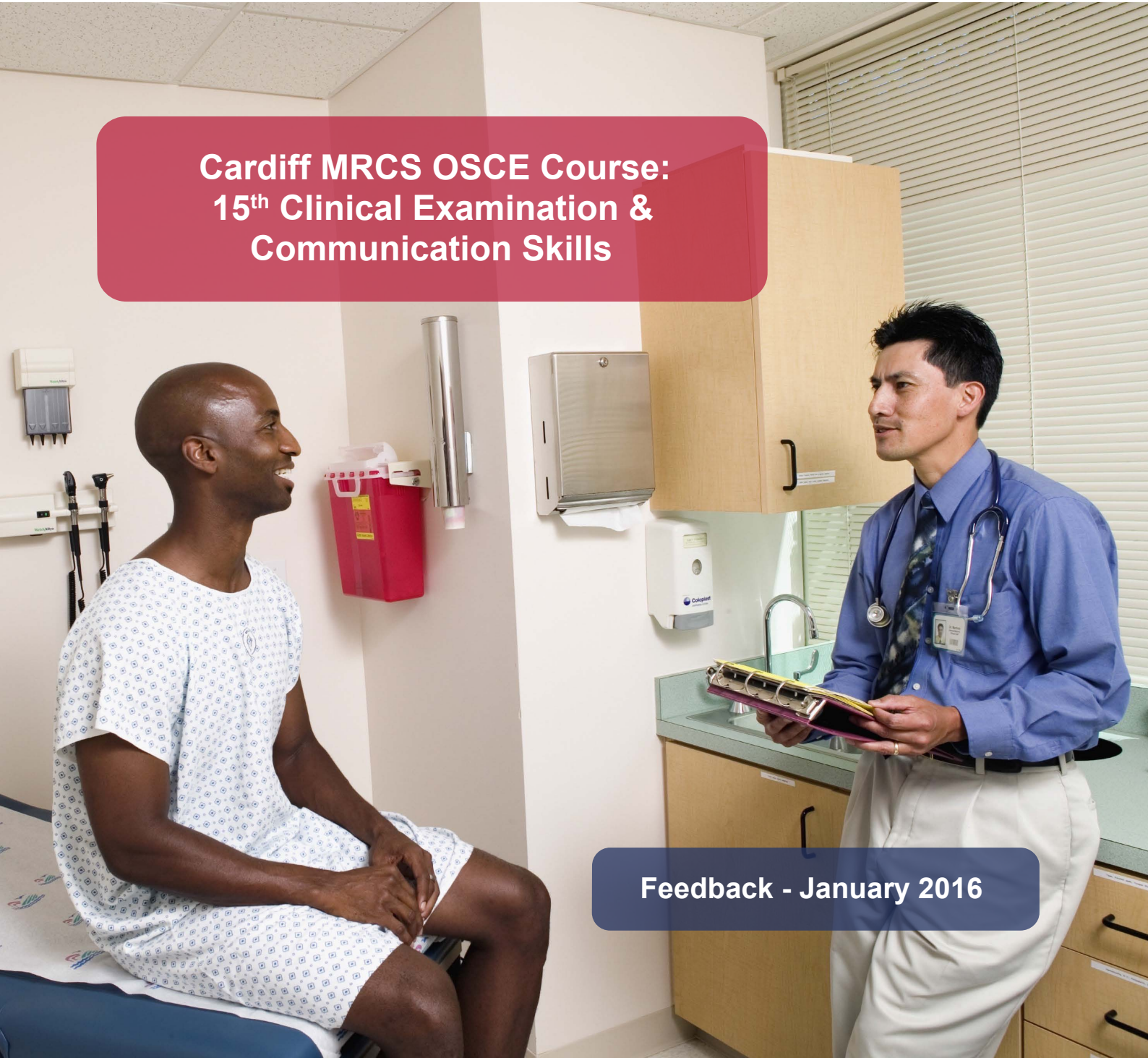




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**Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course:
15th Clinical Examination &
Communication Skills**



Feedback - January 2016

Cardiff MRCS OSCE: Clinical Examination & Communication Skills

This intensive one-day revision course covered the clinical examination and communication components of the MRCS Part B exam with special emphasis on clinical consultation skills.

