

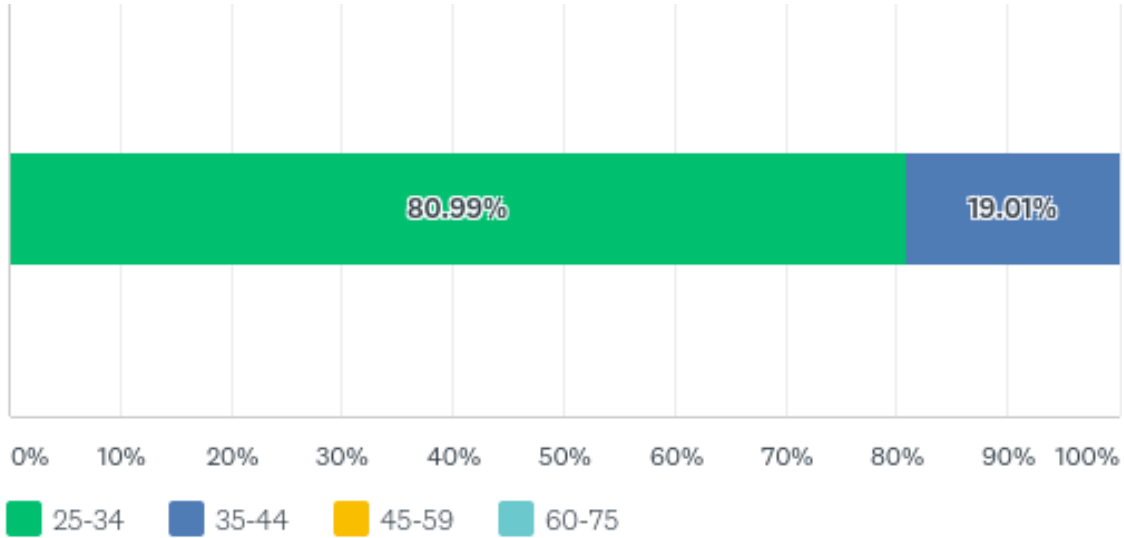
Current issues facing trainees in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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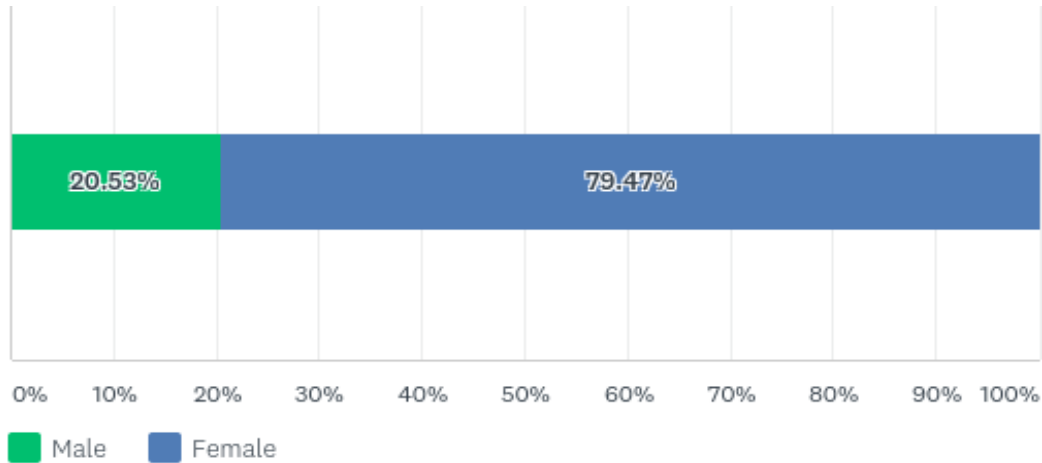
