

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



Feedback - September 2023

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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.

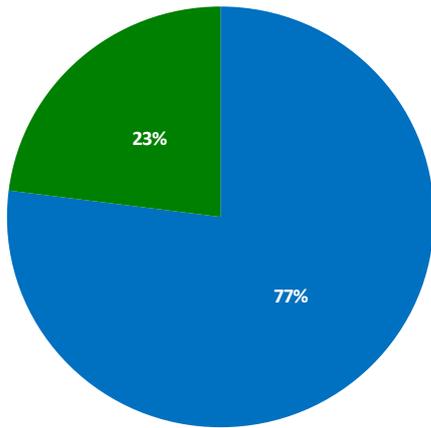
Course Information

Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	20th - 24th September 2023
Attendance:	38 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£875.00



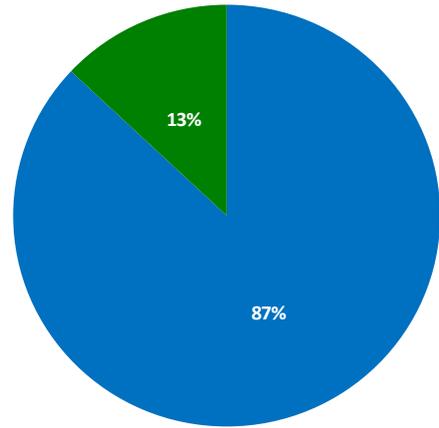
Overall Feedback

How was the clarity of the sessions?



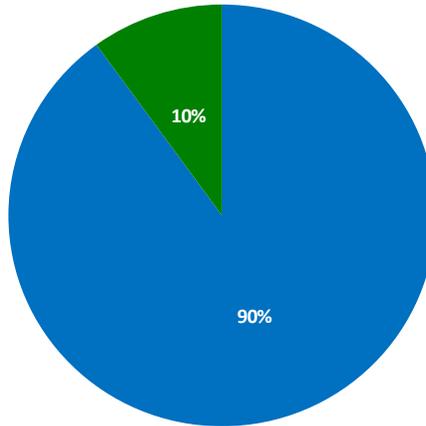
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



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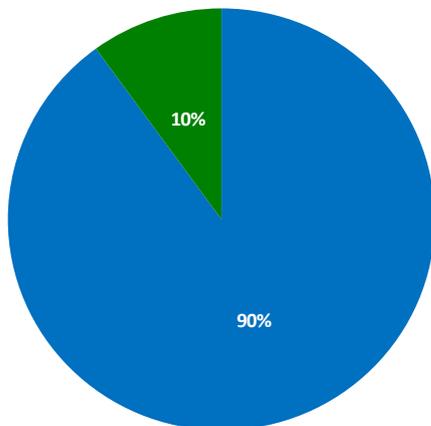
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your studies?



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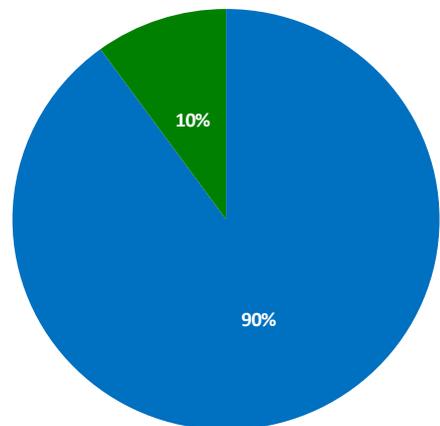
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st September 2023

Skull Base, Head and Face



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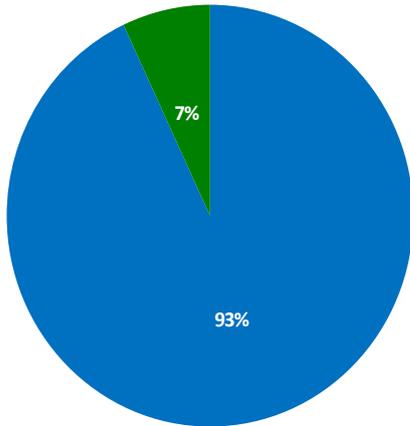
Neck, Neck Swellings, Larynx



