

MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examinations Pass Rates by Gender and Ethnicity 2021

Information about all the MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examination pass rates are updated on our website (www.mrcpuk.org) shortly after each exam has taken place. This report sets out data about the proportions of key groups of candidates (UK graduates, UK trainees etc) who are passing our exams. We aim to give candidates useful feedback and be open and transparent. The MRCP(UK) Management Board agreed in 2011 that an annual report setting out the pass rates for candidates of all our exams according to their gender and ethnicity should be publicly available and since then we publish this information annually.

The MRCP(UK) has closely monitored ethnicity and gender rates for a number of years, and contributed data to a systematic review and meta-analysis of ethnicity and academic performance in medical students sitting MRCP(UK). This was co-authored by Professor Chris McManus, an Educational Advisor to the MRCP(UK), and is available at <http://www.bmj.com/content/342/bmj.d901>. The paper concludes that non-UK trained doctors and medical students from minority ethnic groups tend to underperform academically compared with their white counterparts, but that it is not clear why this is. The paper demonstrates that the differences in performance are consistent across medical schools, exam types, and undergraduate and postgraduate assessments, and has persisted for at least the past three decades.

The MRCP(UK) has previously published its own paper analysing examination pass rates by the ethnicity and gender of UK graduates in 2003-2004, (which is available at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1741-7015/5/8>).

In this 2021 report the non-white ethnic category is coded as BAME, and although not a perfect categorisation this is a widely used abbreviation for Black, Asian and other minor ethnic groups.

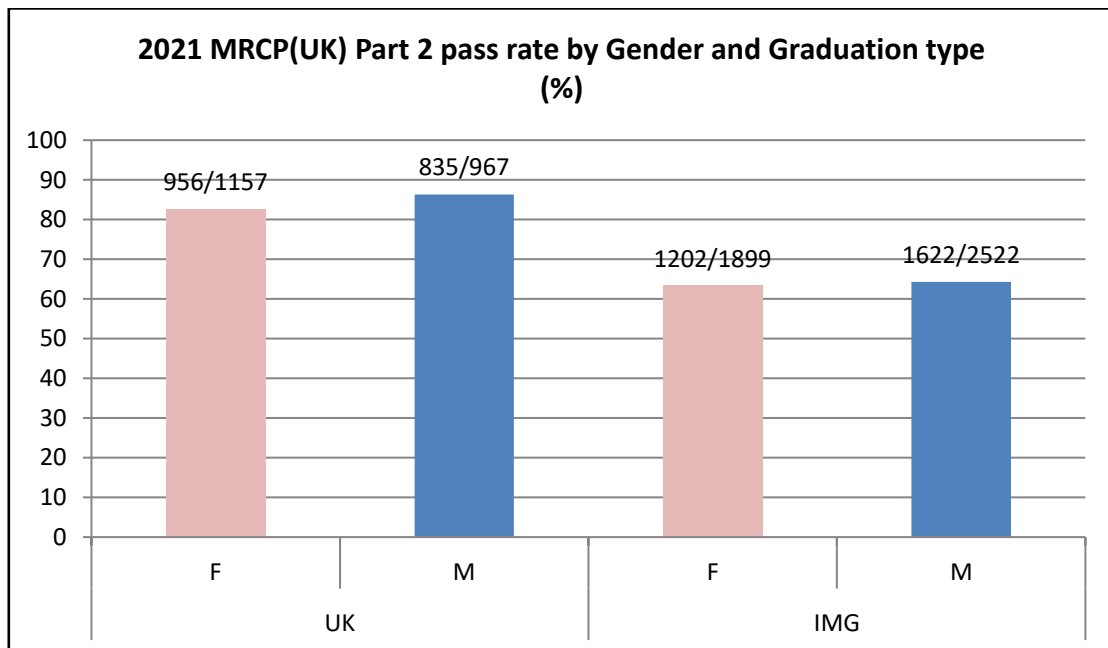
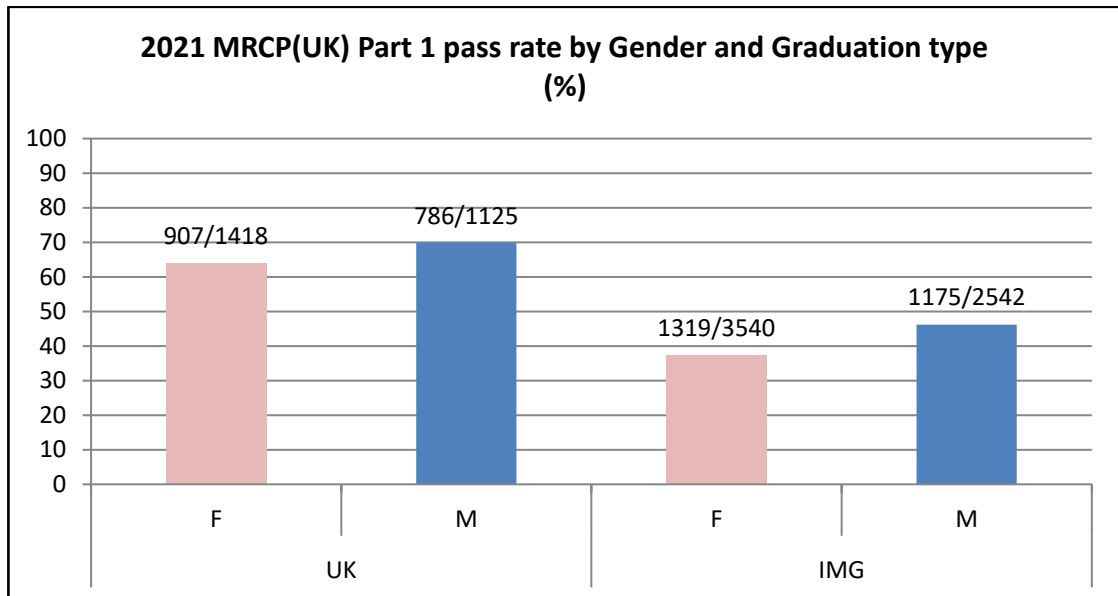
The graphs on the following pages show the percentage of passing candidates by gender and ethnicity for UK and International graduates and also for those training in the UK and elsewhere for all three parts of the MRCP (UK) and the Specialty Certificate Examinations (SCE) during 2021. All UK and international centres were taken into account.

