

Our reference: **FOI21/01**



Dear 

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by Canberra Health Services (CHS) on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**.

This application requested access to:

'2018 ACT Physicians network's Clinical Examination Review.'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Canberra Health Services (CHS) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. CHS was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Wednesday 3 February 2021**.

I have identified the document within scope of your access application.

Decisions

I have decided to grant partial access to the document.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the document released to you is provided as Attachment A to this letter.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the documents that fall within the scope of your request;
- The views of relevant third parties; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

The identified document contains information that I consider, on balance, to be contrary to the public interest to disclose under the test set out in section 17 of the Act.

Public Interest Factors Favouring Disclosure

The following factors were considered relevant in favour of the disclosure of the documents:

- *Schedule 2.1 (a) (i) promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;*
- *Schedule 2.1 (a) (ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest; and*
- *Schedule 2.1 (a) (iv) ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds.*

Public Interest Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

The following factors were considered relevant in favour of the non-disclosure of the documents:

- *Schedule 2.2 (a) (ii) prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004;*
- *Schedule 2.2 (a) (xii) prejudice an agency's ability to obtain confidential information;*
- *Schedule 2.2 (a) (xv) prejudice the management function of an agency or the conduct of industrial relations by an agency; and*
- *Schedule 2.2 (a) (xvii) prejudice the effectiveness of testing or auditing procedures.*

Partial redactions have been made to the teaching contributors names contained on pages 13-14 and 16-17 and to participants verbatim comments on pages 22-23 as I believe this constituted an unreasonable disclosure of individuals' personal information. On balance, the factors favouring disclosure did not outweigh the factors favouring non-disclosure as the substantive information has been provided. The release of this information would or could reasonably be expected to have a detrimental effect for the agency's ability to conduct future reviews within the organisation as it may reduce engagement and diminish the honest and truthful participation of staff members completing these feedback requests and the volunteers providing their educational resources. Therefore, I determined the information identified is contrary to the public interest and I have decided not to disclose this information.

The ACT Physician Network's Clinical Examination Review was a routine survey of physician trainee satisfaction conducted by the ACT Physician Training Network on the SurveyMonkey platform in September to October 2018, following the release of the Clinical Examination results in late August 2018. The survey was only open to trainees who undertook the Clinical Examination that year and were part of ACT Physician Training Network preparation program. 100% of trainees who were eligible to participate in the survey did so.

Feedback gleaned from the survey was overall positive and constructive in tone. Survey responses were used by the ACT Physician Training Network to improve the training program in subsequent years.

There are some terms in the document that those not familiar with Royal Australasian College of Physicians exams may not know, including:

- *Bulldog*: a junior physician trainee who acts as an examination assistant; this gives junior trainees exposure to the exam environment before sitting themselves.
- *Long case* and *short case*: practical exam preparation.
- *Scorpio*: an acronym for structured, clinical, objective referenced, problem-based, integrated and organised, used in reference to exam preparation modules.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, CHS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au
Website: ombudsman.act.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

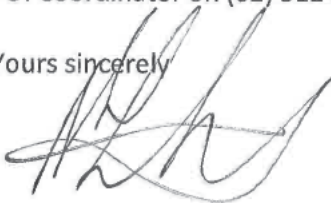
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9829 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

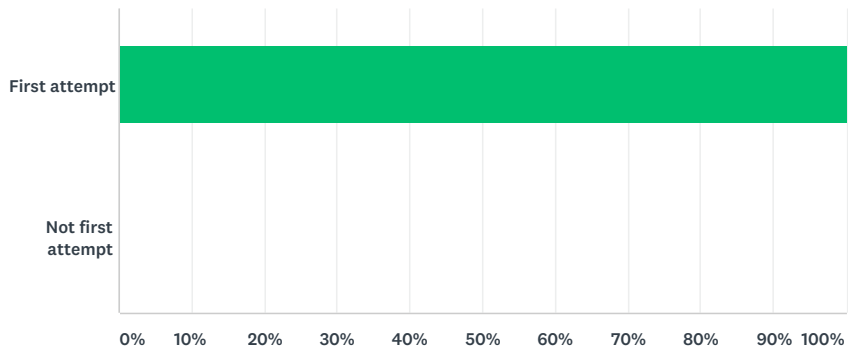


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February 2021

Q1 Is this your first attempt at the Clinical Examination?

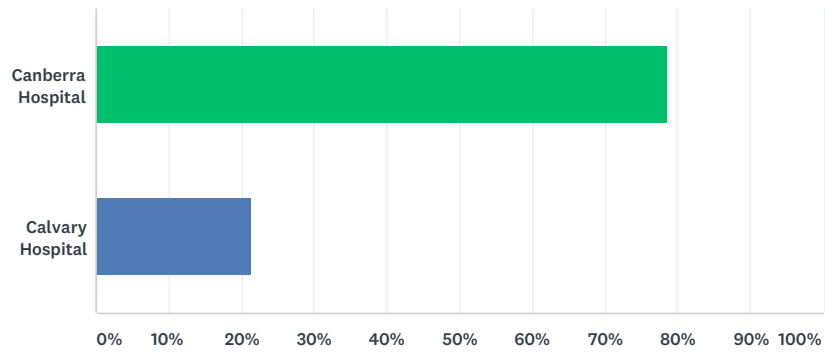
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
First attempt	100.00%	14
Not first attempt	0.00%	0
TOTAL		14

Q2 Which hospital were you based in Term 2?

