



Knowledge Gaps Report

GENERAL INFO

The purpose of the Specialty Knowledge Gaps report is to provide information regarding areas of relative strength and weakness based on physician performance on the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA®). Each of the charts below shows average performance (the average percentage of questions answered correctly) in the top-level blueprint areas, both overall as well as in relation to various demographic categorizations. It is important to note that these data are based on percent correct scores and not the equated scores provided in the score reports. Because percent correct scores are reported here, differences in performance can be attributed either to the differences in the difficulties of the tests and/or differences in the ability levels of the different candidate groups. Interpretation of this data should be made with care.

MOST FREQUENT INCORRECT ITEMS

The table below shows the blueprint categories (going down to a maximum of three levels) and their associated tasks for the LKA items that physicians performed lowest on. Specifically, the table shows the 20 items with the lowest percent correct values that were administered to at least 100 physicians. This table can be used in conjunction with the charts below to better understand areas for improvement. Whereas the charts below show specific content areas in which physicians are performing better or worse, this table provides more detailed information identifying the specific topics and content areas in which physicians are not performing well.

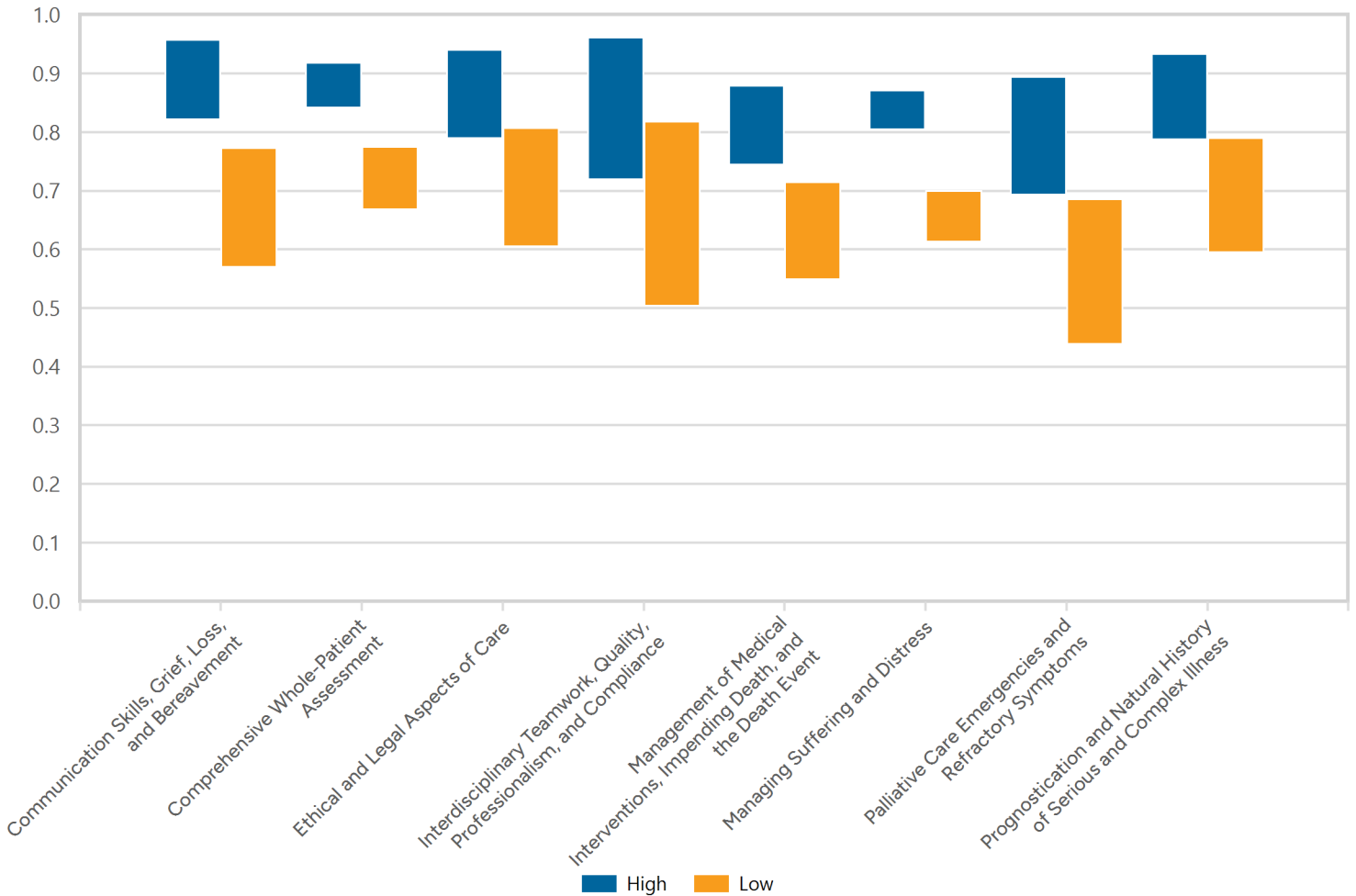
Description	Task
Communication Skills, Grief, Loss, and Bereavement	
Conflict resolution skills	Treatment/Care Decisions
Comprehensive Whole-Patient Assessment	
Concepts of total pain and suffering Social (including financial)	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/ Epidemiology
Pain and symptom assessment History	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/ Epidemiology
Pain classification Physiologic manifestations of acute vs. chronic pain	Diagnosis
Ethical and Legal Aspects of Care	
Decision making Pediatric decision making	Treatment/Care Decisions
Management of Medical Interventions, Impending Death, and the Death Event	
Withdrawal of life-sustaining therapies Ethical and legal standards [2 Questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Withdrawal of life-sustaining therapies Institutional culture and policies	Treatment/Care Decisions



