

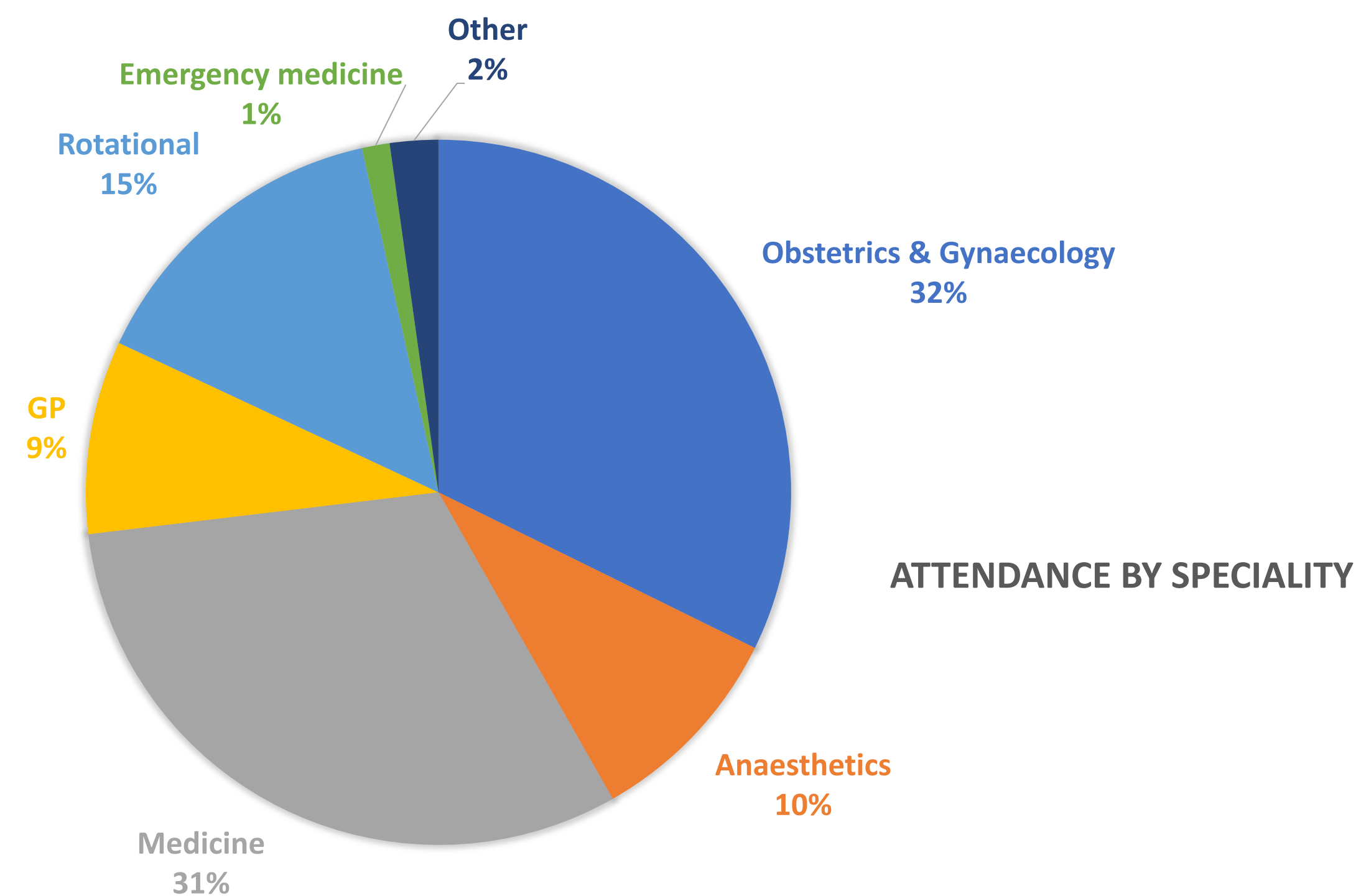
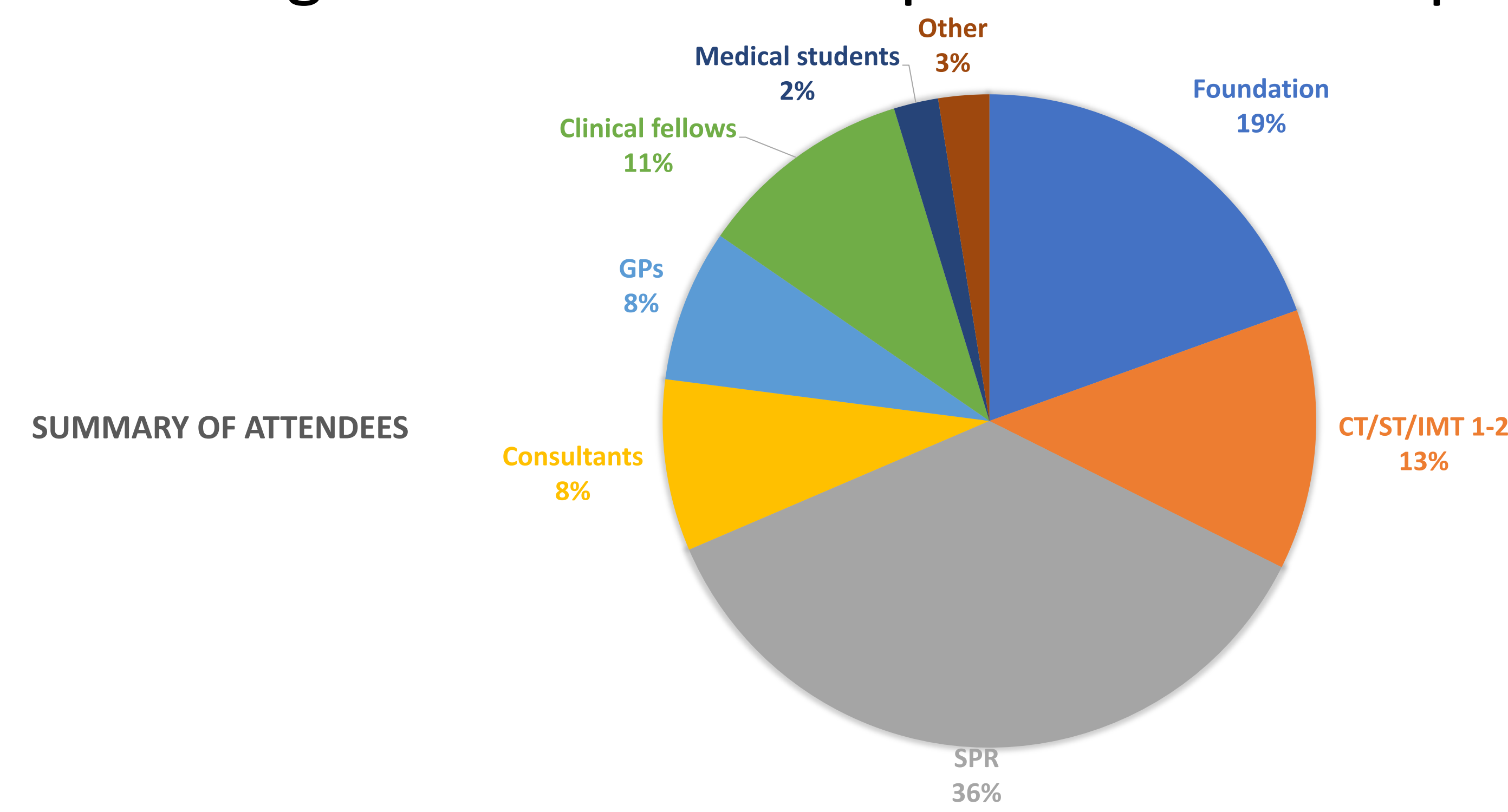
Introducing WOMS, the Welsh Obstetric Medicine Society - improving knowledge of obstetric medicine.

