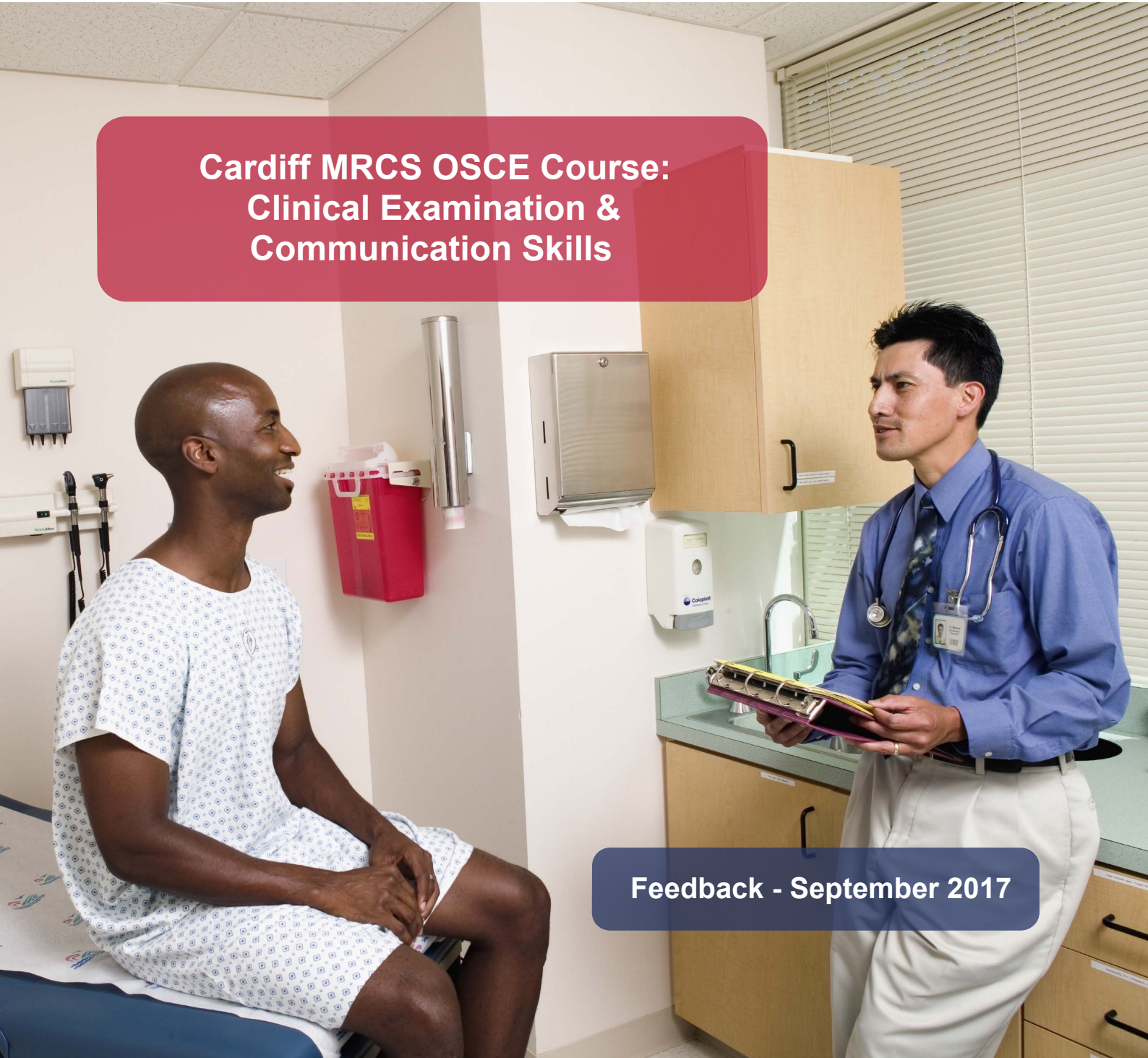




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**Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course:  
Clinical Examination &  
Communication Skills**



**Feedback - September 2017**

## 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, placing special emphasis on clinical consultation skills.

The course aimed to consolidate the delegates' understanding of the clinical consultation skills component of the exam. It also intended to aid the delegates' ability to perform clinical examinations efficiently by encouraging them to present their findings to the examiner in a systematic yet concise manner.