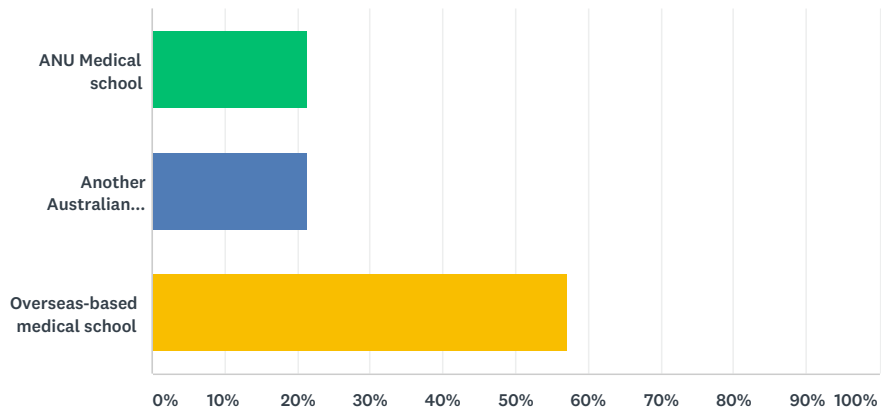
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Canberra Hospital	78.57%	11
Calvary Hospital	21.43%	3
TOTAL		14

Q3 Where did you undertake your medical degree?

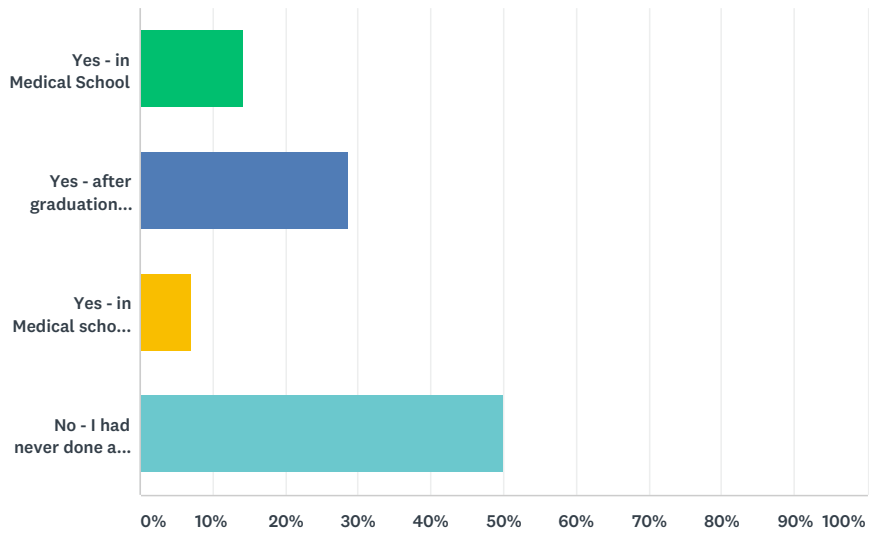
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
ANU Medical school	21.43%	3
Another Australian Medical School	21.43%	3
Overseas-based medical school	57.14%	8
TOTAL		14

Q4 Had you done a physician exam-style LONG case prior to the clinical exam preparation period?

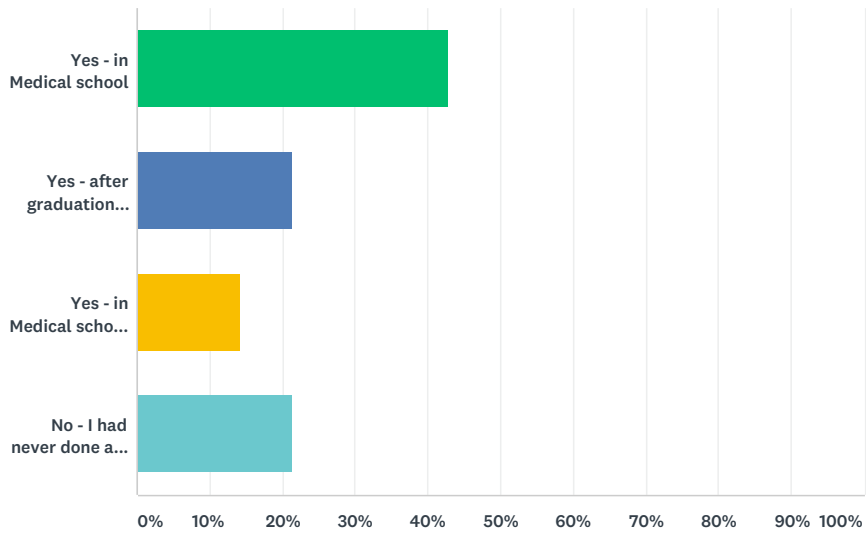
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - in Medical School	14.29%	2
Yes - after graduation (e.g. during BPT 1 and 2 years)	28.57%	4
Yes - in Medical school and after graduation	7.14%	1
No - I had never done a long case before	50.00%	7
TOTAL		14

Q5 Had you done a physician exam-style SHORT case prior to the clinical exam preparation period?

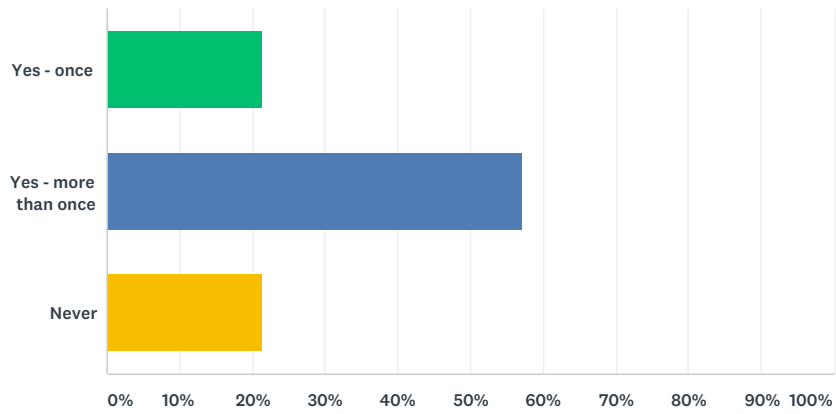
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - in Medical school	42.86%	6
Yes - after graduation (e.g. during BPT 1 and 2 years)	21.43%	3
Yes - in Medical school and after graduation	14.29%	2
No - I had never done a short case before	21.43%	3
TOTAL		14

Q6 Did you bulldog in previous RACP Examinations as a BPT?

