

## Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course: Five-Day Preparatory Course for MRCS OSCE



Feedback - April 2025

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This five-day preparatory course provided the attendee with a thorough understanding of the topics on which to focus and the areas to prepare for the MRCS OSCE. The course was delivered through a robust method of small group teaching, individual OSCEs and interactive discussions, all of which aimed to guide the attendee to prepare for each component of the exam (all stations were covered during the five days).

Day 1 and Day 2 focussed on the knowledge component of the exam, with emphasis placed on anatomy and pathology but also consideration of related microbiology and applied surgical sciences (physiology). Day 3 was divided into a morning session that covered clinical and procedural skills and an afternoon session that covered additional applied surgical sciences and critical care stations. Day 4 consisted of small group teaching using anatomical prosections, relevant pathological specimens, and osteology. A mock OSCE took place during the afternoon. Day 5 consisted of clinical examination stations in the morning and communication skills stations in the afternoon.

### Course Information

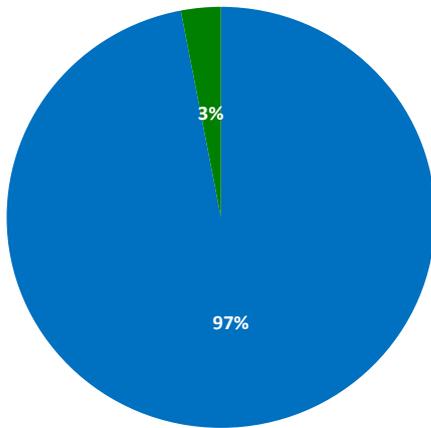
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>40 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b>	<b>£875.00</b>



# Overall Feedback

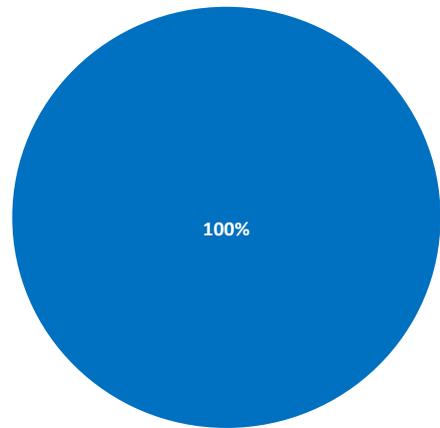
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Skull Base, Head and Face



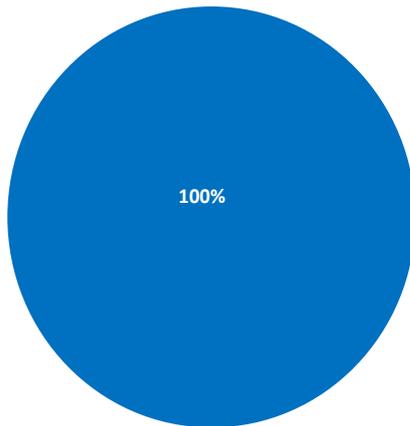
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Neck, Larynx, Soft Palate, and Pharynx



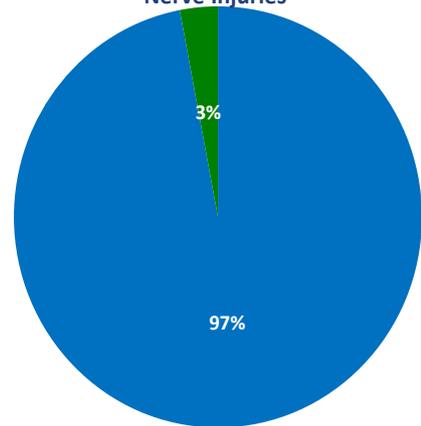
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Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart, and Lungs



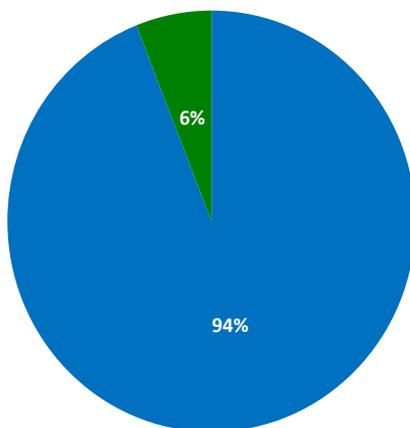
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Brachial Plexus, Upper Limb and Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



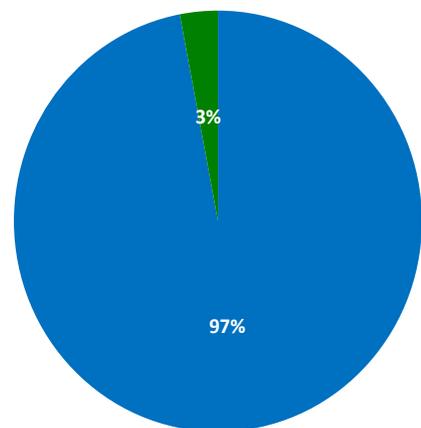
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General Abdomen