The morning session covered all of the important clinical examinations which are tested in the exam while the afternoon session was dedicated to communication skills workstations, structured interviews, and practical skills. Six patient-centred clinical scenarios were used to reflect the situations experienced in everyday practice. These scenarios are in line with what is commonly tested in the MRCS exam. A total of 33 candidates attended the course and their feedback has been collated in this document.

### Course Information

<b>Course date:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Doctors Academy International Institute for Medical Education Cardiff</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>20 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>Delegates looking to take their membership to the Royal College of Surgeons Part B exam.</b>
<b>Course fee:</b>	<b>£195.00</b>



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





## Course Programme

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

### Clinical Examination Sessions

Candidates were divided into small groups and taken 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

<b>1300 - 1345</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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<b>1350 - 1715</b>	(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

<b>1715 - 1730</b>	Summary and Feedback
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<b>1740</b>	End of Course
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# Faculty

## Tutors

**Mr Edmund Leung, DMedSci, MRCS, FRCS**

Consultant General Surgeon  
Hereford County Hospital

**Mr Joseph Merola, MRCS (Eng)**

Clinical Fellow in Neurosurgery  
University Hospital of Wales

**Mr Kevin Conway, MRCS, MB BCH, MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)**

Consultant Vascular Surgeon  
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

**Miss Maria Loredana Popescu, MBBS, MRCP, MRCS**

Specialist Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedics  
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

**Professor Stuart Enoch, MBBS, MRCSEd, MRCS (Eng), PGCert (Med Sci), PhD**

Professor, Higher Surgical Education  
Doctors Academy

**Mr Vishal Kumar, MBBS, MRCS**

Specialist Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedics  
Glan Clwyd Hospital

**Mr Mihir Chandarana, MS, MCh, DNB (Surg Oncol), MRCS**

Speciality Registrar in Oncoplasty  
Royal Stoke University Hospital

## Trainee Tutors

**Mr Alex Loh, MBChB, MSc, MRCS**

Speciality Trainee in Urology  
Royal Stoke University Hospital

**Miss Cathleen O'Neill, MBBCh, BSc, MSc, MCh, MRCS**

Speciality Trainee in Orthopaedics  
Galway University Hospital, Ireland

**Mr Kumar Kaushik Dash, MBBS, MRCS(Ed)**

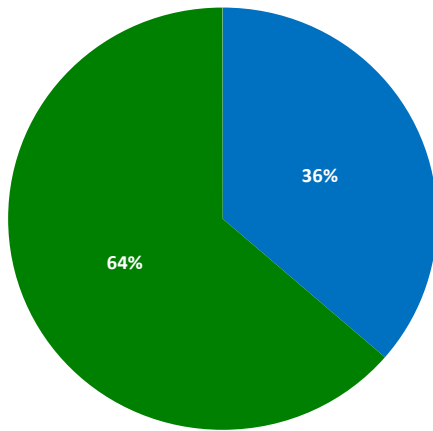
Speciality Trainee in Orthopaedics  
Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Clydebank

**Surg Lt R. Llewellyn Thomas, BSc, MBChB, MRCS, RN**

Speciality Trainee in Surgery  
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

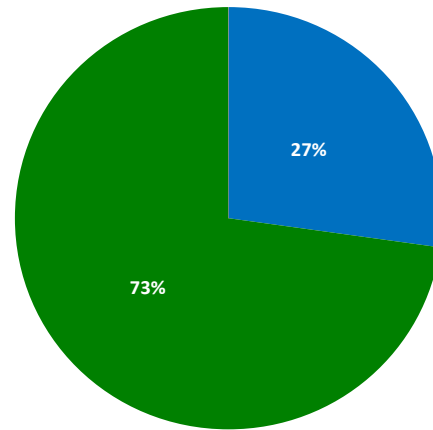
# Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



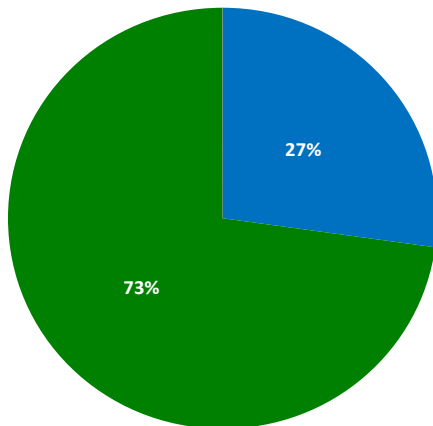
■ Excellent ■ Very good ■ Average ■ Fair ■ Poor

How was the clarity of demonstrations?