The course aimed to consolidate the trainee's understanding of the clinical consultation skills component of the exam, and aid the trainee's ability to perform clinical examinations efficiently by present the findings to the examiner in a systematic yet concise manner.

The forenoon session covered all important clinical examinations that are tested in the exam and the afternoon session was dedicated to communication skills workstations, structured interviews and practical skills. Eight patient-centred clinical scenarios were used to reflect the situations experienced in everyday practice; as these were scenarios in line with what is commonly tested in the MRCS exam. A total of 34 candidates attended the course with their feedback collated in this document.

Course Information

Course date:	24th January 2016
Venue:	Out-patient Department University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, UK
Attendance:	29 Delegates
Aimed at:	Delegates looking to take their membership to the Royal College of Surgeons Part B exam.
Course fee:	£190.00



Surgical trainees can apply to be sponsored by ASiT to receive a bursary to attend this course.



Course Programme

0840 - 0850	Registration
0850 - 0905	Introduction to course and grouping of candidates
0910 - 1300	(with refreshment break from 1100 – 1120)

Clinical Examination Sessions

Candidates will be divided into small groups and will go through the following clinical examinations on simulated patients:

- Examination of abdomen and abdominal organs
- Examination of hernia
- Examination of varicose veins
- Examination of arterial system
- Examination of cardiorespiratory system
- Examination of hip and knee
- Examination of shoulder and back

1300 - 1345

Lunch Break

1350 - 1715	(with refreshment break from 1530 - 1550)
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Clinical Consultation Skills Sessions (Communication Skills)

These stations will consist of, amongst others:

- Information giving and information gathering
- Challenging situation/patient
- Difficult consultation
- Breaking bad news
- Explaining a diagnosis or discussing management options
- Consent in surgery
- Telephone communication

1715 - 1730	Summary and Feedback
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1740	End of Course
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Faculty List

Mr Kevin Conway, MB BCH, MRCSEd, AFRCS (I), FRCS (Gen Surg), MD

Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant

Mr Richard L M Newell, BSc, MBBS, FRCS

Clinical Anatomist & Formerly, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Cardiff University/Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital NHS Trust

Dr Jason Seewoodhary, BSc (Hons), MBBCh (Hons), MRCP (UK)

Speciality Registrar in Endocrinology
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Mr Stuart Enoch, MBBS, PGCert (Med Sci), PhD, MRCS (Edin & Eng)

Specialist Registrar - Plastic, Reconstructive and Hand Surgery
University Hospitals of Manchester
Programme Director – Education and Research, Doctors Academy

Ms Lucy Satherley, BSc, MB BCH, MRCS

Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Mr Benjamin Stew, MB BCH, MRCS, DOHNS

Speciality Registrar in Otolaryngology
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Ms Eleanor Carpenter, BSc (Anat), MB BCH, MD, MRCS (Eng), FRCS (T&O)

Specialist Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
All-Wales Higher Surgical Training Programme

Ms Jennifer Wheat, MB BCH, MRCS (Eng)

Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Mr Adam Cox, MB BCH, MRCS

Speciality Registrar in Urology
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Dr Samantha Currie, MB BCH, MRCP

Speciality Registrar in General Medicine
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Mr Lyndon Mason, MB BCH, MRCS (Eng)

Specialist Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
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Ms Zaynab Jawad, MB BCH, MRCS

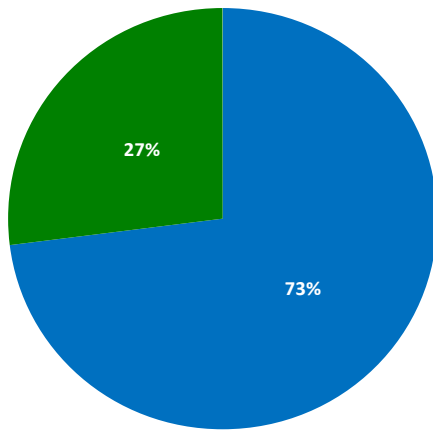
Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
All-Wales Higher Surgical Training Programme

Mr David Wordsworth, MB BCH, MRCS

Speciality Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
East Anglia and Cambridge Training Programme

