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Introducing IR to Medical Students Interested in Primary Care Specialties

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INTRODUCTION

- Interventional Radiology (IR) increasingly recognized as part of collaborative healthcare team.
- IR poorly represented in medical school curricula (Nissim et. al., 2013).
- Interventional Radiology Interest Group presentations and demonstrations increase knowledge and excitement about the specialty amongst medical students (Silk et. al., 2015).
- Effect of these presentations on students interested in other specialties is lacking.

Hypothesis:

Presenting cases specifically targeted toward medical students interested in primary care specialties increases their knowledge about the role of IR in their future practice.



METHODS

- IR case presentations that are relevant to each interest group's respective field
 - Family Medicine (Cases: UFE and Kyphoplasty)
 - Internal Medicine (Cases: TIPS and Abdominal Abscess)
 - Emergency Medicine (Case: Trauma/GSW)
- Pre and post surveys with 7 statements on a 1-5 scale
 - I = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree
- N=81; 70 included in analysis.

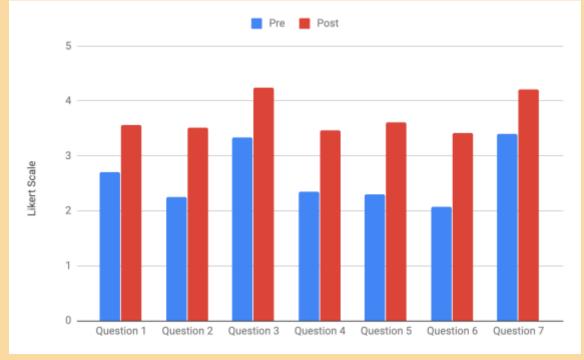
Total Sample Size	81		
Total Completed Both Surveys	73		
M1	47		
M2	26		
M3	1		
M4	3		
Year Not Specified	4		
M1&2 who completed both surveys			

44 M1 and 26 M2 completed both surveys and were included in this analysis.



DEMOGRAPHICS AND MEAN SURVEY RESULTS

M1 Interest	Frequency	Percent	M2 Interest	Frequency	Percent
Family Medicine	0	0	Family Medicine	0	C
Internal Medicine	8	18.2	Internal Medicine	8	30.8
Emergency Medicine	8	18.2	Emergency Medicine	5	19.2
Pediatrics	2	4.5	Pediatrics	2	7.7
Neurology	1	2.3	Neurology	0	C
OBGYN	2	4.5	OBGYN	3	11.5
Surgery	2	4.5	Surgery	0	C
Ortho	2	4.5	Ortho	0	C
IR	0	0	IR	1	3.8
Rad/Onc	1	2.3	Rad/Onc	1	3.8
Anesthesia	1	2.3	Anesthesia	0	C
Undecided	17	38.7	Undecided	6	23.2
Total	44	100	Total	26	100



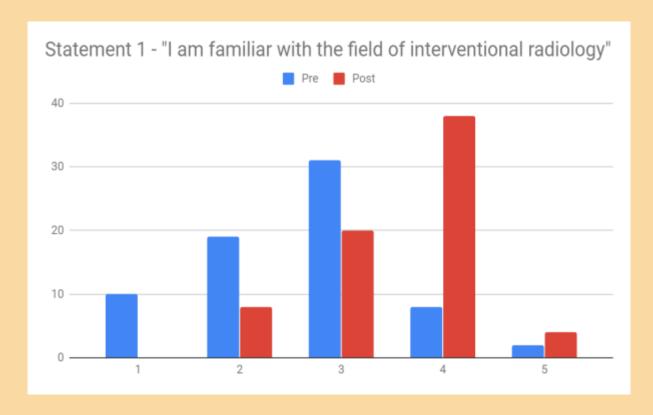
Mean values of all responses to each pre and post survey statements.

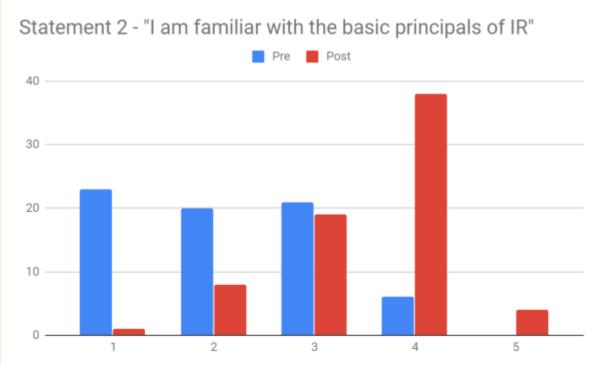
Sullivan et. al., 2013 – Analyzing Likert-Type Scale Data

- Means are of limited value (numbers derived from Likert scales represent ordinal responses)
- Frequency distribution of responses are more helpful