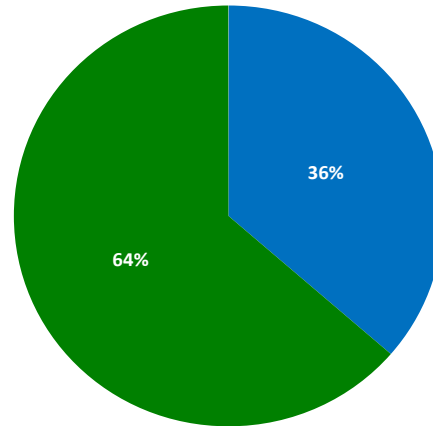
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Did you get sufficient time to learn in every station?



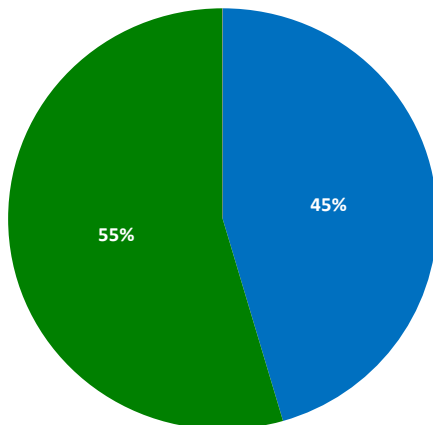
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Limited ■ Not at all

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



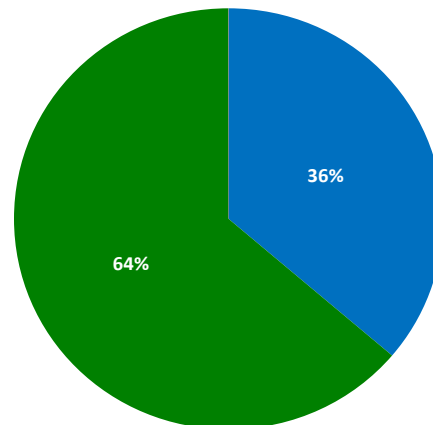
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How would you rate the performance of the actors?



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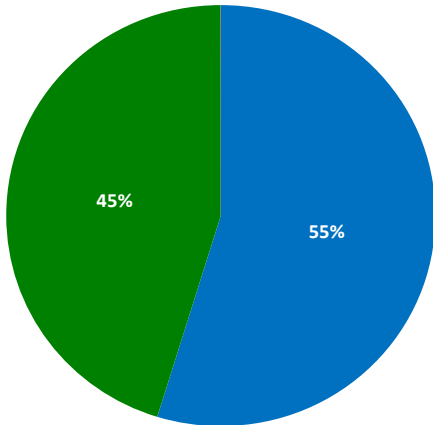
Did the course meet your objectives?



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

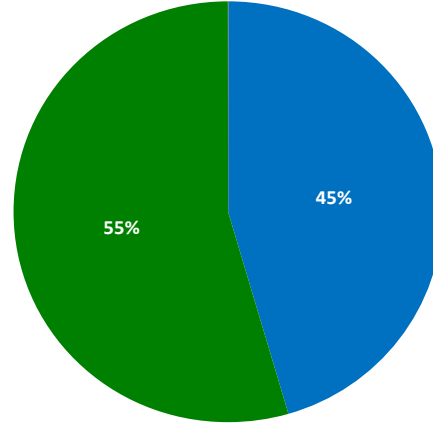
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Vascular (Venous)



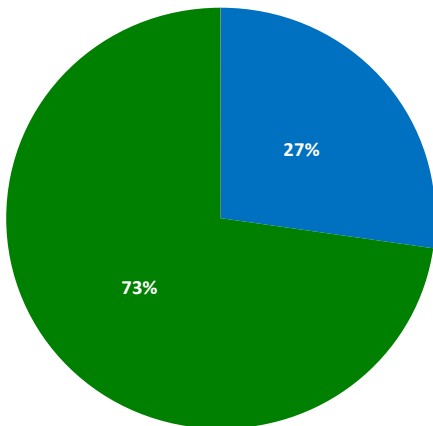
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Vascular (Arterial)



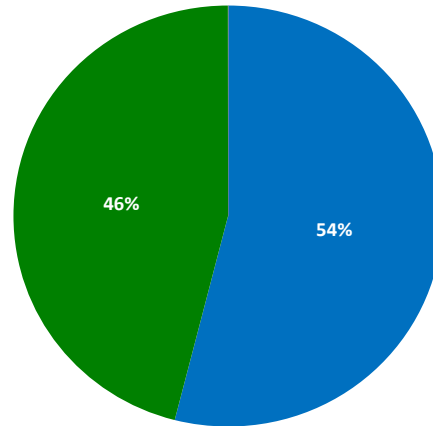
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Shoulder