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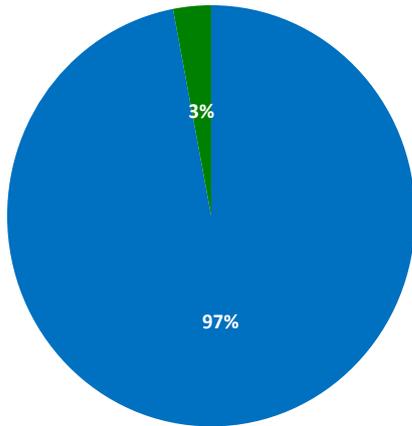
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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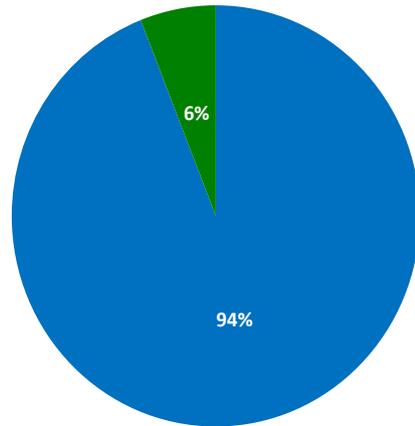
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Pelvis and Perineum



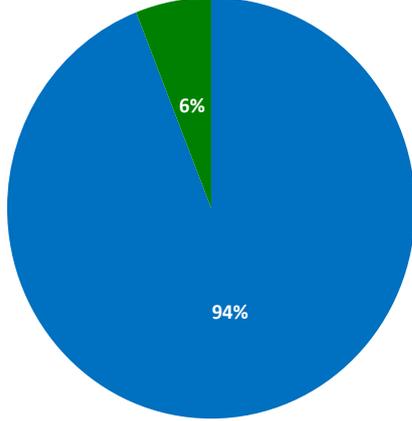
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



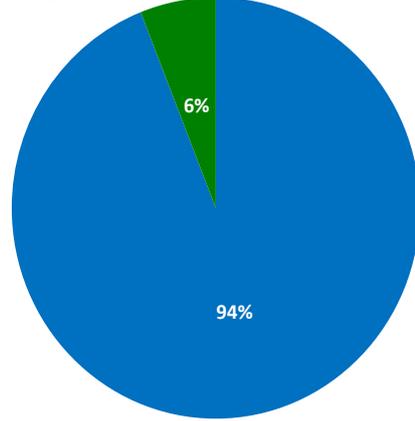
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Lumbosacral Plexus, Lower Limb and Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



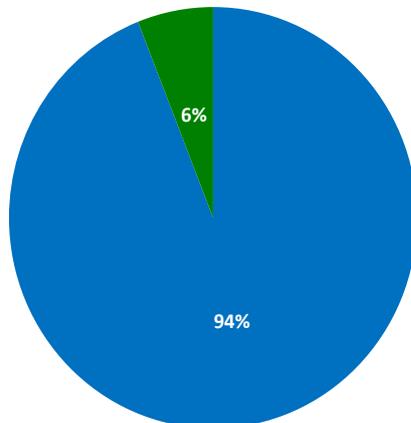
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Pathology: Lumps and Skin Cancers (Malignant Melanoma and Non-Melanoma)



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Pathology: Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers

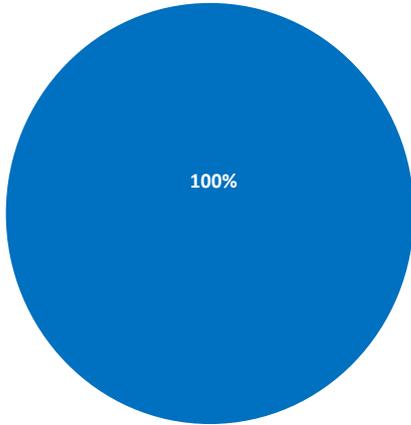


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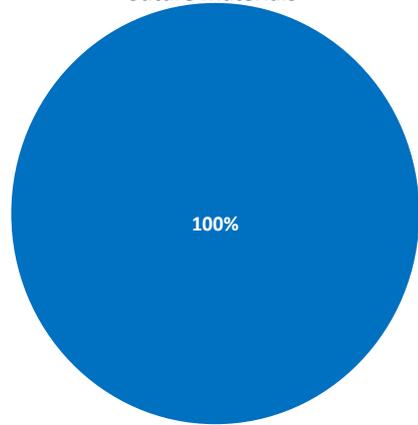
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Knot Tying



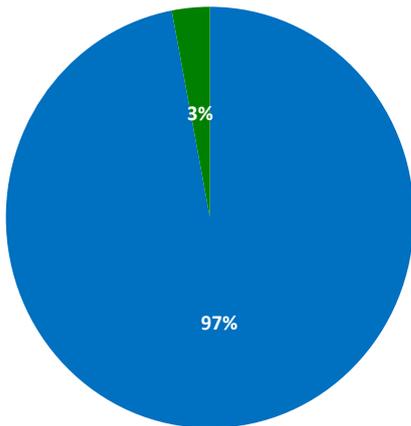
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Excision of a Lesion, Suturing, Sutures, and Suture Materials