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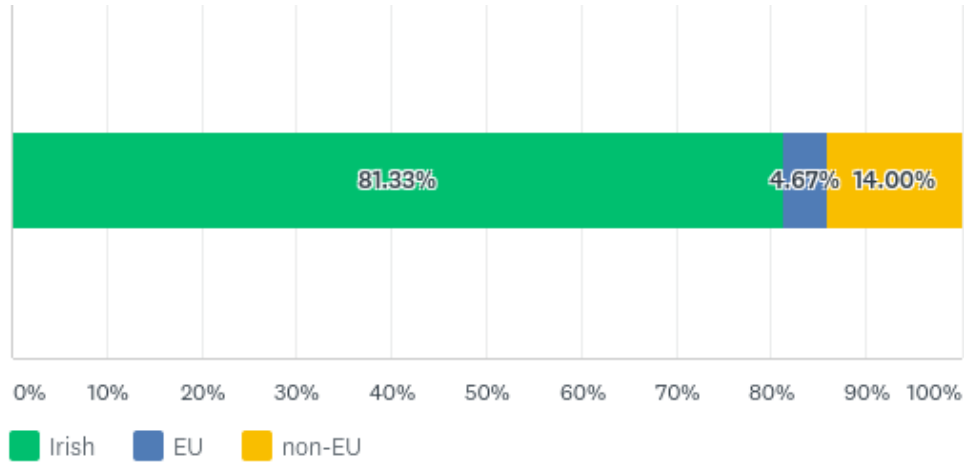
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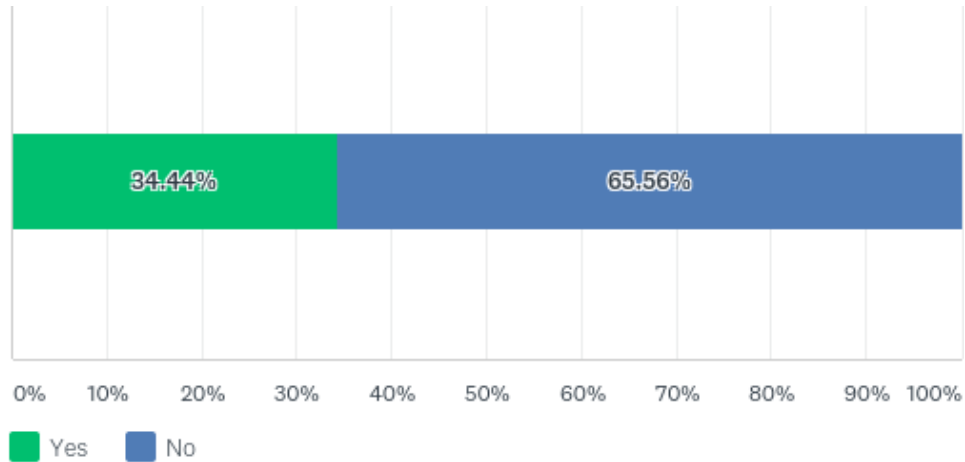
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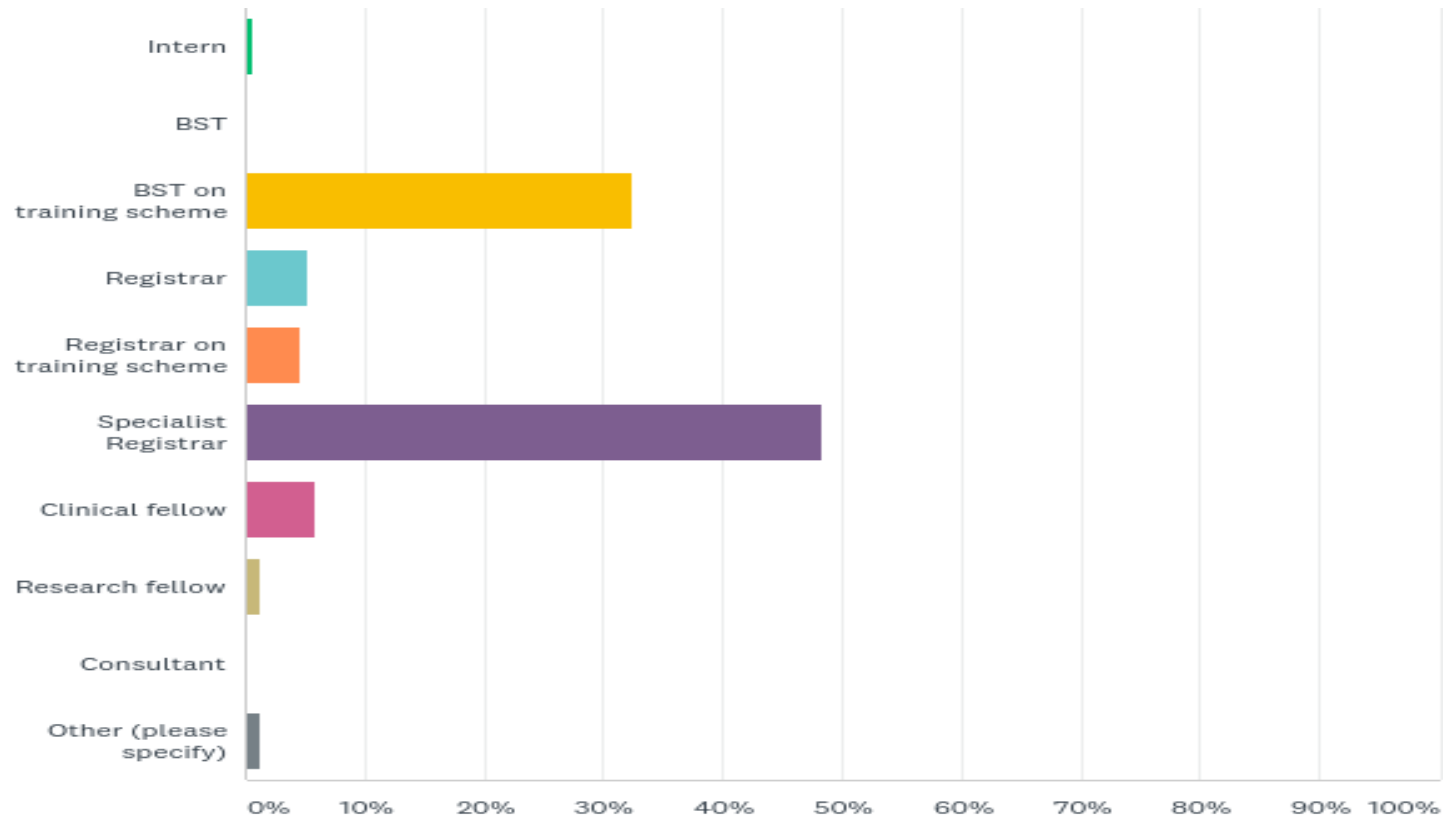
Nationality



