

# Clinical Pearls Group reducing inequalities in access to preparation and support for the MRCPCH clinical examination.

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## Background:

The MRCPCH clinical examination is career critical for most paediatricians. RCPCH statistics suggest that pass rates are lower for International Medical Graduates (IMG) than for UK-trained doctors.

The Clinical Pearls group was created to address these inequalities and improve outcomes for IMGs in the clinical exams.

## Methods:

The faculty (a group of IMG paediatric trainees) moderated daily online sessions over six-weeks period before the June and October 2022 diets using their experiences of the clinical exams to provide safe spaces for the candidates to prepare.

Sessions were tailor-made to address individual needs.

Mock exams were conducted after each six-week epoch and anonymised feedback was collated.

## Results:

37 candidates enrolled over the two exam diets.

65% (n=24) were first attempters

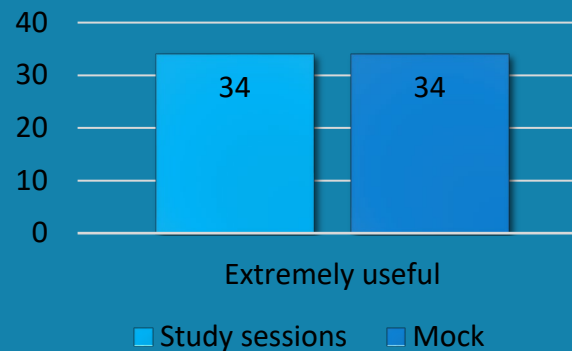
thirty-five percent (n=13) had previously attempted.

The objectives were clear to all candidates.

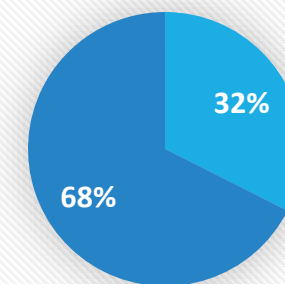
91.8% (n=34) of them rated the sessions extremely useful and found the mocks extremely useful.

68% of the candidates passed the MRCPCH clinical exams

## Candidate feedback



## Number of candidates



## Key Messages:

1. The Clinical Pearls Group demonstrated that there is power in collaboration and the benefits of targeted support for IMGs preparing for the clinical exams cannot be overemphasised.
2. Inclusive and compassionate studying environments are essential to improve exam outcomes.

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