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BVA CONGRESS 2008 Contentious Issues

'Training the next generation'

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QUESTION

Are new graduates being adequately equipped for

- the realities of practice
- the wider challenges ahead?



SOME DEFINITIONS

to train

‘bring ... to desired state or standard of efficiency etc./
teach and accustom e.g dog is trained to jump
through hoop ..’

education

‘... development of character or mental powers...’

Concise Oxford Dictionary



EDUCATION FOR THE REALITIES OF PRACTICE

- exploding knowledge base
 - curriculum review e.g map to Day 1 competences
 - harness technology
 - virtual learning environments, e-learning / 'WikiVet'
- clinical skills
 - clinical caseload
 - intra- and extra-mural studies
 - EMS
 - clinical skills labs
 - 'haptic cow'

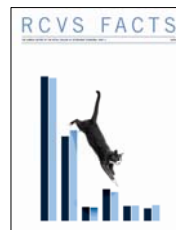
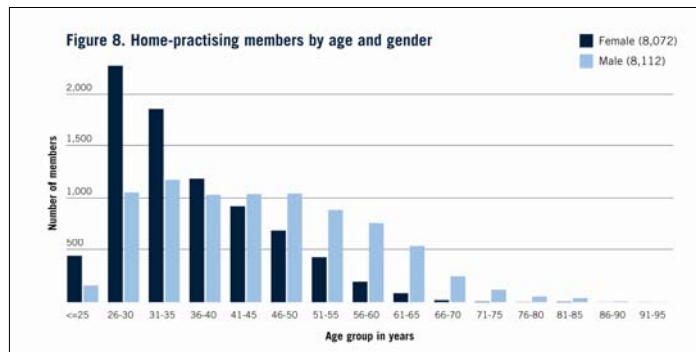


- communication skills – role-playing
- business awareness
- confidence and competence
 - need confident competence
 - NOT
 - confident incompetence!



FIT FOR PURPOSE?

Fit for practice?



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COMMITTEE – AGAINST FEMALES

AGE	% REGISTER	% COMPLAINTS
20-24	1.6	0
25-29	13.8	7.3
30-34	11.3	4.8
35-39	7.2	4.8
40-44	5.8	2.4
45-49	4.3	7.3
50-54	2.5	0
55-59	1.1	2.4
60-64	0.5	0
TOTAL n	7533	36

Notes

Total complaints against named persons 121
Period Jan – March 2007
Excludes data for >65 years

(RCVS Data)

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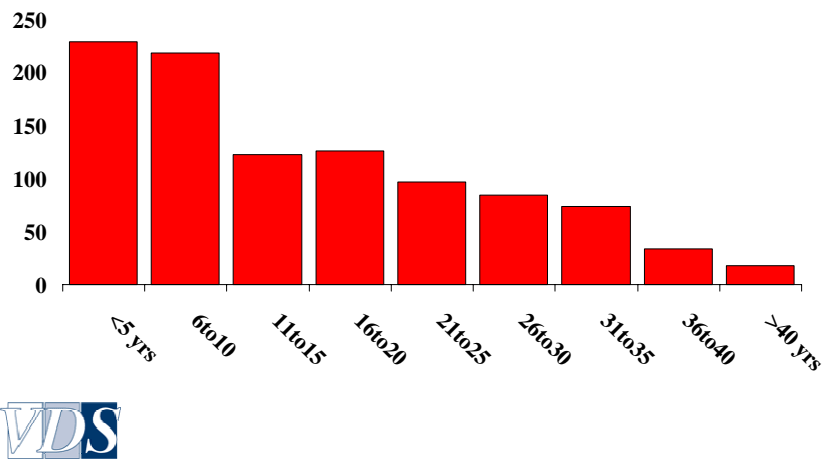
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50-54	5.5	14.5
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60-64	3.5	0
TOTAL n	7564	85

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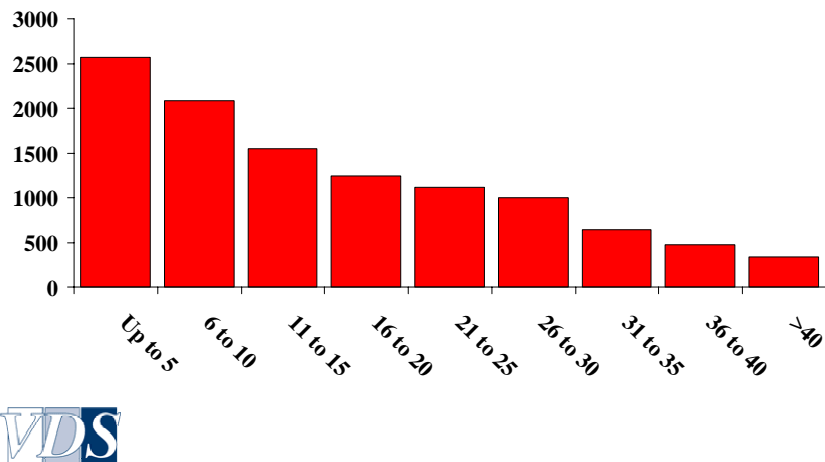
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Members involved in 2007 claims grouped by years qualified



All members (2007) by years qualified



EDUCATION FOR THE WIDER CHALLENGES AHEAD?

- much educational effort is tactical
 - how can we improve the selection / learning / assessment process or experience
 - not enough strategic ...?



... WIDER CHALLENGES AHEAD...

- Global food supply
- Climate change
 - causes - methane
 - consequences- exotic disease
- Consequences of globalisation / development
 - emerging diseases
 - rapid spread of infection
- Wellbeing and 'happiness' in developed societies – role of companion animals
- Comparative medicine



... WIDER CHALLENGES AHEAD...

- Important some vets engage with BIG issues
- Research activity important
 - increased emphasis and opportunity
 - VTRI / Wellcome Trust CVRT



ANSWER

Are new graduates being adequately equipped for

- ...practice... qualified YES
- ... wider challenges... qualified NO

DISCUSS

