Do MFM Fellowship Websites Adequately Depict Training Opportunities?

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INTRODUCTION

- Fellowship applicants rely heavily on programs' websites to assess a program's unique training attributes and fit with their professional goals.
- We aimed to evaluate and compare the availability of information on education and training on MFM fellowship program websites between 2021 and 2024.

METHODS

- Cross-sectional analysis of MFM fellowship websites for the 109 ACGME-accredited programs.
- Program websites were reviewed in July 2021 and again in July and August 2024 for information regarding education and training opportunities, and the percentage of websites that included each component was calculated and compared across time points.
- Chi-square and Fisher's exact analyses were performed with a p-value < 0.05.

RESULTS

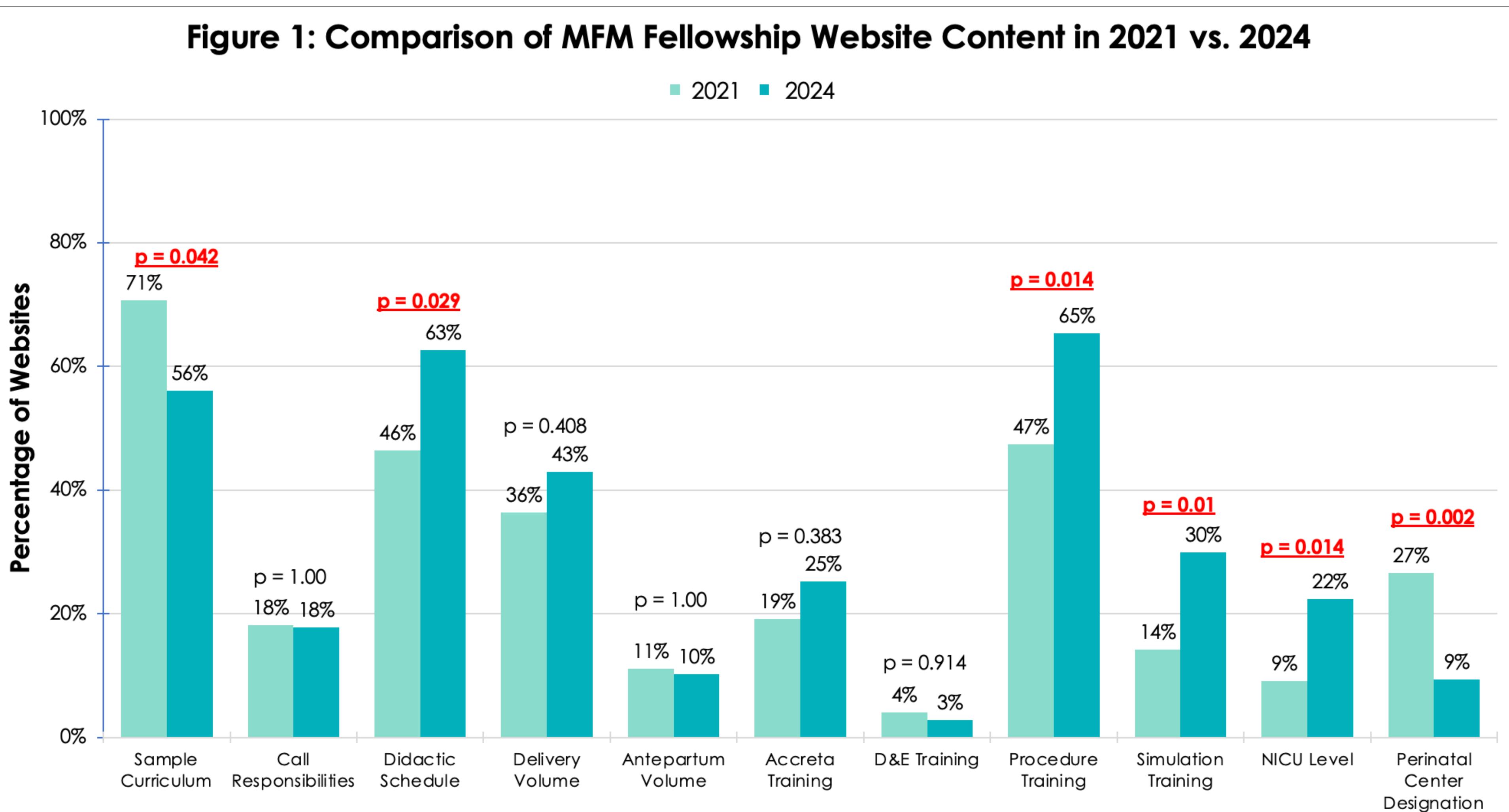
- 98% (107) of MFM fellowship programs had an official website as of August 2024.
- The most common information available on websites included details on procedure training (65%), the didactic schedule (63%), and a sample curriculum (56%).
- Less websites were "up to date" for the current academic year in July 2024 compared to July 2021 (50% vs. 65%, p=0.04).
- A larger proportion of programs in 2024 included information about the didactic schedule, procedure training, simulation training, and NICU level.
- A smaller percentage of websites in 2024 compared to 2021 included rotation schedules (56% vs. 71%, p=0.03) and perinatal center designation (9% vs. 27%, p=0.002).

DISCUSSION

- This study demonstrates continued gaps in the availability of desired information about education and training on MFM fellowship program websites.
- Programs should continue to improve information availability to enhance the application process, particularly as fellowship programs look to adopt signaling as AGCME residencies have implemented.



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Website Component

There are continued gaps in the availability of desired information regarding education and training on MFM fellowship program websites.

