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Four-year Sexual Health Care Education for Medical Students at The University of Melbourne

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In an Australian first, The Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH) in the Department of Rural Health at The University of Melbourne has developed a four-year subject for enrolled medical students: ***Sexual Health Across Clinical Contexts***.

The re-design of the University of Melbourne's MD course allows students some subject choice over the 4-year post-graduate degree. Our subject is designed to be taken for 1 to 4 years. It is 12.5% of each year of education for the first three years and 50% of the 4th year of the MD.

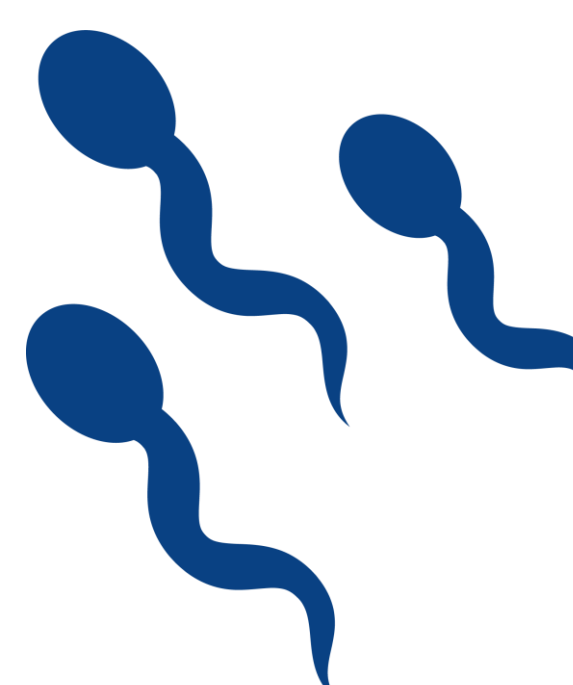
CERSH team's 8-year teaching involvement within the MD has equipped us with an in-depth knowledge of the core curriculum. The four-year Sexual and Reproductive Health course addresses the identified gaps in Sexual Health Care education and focuses on the clinical and practical aspects that doctors require to provide good sexual health care.

This is the first time in Australia a sexual health care subject is embedded throughout all years of a medical degree.

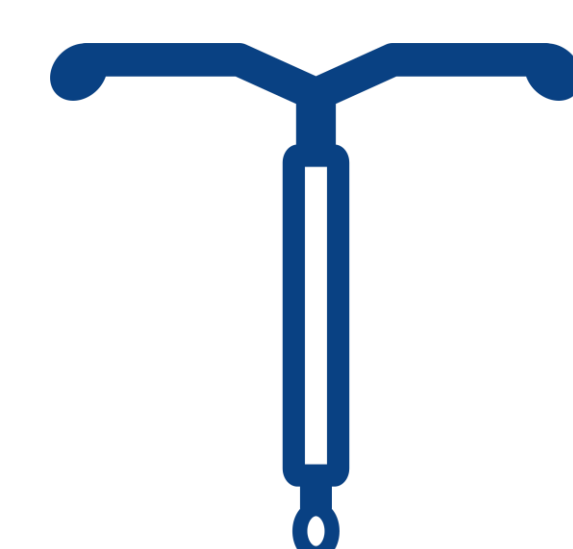
Topics covered



Year 1: Sexual history, common STIs and partner notification



Year 2: STI consultations, genital anatomy, Vulval conditions and examination, complex patients



Year 3: Clinical placement, early medical abortion, contraception, Implanon training



Year 4: Project/Research program

Course Feedback

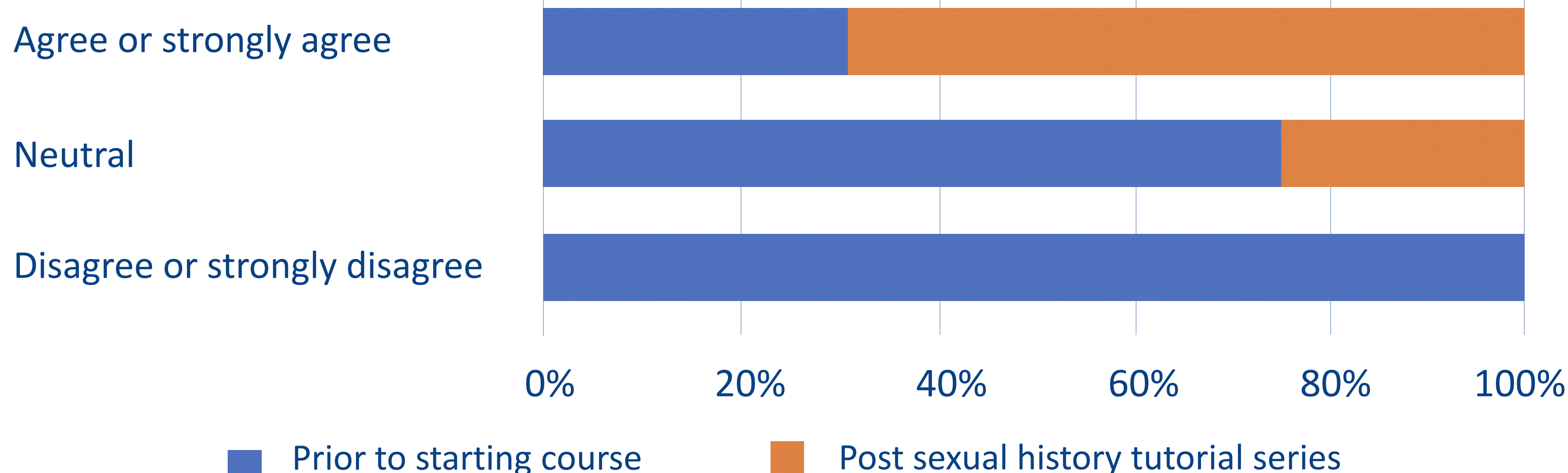
Welcoming, judgement free environment in the tutorials, making learning easy. Sim patients were good. I liked the group size too.