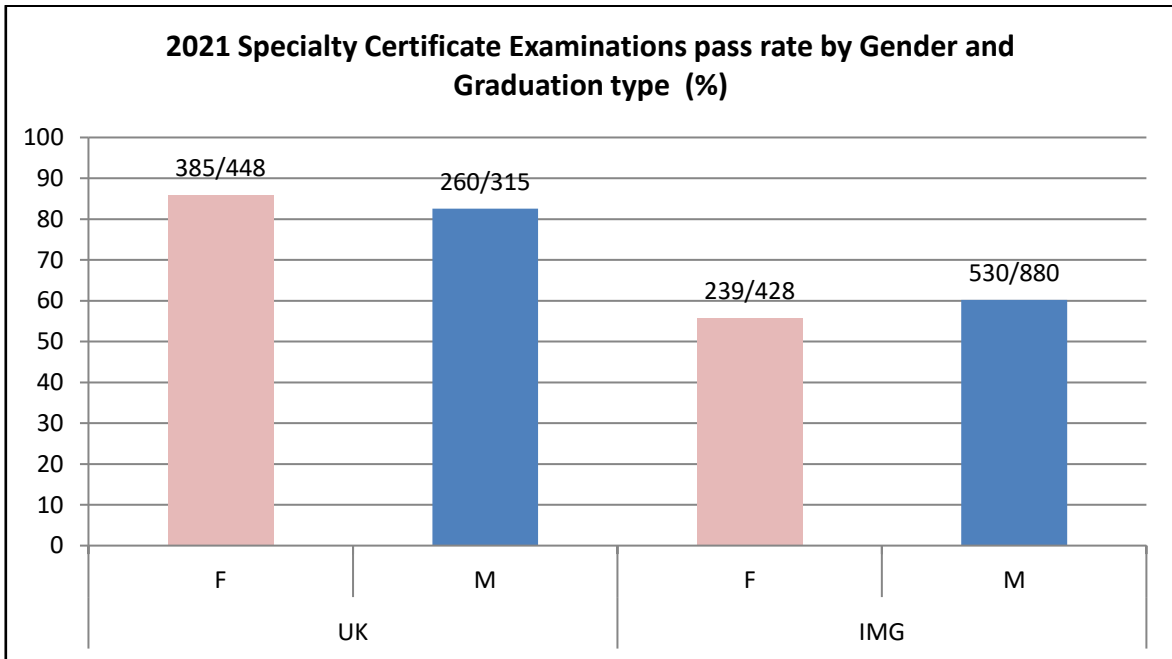
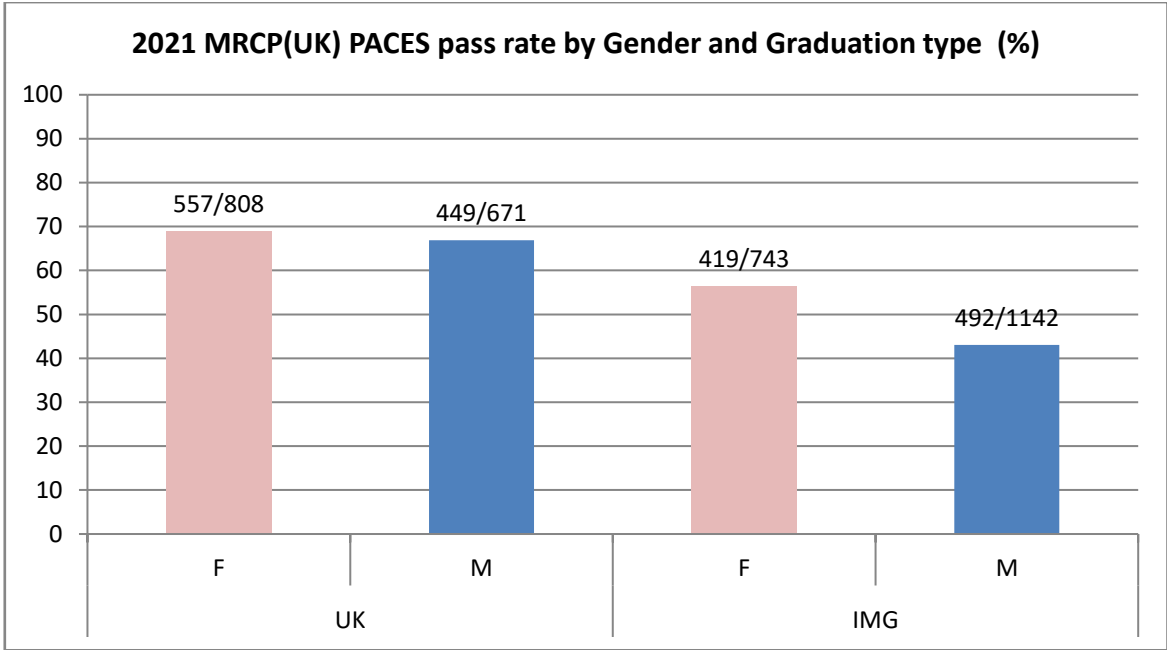
The graphs for the SCE examinations are shown separately for European candidates sitting in European centres other than UK and non-European candidates. European candidates are candidates who