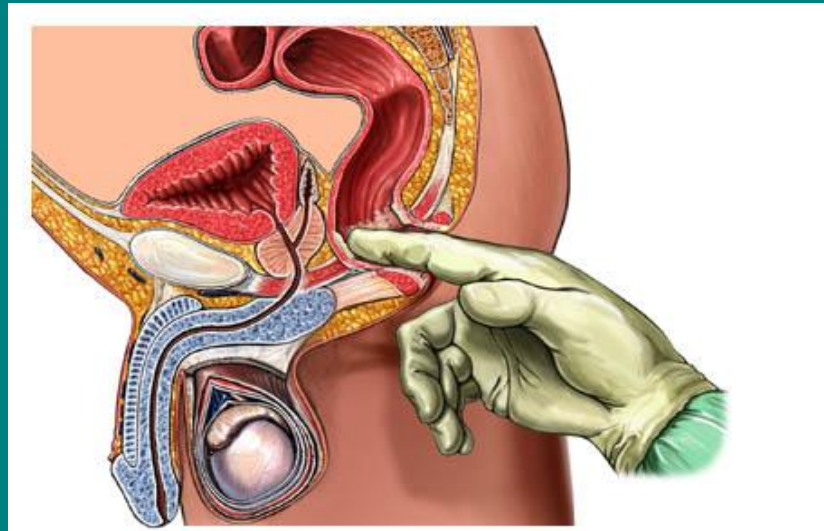


The changing face of education for Digital Rectal Examination (DRE) and Manual Removal of Faeces (MEF)



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Objectives

- To identify the importance of the procedure in the treatment and management of patients
- To identify why the delivery of education for DRE / MEF had to change
- To develop and introduce an education programme endorsed by the Open College Network (OCN)

Patients who may require DRE / MEF

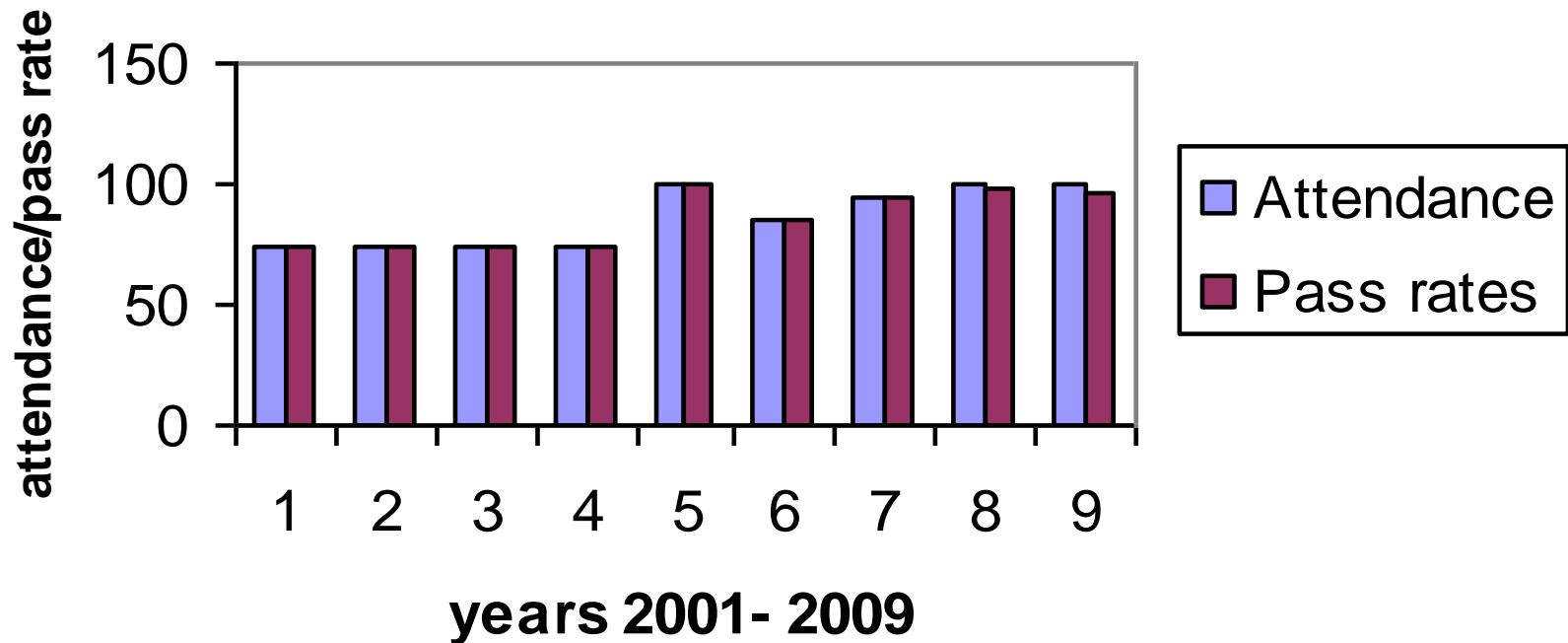
- Spinal injuries
- Neuropathic patients e.g. spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, stroke patients etc
- Patients with incomplete evacuation
- Patients who suffer faecal incontinence
- Patients who suffer constipation
- Patients who need rectal preparations to evacuate bowels

