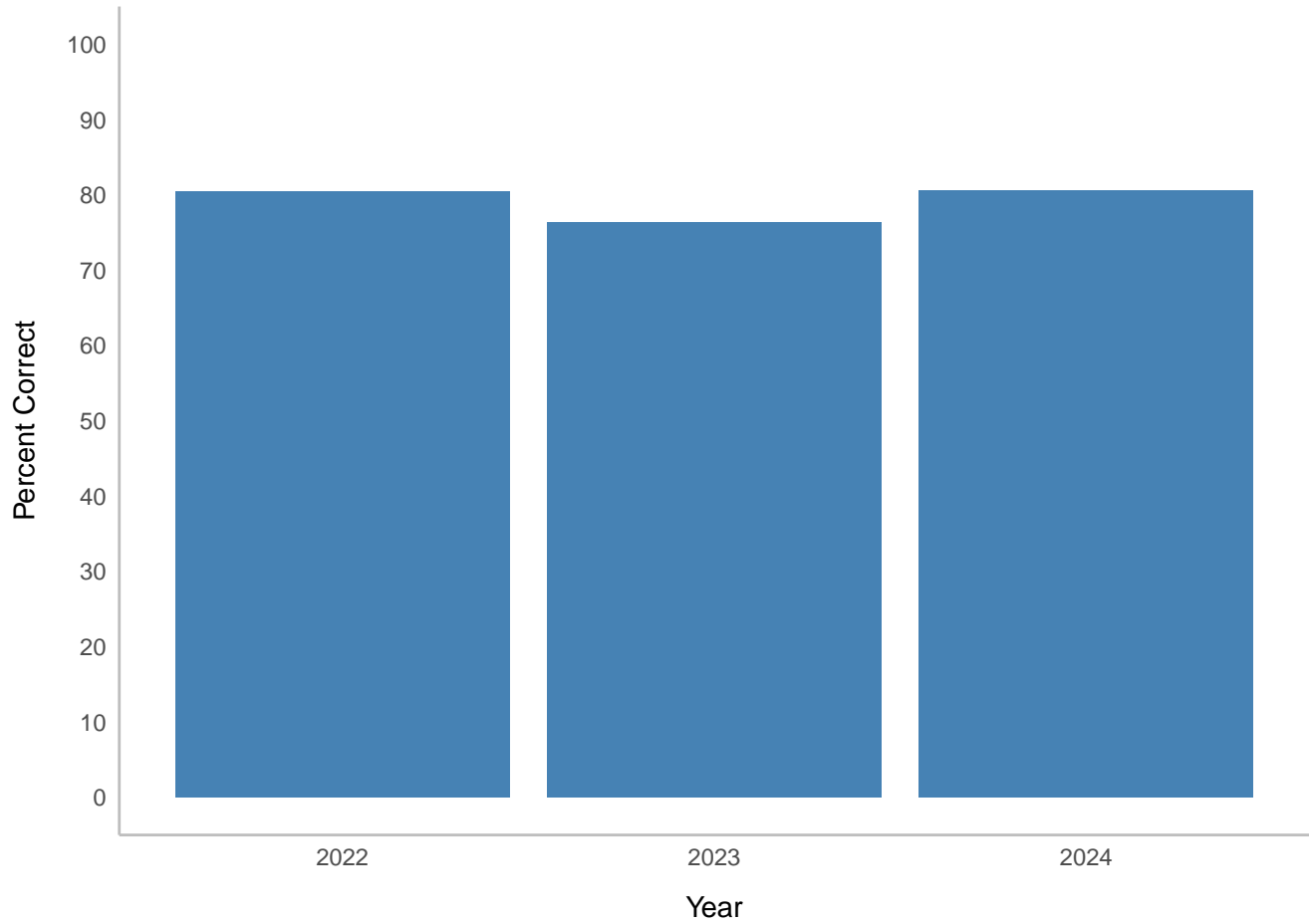


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**2024 Continuous Certification Knowledge Gaps Report**  
**Pediatric Surgery**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of specialty-specific knowledge gaps identified through diplomate performance on the American Board of Surgery Pediatric Surgery Continuous Certification Assessment (CCA). The CCA contains 40 items developed using references from an ABS partner journal or open-access article, and diplomates have up to two attempts to answer each item. A first attempt score of 40% is required to receive a second attempt, and a score of 80% correct is required to pass the assessment. The figures below present data on first-attempt exam performance over the past three years, including average percent correct values, keywords for items with lower diplomate performance, and item reference links.

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### First Attempt Percent Correct by Year



Note: Percent correct may not necessarily be a reflection of better or worse performance by diplomates and may reflect variation in the difficulty of the items when making comparisons across years.

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**Topic Areas for Improvement/Knowledge Reinforcement**

The table below includes keywords for items that had lower diplomate performance. In addition to the keywords, PubMed IDs and/or links for the key reference for each item are included.

Year	Keywords	Reference
2022	Thoracic/pulmonary	<a href="#">34179877</a>
2022	Perioperative management/coagulopathy	<a href="#">32099331</a>
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2023	Skin and soft tissue	<a href="#">32838413</a>
2023	Exposure for vascular injury	<a href="#">34930597</a>
2023	Perioperative management/COVID	<a href="#">Reference</a>
2024	Risk factors for thyroid cancer	<a href="#">27128740</a>
2024	Indication for emergency department thoracotomy	<a href="#">37337331</a>