took the European Specialty Certification exams: candidates sitting in European centres other than the UK for the joint European Speciality Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, all candidates sitting the European Board Examination in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism and all candidates sitting the European Certificate in Nephrology.

Please note: The training details, gender and ethnicity data provided and displayed in these graphs are self-declared by candidates.

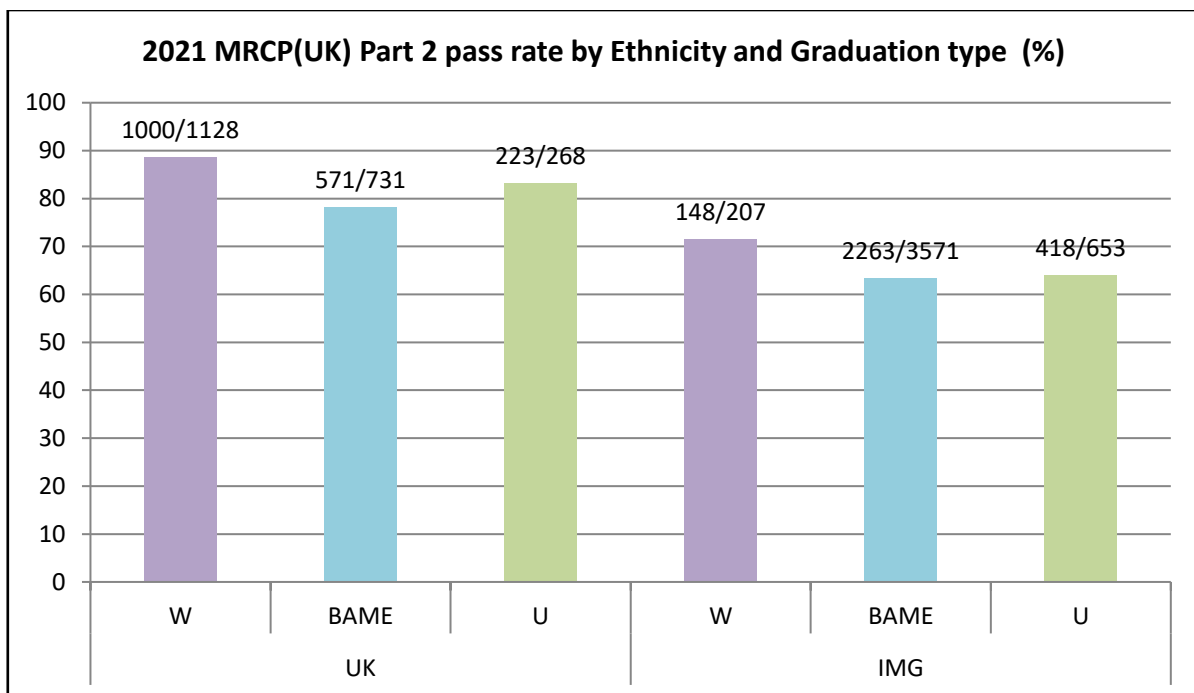
