

**Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course:
14th Clinical Examination &
Communication Skills**

Feedback - September 2015

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:	20th September 2015
Venue:	Out-patient Department University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, UK
Attendance:	36 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

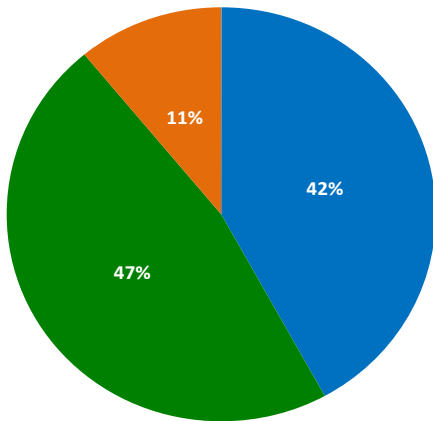
Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
All-Wales Higher Surgical Training Programme

Mr David Wordsworth, MB BCH, MRCS

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

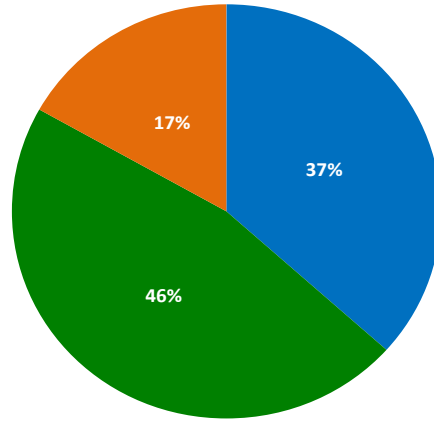
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



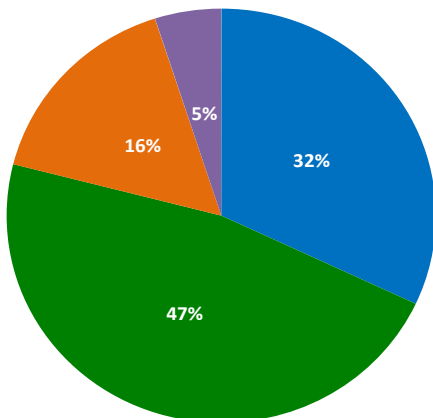
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How was the clarity of demonstrations?



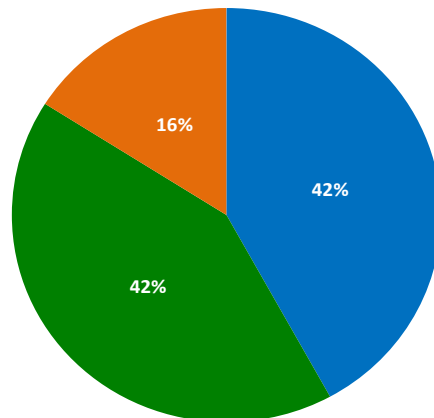
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Did you get sufficient time to learn in every station?



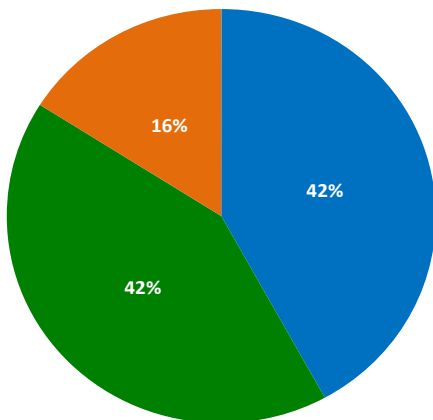
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Limited ■ Not at all

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



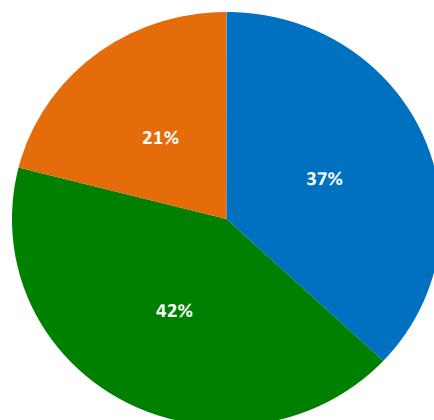
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How would you rate the performance of the actors?