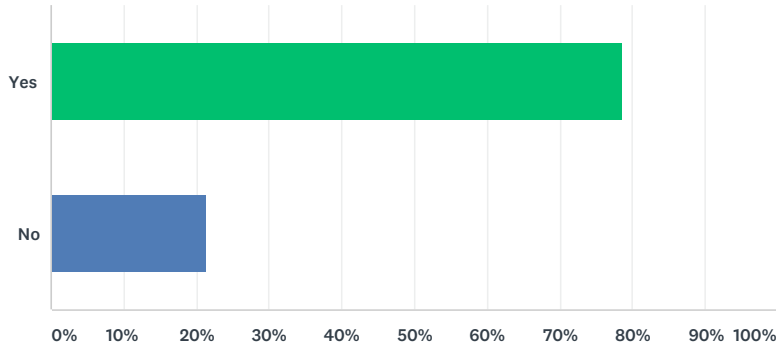
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes - once	21.43% 3
Yes - more than once	57.14% 8
Never	21.43% 3
TOTAL	14

Q7 Had you assisted with Saturday Trial exams at TCH and Calvary in previous years?

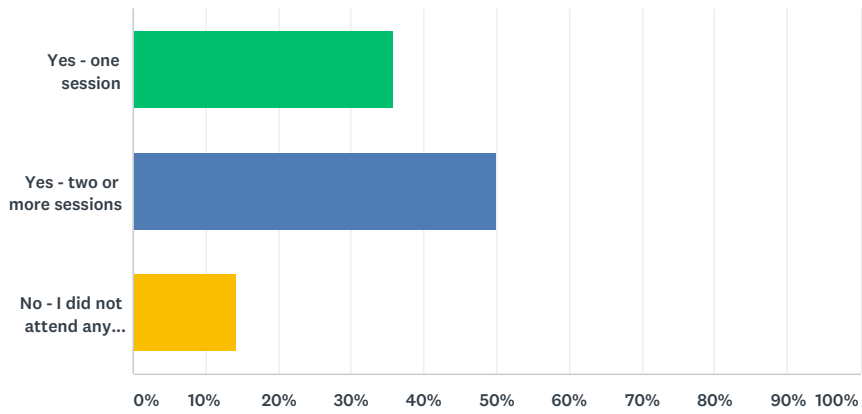
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.57%	11
No	21.43%	3
TOTAL		14

Q8 Did you attend the ArtMed Program at the NGA this year?

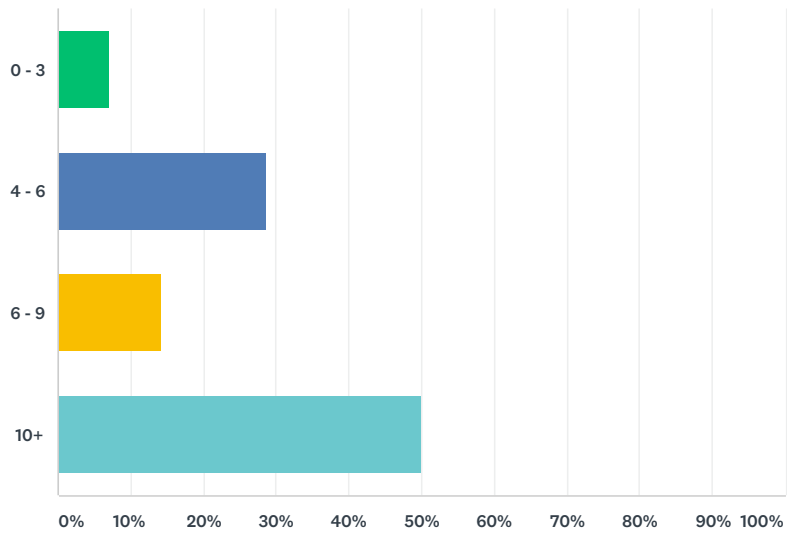
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes - one session	35.71% 5
Yes - two or more sessions	50.00% 7
No - I did not attend any sessions	14.29% 2
TOTAL	14

Q9 How many long cases did you present to your assigned mentors?

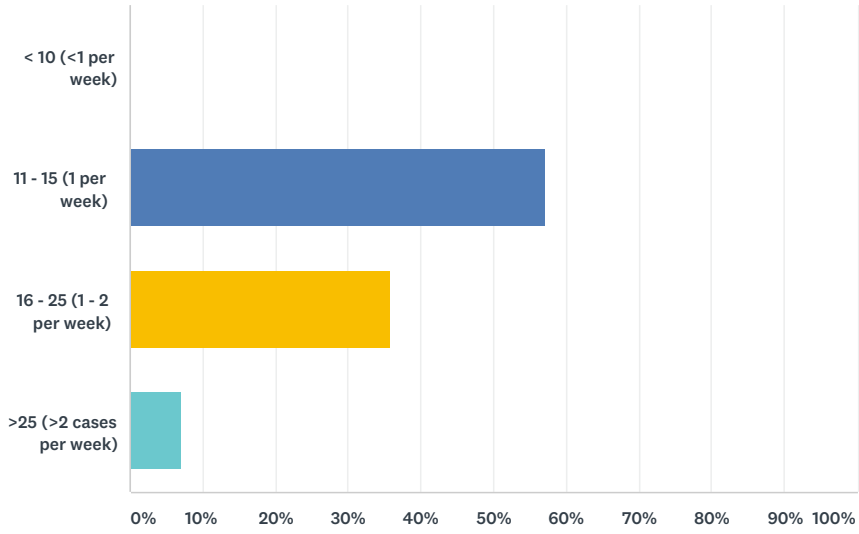
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 - 3	7.14%	1
4 - 6	28.57%	4
6 - 9	14.29%	2
10+	50.00%	7
TOTAL		14