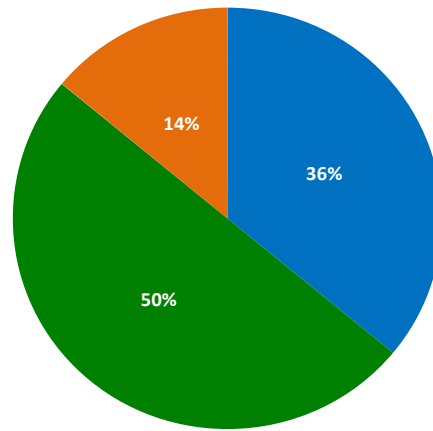
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



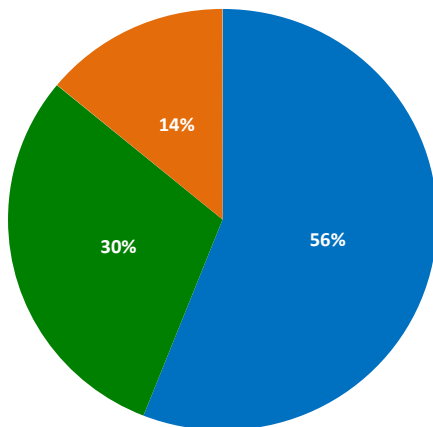
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How was the clarity of demonstrations?



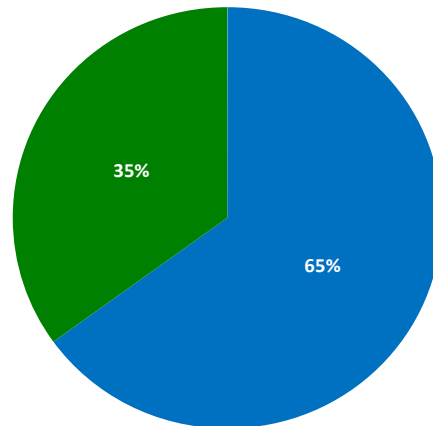
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Did you get sufficient time to learn in every station?



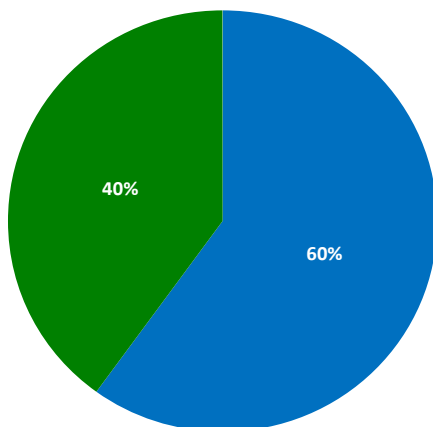
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Limited ■ Not at all

How would you rate the general academic standard of the faculty?



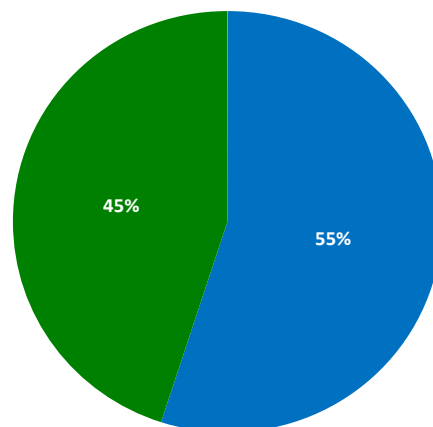
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How would you rate the performance of the actors?



■ Excellent ■ Very good ■ Average ■ Fair ■ Poor

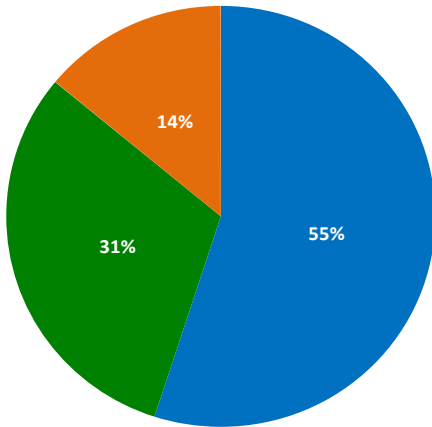
Did the course meet your objectives?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ No way

