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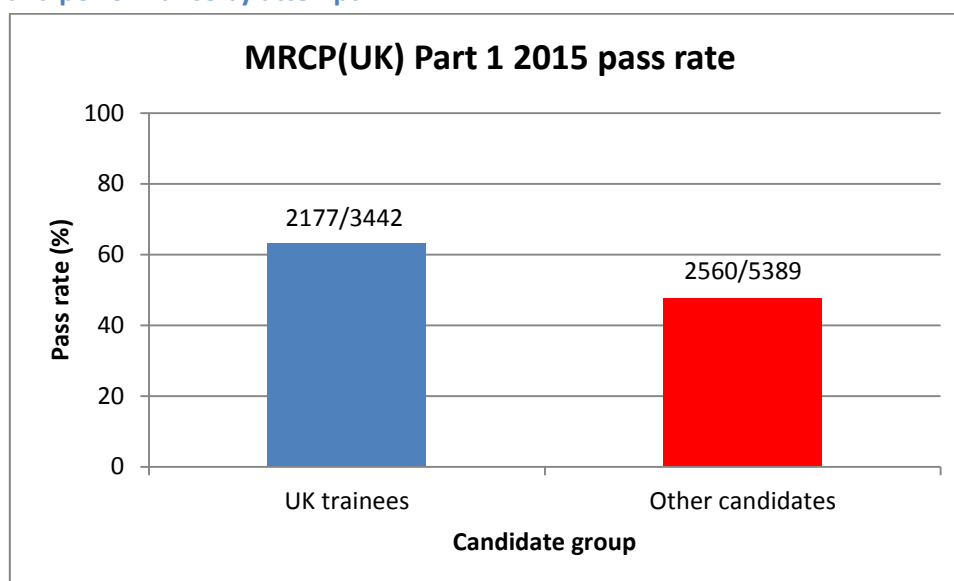Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom

MRCP(UK) Part 1 2015 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 2015 (diets 1 -3) the Part 1 examination was sat by 8,831 candidates, 3,442 declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as 'Other candidate' (5,389).

Pass rate and performance by attempt

Figure 1. Pass rates for UK trainees and other candidates. Note that these figures are the pass rates of individual candidates rather than pass rates of the total number of attempts made.

UK trainees on their first attempt had a pass rate of 60.9% (1539/2529).
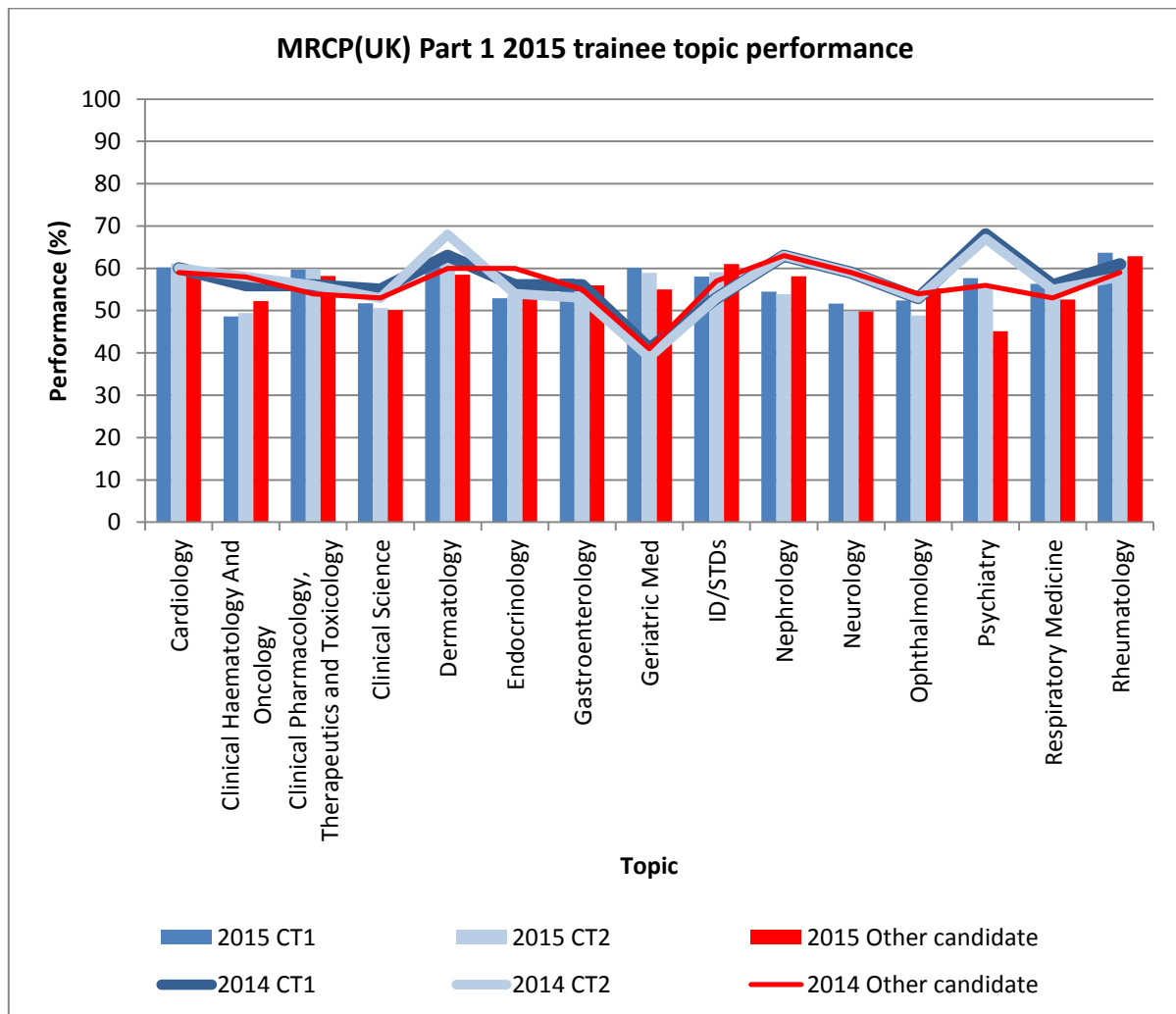Other on their first attempt had a pass rate of 48.3% (1845/3823).

UK trainees				
Attempt	**Pass**	**Fail**	**Total**	**Pass rate (%)**
1	1539	990	2529	60.9%
2-6	625	964	1589	39.3%
7+	13	25	38	34.2%
Total	2177	1979	4156	52.4%

Other candidates				
Attempt	**Pass**	**Fail**	**Total**	**Pass rate (%)**
1	1845	1978	3823	48.3%
2-6	710	1464	2174	32.7%
7+	5	34	39	12.8%
Total	2560	3476	6036	42.4%

Table 1. Pass/fail rates by attempt for UK trainees 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 second attempt but passed on the third, they would be in the fail column for the second attempt but pass column for the third attempt.

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website: https://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/regulations/limit-attempts

Percentage score by topic

Figure 2. Performance by topic for CT1 and CT2 UK trainees and other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts made at the examination.

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