MRCP(UK) Part 1 2019 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 2019 (diets 1 -3) the Part 1 examination was sat by 11,238 candidates (some of those sat more than once in 2019), 3,760 declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as 'Other candidates' (7,478).

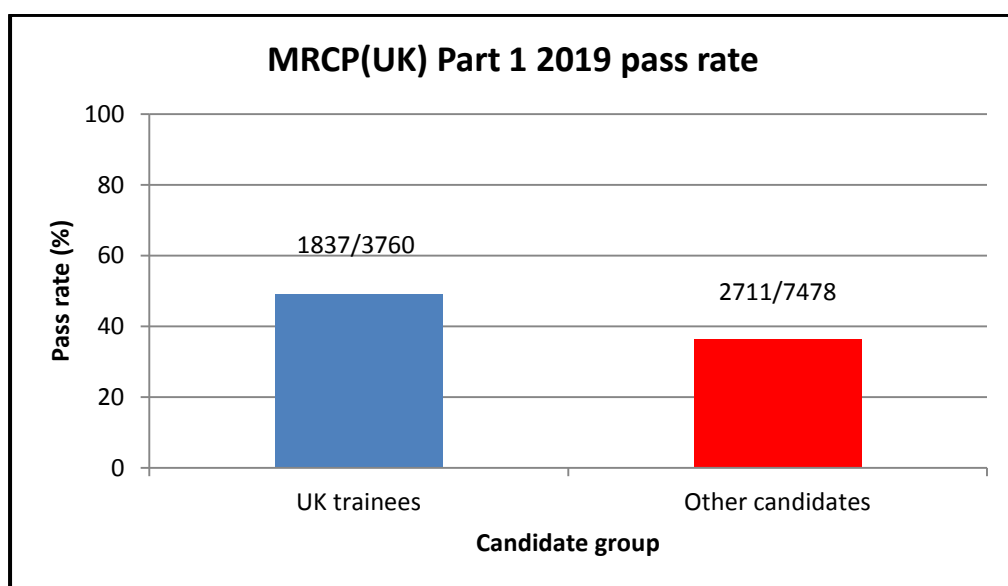## Pass rate and performance by attempt

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

UK trainees on their first attempt had a pass rate of 58.1% (1275/2193).
Other candidates on their first attempt had a pass rate of 41.3% (1904/4613).

UK trainees				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1275	919	2193	58.1
2-6	547	977	1524	35.9
7+	15	28	43	34.9
Total	**1837**	**1923**	**3760**	**48.9**

Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1904	2709	4613	41.3
2-6	798	2037	2835	28.1
7+	9	21	30	30
Total	**2711**	**4767**	**7478**	**36.3**

