

Introduction of Master Class

Enhancement of Ophthalmology Residency Training Program



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Introduction

Ophthalmology residents are required to take 4 national level examinations throughout the 5 years residency training. The program prepares the junior residents by running mock examinations in their 1st and 3rd training year. The junior residents benefitted from the mock exams as well as the Resident Teaching Sessions geared towards preparing them for the examinations. However, the senior residents have feedback that apart from their own clinical exposure, the didactic topics taught at the Resident Teaching Sessions may be too general for the more complex cases that will be tested in their final exit examination in their 5th year.



Objectives

- > To have a focused learning schedule planned towards the exit examination
- > Selecting experienced faculty in sharing complex case spread
- > Imparting specific techniques in case presentation

Methodology

Faculty to conduct master classes for senior residents 1 to 2 months before the exit exam to help them brush up their viva skills and increase their exposure to cases they may or may not have encountered.

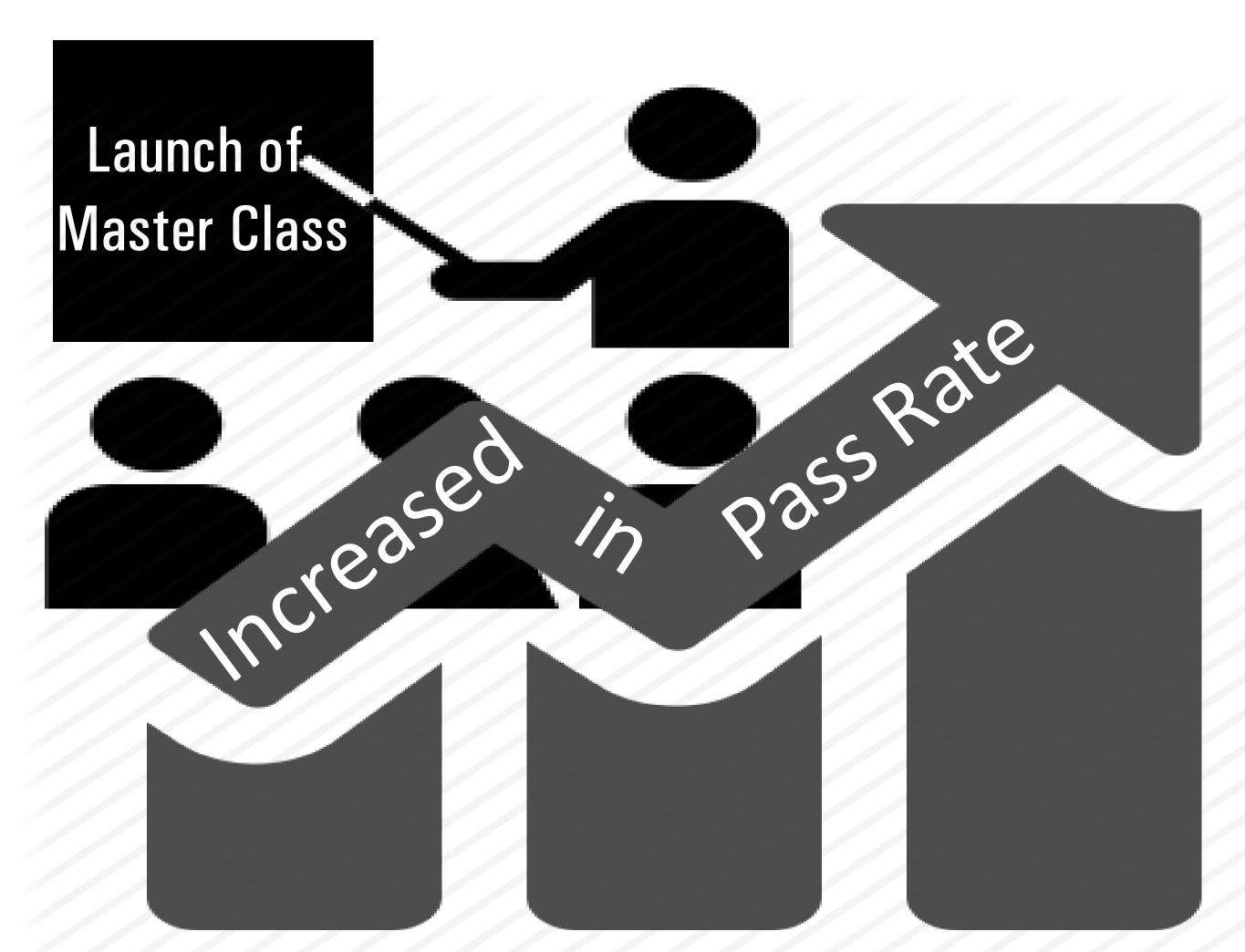
Result

Feedbacks were received from participants on the master classes conducted from August 2016 to May 2017 were said to be very useful and have benefited them tremendously.



The improved pass rates were a testimonial of the benefits of the master class launch.

		Number of residents pass on 1 st attempt	Pass Rate
2015	5	3	60%
2016	4	3	75%



Conclusion

Introduction of the master classes allowed residents to clear their doubts, improved their skills in a face-to-face session with teaching faculty and peers. It also allowed them to be well-prepared for the exit exam, and at the same time giving them wider exposure for their future career path.