Do you have children?

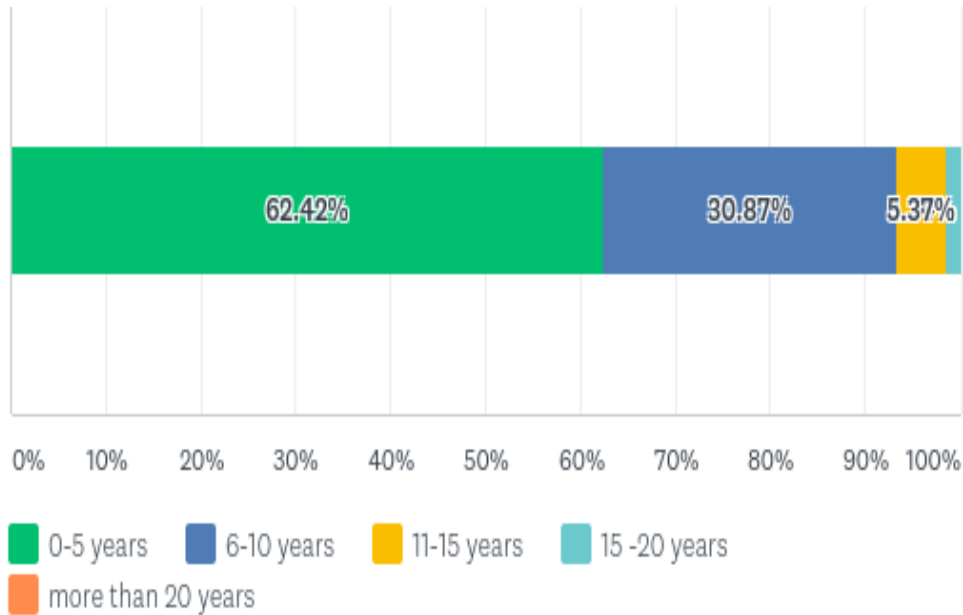


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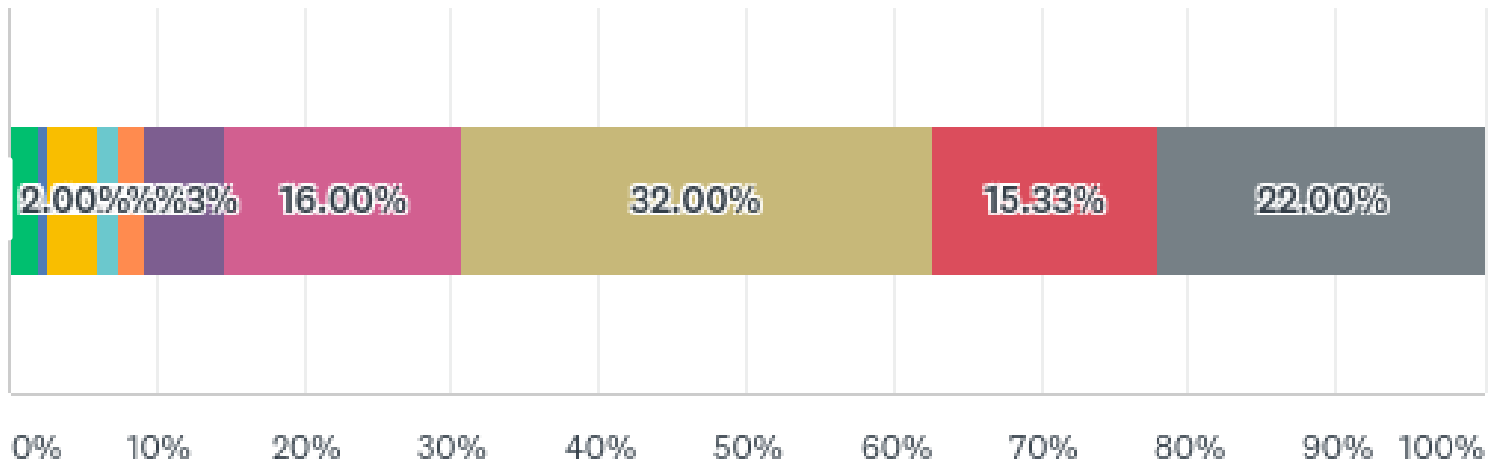


