

# A survey on the Palliative Medicine Training Program organized by the Palliative Medicine Subspecialty Board of Hong Kong College of Radiologists

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## Objective

- To review the palliative medicine (PM) training program organized by the Palliative Medicine Subspecialty Board of Hong Kong College of Radiologists

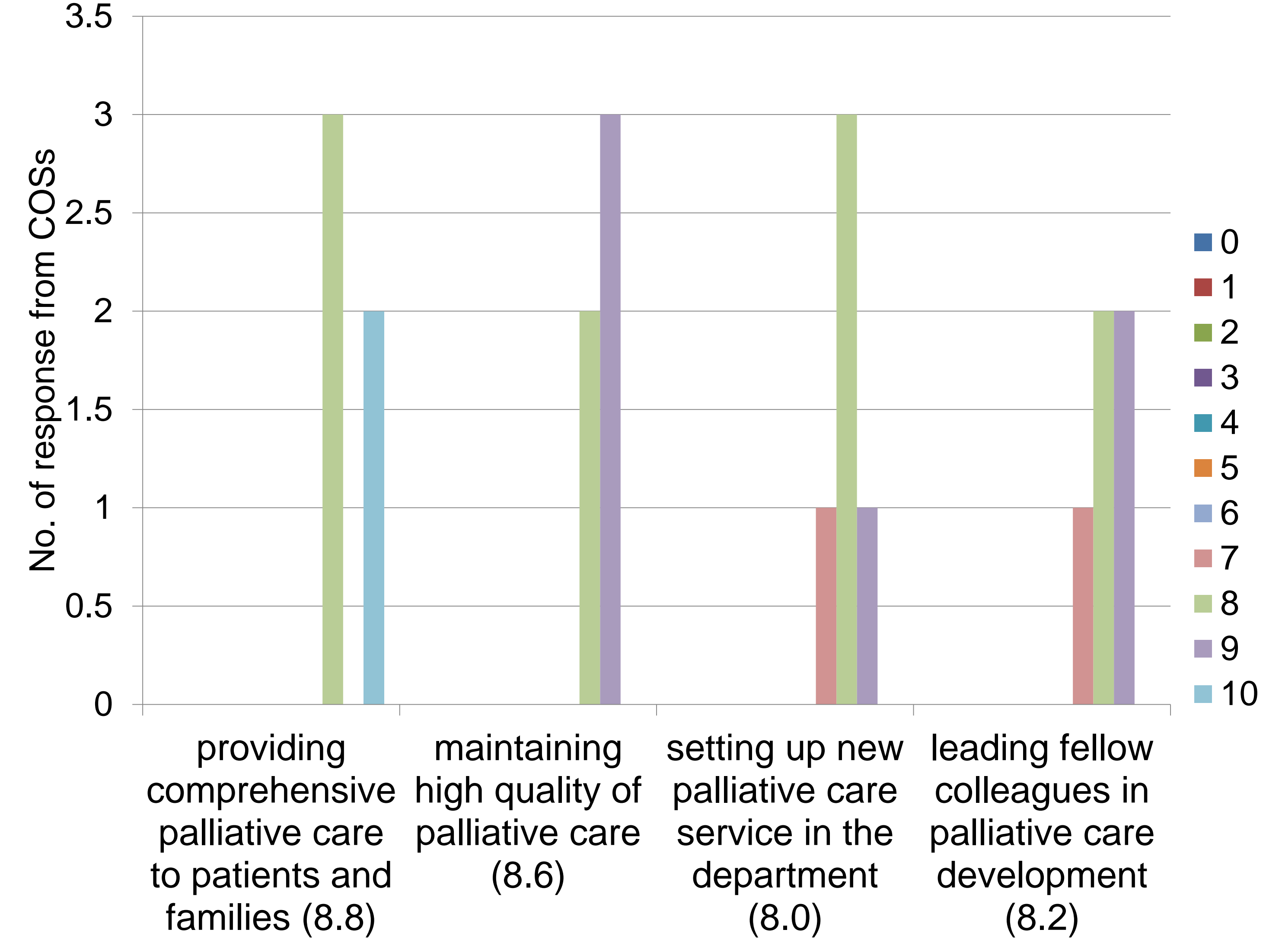
## Methods

- A survey among three groups of oncologist specialists was carried out from January to March 2016
- They were invited to rate the different aspects of the local PM training