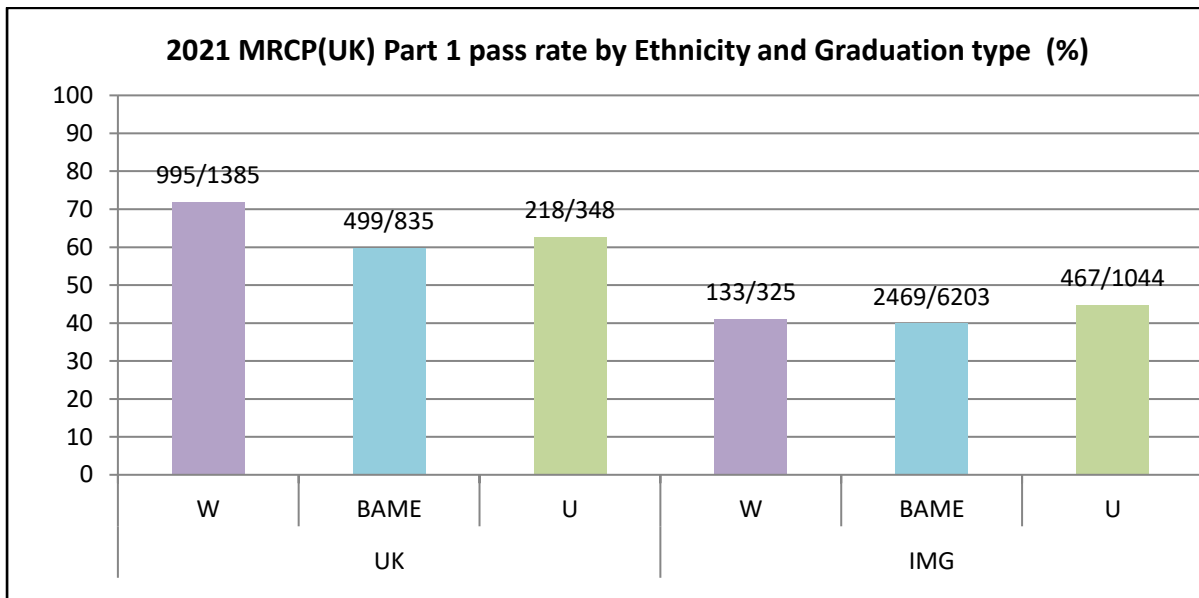
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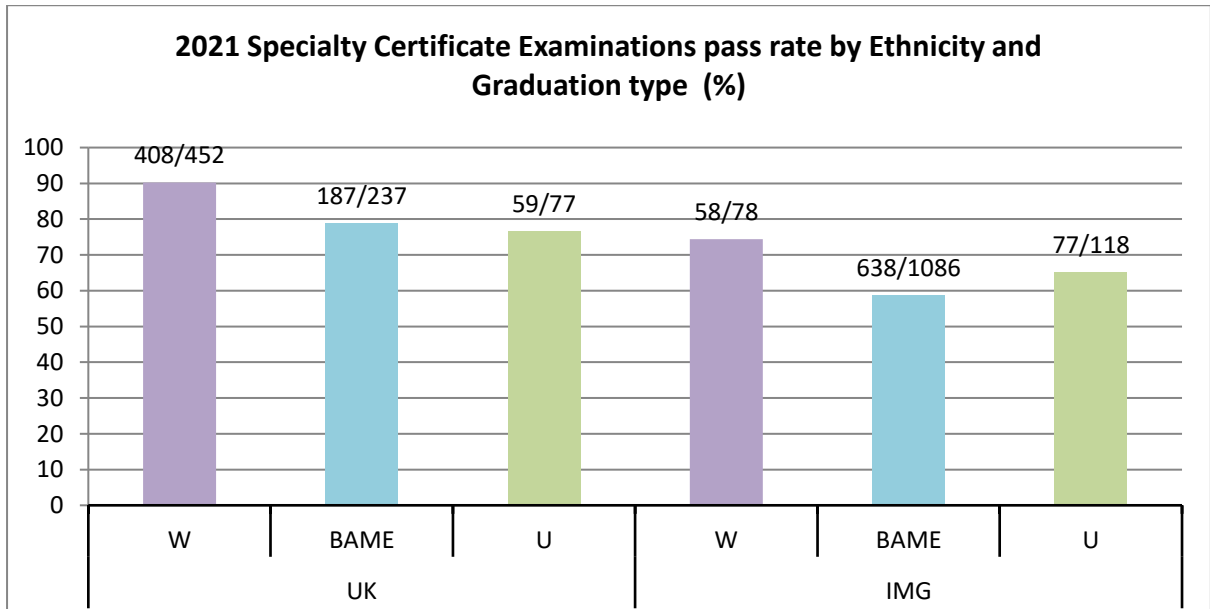
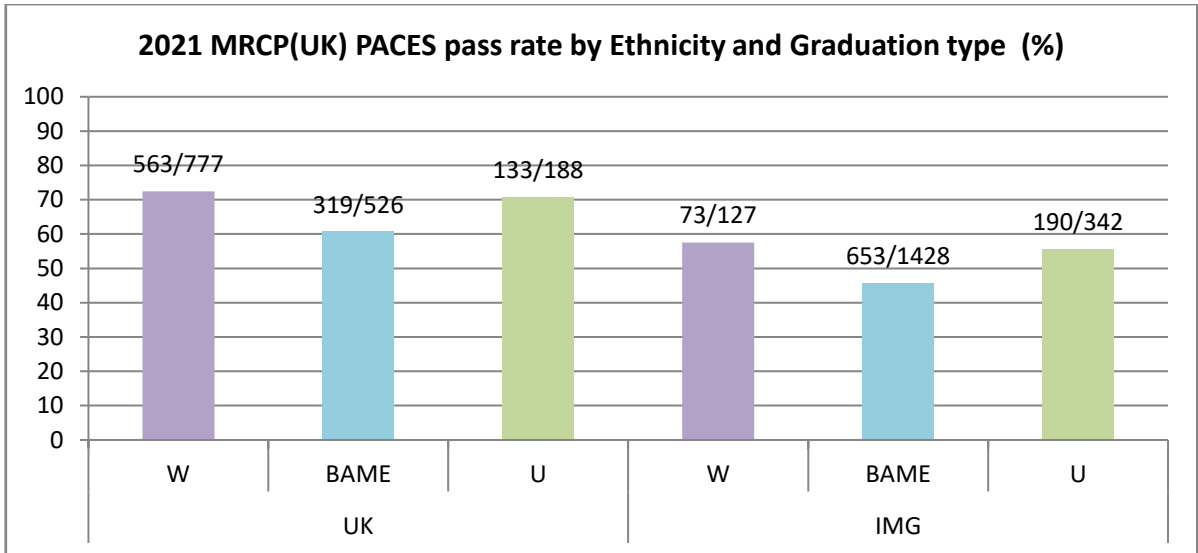
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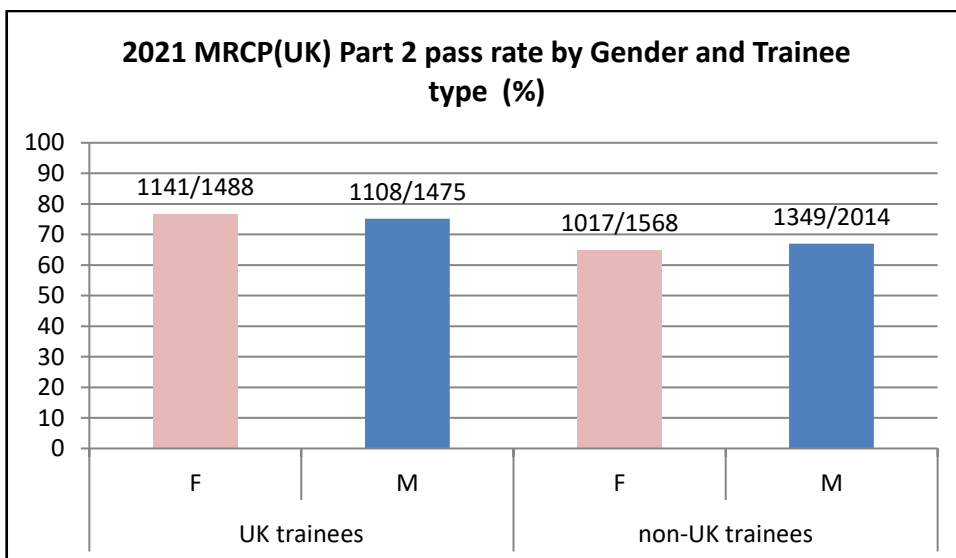