Q6: How long have you worked in the specialty?

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How much do you enjoy working in the specialty?



- 1 (Not at all)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 (Immensely)

Media Impact

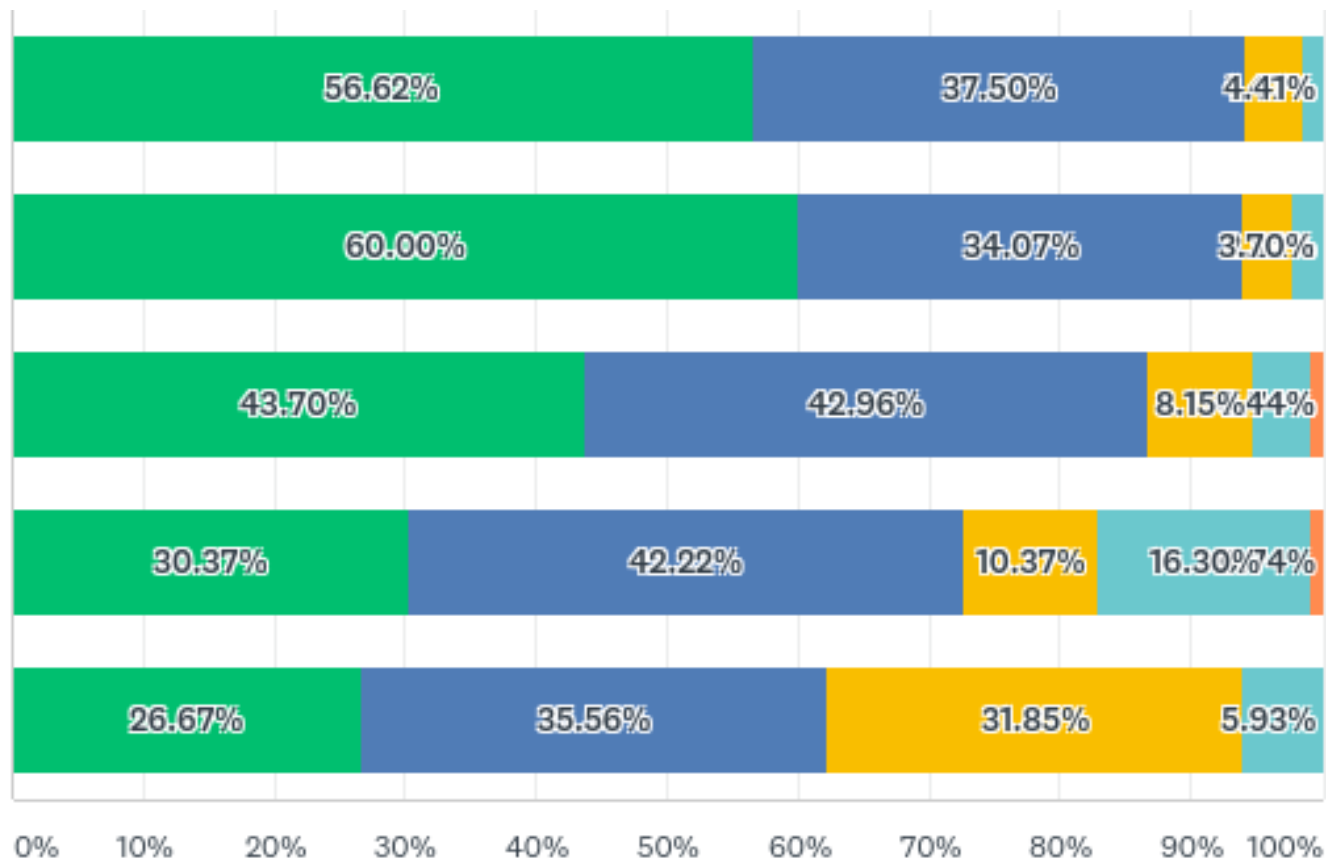
Media representation of OBGYN is fair and balanced