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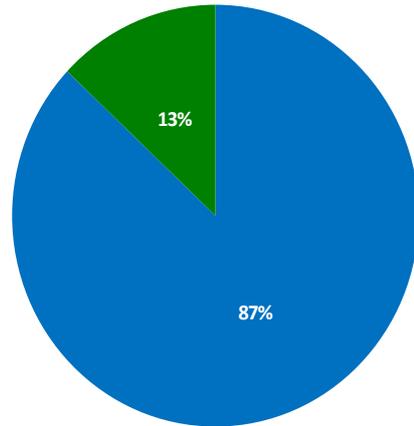
Overall Feedback

Thorax, Mediastinum and Oesophagus



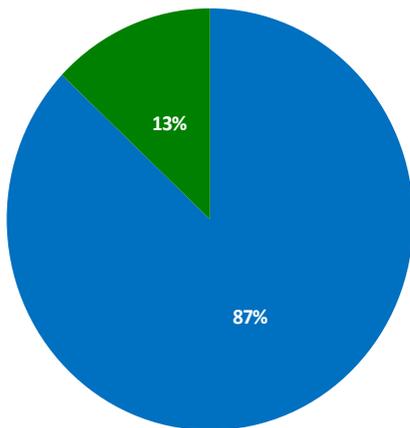
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Heart and Lung



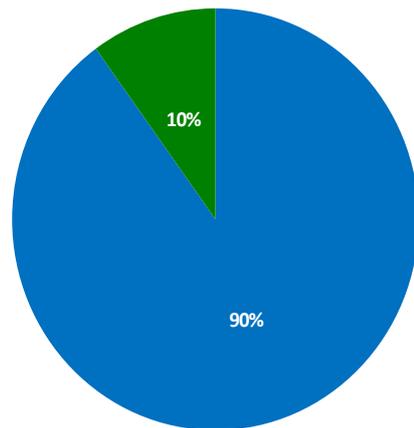
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Brachial Plexus and Upper Limb



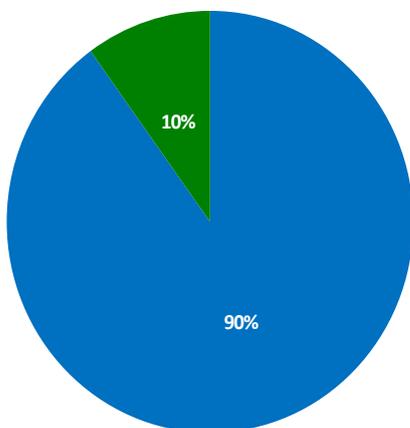
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Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



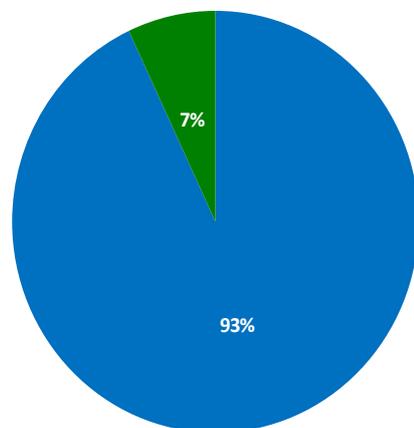
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General Abdomen