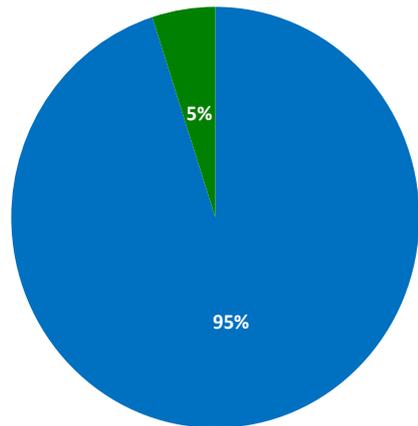
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Chest Drain Insertion



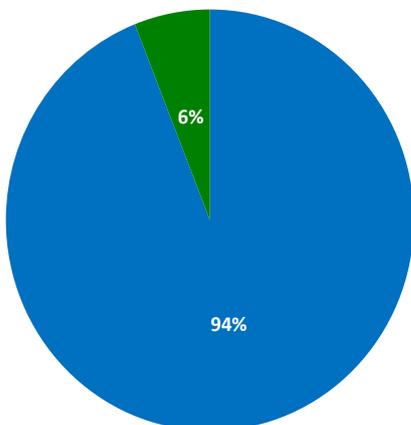
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ABG and Cannulation



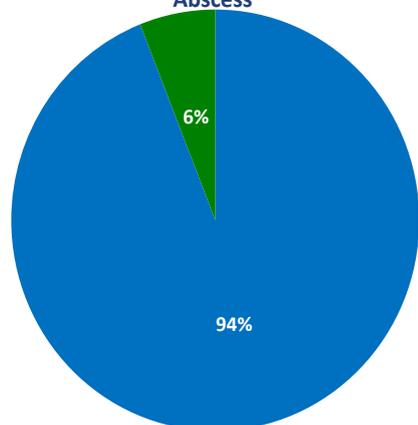
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Catheterisation



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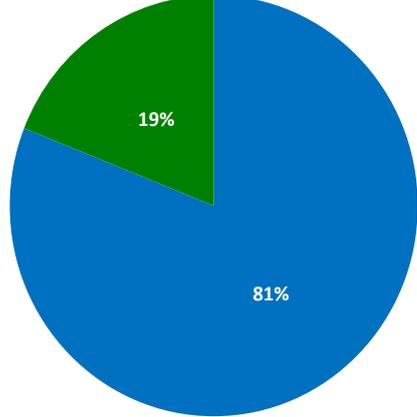
Wound Debridement and Drainage of an Abscess



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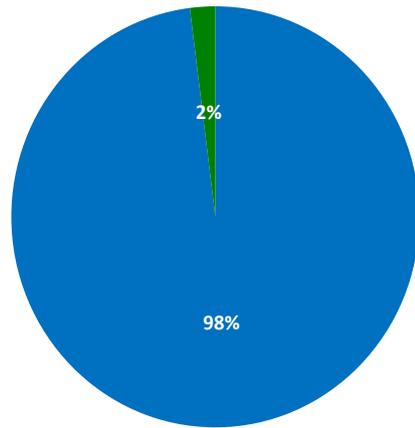
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Osteology of the Upper Limb and Lower Limb



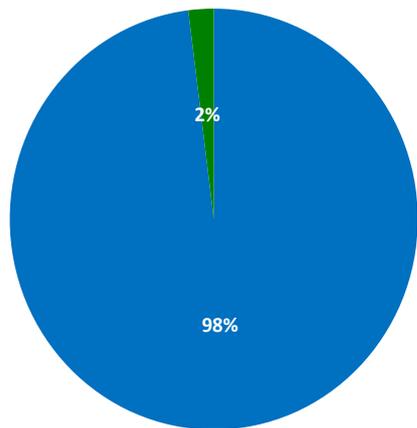
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Physiology 1 (Neurophysiology and Sepsis)



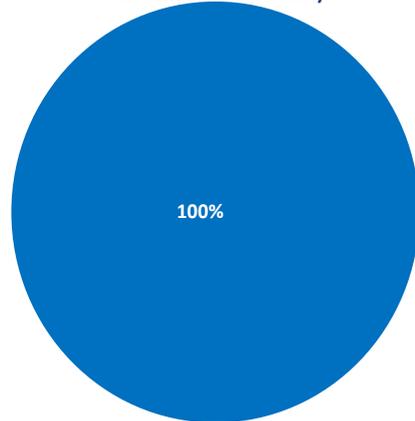
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Physiology 2 (Pancreatitis and Fistula)