Q10 How many long cases did you present in total (not including Saturday and Trial exams)

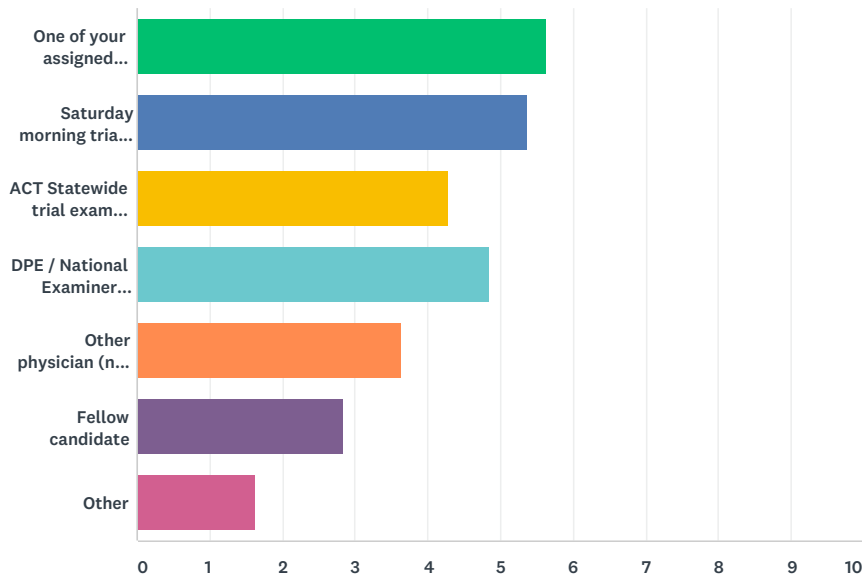
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
< 10 (<1 per week)	0.00%	0
11 - 15 (1 per week)	57.14%	8
16 - 25 (1 - 2 per week)	35.71%	5
>25 (>2 cases per week)	7.14%	1
TOTAL		14

Q11 From whom did you receive the most useful feedback for LONG cases? (Please rank the following)

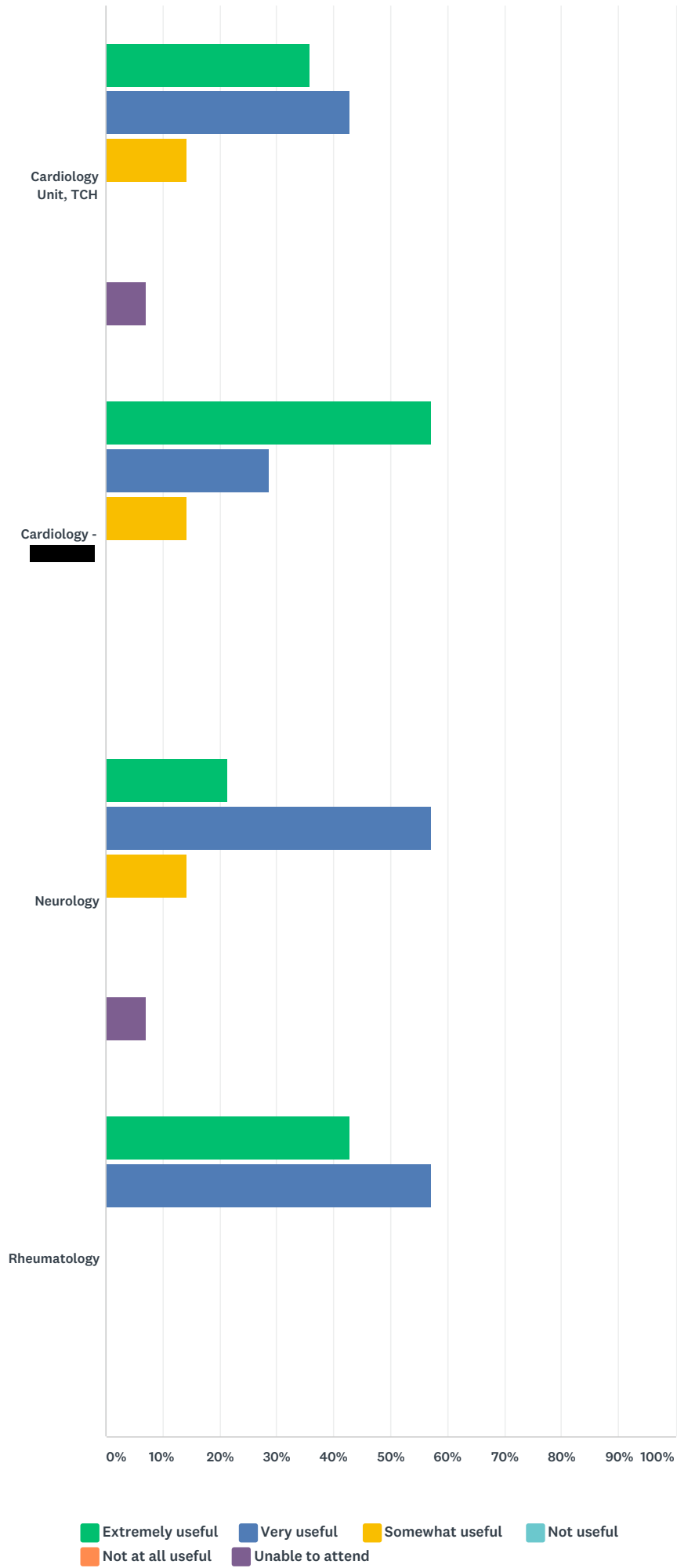
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
One of your assigned mentors	46.15% 6	7.69% 1	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13	5.62
Saturday morning trial exam feedback	7.69% 1	53.85% 7	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13	5.38
ACT Statewide trial exam feedback	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	28.57% 4	35.71% 5	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	14	4.29
DPE / National Examiner Panellist (if not your assigned mentor)	30.77% 4	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	13	4.85
Other physician (not assigned to you/not DPE or NEP)	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	64.29% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14	3.64
Fellow candidate	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	61.54% 8	7.69% 1	13	2.85
Other	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	71.43% 10	14	1.64