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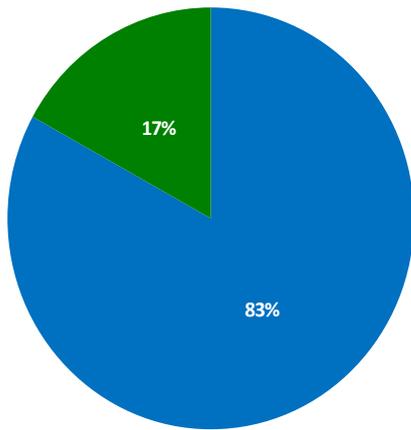
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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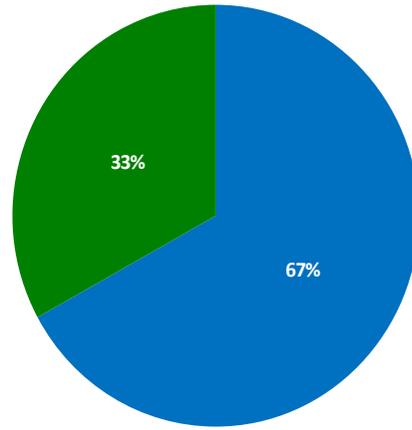
Overall Feedback

Pelvis and Perineum



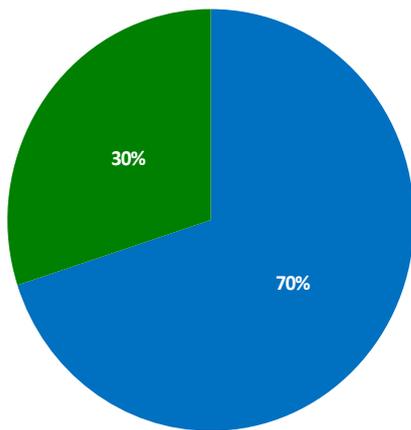
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



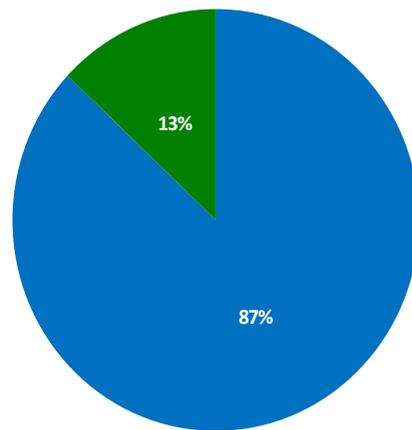
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Lumbosacral Plexus



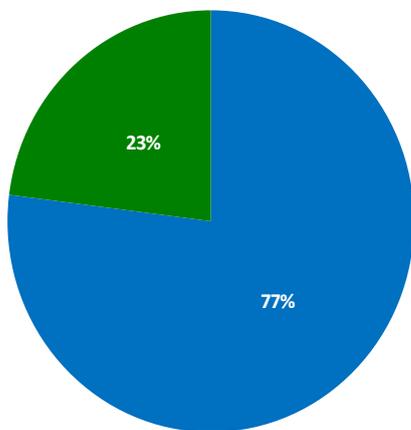
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Lower Limb



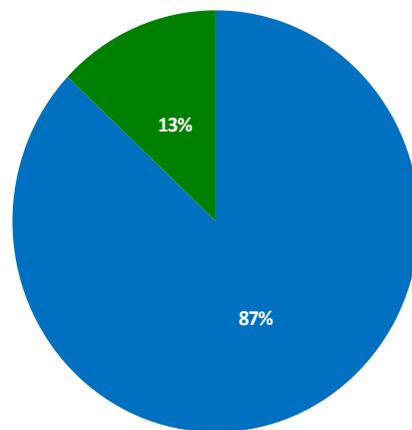
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Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



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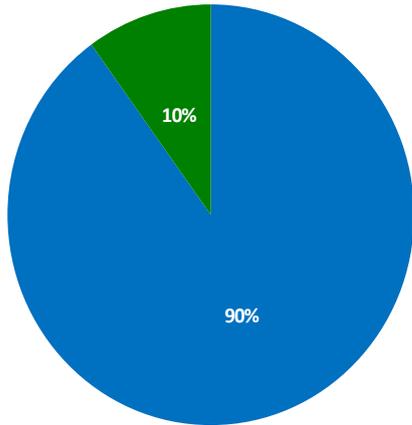
Pathology – Malignant Melanoma



