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# BEING THE ON-CALL DOCTOR: ATTITUDES OF JUNIOR DOCTORS WORKING AT MOUNT CARMEL HOSPITAL

### WHO ARE WE?

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NURSES? OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS?

SOCIAL WORKERS?

TEACHERS?

PSYCHOLOGISTS?

DOCTORS?

**ANY OTHERS?** 

#### AIMS: WHY THIS STUDY?

Assessing the nature of the calls received by FY trainees during their on-call hours, without distinguishing between morning and night calls.

- Obtaining the FY trainees' **perspectives** on the quality of medical care at MCH.
- Studying the FY trainees' confidence in tackling medical and surgical scenarios
- Obtaining the FY trainees' input **on how the service can be improved**, particularly by introducing a senior physician who guides medical and surgical care of psychiatric inpatients during normal working hours.

#### METHODOLOGY: HOW DID WE GO ABOUT IT?

Questionnaire

&

Record of calls

#### **RESULTS:** WHAT DID WE FIND?

Most respondents rated their experience working at MCH positively

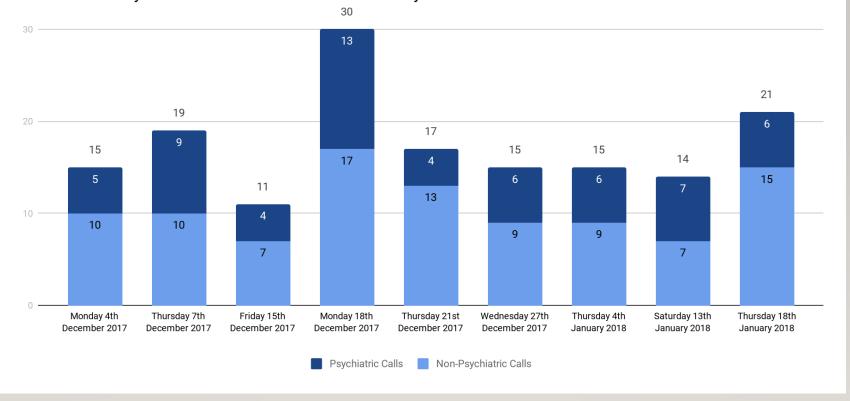
70% of respondents claimed that during their psychiatric on-call shift, at least 5 out of every 10 calls was of a non-psychiatric nature.

95% of respondents claimed that the introduction of a GP to deal with medical calls will certainly improve the service

60% of respondents claimed that they feel confident in managing most of the cases they encounter

The converse is also true...







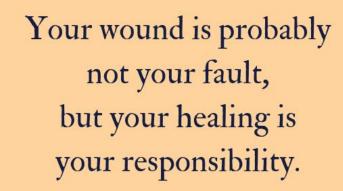
## "A PERSONAL ACCOUNT"

From Trainee Doctors



# DISCUSSION

# THANK YOU GRAZZI



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