Background

- DRE / MEF core clinical skill
- At least 5 competency study days per year
- Accommodating at least 100 professionals per year
- Run for the past 8 years
- Demand for skill increasing and continence service unable to respond to demand

Attendance and Pass rates

DRE and MEF attendance/pass rates



Aims

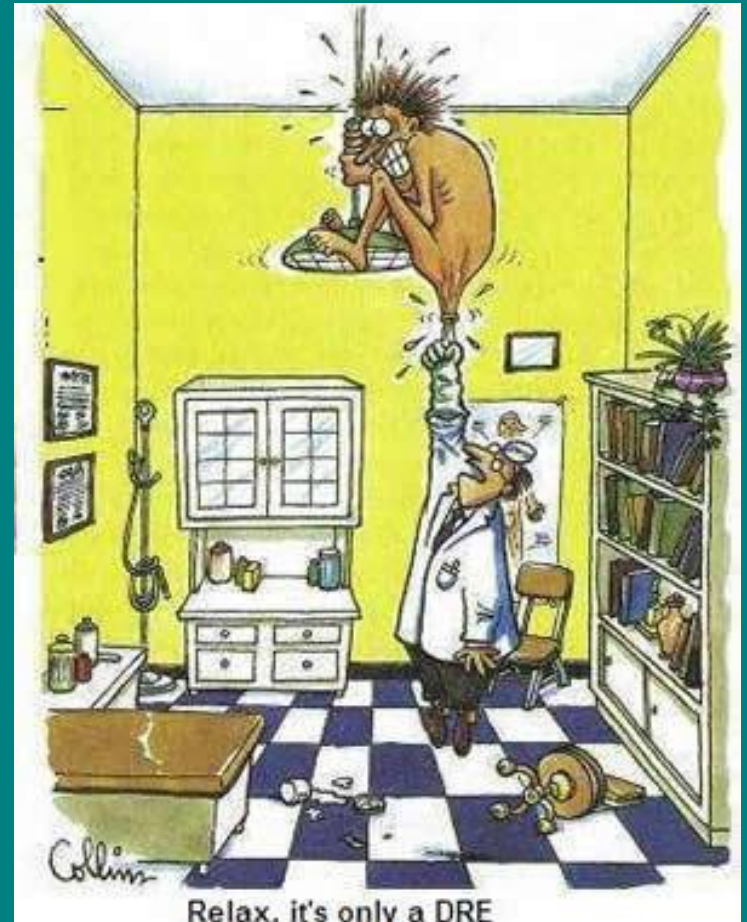
- To introduce RCN/Skills for Health NOS (2008) and RCN Bowel care (2008)
- Reduce amount of study leave required for taught component
- Increase capacity to deliver course
- Recognized validated and transferable course
- Approved by OCN level 4, worth 3 credits
- Competency assessments to be undertaken by named OCN approved assessors

Outcomes

- Course revised with assistance of nurse education department
- Accredited and validated by OCN May 2009
- Now distance learning booklet / package electronically available to Trust staff
- Assessor study days devised which meet OCN criteria
- No attendance at study days
- Competency assessed both on model and in clinical practice by recognised assessors
- Validated criteria which is available outside Trust

Conclusion

- Available course to all professionals whose employer is linked to OCN anywhere in U.K.
- Standardizes competencies
- Credits attainable for learning
- Improve quality of care given to patients



Thank you for listening



Any Questions