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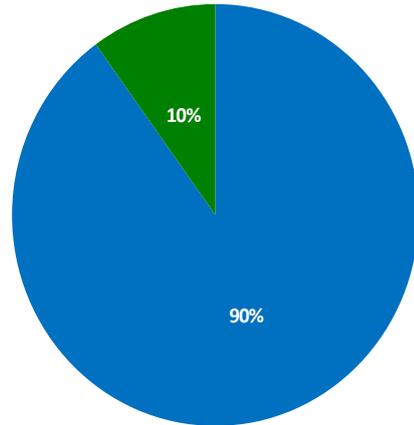
Overall Feedback

Pathology – Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers



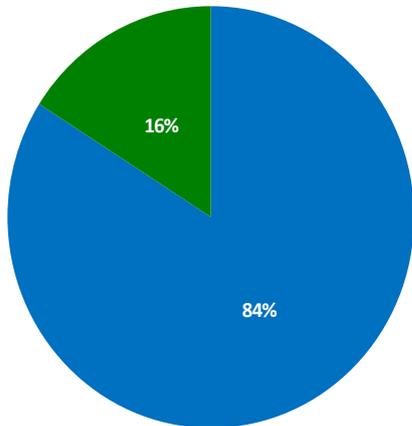
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Pathology – Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers



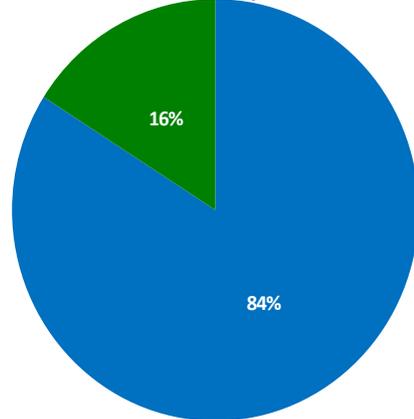
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Pathology – Carcinoid Tumour and Syndrome



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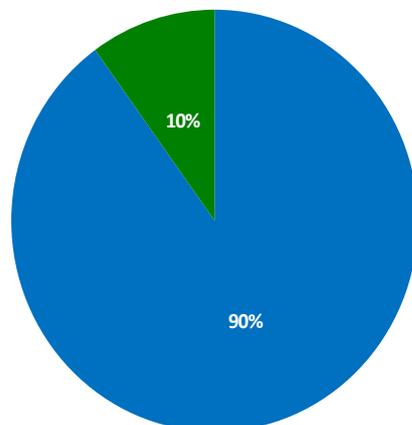
Pathology – Adrenal Conditions and Pheochromocytoma



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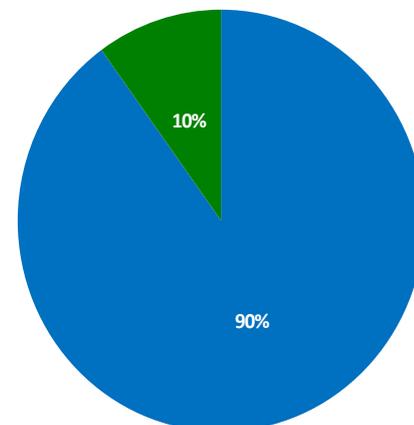
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Knot Tying



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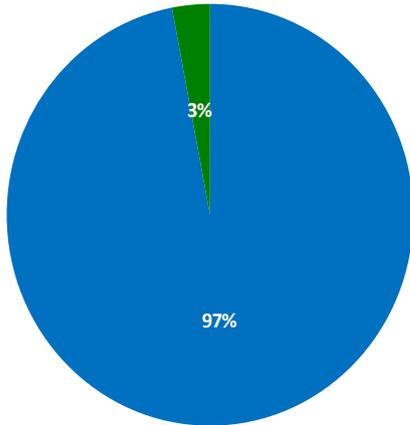
Excision of a Lesion