The impact of the media on OBGYN as a specialty is positive

The impact of the media on OBGYN patients is positive

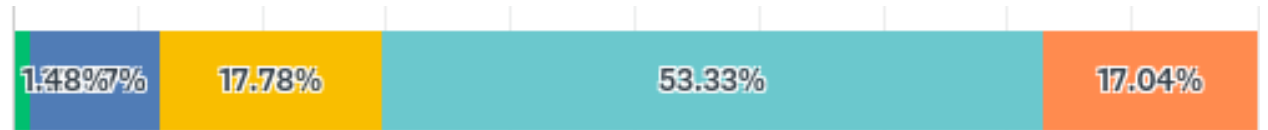
The impact of the media on midwives and nurses is positive

The impact of the media on medical student's impression of OBGYN is positive



Media Impact

I believe other specialties are portrayed in a more balanced light



Media portrayal of OBGYN has increased my fear of adverse outcomes



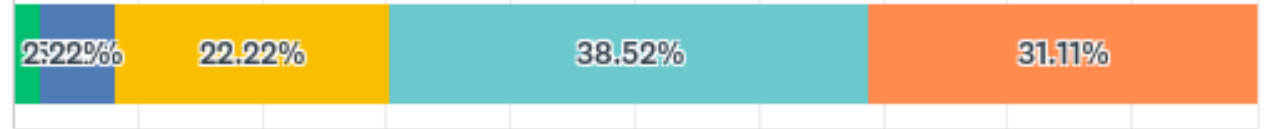
Media portrayal of OBGYN has increased my fear of litigation



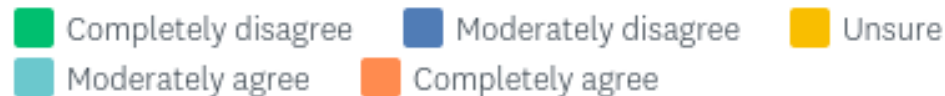
Media portrayal has influenced patients attitudes towards doctors in a negative way



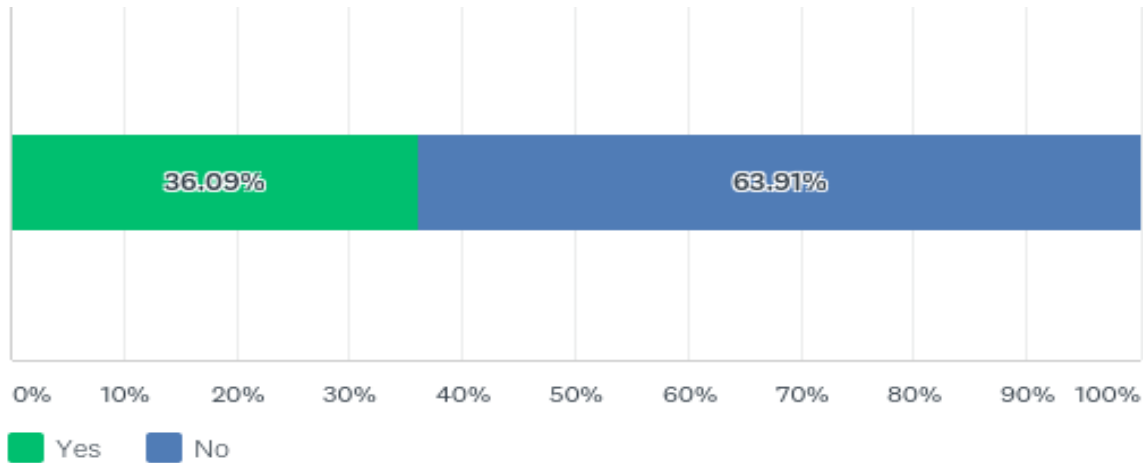
Media portrayal has adversely influenced recruitment and retention in OBGYN