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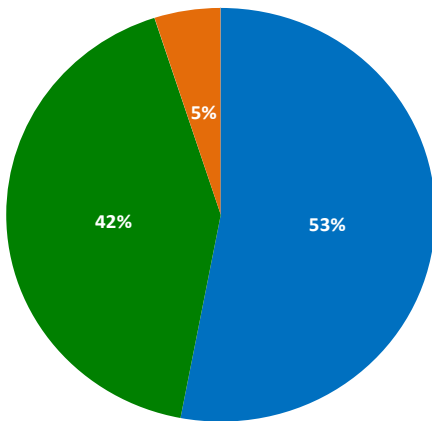
Did the course meet your objectives?



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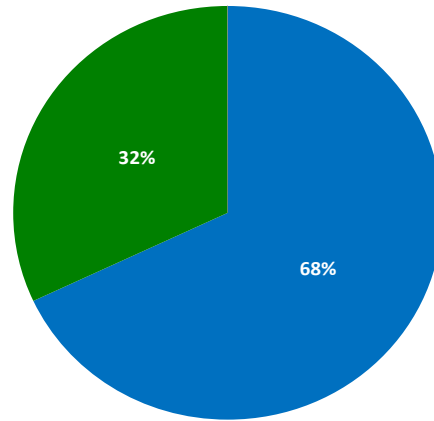
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Vascular (venous)



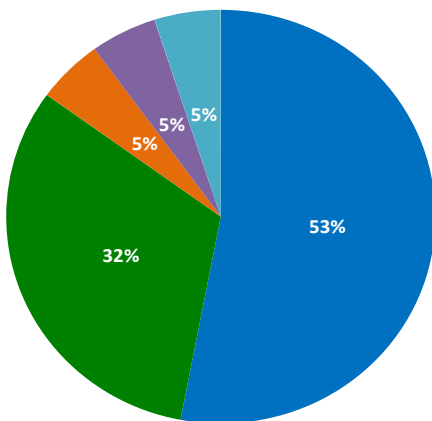
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Vascular (arterial)



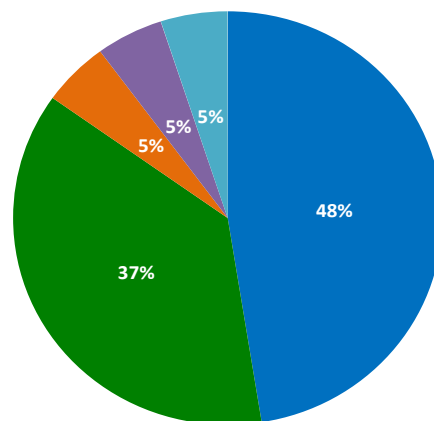
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Shoulder



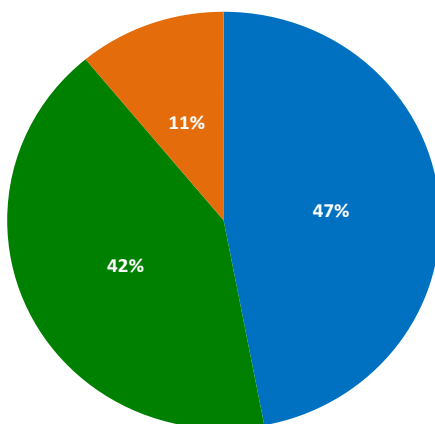
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Back



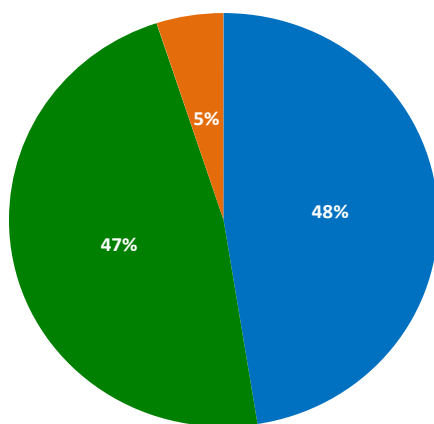
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CVS and RS



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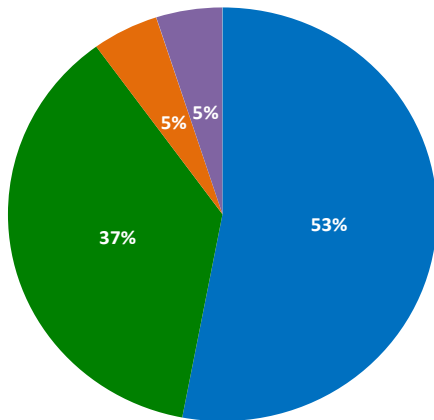
Hip and Knee