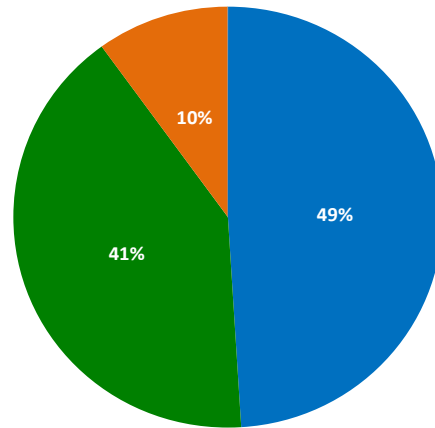
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Vascular (Venous)



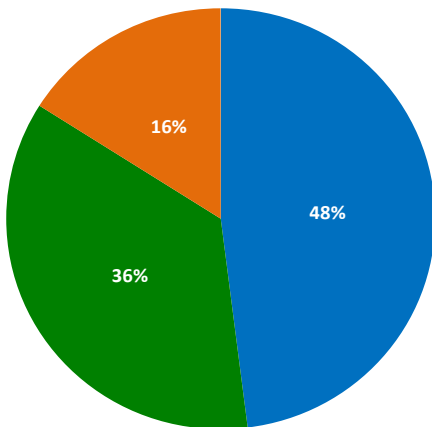
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Vascular (Arterial)



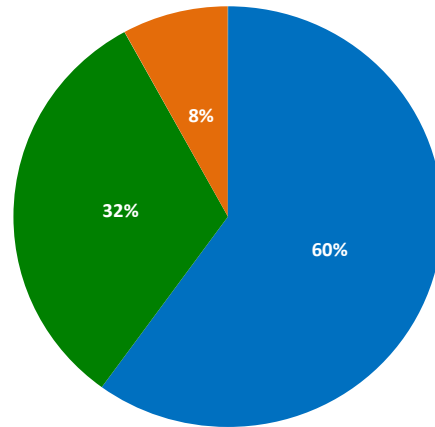
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Shoulder



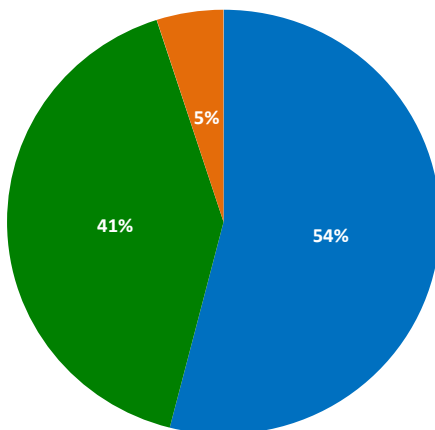
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Spine



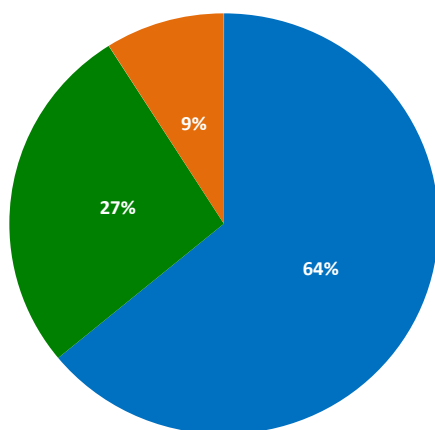
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CVS and RS



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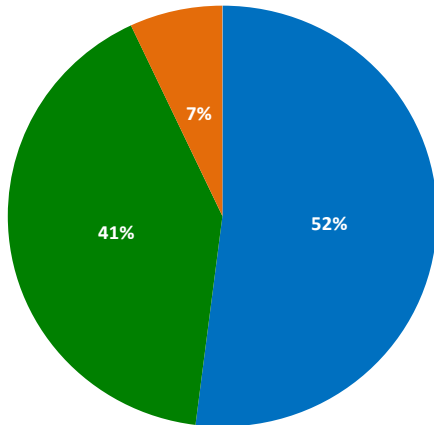
Hip and Knee



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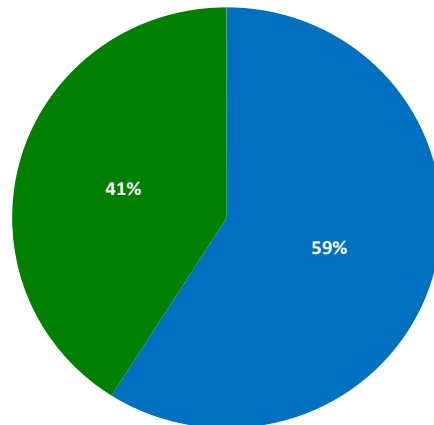
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Abdomen and Hernia