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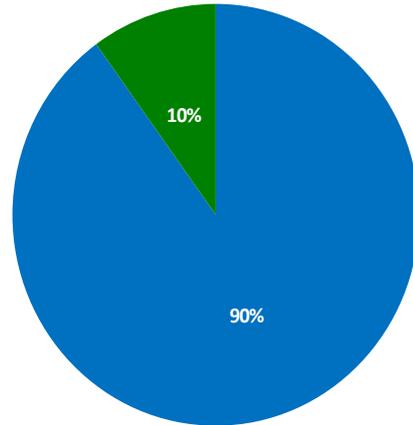
Overall Feedback

Suturing



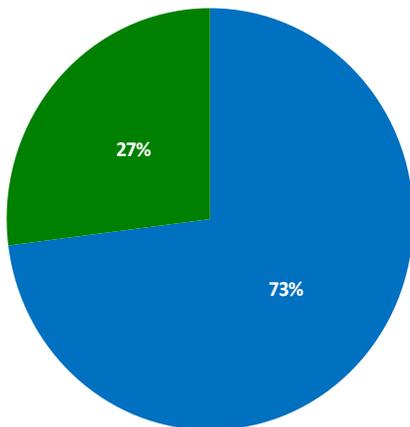
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Sutures and Suture Materials



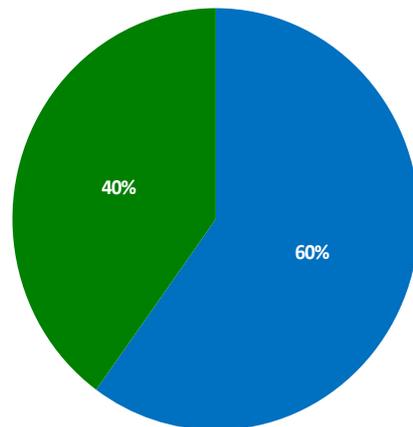
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Chest Drain Insertion



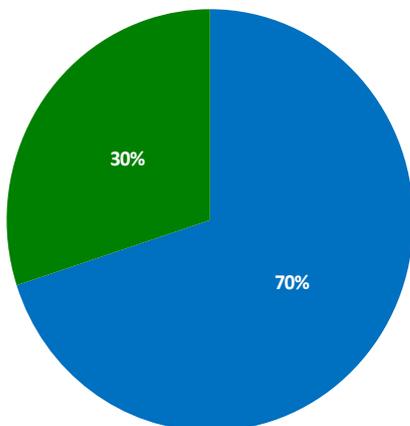
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Catheterisation



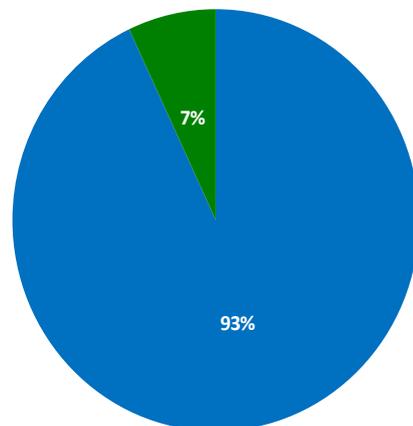
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Cannulation



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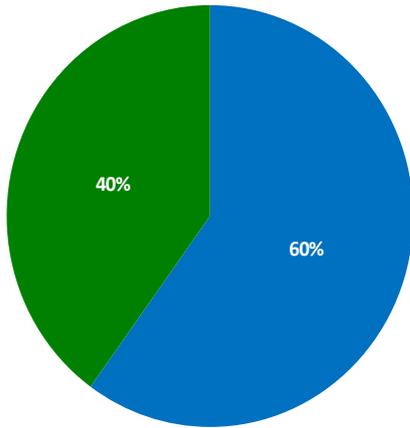
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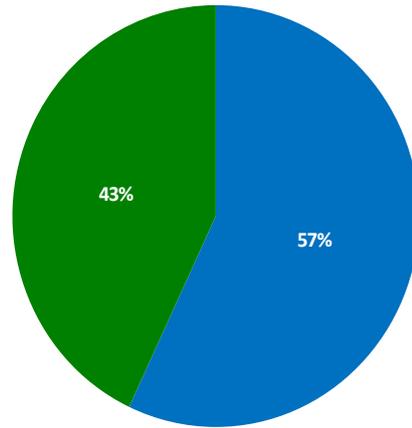
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Wound Debridement