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 and 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
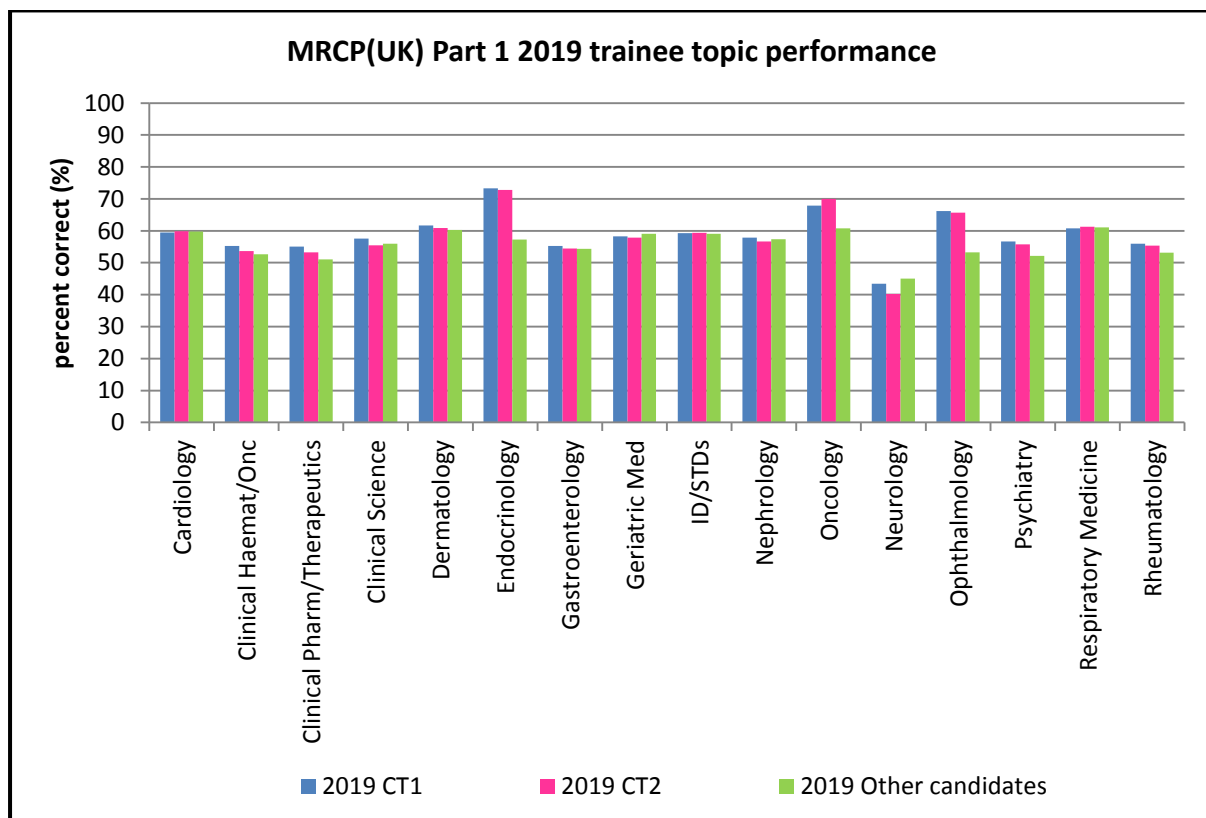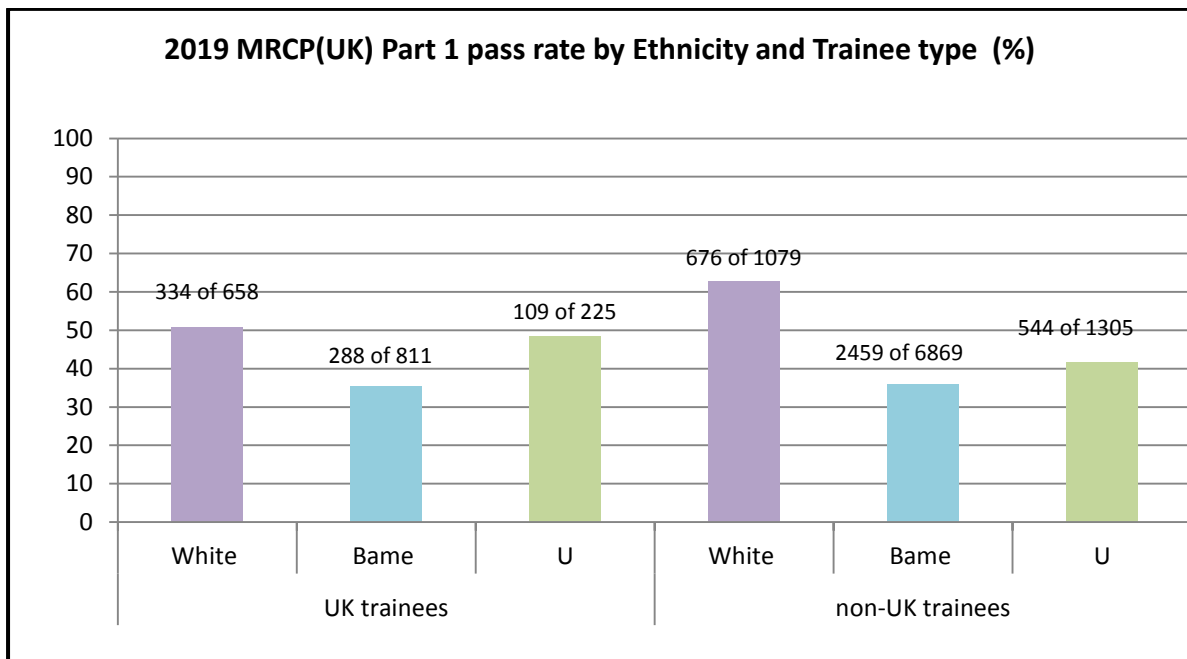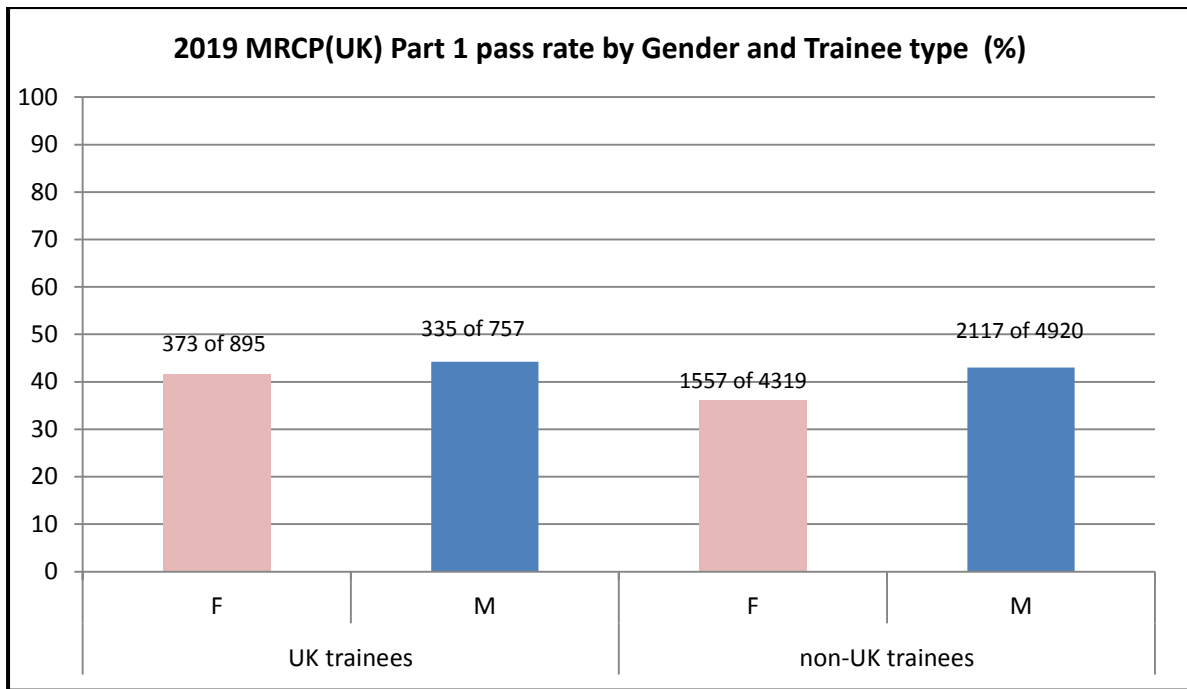
Percentage score by topic

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.

Pass rate by gender and ethnicity

In 2019 male candidates are doing slightly better than their female counterparts both in UK trainees and Other candidates groups. There is a small number of candidates who did not declare their gender.

Also, White candidates have higher pass rate than their BAME counterparts.

2019 MRCP(UK) Part 1 pass rate by Gender and Trainee type (%)

Data labels:
- UK trainees, F: 373 of 895
- UK trainees, M: 335 of 757
- non-UK trainees, F: 1557 of 4319
- non-UK trainees, M: 2117 of 4920

2019 MRCP(UK) Part 1 pass rate by Ethnicity and Trainee type (%)

Data labels:
- UK trainees, White: 334 of 658
- UK trainees, Bame: 288 of 811
- UK trainees, U: 109 of 225
- non-UK trainees, White: 676 of 1079
- non-UK trainees, Bame: 2459 of 6869
- non-UK trainees, U: 544 of 1305

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