



Most Daunting Aspect of Being A House Officer:

A Survey Among Medical Graduates in A Malaysian Public University

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INTRODUCTION

Medical Graduates often express how unprepared they are to begin work due to several factors¹ which is why it is crucial for Medical Educators to take steps towards preparing House Officers (HO) to become all set to enter the working life^{2,3}.

OBJECTIVES

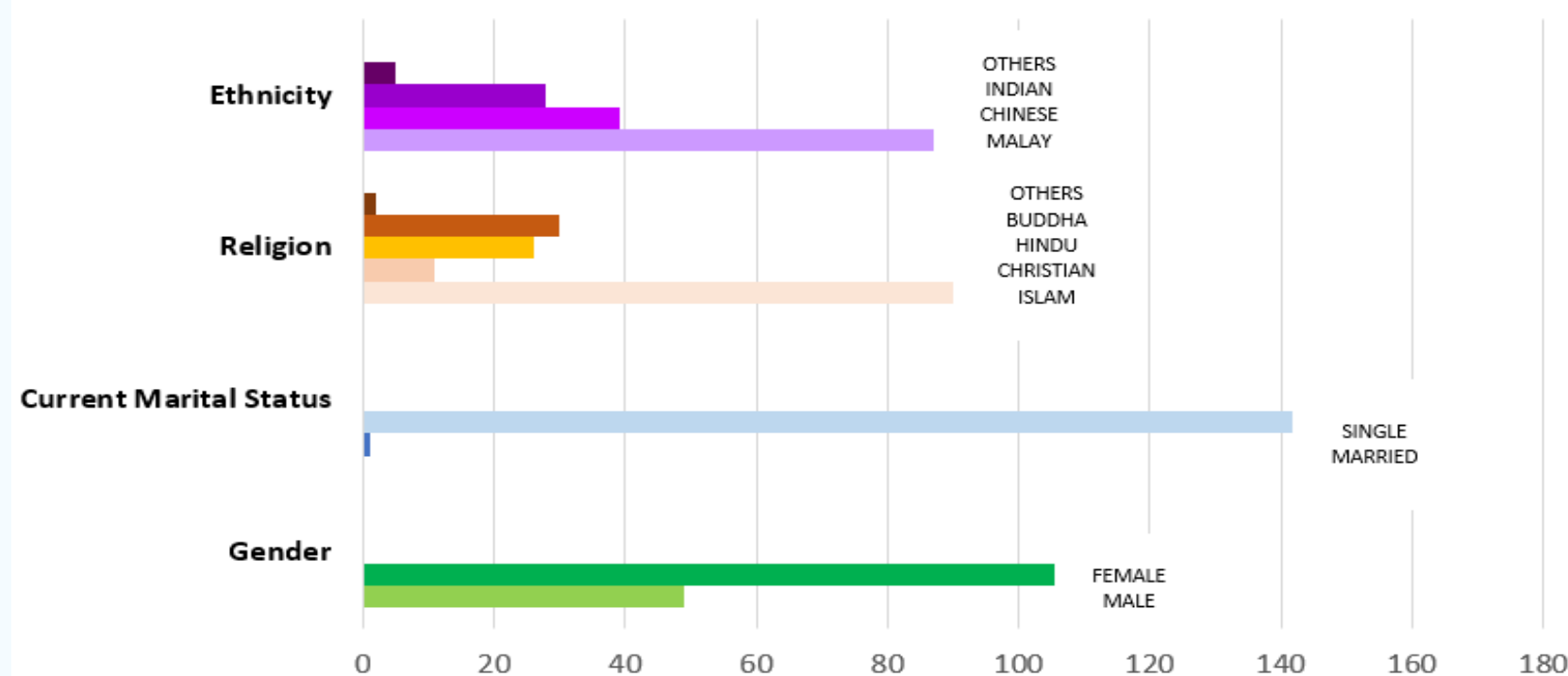
To assess the most daunting aspects of being a House Officer (HO) as perceived by Medical Graduates in a public Malaysian University.