Description	Task
Managing Suffering and Distress	
Management of non-pain symptoms Constipation	Treatment/Care Decisions
Management of non-pain symptoms Dysphagia	Diagnosis
Management of non-pain symptoms Oral conditions	Treatment/Care Decisions
Management of non-pain symptoms Pruritus	Treatment/Care Decisions
Management of non-pain symptoms Sleep issues	Treatment/Care Decisions
Management of non-pain symptoms Wounds	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pain management Adjuvants	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pain management Analgesics	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pain management Organ failure and pharmacology	Diagnosis
Palliative Care Emergencies and Refractory Symptoms	
Fractures	Treatment/Care Decisions
Increased intracranial pressure	Treatment/Care Decisions
Superior vena cava syndrome	Treatment/Care Decisions

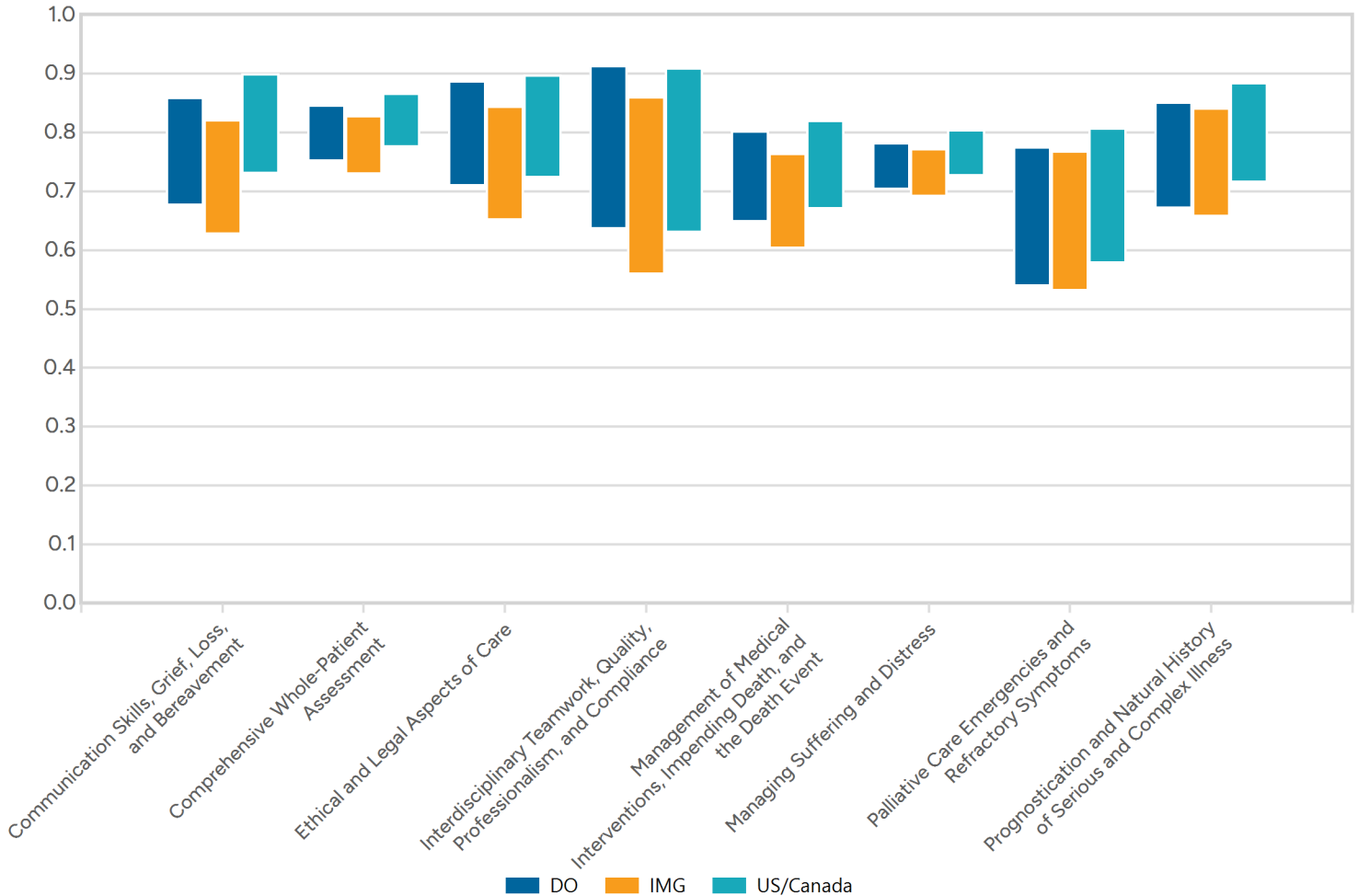
PERFORMANCE

The chart below shows physician performance on each of the top-level blueprint categories on the LKA by overall current performance on the assessment. High performance is defined as the top 25% of physicians in the LKA in the given discipline and Low performance is defined as the bottom 25% of physicians in the LKA. Please consult the "General Info" section or FAQs for additional information on how you may interpret this chart.