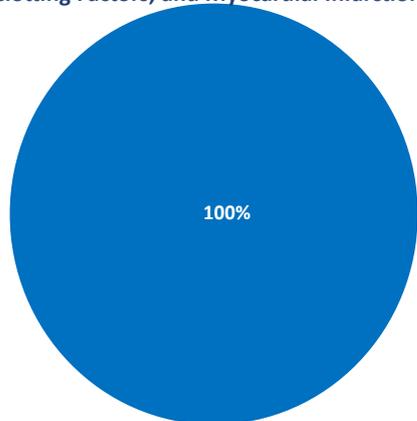
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Physiology 3 (Acid Base Balance and Calcium Homeostasis)



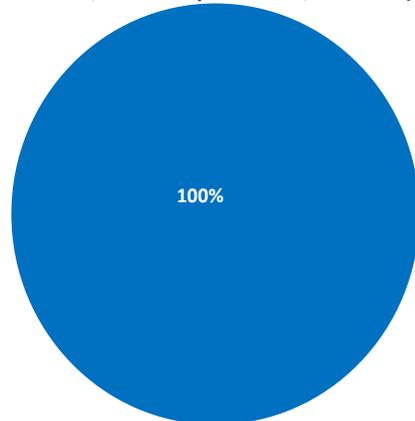
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Physiology 4 (DIC, Brain Stem Death, Clotting Factors, and Myocardial Infarction)



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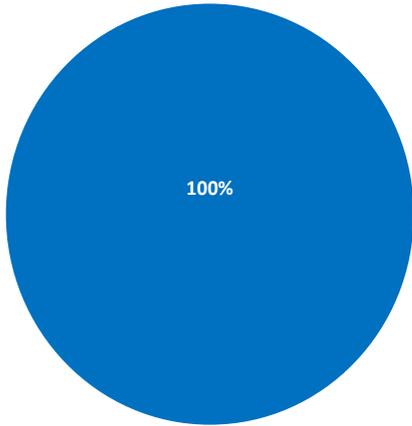
Physiology 5 (Parenteral Nutrition, Pulmonary Oedema, Pulmonary Embolism, and ARDS)



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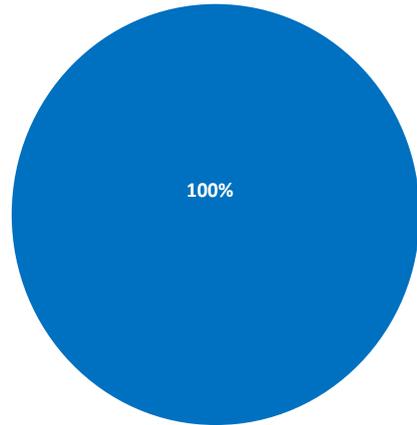
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Physiology 6 (Burns, Splenic Injury, and Cushing's Syndrome)



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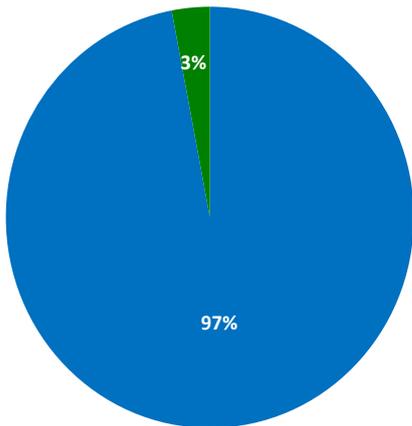
Theatre List Prioritisation



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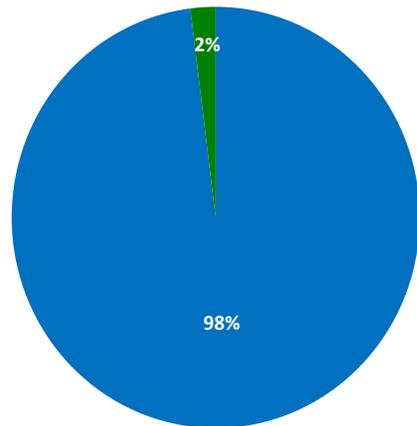
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Dissection Room: Skull Base and Foramina



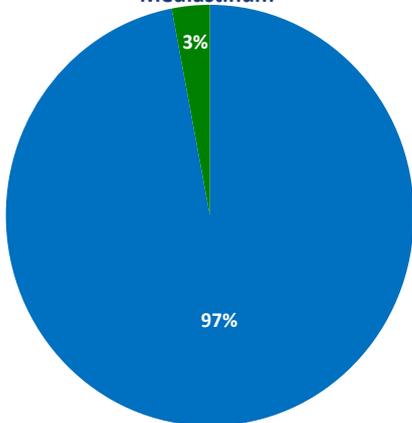
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Dissection Room: Brain and Neck



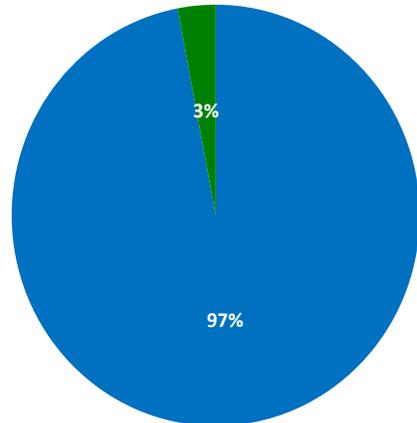
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Dissection Room: Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