METHODS

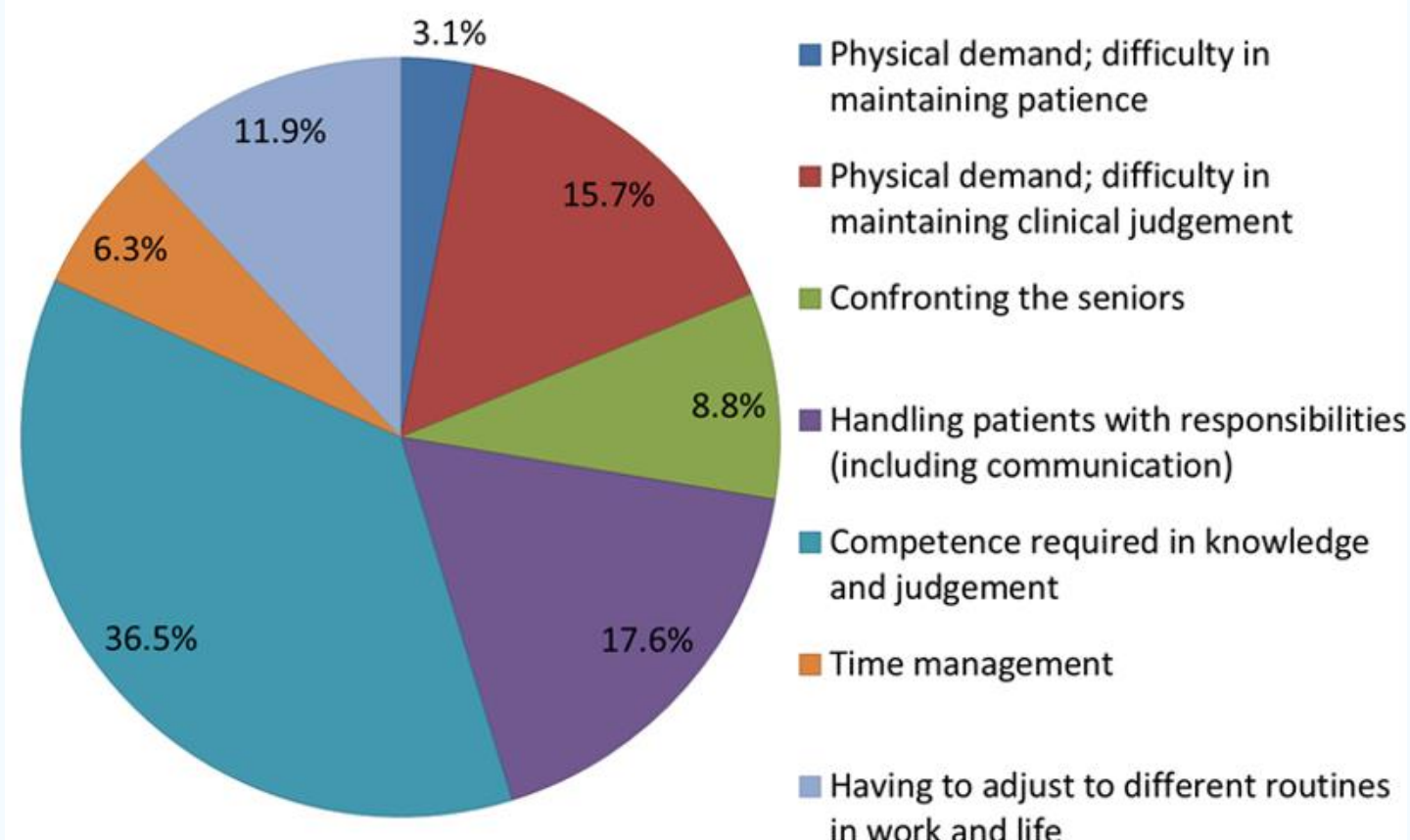
- This was part of a larger study entitled “Development of an Online Module for Medical Graduates’ Readiness to Work”
- The first part of this study involved an online survey on medical graduates from Universiti Putra Malaysia from November 2020 till January 2022⁴
- The survey used was the “Confidence and Readiness to Work as a House Officer Questionnaire” consisting of 75 questions in total⁴

RESULTS

Sociodemographic Factors of Participants



Most Daunting Aspect of being A House Officer in 2021 and 2022



DISCUSSION

- A similar study conducted among Final Year Medical Students in a Local Private University^{6,7} obtained same results as this study.
- The most daunting aspect reported was “Competence in Knowledge and Judgement”.
- Both studies asked the same set of questions.
- Therefore, this shows the importance of addressing this matter.

CONCLUSION

The majority, consisting of more than 1/3rd of the respondents selected “Competence in Knowledge and Judgement” as the most daunting aspect of becoming a House Officer (HO). Future research should further investigate these factors in depth.

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