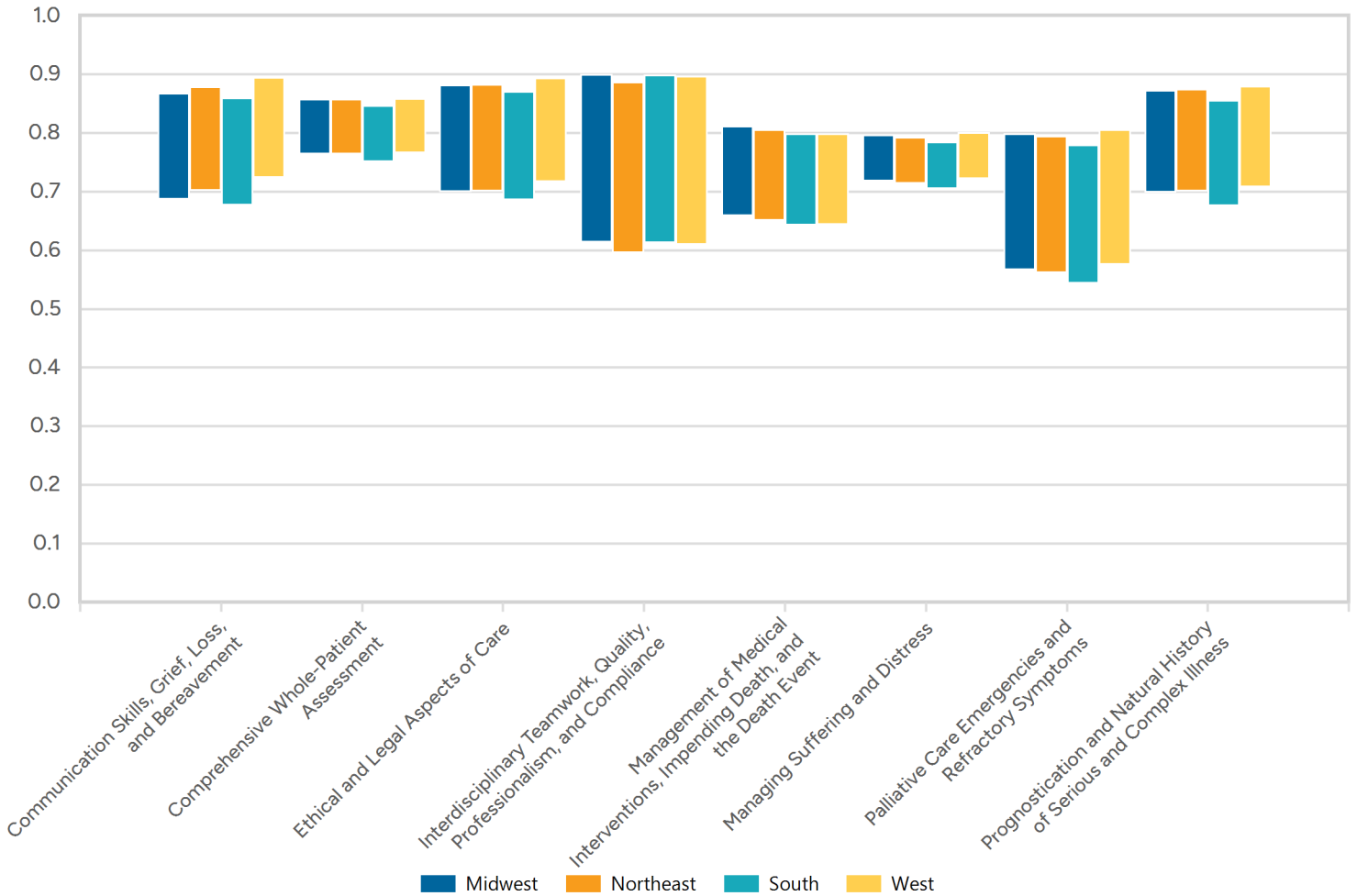
MEDICAL SCHOOL

The chart below shows physician performance on each of the top-level blueprint categories on the LKA by medical school type (U.S./Canadian Medical School Graduate, International Medical School Graduate, Osteopathic Medical School Graduate). Demographic and content areas for which the bar is higher imply higher performance in those areas. Blueprint areas for which the bar is lower imply lower performance in those areas. Please consult the "General Info" section or FAQs for additional information on how you may interpret this chart.