Able to bounce off each other and practice. Also loved how it was an open safe place to ask questions of each other and the tutor for more information even if not directly assessable.

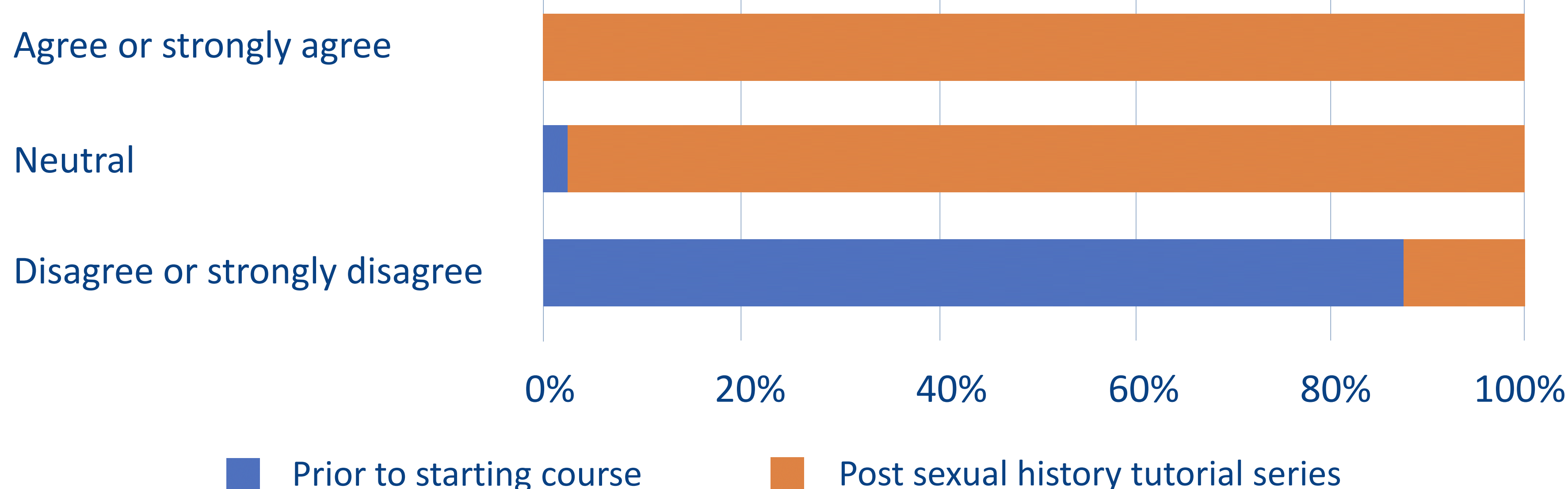
Outcome

Of the 357 MD1 students in 2022, 62 have chosen this Discovery subject

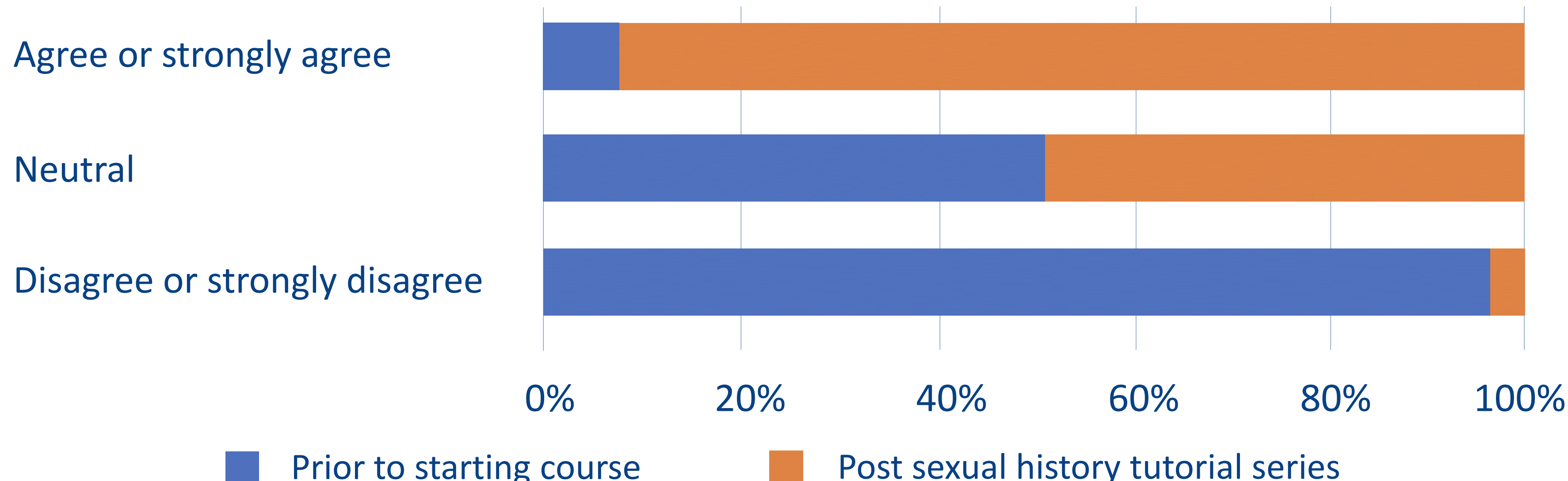
I am confident talking about sexual health



I have a good idea what sexual health care is



I am confident about taking a sexual history



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