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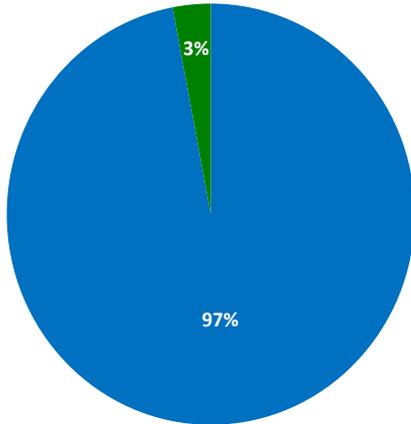
Dissection Room: Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



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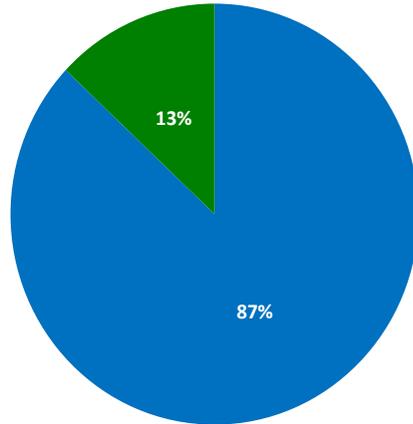
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Dissection Room: Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



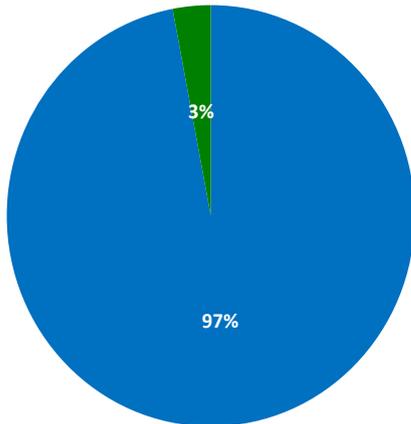
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Dissection Room: Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, Stomach, and Small and Large Intestine



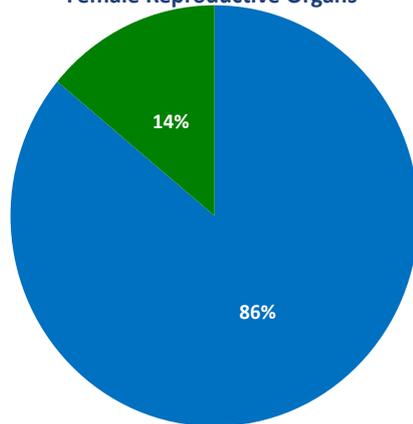
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Dissection Room: Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder, Pancreas, and Kidneys)



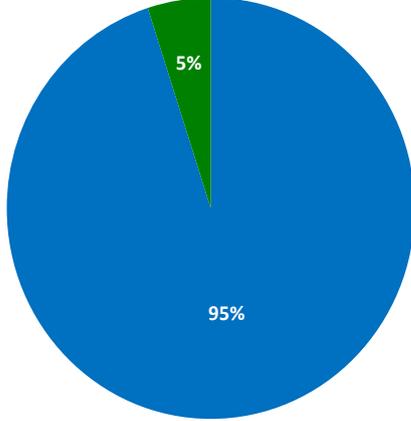
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Dissection Room: Pelvis, and Male and Female Reproductive Organs



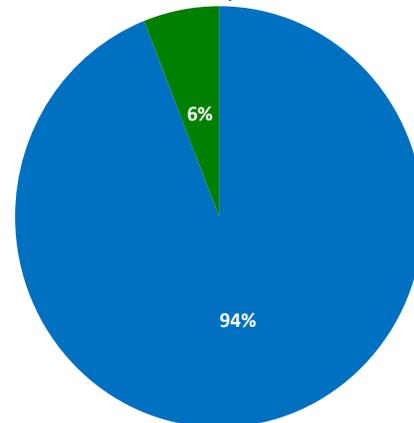
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Pathology 1: GI Pathology (Dysphagia, Barrett's, IBD, Polyps, Cancers)



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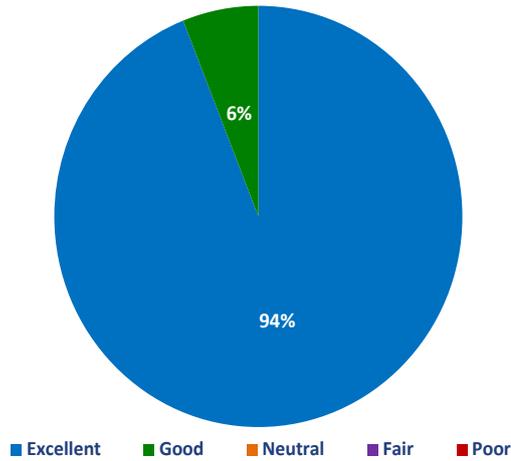
Pathology 2: GU Pathology (Groin Swellings; Cancers of the Testis, Prostate, Kidney, and Bladder)