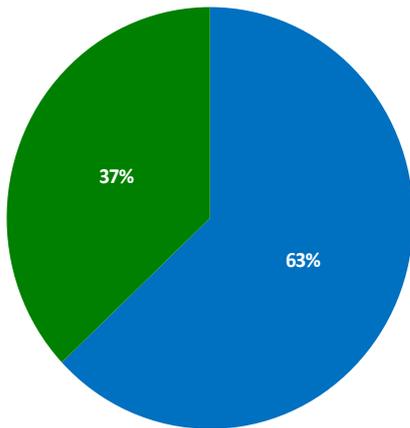
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Drainage of an Abscess



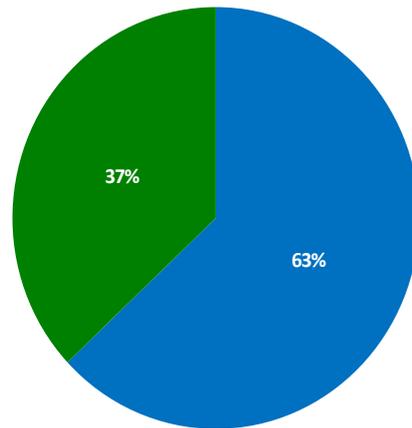
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Acid Base Balance and Calcium Metabolism



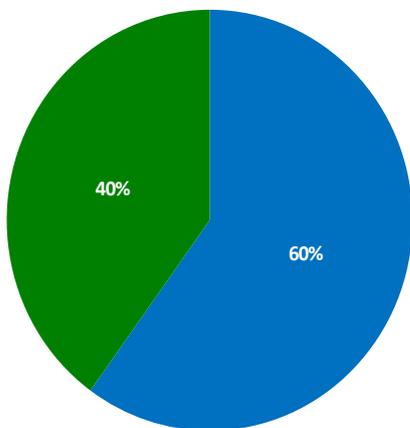
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Sepsis and General Physiology



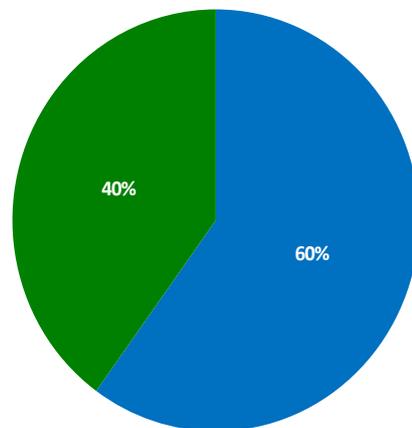
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Cardiac Physiology



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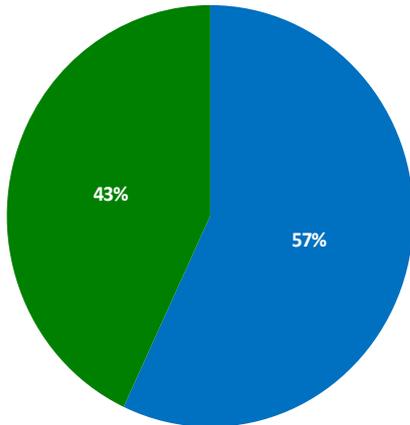
Gastrointestinal and Nutrition Physiology