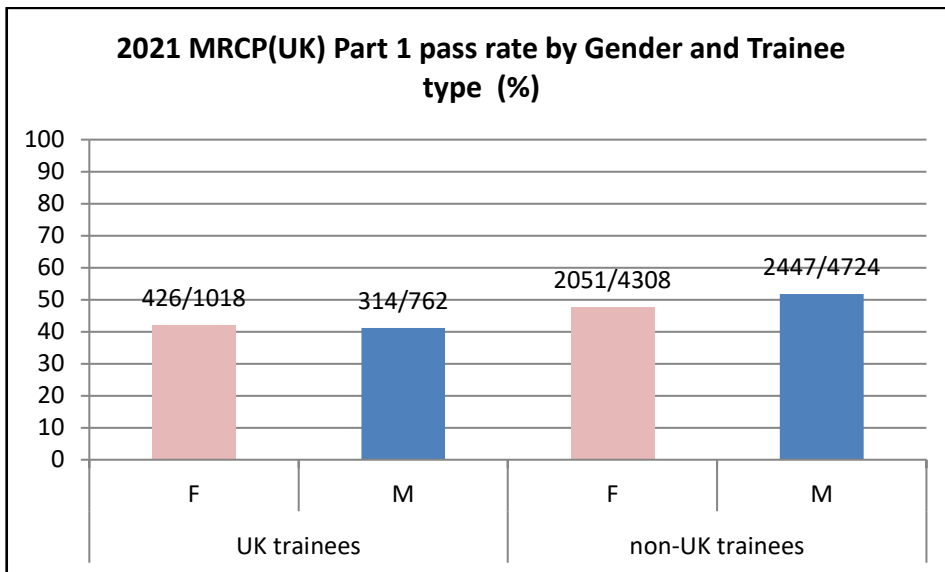


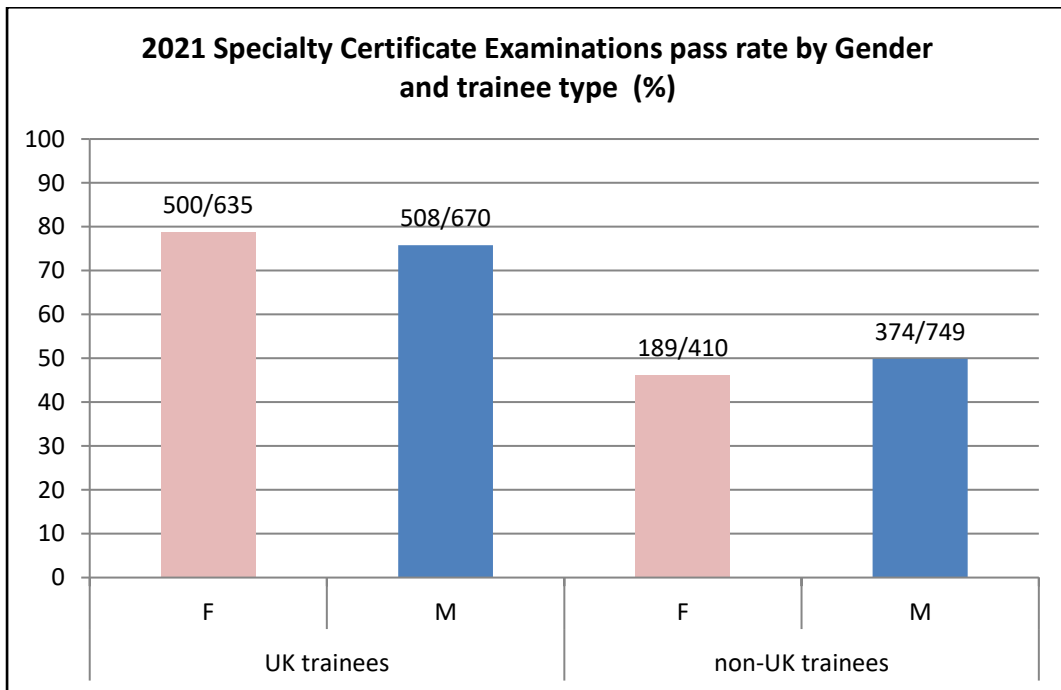
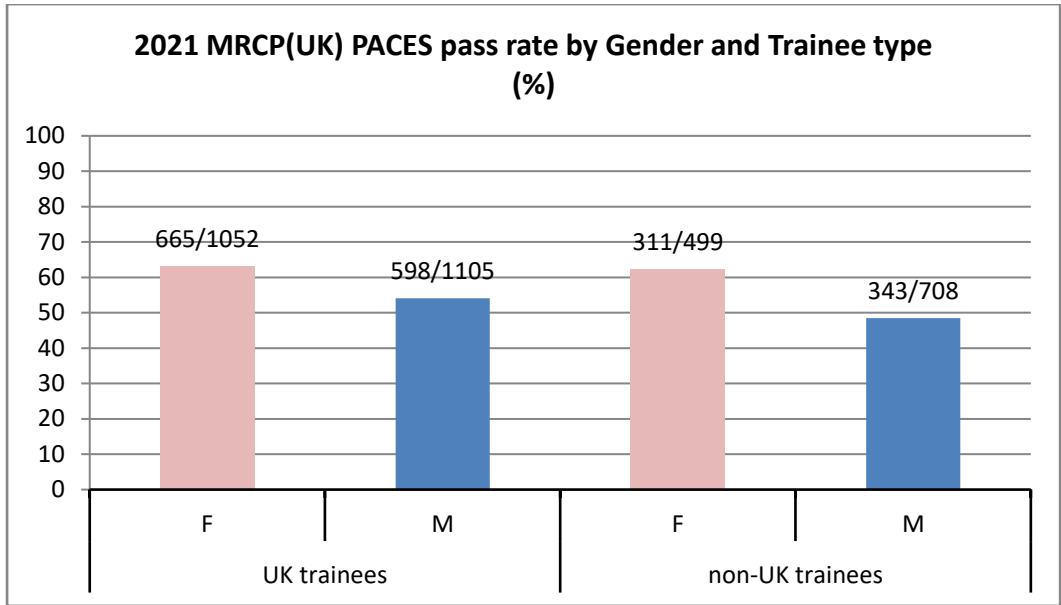
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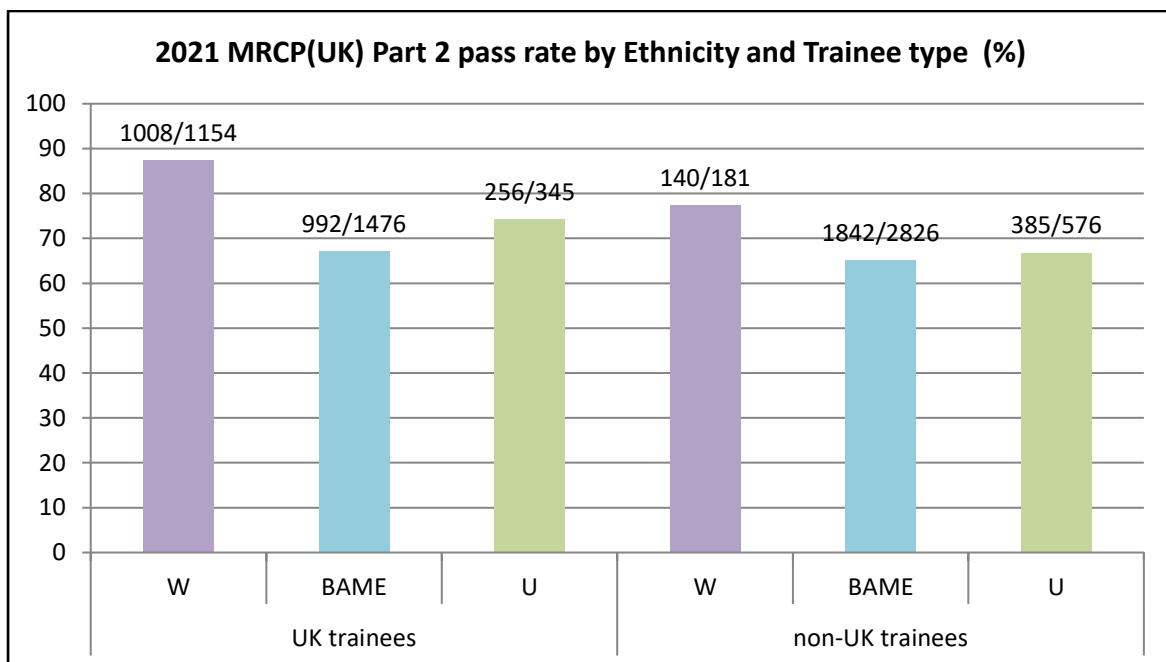
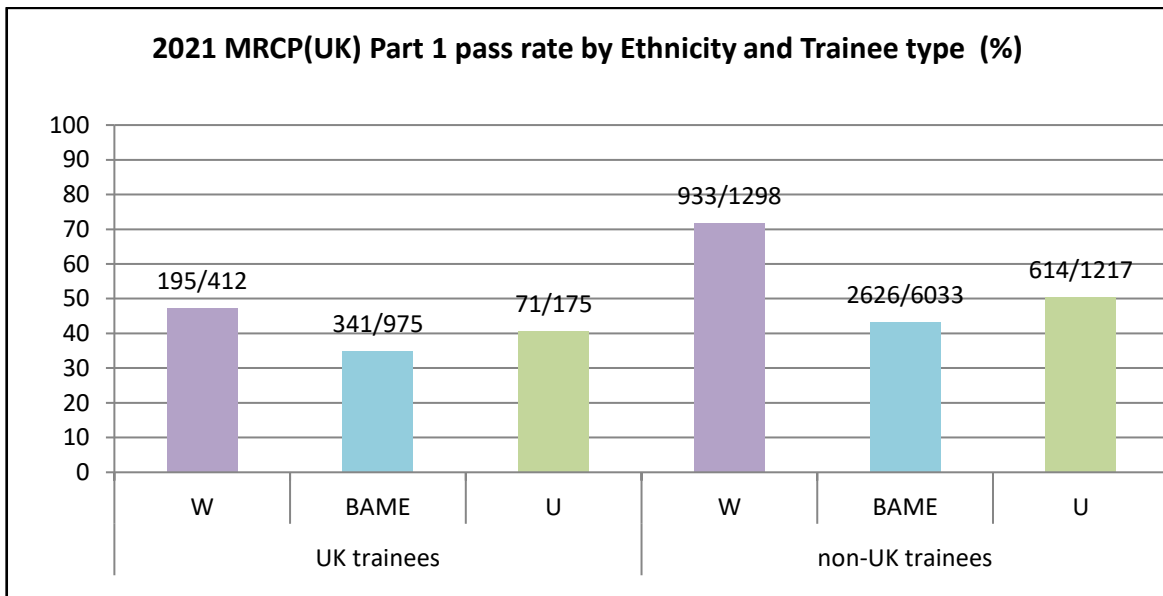