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Objectives: Medical problems currently represent the leading cause of mortality in pregnancy across the UK. We aimed to improve the knowledge, and build networks, between healthcare professionals looking after women with complex medical problems in pregnancy in Wales, through educational events and multi-disciplinary learning.

Methods: As a group of trainees with an interest and enthusiasm for Obstetric Medicine we launched the Welsh Obstetric Medicine Society (WOMS). A series of online education evenings were organised; each inclusive of three talks from varying specialties focused on common presentations seen in obstetric medicine, followed by a multidisciplinary team (MDT) panel discussion. Advertising of the education evenings was facilitated through Health Education and Innovation Wales, trainees of Wales Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society and Obstetrics and Gynaecology rota coordinators.

Results: The educational evenings have been well attended. Our launch evening focusing on vasculitis in pregnancy was attended by 39 delegates. Feedback from this session overall was rated as good or excellent with a range of attendees from FY1 to consultants. A broader topic was suggested for the next session. Therefore, following reflection on this feedback the second evening focused on acute presentations in pregnancy.



Again, it was a well-attended event with 78 delegates from a wider specialty demographic. Feedback showed all attendees had an improved knowledge of acute presentations in pregnancy from pre- to post-event; and all attendees said they would attend a future event, open box comments were all also positive, specifically complimenting the diverse specialty panel, facilitating consideration of topics from all MDT perspectives. The third evening focussed on diabetes in pregnancy and the increasing use of technology. This was attended by 50 attendees but with a wider specialty reach including medical students and General Practice. The feedback was very positive reporting that this was a valuable event, however, the increase in pre-post event knowledge was not as significant, and there was reference to some repetitiveness in the presentations.

Conclusions: This is an evolving society, and we hope to continue regular events engaging more specialties/disciplines to increase awareness of Obstetric Medicine, so that there is an improvement in confidence when treating women in pregnancy. Our next session will address the importance of preconception counselling aiming to improve awareness that it is an important aspect of care for any woman of reproductive age with an underlying health condition who may consider pregnancy. Cross-specialty engagement has improved both inside and outside of the meetings.