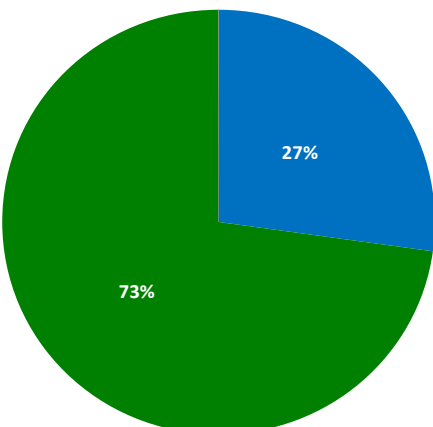
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Spine



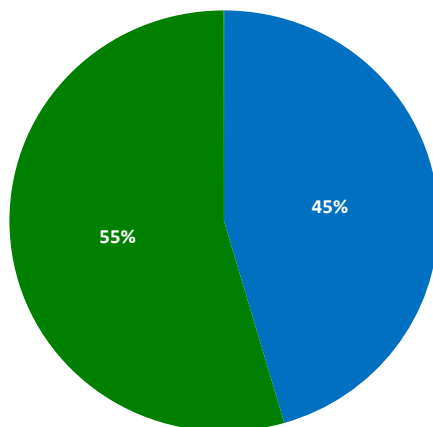
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Hip and Knee



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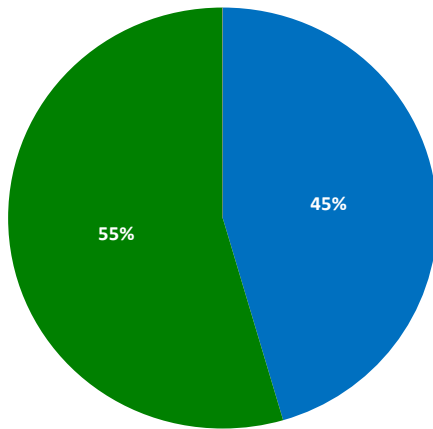
Abdomen and hernia



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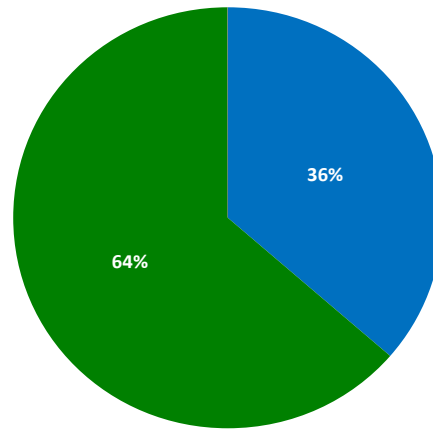
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Cranial Nerves



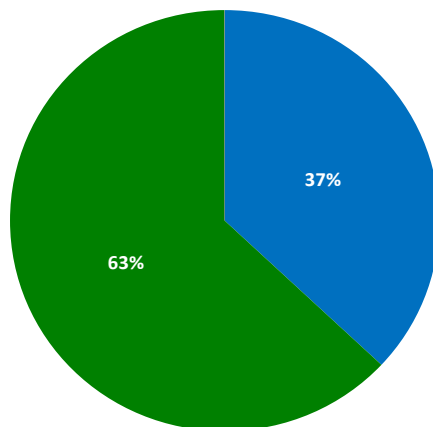
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Peripheral vascular disease



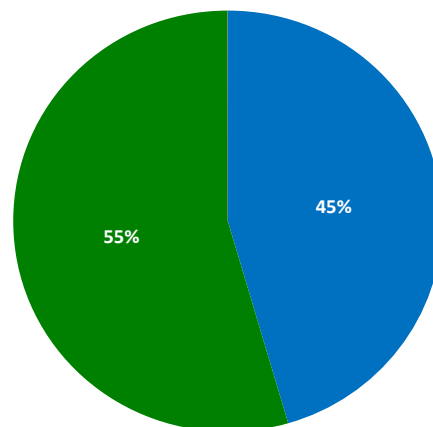
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Consenting for Operations