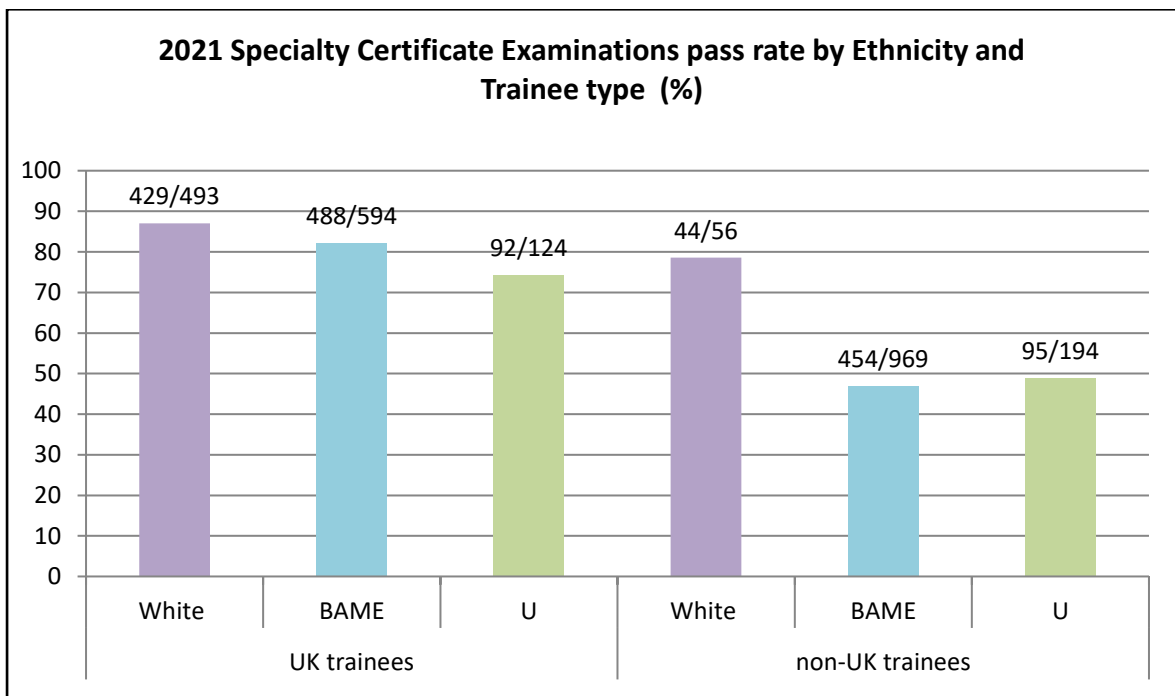
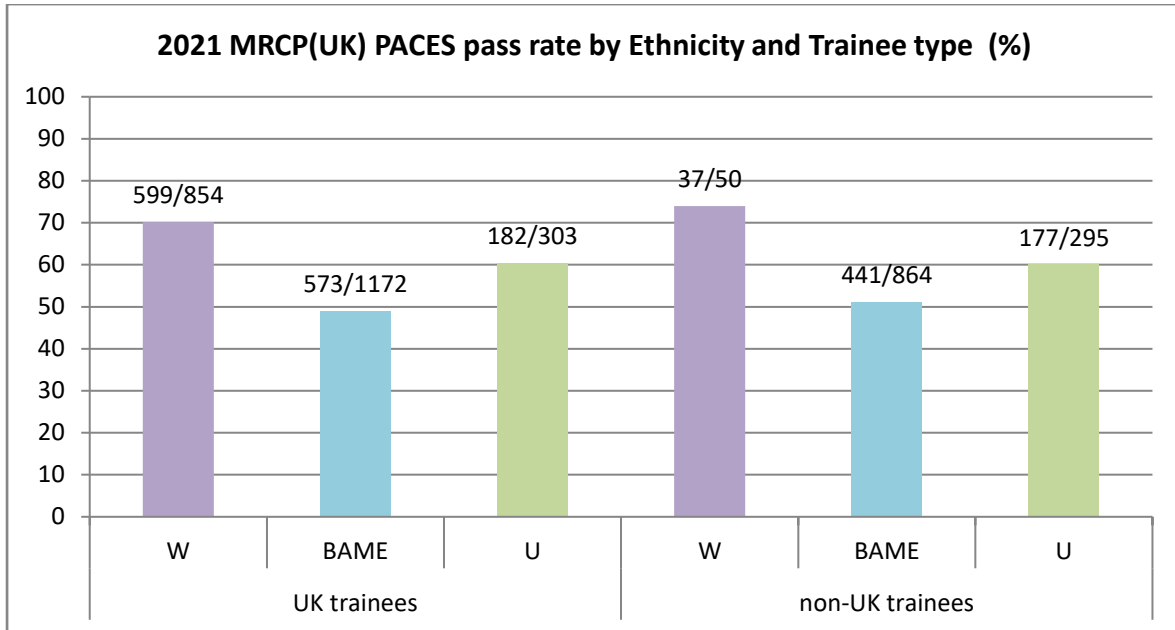
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MRCP(UK) Specialty Certificate Examinations pass rates for European candidates

The information displayed in the graphs below is related to candidates sitting the European Specialty Certification in Nephrology, the European Specialty Certification in Endocrinology and the European candidates sitting the joint Specialty Certification in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in European centres outside the UK.