Q12 How useful did you find the following Scorpions?

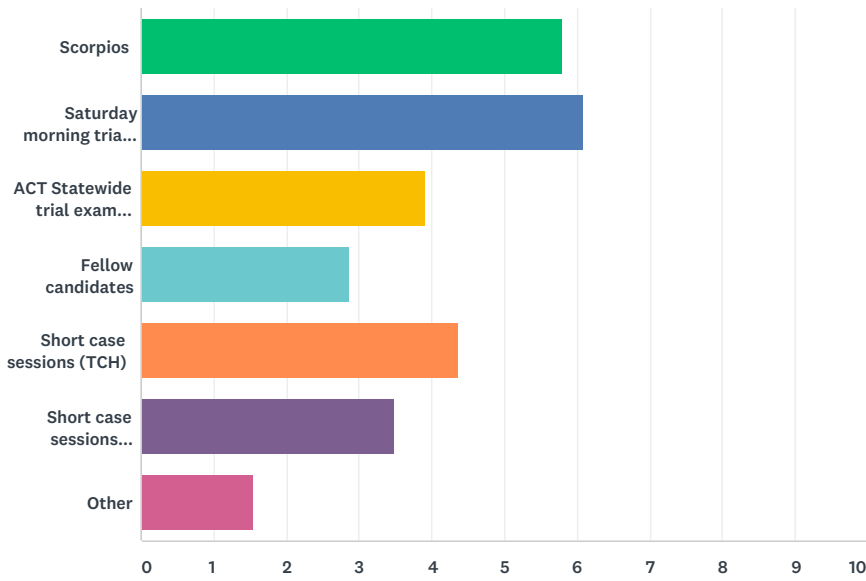
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	EXTREMELY USEFUL	VERY USEFUL	SOMEWHAT USEFUL	NOT USEFUL	NOT AT ALL USEFUL	UNABLE TO ATTEND	TOTAL
Cardiology Unit, TCH	35.71% 5	42.86% 6	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14
Cardiology - [REDACTED]	57.14% 8	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Neurology	21.43% 3	57.14% 8	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14
Rheumatology	42.86% 6	57.14% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14

Q13 From whom did you receive the most useful feedback for SHORT cases? (Please rank the following)