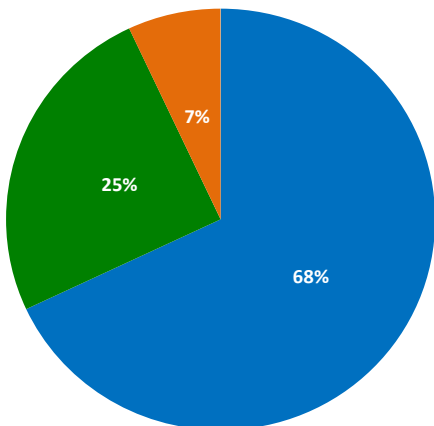
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Peripheral vascular disease



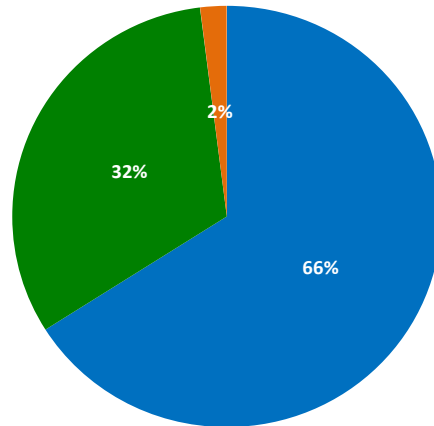
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Consenting for operations



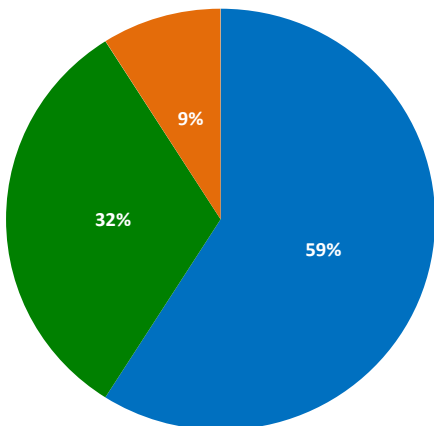
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Delay in giving Diagnosis (Melanoma)



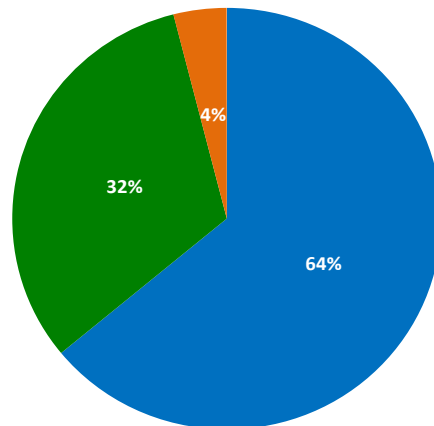
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Cancelled Operation (Thyroidectomy)



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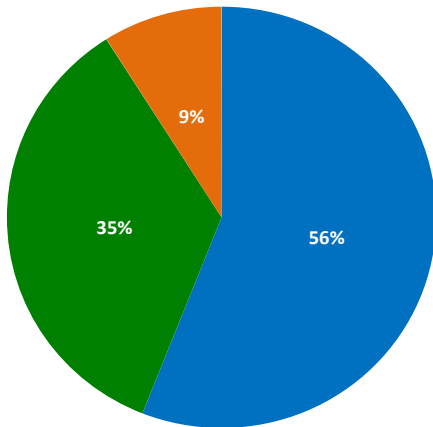
Colorectal Cancer



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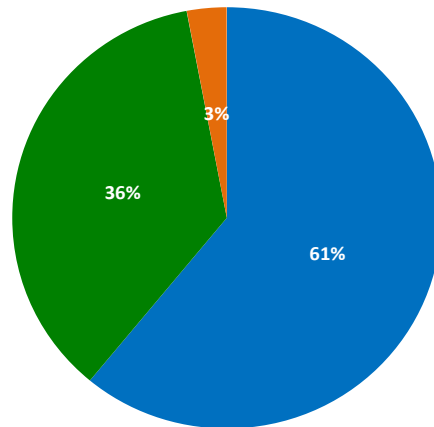
Overall Teaching Feedback

