

Year 4 coordinator report 2008-2009

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Overview 2008/2009

- 4 Departments: OG, Psy, Paed, CFM
- 10 → 9 week modules
- 4 End-of-module examination + Integrated end-of-year examination
- 5 separate examinations must be passed
- Elective 4-6 weeks



Feedback from the external Examiners

- Students were of very high standard
- Comparable to the standards of their institution
- Students were able to use bio-social approach in history taking and appeared to be professional in approaching ethical issues



Feedback from the external examiners

- Welcomed the idea of introducing surrogate marks - an excellent innovation
- Introduced since 2007-2008
 - Feedback from previous year (2006-2007)
 - Concern on students adopting a “Checklist approach” to history taking - reflects the emphasis on book knowledge



Your response to the following question will assist us in assessing the student.

If I was a real patient, I would like this medical student to look after me

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| 5 [] | strongly AGREE |
| 4 [] | AGREE |
| 3 [] | slightly AGREE |
| 2 [] | slightly DISAGREE |
| 1 [] | DISAGREE |
| 0 [] | Strongly DISAGREE |

Suggestions from external examiners

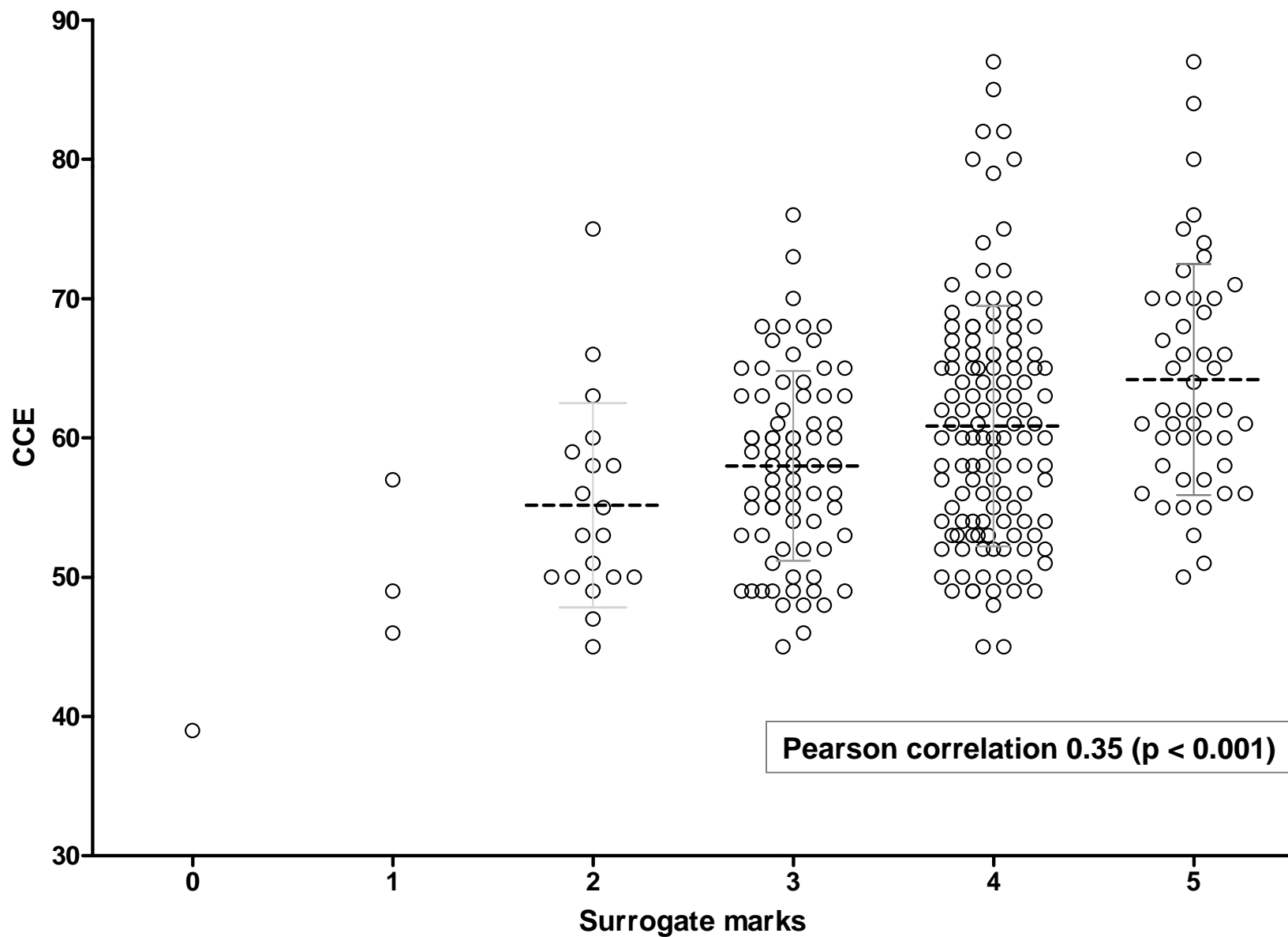
- Department could give counseling to any students who obtained very low surrogate mark so as to check their approach to patients

Questions by the ext examiners 1

- However some surrogates are medical staff (nurses and doctors) while others are lay patients – therefore this could influence their assessment of students
- Year 4 committee – to do some analysis on the surrogate marks with the help of OES



Combined clinical examination 2008/2009



Question by ext examiners 2

- Non-Cantonese speaking examiners, it would be helpful to devise ways to help them track student's performance in history taking, either by a checklist or simultaneous interpretation
- Year 4 committee – consider this in the coming year

Question by ext examiners 3

- Whether the external examiners has the discretion to reassess students who just scraped through all modules and CCE while pass those who failed one panel in CCE but had good pass in the module examinations
- Year 4 committee – they are 5 separate examinations

Module co-ordinators' reports

- Many students commented that 9 week module is now too short
- No major changes in the curriculum in 2009/2010