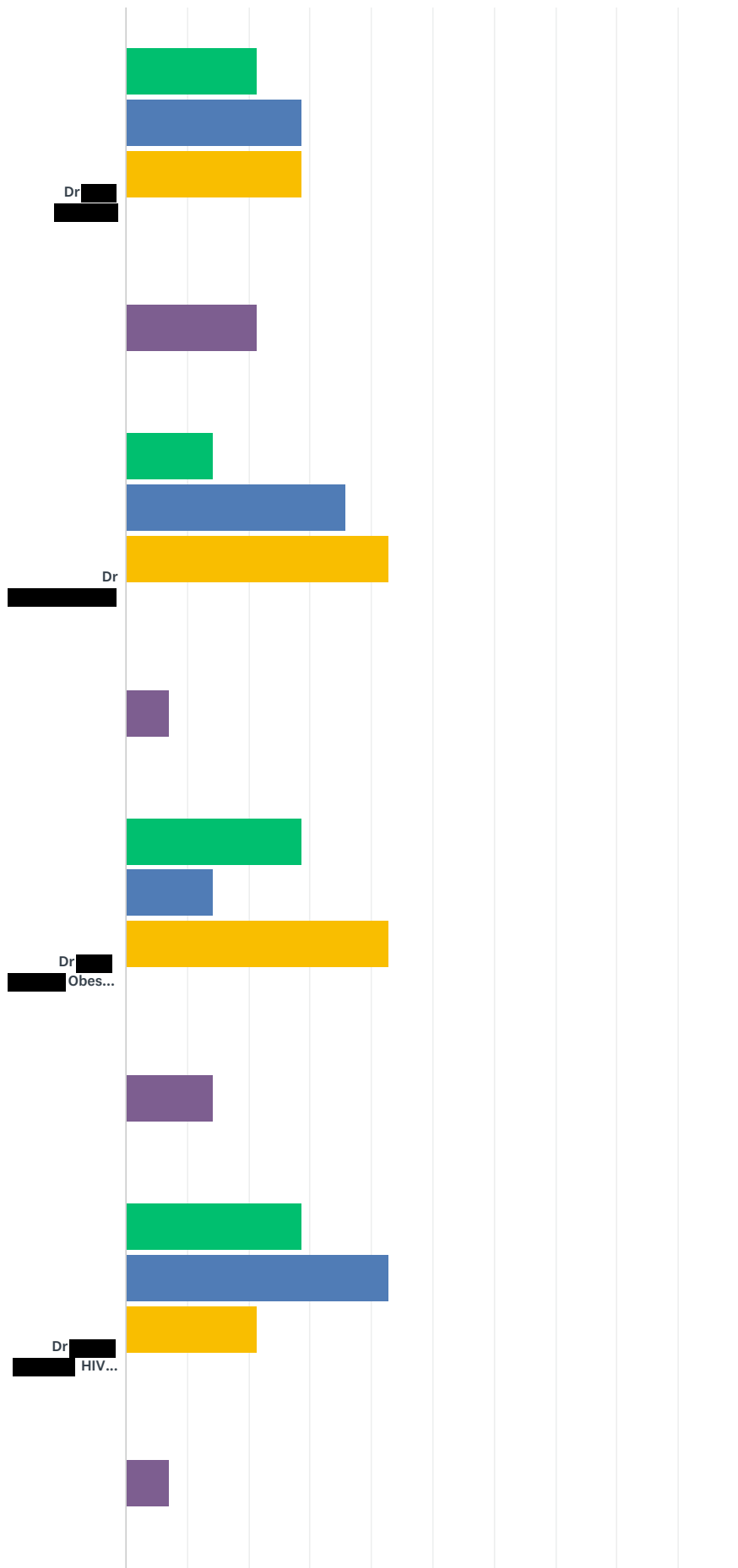
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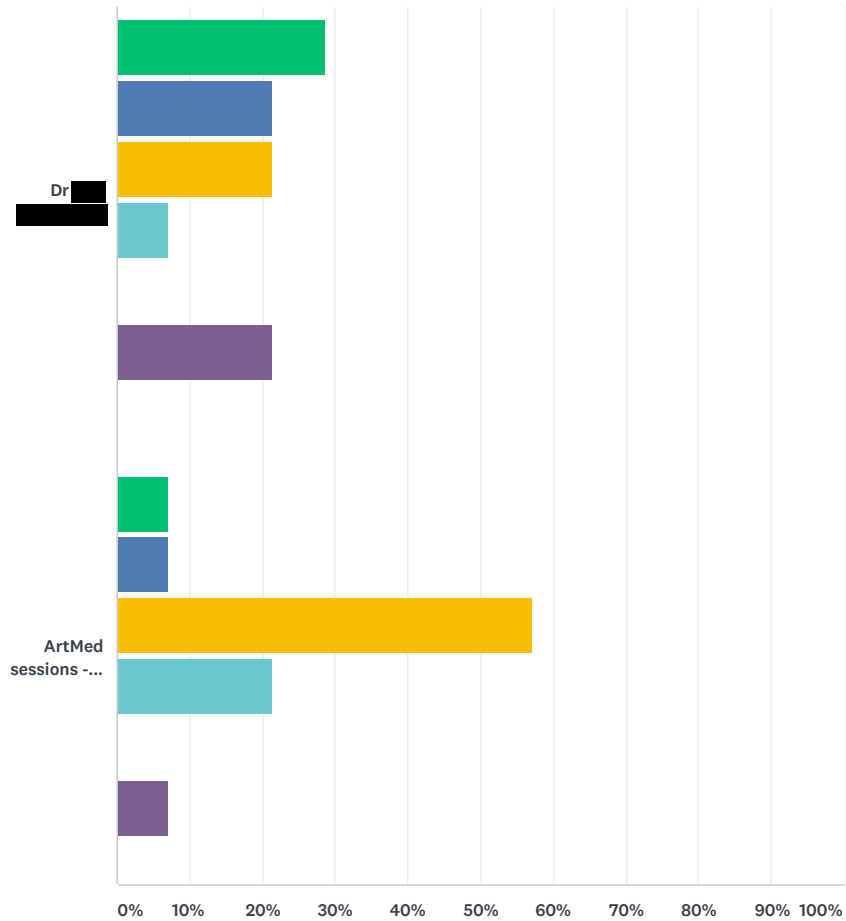


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Scorpios	28.57% 4	50.00% 7	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14	5.79
Saturday morning trial exam feedback	61.54% 8	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13	6.08
ACT Statewide trial exam feedback	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	13	3.92
Fellow candidates	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	50.00% 7	7.14% 1	14	2.86
Short case sessions (TCH)	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13	4.38
Short case sessions (Calvary)	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	21.43% 3	14.29% 2	35.71% 5	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	14	3.50
Other	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	76.92% 10	13	1.54

Q14 How useful did you find the following Teaching sessions:

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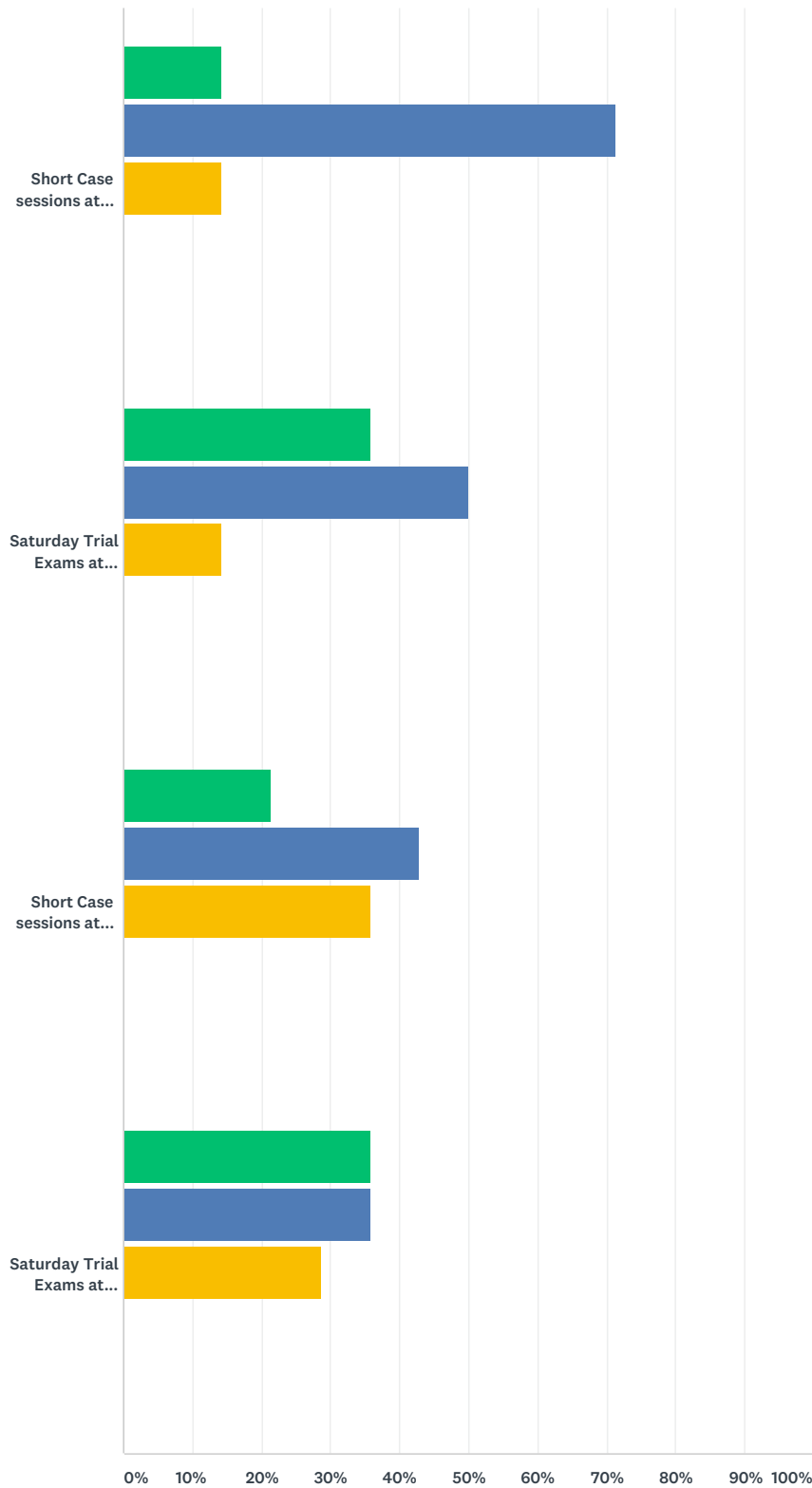


■ Extremely useful
 ■ Very useful
 ■ Somewhat useful
 ■ Not useful
■ Not at all useful
 ■ Unable to attend

	EXTREMELY USEFUL	VERY USEFUL	SOMEWHAT USEFUL	NOT USEFUL	NOT AT ALL USEFUL	UNABLE TO ATTEND	TOTAL
Dr [redacted] introduction to Long Case and Short Case presentations (week 1)	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	28.57% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	21.43% 3	14
Dr [redacted] Monday Lunchtime Long Case Preparation Tutes	14.29% 2	35.71% 5	42.86% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14
Dr [redacted] Obesity Management Tute / Q&A	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	42.86% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14
Dr [redacted] HIV Management Tute / Q&A	28.57% 4	42.86% 6	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14
Dr [redacted] Haematology / Transplantation Tute / Q&A	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	21.43% 3	14
ArtMed sessions - Focus on improving observation skills and story telling skills	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	57.14% 8	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14

Q15 How useful were the following practice exam sessions?

