Vulval Training in Gynaecology: A Trainees' Perspective of the Welsh Lady-Garden

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Introduction

- Management of vulval conditions remains an integral part of general gynaecology practice.
- Referrals to specialist vulval clinics are increasing.
- 3 BSSVD specialist clinics are registered in Wales.
- Local O&G trainees expressed a lack of confidence in managing vulval conditions.
- What is the trainee's perspective of vulval disorders and their confidence in managing these conditions?

Design

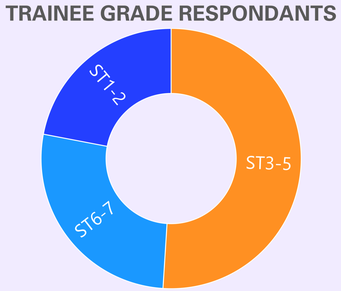
- Anonymous questionnaire using MS Forms survey web link-URL and QR code.

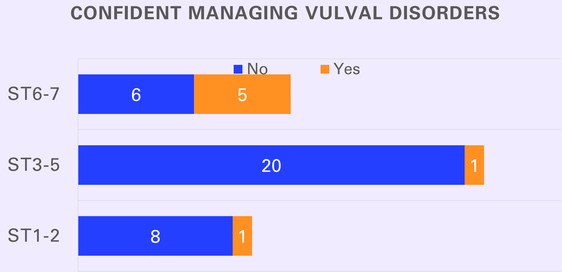
Methods

- All Welsh trainees invited through email, trainees society website, WhatsApp invitation

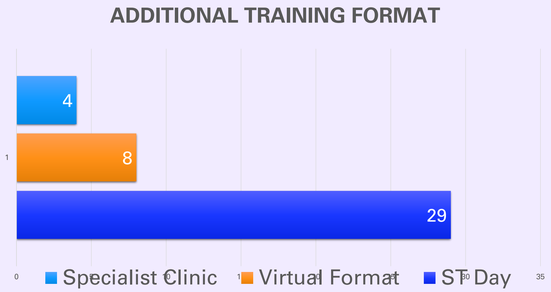
Results

- Of the 81 trainees in Wales, we received 41 responses (51%) from ST year 1-7.





- Lack of confidence in managing vulval conditions was reported in 83% (34) trainees.
- 98% of trainees welcomed additional vulval training.



- Specific learning themes included improved management of benign inflammatory dermatoses, chronic vulval pain and better identification/diagnosis of vulval cancer or pre-cancerous changes (VIN.)

Conclusions

- Majority of trainees lacked confidence in managing vulval conditions.
- Almost all trainees believed they would benefit from additional training.
- Highlight the need to improve vulval training for future gynaecologists in Wales, through virtual and regional format.