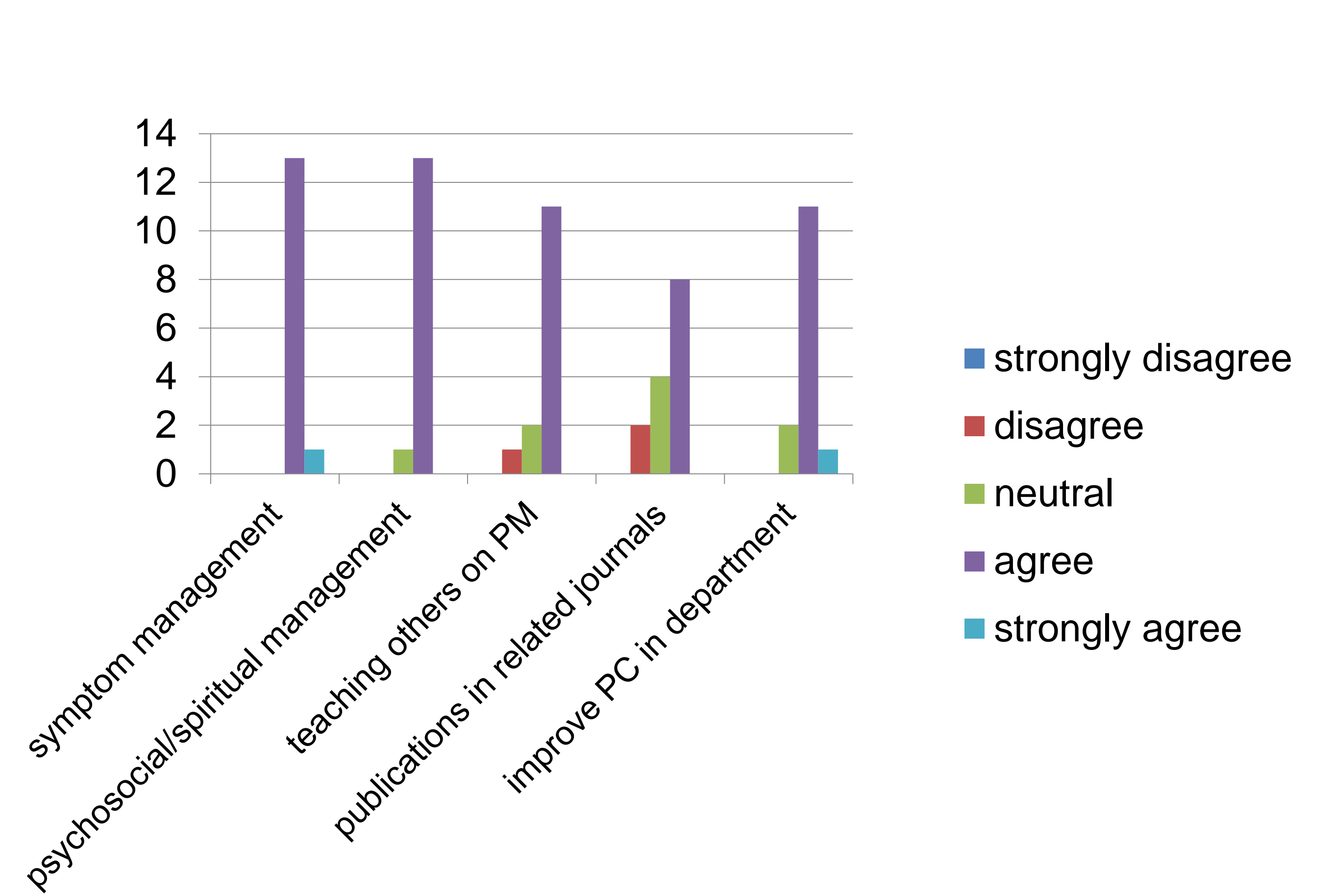
## Results

- The response rates by the Chiefs of Service (COS) of Department of Clinical Oncology, past successful candidates of the Palliative Medicine Board Examination and 28 trainees of the recent cycle (2013-2016) were 83%, 70% and 32%, respectively
- The COSs and past candidates recognized the value of PM training, and also made some suggestions to improve the training program
- Recent trainees raised some concerns on the coursework and examination
- All opinions were reviewed in the Subspecialty Board meeting and changes will be made in the next cycle of training to maximize learning experiences

Scores by COSs on Palliative Care Service Provided by Trained PM Specialists



Results of Past Candidates on the Usefulness of PM Training



## Conclusions

- The merit of PM training program organized by the Palliative Medicine Subspecialty Board is recognized by most oncologists
- Further improvement can be made by close supervision and guidance on the progress on coursework, encouraging related readings and active participation in international/local PM conferences

Results of Trainees on Debate Sessions