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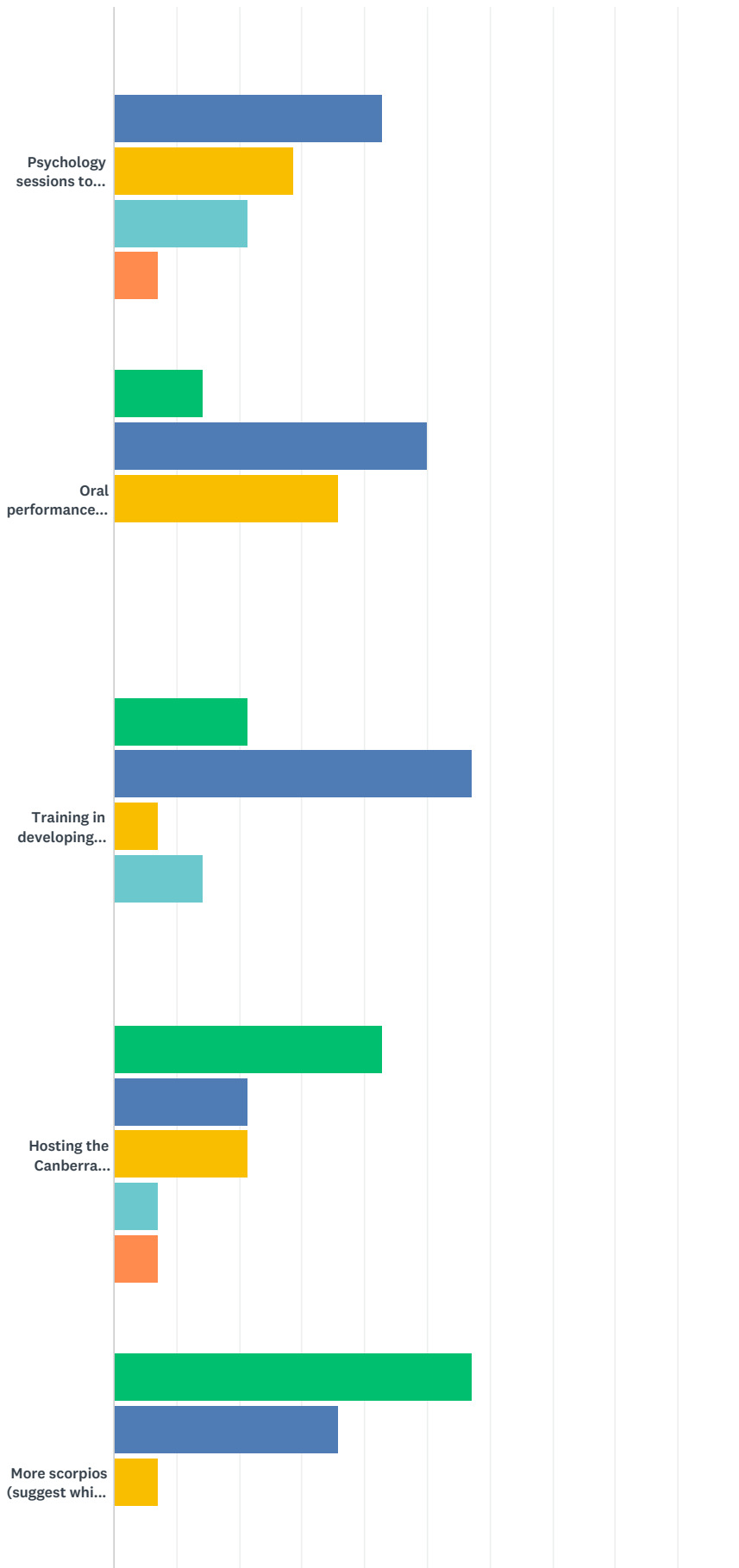
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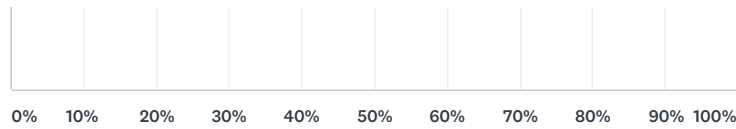
	EXTREMELY USEFUL	VERY USEFUL	SOMEWHAT USEFUL	NOT USEFUL	NOT AT ALL USEFUL	TOTAL
Short Case sessions at Canberra Hospital	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14
	2	10	2	0	0	

Saturday Trial Exams at Canberra Hospital	35.71% 5	50.00% 7	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Short Case sessions at Calvary Hospital	21.43% 3	42.86% 6	35.71% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Saturday Trial Exams at Calvary Hospital	35.71% 5	35.71% 5	28.57% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14

Q16 How helpful would the following proposed activities be in the Clinical Examination preparation program?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0





■ Extremely useful
 ■ Very useful
 ■ Somewhat useful
 ■ Not useful
■ Not at all useful

	EXTREMELY USEFUL	VERY USEFUL	SOMEWHAT USEFUL	NOT USEFUL	NOT AT ALL USEFUL	TOTAL
Psychology sessions to help develop strategies for high stake exam	0.00% 0	42.86% 6	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	14
Oral performance training (e.g. voice coaching, oral presentation skills)	14.29% 2	50.00% 7	35.71% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Training in developing narratives (how to tell a story)	21.43% 3	57.14% 8	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	14
Hosting the Canberra Clinical Course	42.86% 6	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	14
More scorpios (suggest which ones in the comments section in a later question)	57.14% 8	35.71% 5	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14

Q17 In your opinion, what can be improved in the Clinical Examination Preparation program? (constructive comments appreciated!)

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1	[REDACTED]	10/3/2018 8:25 AM
2	[REDACTED]	10/2/2018 12:40 PM
3	[REDACTED]	10/2/2018 10:36 AM
4	[REDACTED]	9/28/2018 2:43 AM
5	[REDACTED]	9/25/2018 1:29 AM
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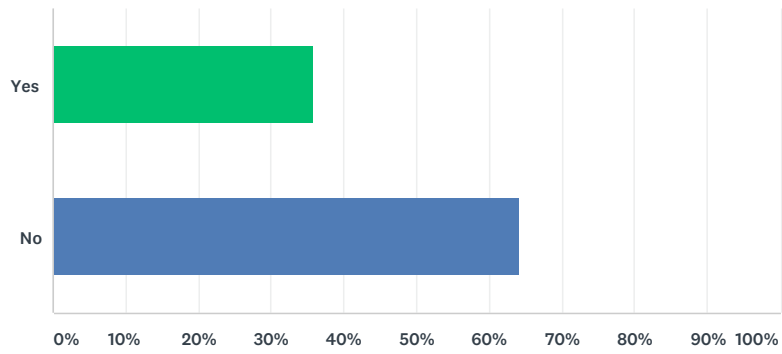
Q18 If I had my time again to prepare for the Clinical Exam, I would....

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1	[REDACTED]	10/3/2018 8:25 AM
2	[REDACTED]	10/2/2018 10:36 AM
3	[REDACTED]	9/28/2018 2:43 AM
4	[REDACTED]	9/25/2018 1:29 AM
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10	[REDACTED]	9/20/2018 6:41 AM
11	[REDACTED]	9/20/2018 6:30 AM
12	[REDACTED]	9/20/2018 4:21 AM
13	[REDACTED]	9/20/2018 4:14 AM

Q19 Did you pass the Clinical Exam this year?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	35.71%	5
No	64.29%	9
TOTAL		14