Breast Cancer



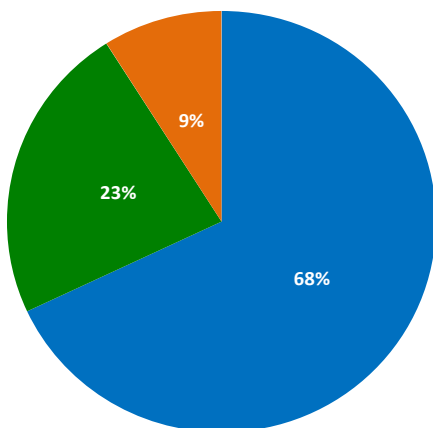
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Ethics Scenario



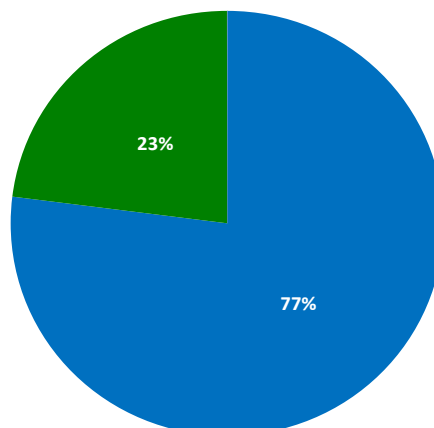
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Telephone Conversation (ITU bed)



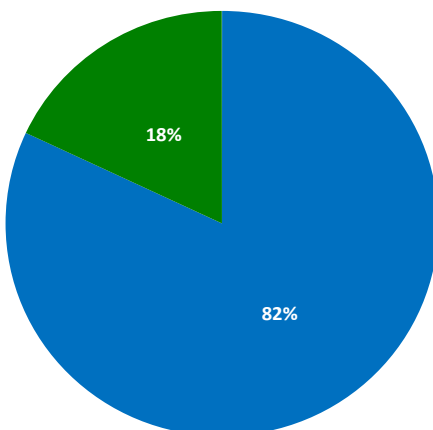
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



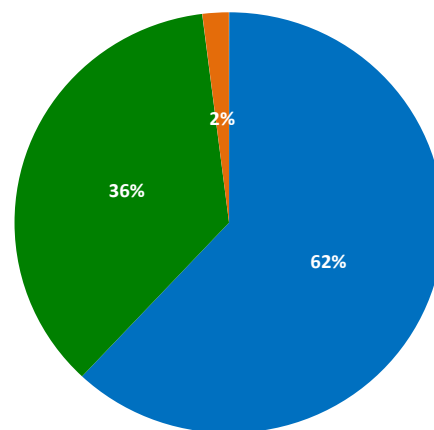
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Individual Comments

Very well organised and once again covered a wide range of topics in a short space of time without being too overwhelming.

NB

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Well organized, would appreciate more if would have been longer.

PM

Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Incredibly well organised. A very useful chance to practice before the exam. Great to have people who have recently done the exam to give pointers.

CB

Royal United Hospital, Bath

I was less impressed with this day. I feel we should have been assessed more in smaller groups and maybe had less teaching. We all need to be able to examine slickly and with a routine and i don't feel this was assessed as well as the other days.

WC

Wexham Park Hospital, Slough

Slickly organised, covered most major topics relating to comm skills and examinations. Sometimes ran out of time with some stations. Hip and Knee examination station caused some confusion. No demonstration or opportunity to practice exam in this station.

SA

Royal Preston Hospital, Preston

Excellent course, friendly, focuses, but not threatening and accommodated different peoples abilities and experience.

LP

Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro

I thought the stations were all relevant but i would preferred more one on one practice scenarios and more detail on the more complex exams such as the neuro etc.

MC

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury

Individual Comments

Very well organised. Provided a general feel of what to expect in the actual MRCS Part B examination.

RK

Royal Preston Hospital, Preston

The contents of the course were good and relevant. The presentations were clear. Would be recommending it to others preparing for the exam.

MH

Kettering General Hospital, Kettering

Neuro exam should have been included.

KI

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton



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