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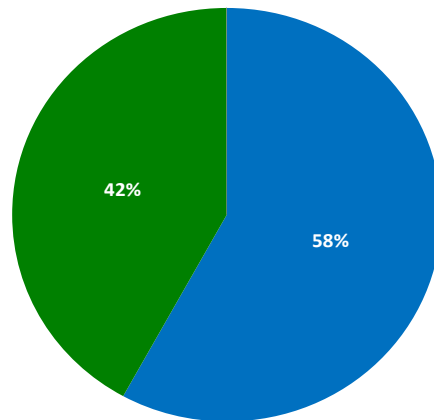
Overall Teaching Feedback

General abdomen



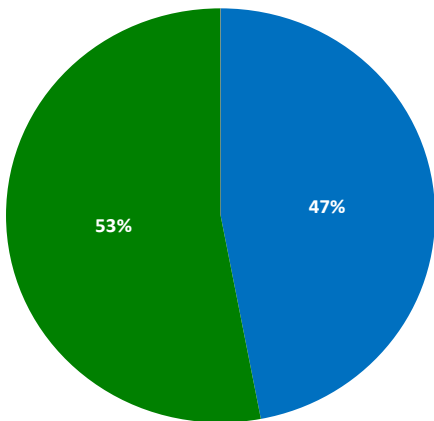
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Peripheral vascular disease



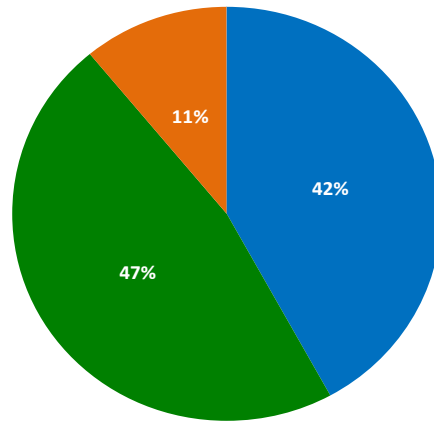
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Consenting for operations



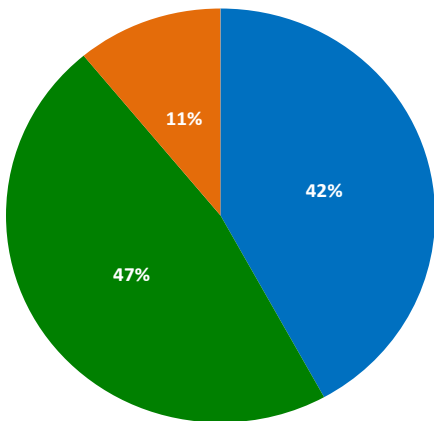
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Delay in giving diagnosis



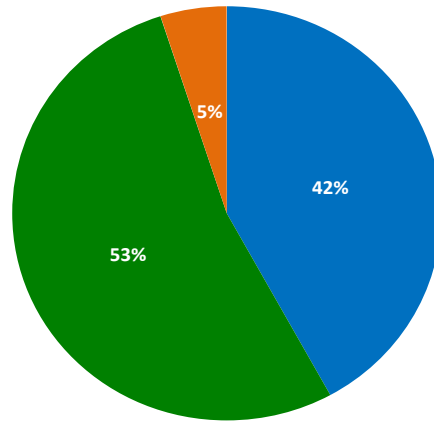
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Cancelled operation



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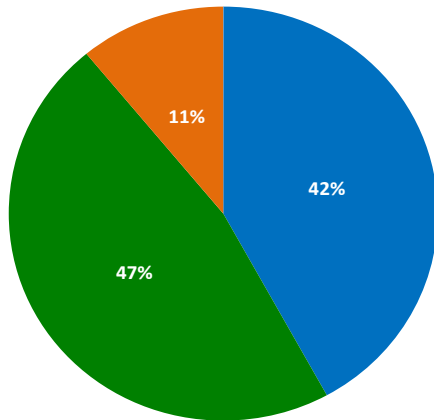
Colorectal cancer



