

Vascular Interventional Radiology (VIR) Resident Exposure to Office Based Labs and Ambulatory Surgical Centers- An Evaluation of the Training Landscape.

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Background

Office based labs (OBLs) and ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) present a unique practice setting and learning opportunity for the VIR resident

OBLs/ASCs allow exposure to procedures that may not be available at a resident's training facility/hospital

Many new graduates desire a VIR job that is very hard to find due to many reasons including exclusive contracts

Purpose

- We aimed to evaluate the current available and desired experiences for interventional radiology residents with regards to office based labs and ambulatory surgical centers

Methods

- Brief survey was distributed via google forms
- Link sent out via:
 - SIR RFS Listserv
 - Twitter
 - Word of Mouth

OBL/ASC Resident Survey

A brief survey to evaluate resident exposure to outpatient based labs and ambulatory surgical centers during their training.

What is your specialty? *

Interventional Radiology

Vascular Surgery

Interventional Cardiology

Interventional Nephrology

What is your current post graduate year? *

PGY1

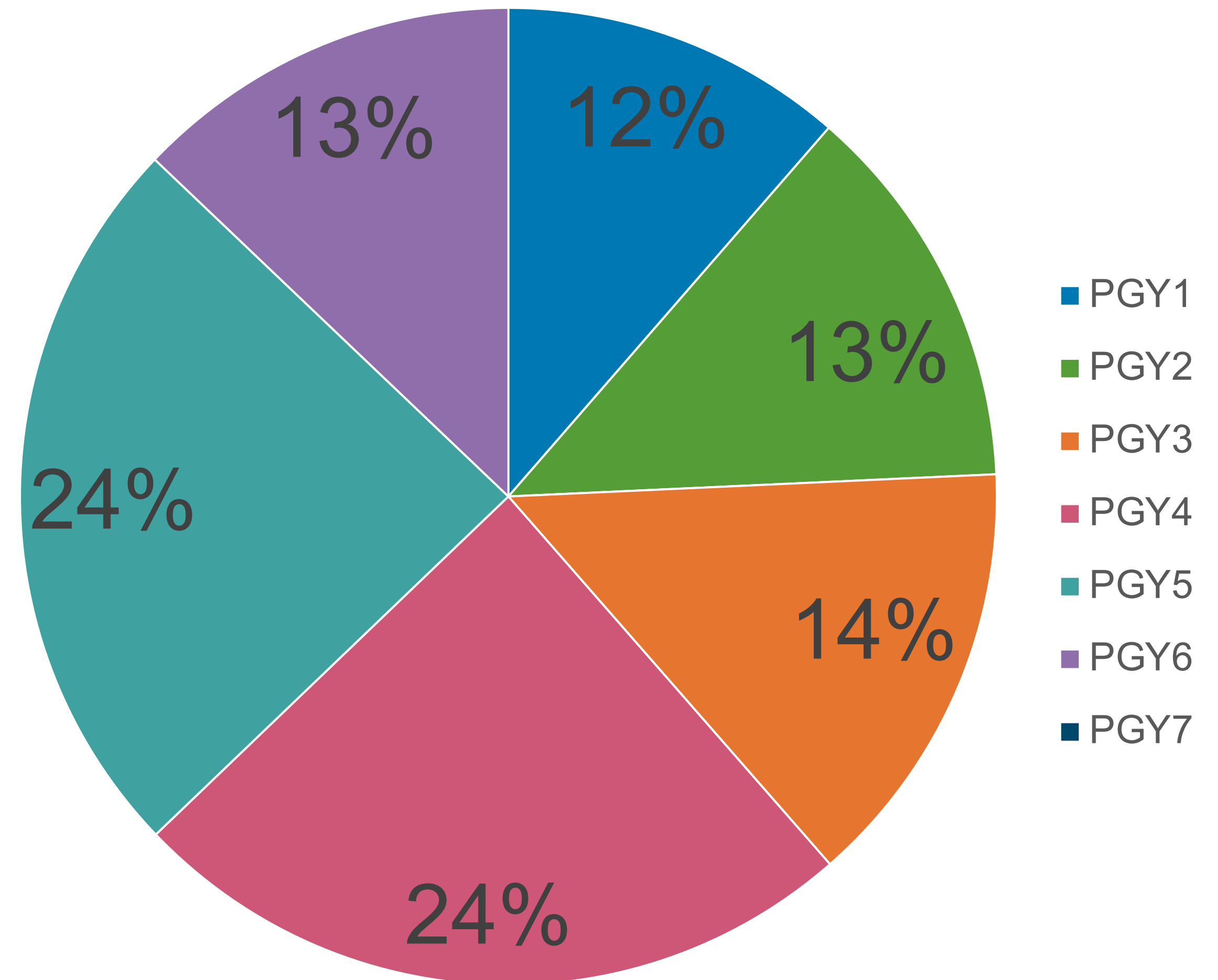
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Results

Who responded...