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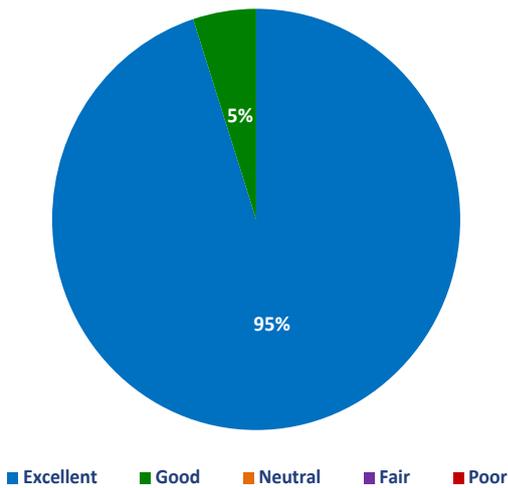
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Pathology 3: Other Pathologies (Tumours of the Lung, Salivary Gland, Bone and Breast)

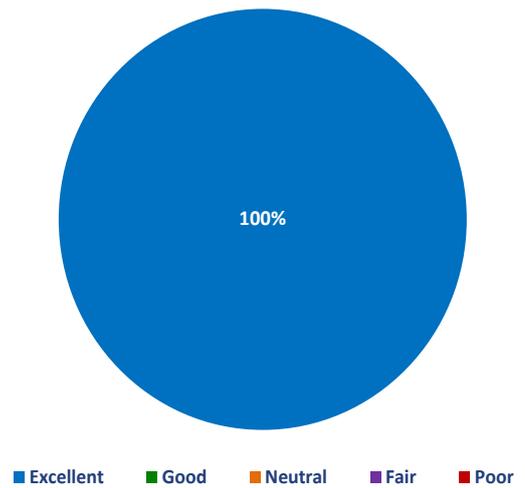


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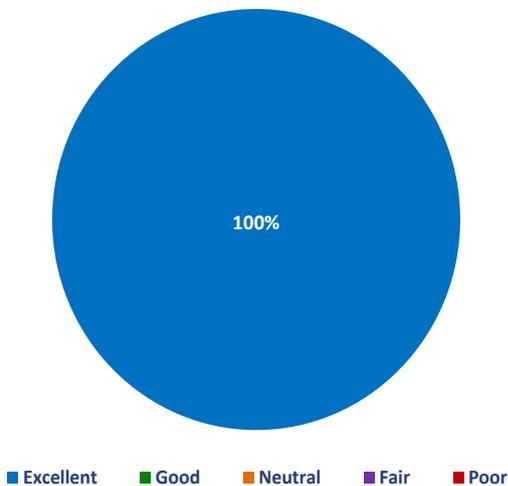
Examination of the Cranial Nerves



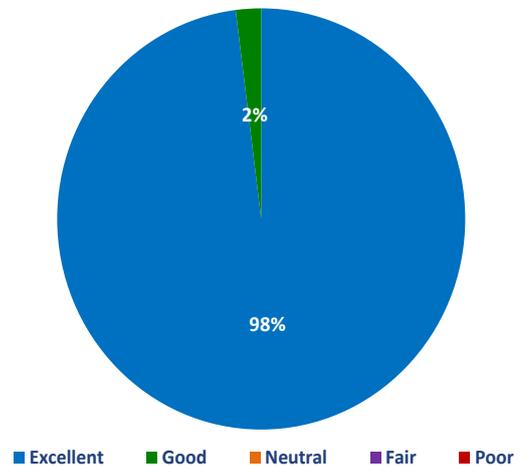
Examination of the Hip and Knee



Examination of the Shoulder and Back

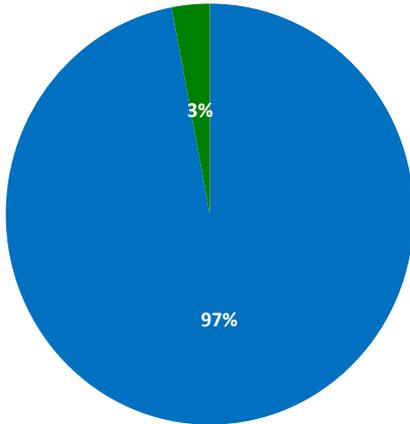


Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



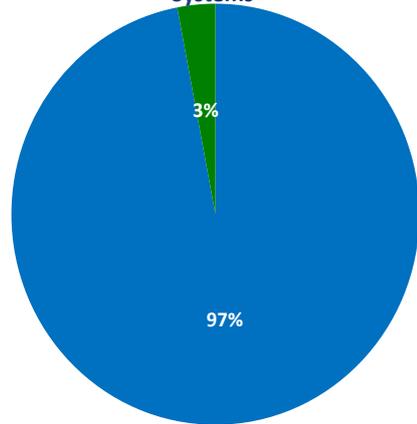
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Examination of the Abdomen