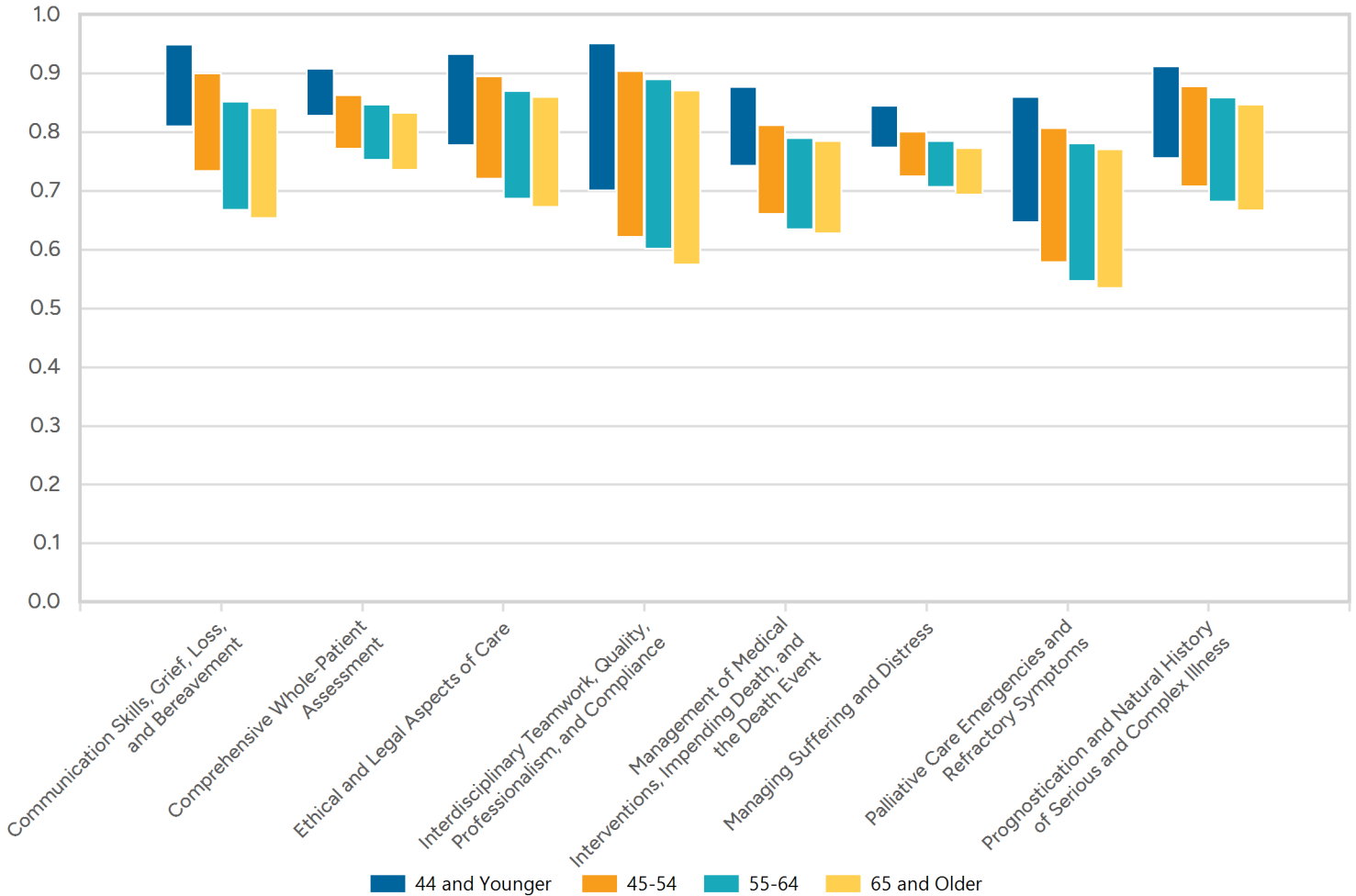
REGION

The chart below shows physician performance on each of the top-level blueprint categories on the LKA by the U.S. Census Bureau region in which the physician lives (Midwest, Northeast, South, West). Demographic and content areas for which the bar is higher imply higher performance in those areas. Blueprint areas for which the bar is lower imply lower performance in those areas. Please consult the "General Info" section or FAQs for additional information on how you may interpret this chart.



AGE

The chart below shows physician performance on each of the top-level blueprint categories on the LKA by age (44 and Younger, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and Older). Demographic and content areas for which the bar is higher imply higher performance in those areas. Blueprint areas for which the bar is lower imply lower performance in those areas. Please consult the "General Info" section or FAQs for additional information on how you may interpret this chart.



OVERALL

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