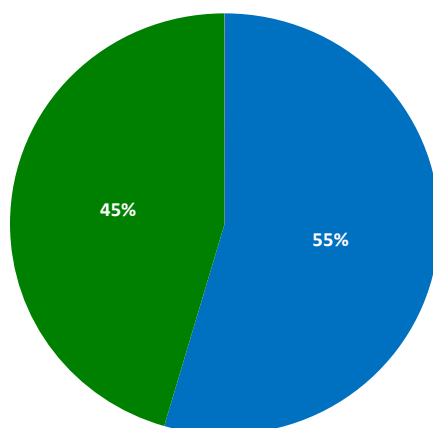
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Cancelled Operation (Thyroidectomy)



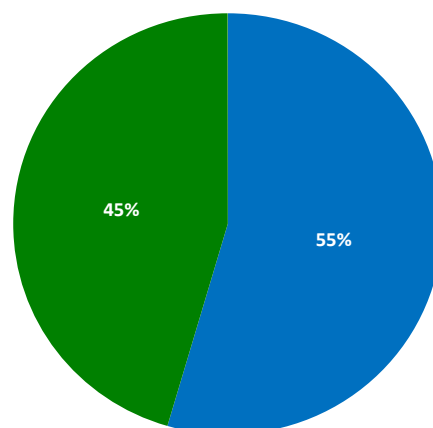
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Colorectal Cancer



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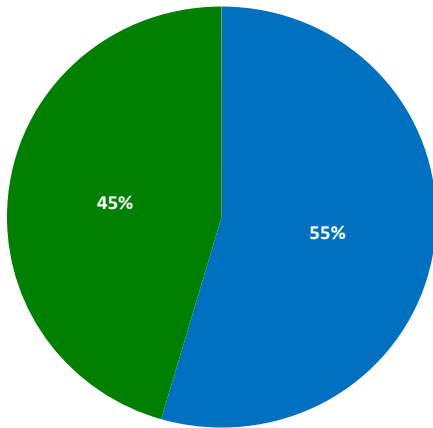
Breast Cancer



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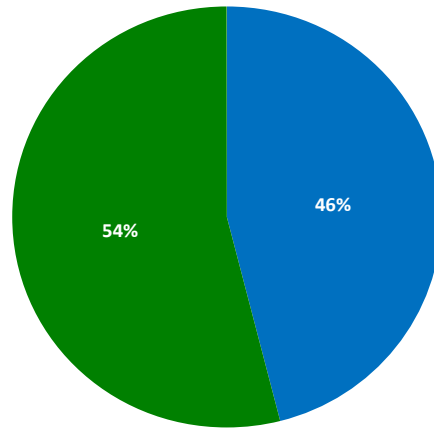
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Ethics scenario (Splenectomy)



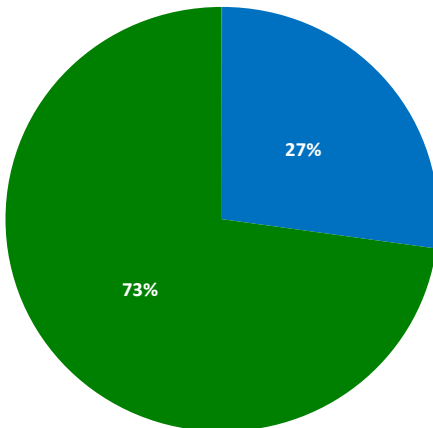
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Telephone conversation (Trauma)



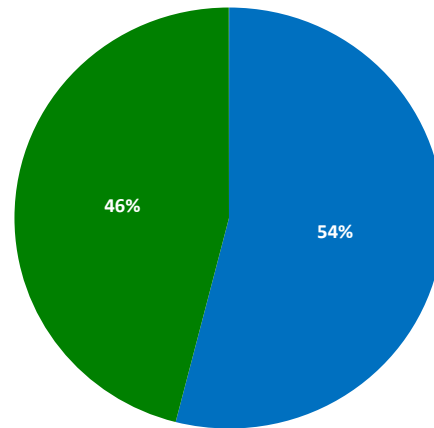
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ 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

Good.

**SP**  
*University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff*

Very good.

**AY**  
*Nottingham City Hospital, Nottingham*

Excellent course with great range of specialist to assess the stations. I felt like I was given valuable feedback.

**JR**  
*University Hospital, Coventry*

Great actors, good scenarios.

**TH**  
*Royal London Hospital, London*

Excellent!

**SA**  
*Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor*

Very helpful. the course is well structured. very informative and direct to the point.

**MS**  
*International Medical Centre-Jeddah*

Excellent.

**MR**  
*Countess of Chester Hospital, Chester*



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