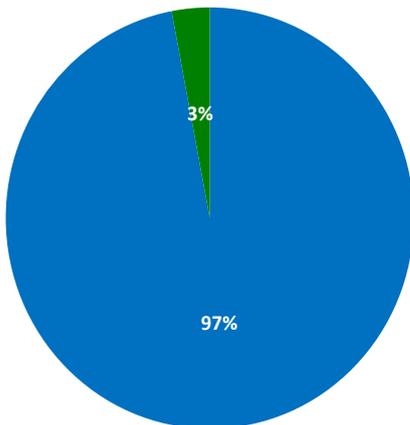
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Examination of the Arterial and Venous Systems



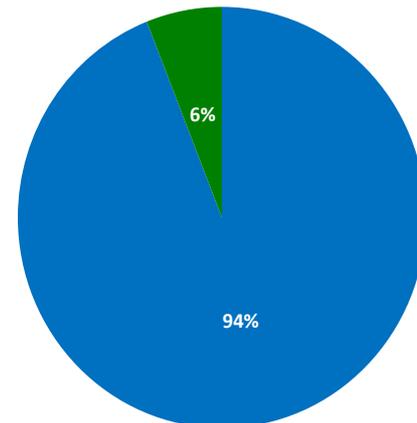
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Examination of the Hand



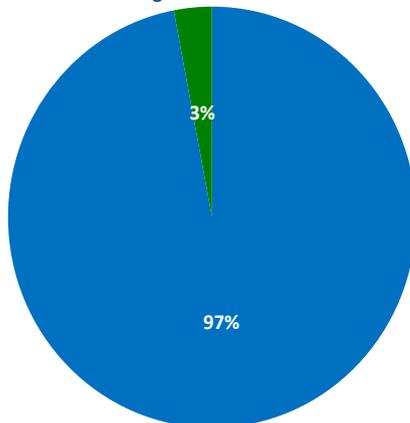
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Communication Skills: Back Pain (Metastatic Cancer) and Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma



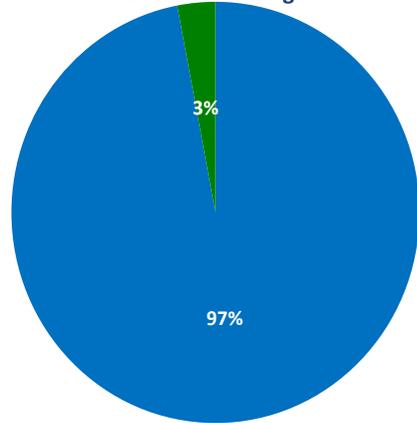
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Communication Skills: History Taking for Breast Lump, Breaking Bad News and Consent for General Surgical Procedures



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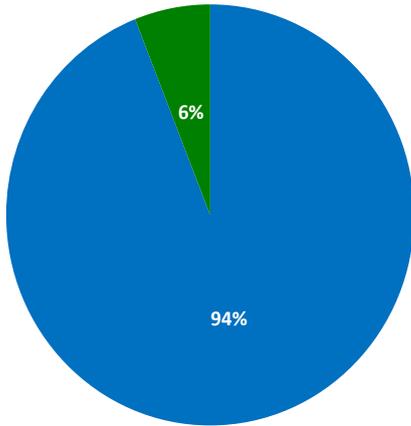
Communication Skills: Cancelled Operation and Self-Discharge



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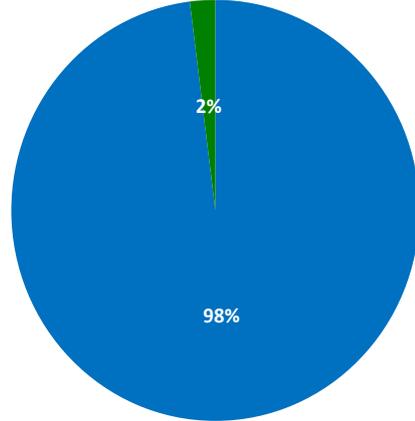
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Communication Skills: Consent for Carpal Tunnel Decompression, Consent for Knee Arthroscopy, and Information Giving for Fasciotomy



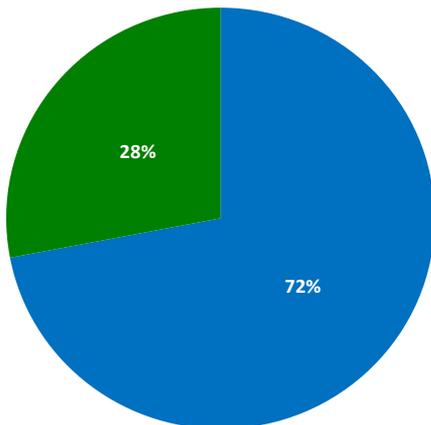
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Communication Skills: History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



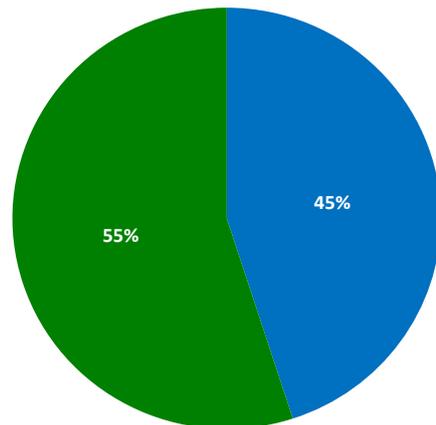
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How were the facilities and venue?