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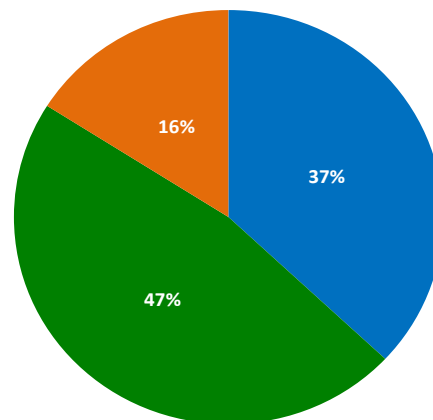
Overall Teaching Feedback

Breast cancer



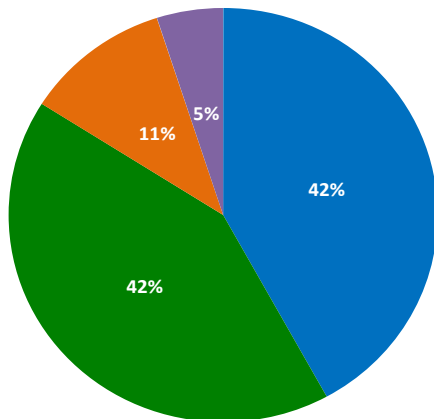
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Ethics scenario



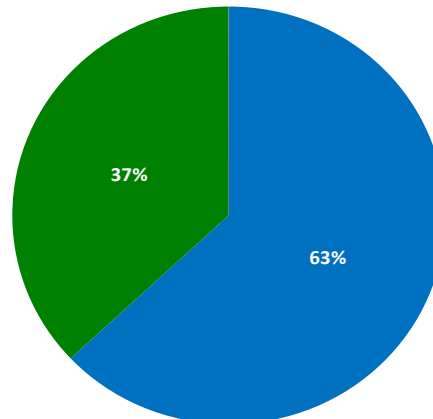
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Telephone conversation (for laparotomy)



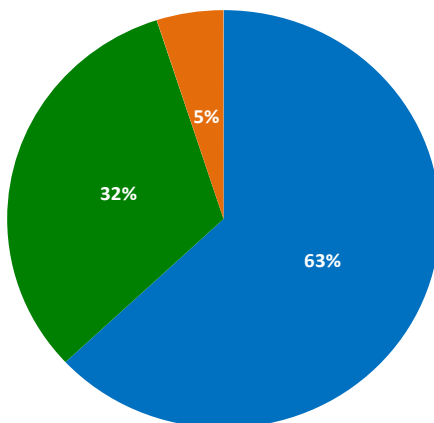
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



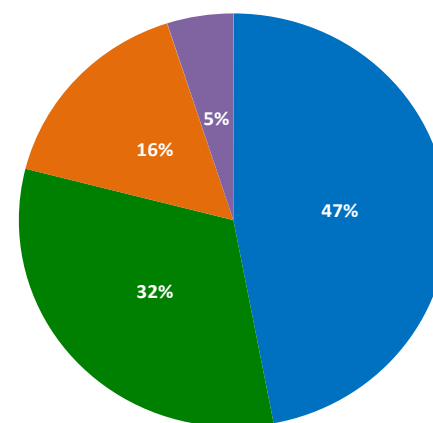
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

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

A very useful revision of clinical exam skills.

MP
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK

I found the course useful and relevant to the exam preparation. Excellent course.

AE
Emirates French Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

I found the course useful and relevant to the exam preparation. Good course.

MW
North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple, UK

Great help. Gives you an insight into your strength and weaknesses.

KA
Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham, UK

Overall good idea of what is expected in exam.

HY
King's College Hospital, London, UK

Good practice for clinical examinations. Relevant for exam preparation. Content of the course was good.

OS
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury, UK

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

MK
University College Hospital, London, UK

Excellent course and faculty. Good quality presentations. Relevant for exam preparation. The course was excellent and provided good value for money.

KW
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, UK

High standard of faculty. Relevant for exam preparation. Content of the course was excellent.

SS
Salford Royal, Salford, UK

Individual Comments

High standard of faculty. Relevant for exam preparation. Content of the course was good.

VM
Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull, UK

The contents of the course were good and relevant. I found the course useful and relevant to the exam preparation. Excellent course.

JB
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK

The content of the course was good and relevant. The presentations were clear. Will be recommending it to others preparing for the exam.

MS
Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester, UK



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