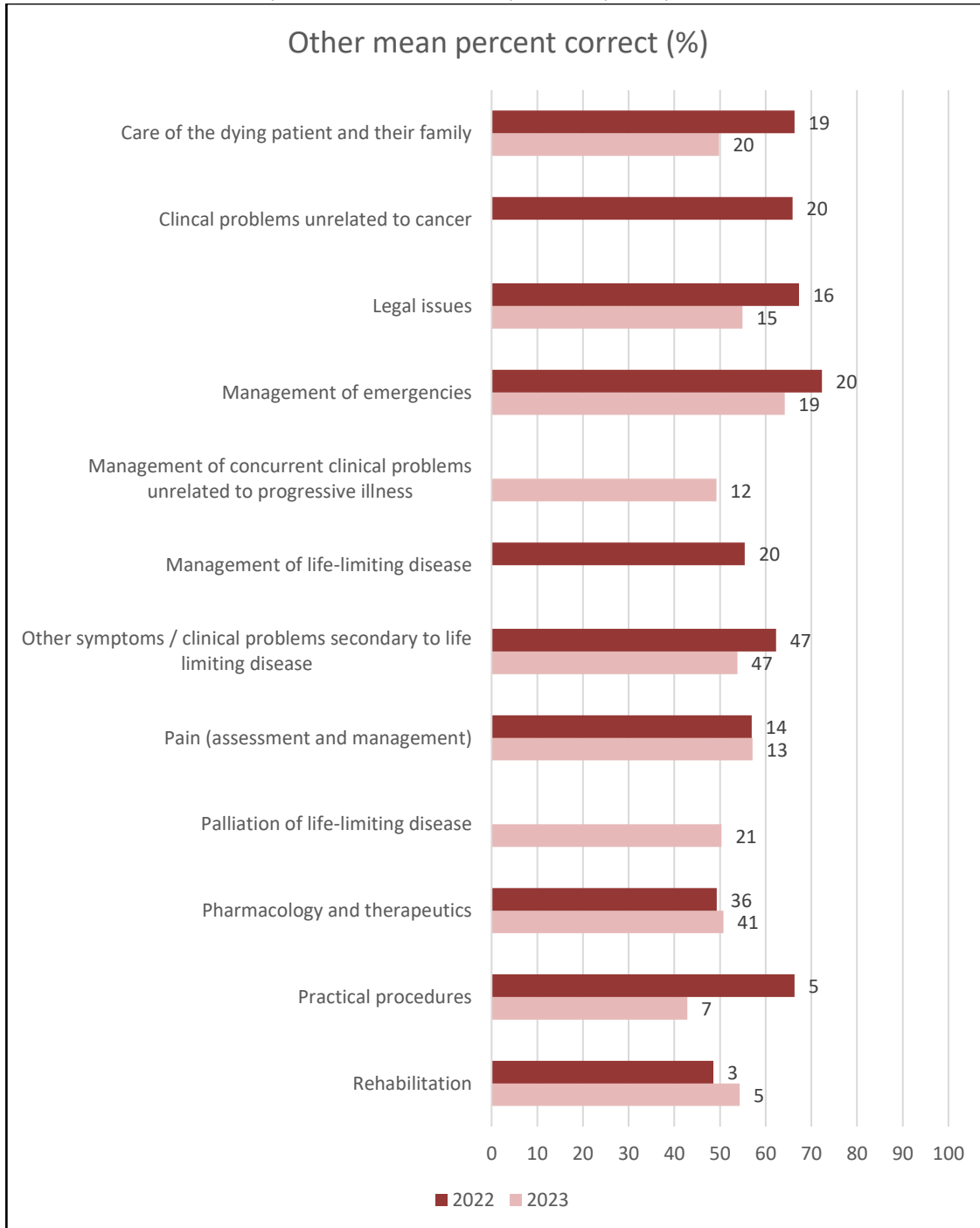
Topic performance

In 2023 UK trainees had the highest percentage of correct answers in Management of emergencies (76.6) and their lowest in Practical procedures (58.9%) and Palliation of life-limiting disease (58.9%).



In 2023 Other candidates had the highest percentage of correct answers in Management of emergencies (64.2%) and their lowest in Practical procedures (42.9%).

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



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