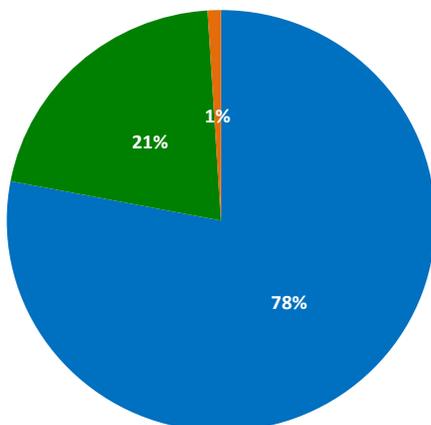
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



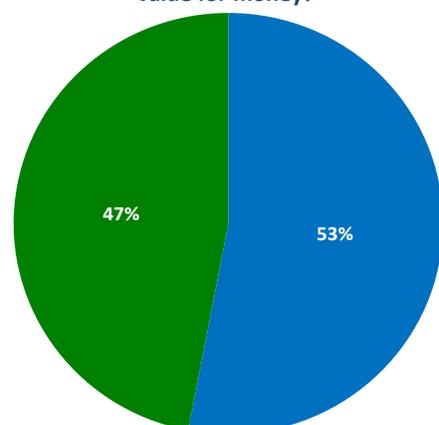
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

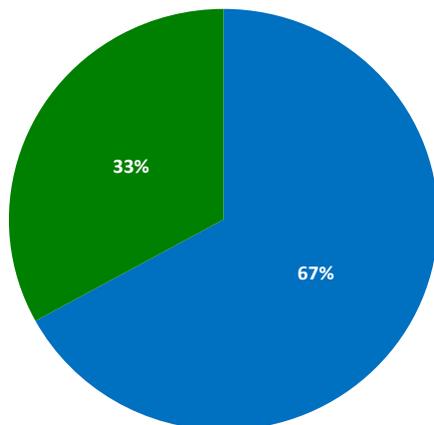
Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



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

## Overall Feedback

Did this course meet your learning objectives and help you to prepare for the exam?



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

## Individual Comments

Experience with the faculty was generally very positive, keen to answer questions.

**SR**

***University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK***

All the faculty was amazing and helpful. Prof Enoch is a trooper. Dilip was great.

**CJ**

***William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, UK***

Overall very good teaching. Excellent teaching by Dilip (abdomen stations and examination) and by Faculty were very approachable and engaging.

**SW**

***Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Wrexham, UK***

Excellent.

**GB**

***Mater Dei Hospital, Malta, UK***

The whole team was excellent.

**SS**

***Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals, UK***

All were amazing.

**TY**

***Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham, UK***

Faculty were very helpful in answering exam related questions and address our concerns.

**AB**

***St George's Hospital (London), London, UK***

All the faculty were helpful and supportive.

**TA**

***University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK***

Excellent, thank you very much for everyone. The ICU consultants were especially good.

**AN**

***Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, UK***

All faculty were helpful and provided good tips.

**SG**

***Royal United Hospital, Bath, UK***

## Individual Comments

Everyone was incredibly professional and kind. All stand out excellent teachers who have help me to build up my confidence.

**CR**  
*University Hospital, Coventry, UK*

Everyone was excellent. Prof Enoch was fantastic and delivered at the right pace (not too slow or too quick). Everyone was super helpful.

**AF**  
*Bedford Hospital NHS Trust, UK*

Tutors were helpful throughout the course and provided key learning points in general and answered my queries when asked specifically.

**SP**  
*Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull, UK*

Everyone was great, and in complete awe of Prof's knowledge.

**JR**  
*Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, UK*

My experience with the faculty during course was excellent. Although I don't recall all the names, every instructor demonstrated deep knowledge, taught succinctly, and made complex topics, especially anatomy, easy to understand and remember. Their teaching methods were engaging and tailored to exam success, which greatly boosted my confidence. I am particularly grateful for the supportive environment they created, ensuring all domains and skills were covered effectively. Their motivation and clarity were invaluable, and I highly recommend this course to anyone preparing for the exam.

**AA**  
*District Headquarter Hospital, Jhelum Valley, AJK, Pakistan*

The faculty were very good, patient, knowledgeable and supportive. I'd like to particularly thank Mr Dilip, and Miss Sathananthan for their excellent teaching. And of course, Prof Enoch and Rebecca too!

**SO**  
*Morrison Hospital, Swansea, UK*

Prof was amazing in delivering what is needed for the exam.

**ME**  
*Royal London Hospital, London, UK*

Really motivating and admiral work from everyone involved.

**FK**  
*Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral, UK*



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