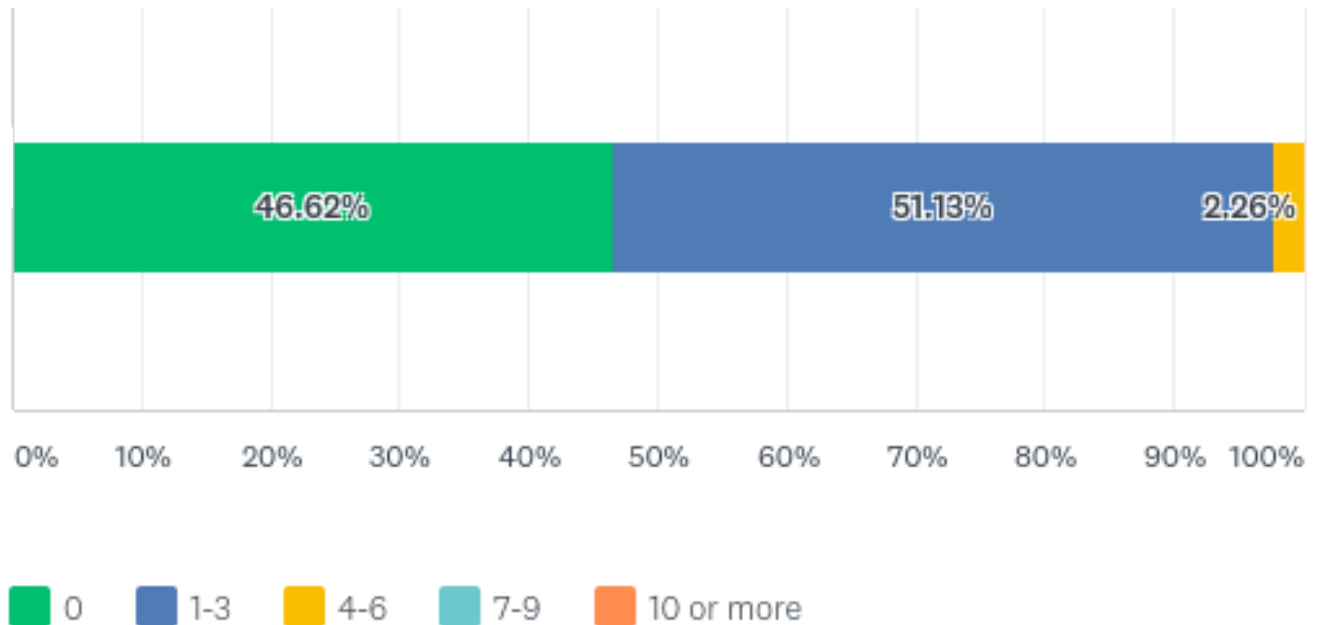
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Have you ever been involved in a medico-legal case?

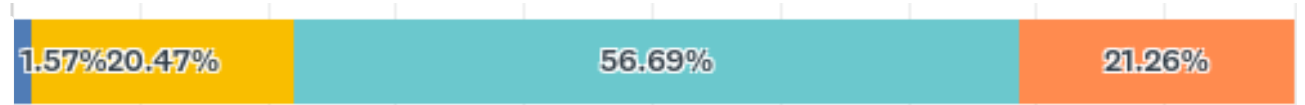


Have you ever been named in a patient complaint?



Medico-legal Climate

What impact has the current medico-legal climate had on you as a professional?



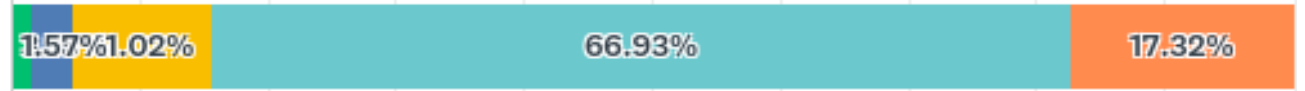
What impact has the current medico-legal climate had on your practice?



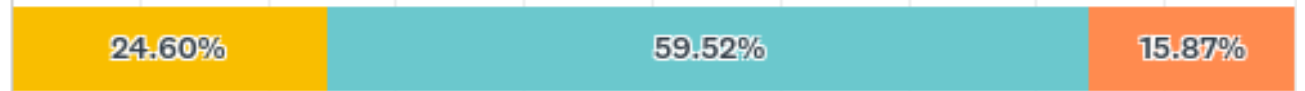
What impact does the medico-legal climate have on your interactions with patients?



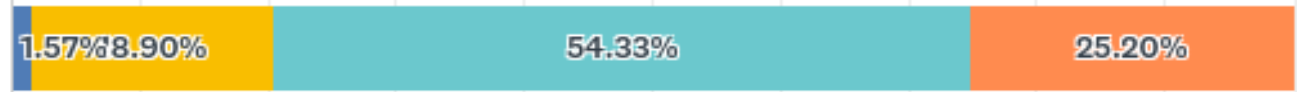
What impact does the medico-legal climate have on patients?



What impact has the medico-legal climate had on you personally?



What impact does the medico-legal climate have on recruitment and retention in OBGYN?



What impact does the medico-legal climate have on your communication with patients?