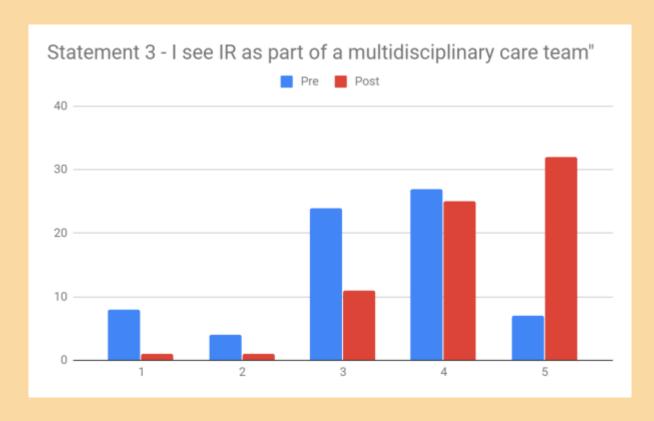
RESULTS: STATEMENT I & 2

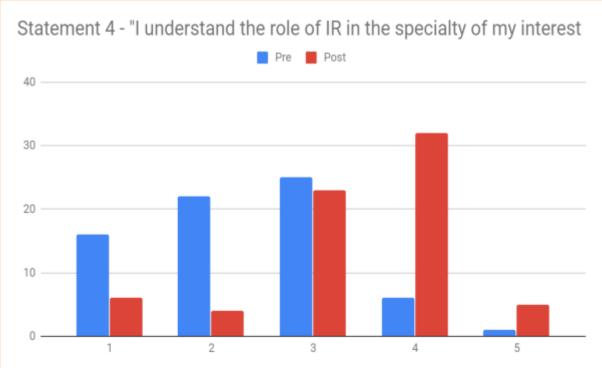






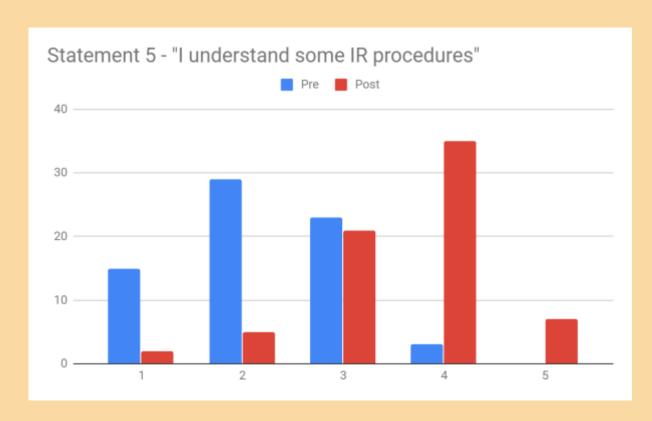
RESULTS: STATEMENT 3 & 4

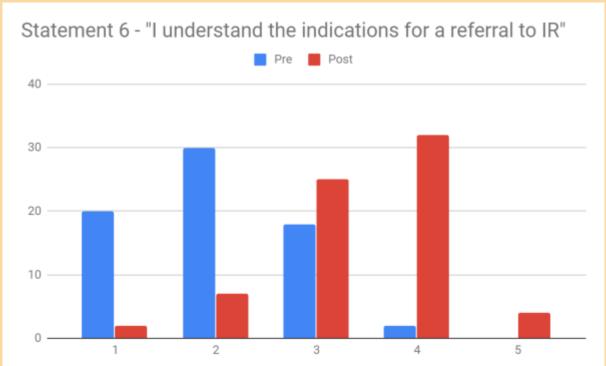






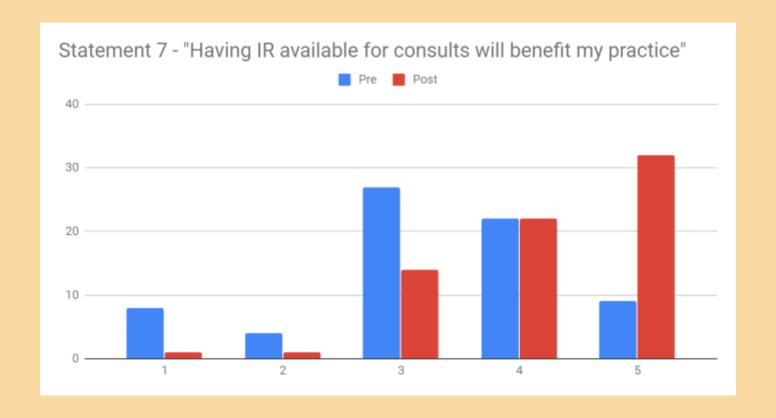
RESULTS: STATEMENT 5 & 6







RESULTS: STATEMENT 7





CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

- Increasing medical student familiarity with IR is essential to produce physicians with a broad understanding of the management options at their disposal.
- Targeted case presentations given to medical students interested in non-radiology specialties were effective in increasing understanding of the scope and role of IR in the specialty of interest.
- Student-led presentations using interest groups as a networking platform are an effective method for forming first impressions and exposing future doctors to the applications of IR in their practice.
- Guest presentations at other interest groups may gain the interest of students who are still undecided in their chosen specialty who have otherwise not had any previous exposure to IR.
- This could prove to be a model for various subspecialties to educate students interested in primary care, improving their knowledge and increasing the management options at their disposal.

- Expand our definition of primary care and present to pediatric, surgery, and OB/GYN interest groups
- Identify opportunities to discuss IR in medical curriculum
 - Lectures
 - Case-based learning
 - Virtual case modules
- Explore the value of these presentations on interns who may not have had previous exposure to IR in undergraduate medical education.



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