- 70 responses
- 100 % IR
- Good mix across training years



Exposure

91% of responders had heard of OBLs/ASCs

Most heard from:

- Attending or mentor (>50%)
- Read about it online, journal, or other form of media
- By visiting a conference

Exposure

30% of responders had rotated at an OBL/ASC

Of those 30%:

- 50% had rotated as a PGY1 followed by PGY3 and PGY4 years
- >50% rotation was 1-7 days

Curriculum

75% of responses stated they currently are not allowed to or are unsure if they can rotate at an OBL/ASC



>75% have no dedicated lectures regarding OBL/ASC



47% have no lectures on practice building but 44% said they do

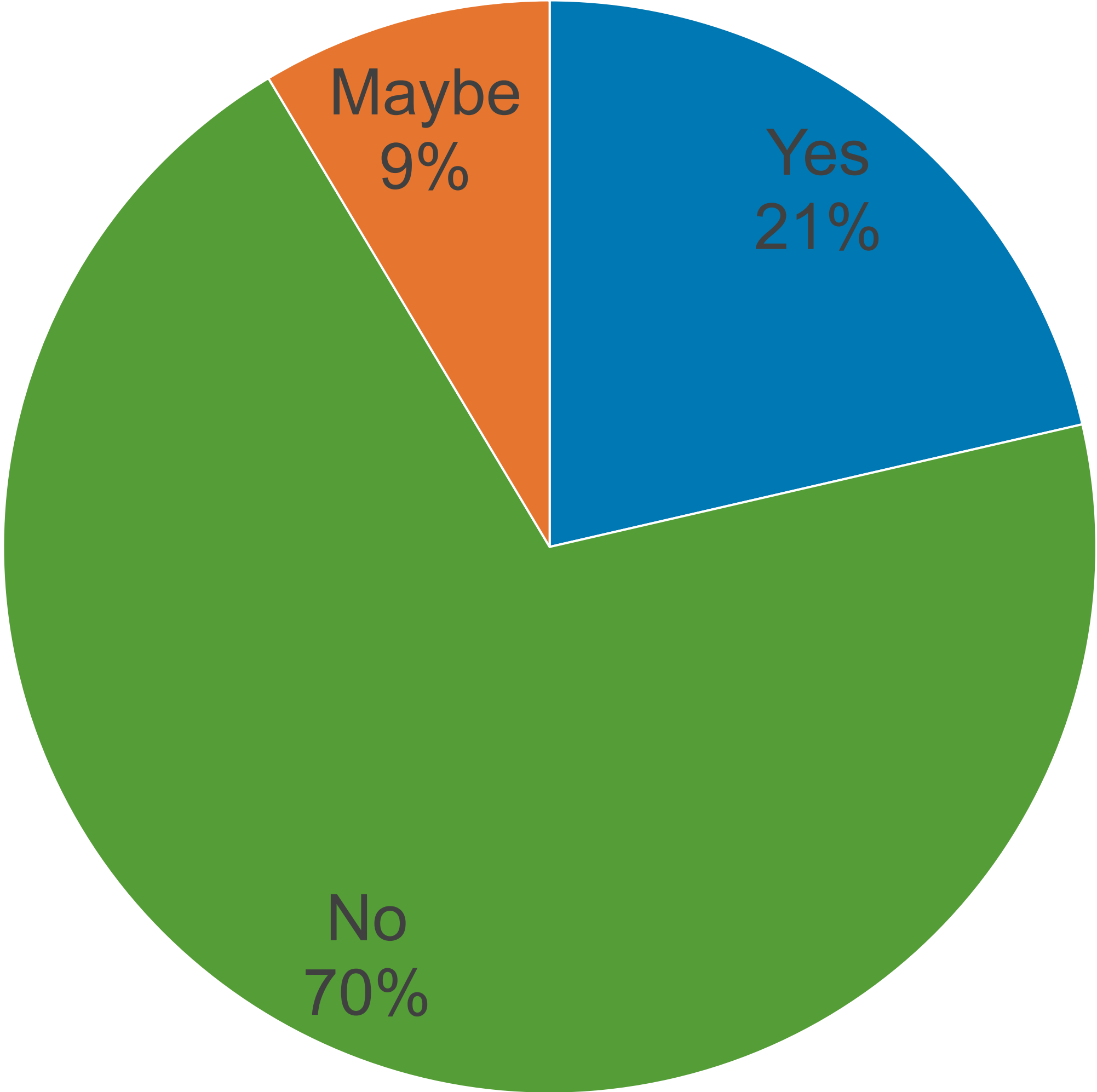
Opportunities

93% of responders would be interested in learning about OBLs/ASCs via a dedicated mentor

83% felt a rotation at an OBL/ASC would be beneficial

90% of responders stated there was either no list or did not know of a list of alum from their programs with OBLs/ASCs

Heard of exclusive contracts



Our Mission is Shaped by Our Beliefs



OEIS is a patient centric society focused on ensuring quality healthcare for patients in all settings including the outpatient hospital and office based interventional suites.

OEIS recognizes that there are multiple locations in the same facility capable of rendering appropriate care for interventional procedures, as well as many different specialists also trained to provide various interventional procedures.

OEIS strongly believes that all physicians who can verify appropriate training and credentials for procedures, should have equal access to all locations and equipment within a facility so that best care may be rendered to the patient.

Additionally, if an exclusive contract allows some specialties not party to the exclusive arrangement to perform procedures while excluding other practitioners of the same specialty as the exclusive contract holder from performing those same procedures, OEIS believes that these “exclusive contracts” should not be the basis for denying staff privileges for any practitioner regardless of the specialty where the board certification originated.

OEIS believes this credentialing practice compromises quality of care.

OEIS encourages hospital and facilities to place quality patient care first and allow all practitioners equal access to all equipment and care locations regardless of specialty and contractual relationships.



Conclusion

- OBLs/ASCs provide a unique training environment that can enhance the learning of any trainee
- While there is knowledge of the concept of OBLs/ASCs there is a clear lack of formal training on the topic
- There is strong interest amongst polled trainees to incorporate OBLs/ASCs into their interventional training
- Mission statement of OEIS is well aligned with current trainee desires

Thank You

Questions?