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Personal Factors

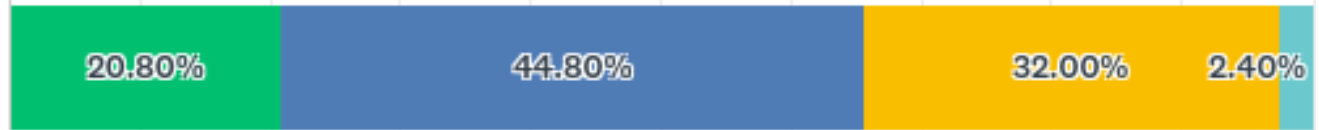
Have you suffered abusive behaviour from a patient?



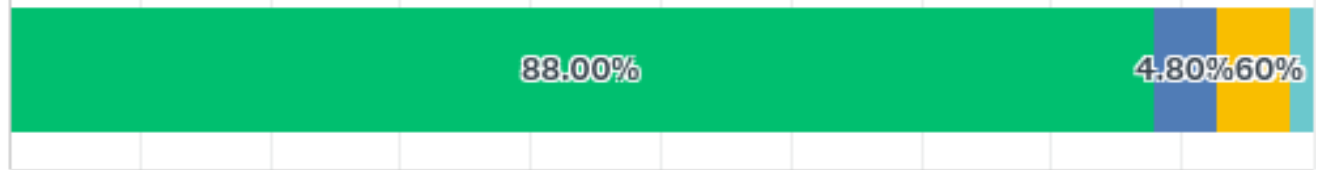
Have you suffered abusive behaviour from a patient's family member or friend?



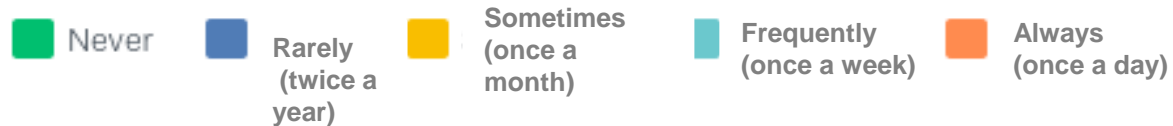
Have you had threatening behaviour from a patient or their family member?



Have you had trolls from members of the public on social media?



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Personal Factors

Do you regret choosing OBGYN as a career?

Have you thought about leaving OBGYN?

If you were back at school, would you choose medicine again as a career?

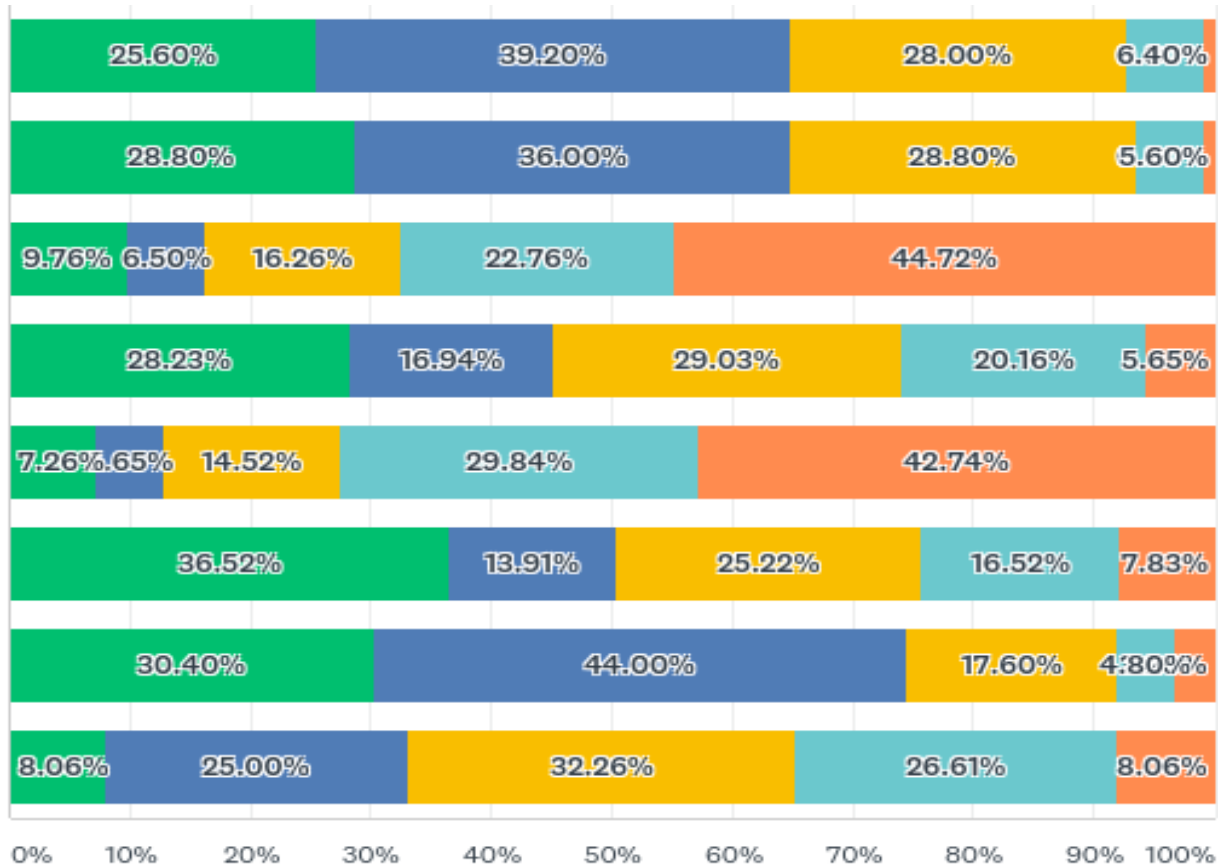
Would you be interested in working as a community gynaecologist?

If you were an intern again, would you choose OBGYN again as a career?

Would you be interested in working as a Staff Grade?

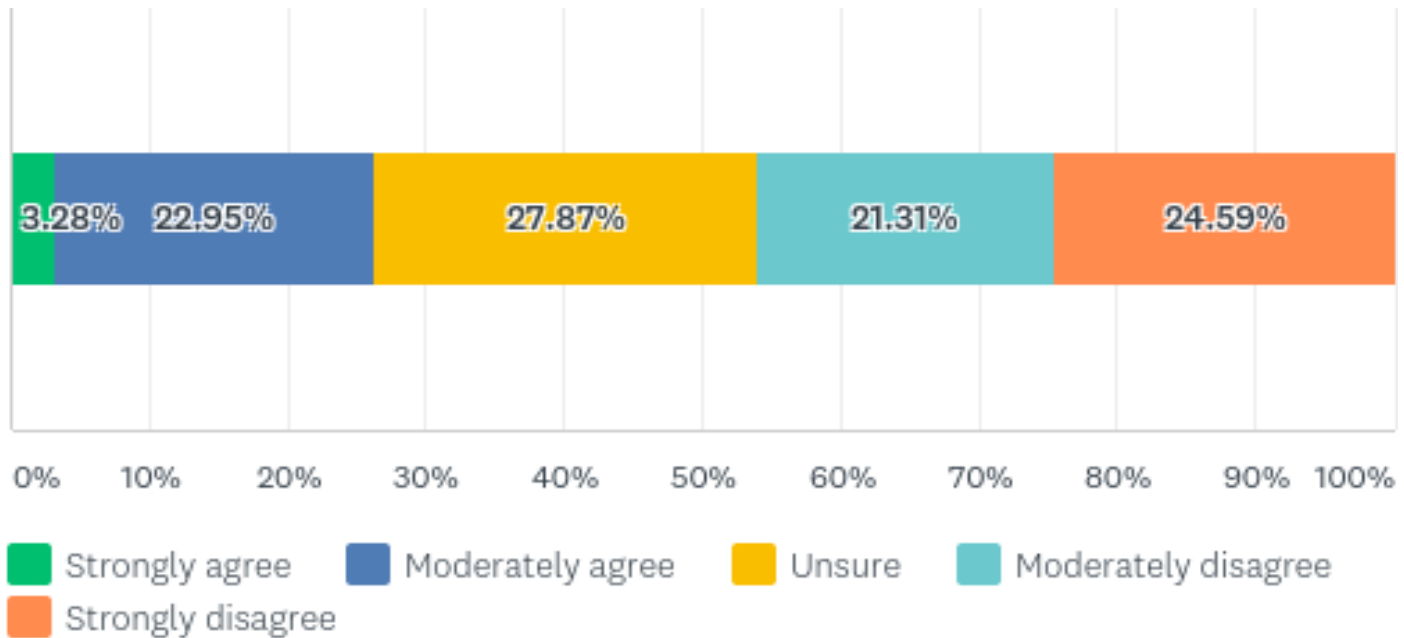
Do you think about leaving medicine?

Do you practice defensive medicine?



■ Never
 ■ Twice a year (Rarely)
 ■ Monthly (Sometimes)
 ■ Weekly (Frequently)
 ■ Daily (Always)

I would recommend a career in OB/GYN to a family member or my child



Conclusions

- Morale
- Media
- Medico-legal
- Recruitment and Retention