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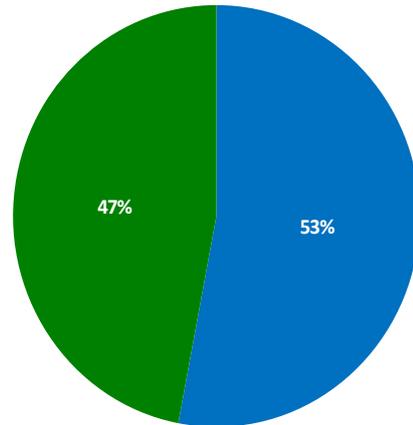
Overall Feedback

Neurophysiology and Hypothermia



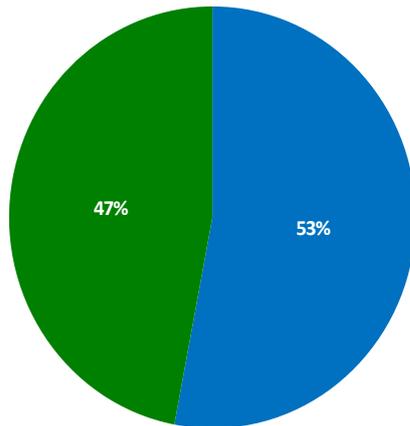
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Assessment and Management of Burns



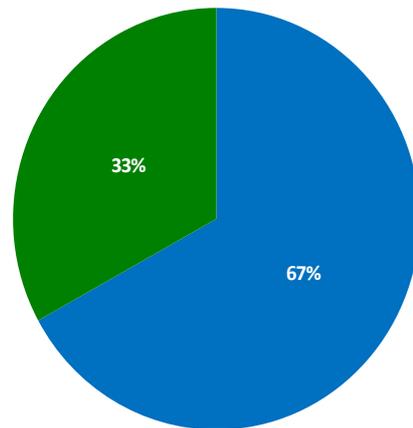
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Wound Healing and Reconstruction (Grafts and Flaps)



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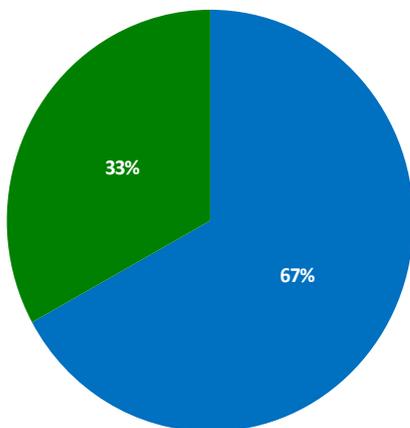
Theatre List Prioritisation



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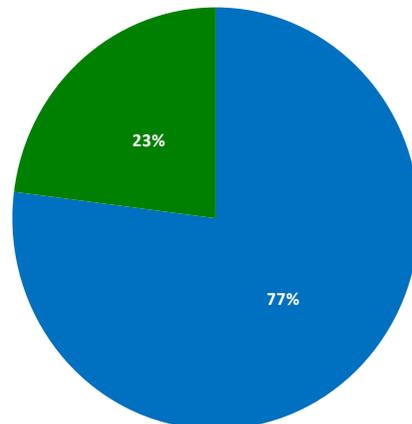
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Dissection Room - Face and Neck



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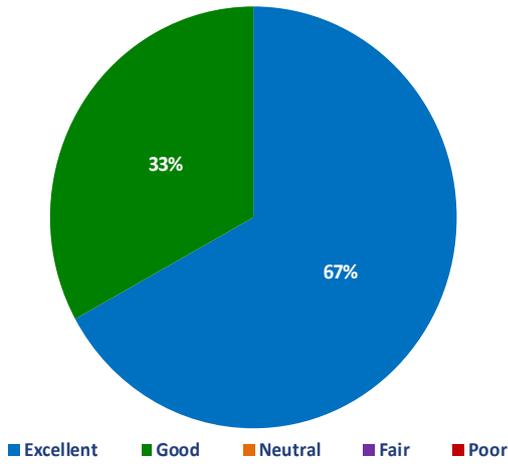
Dissection Room - Brain, Vertebrae and Spine



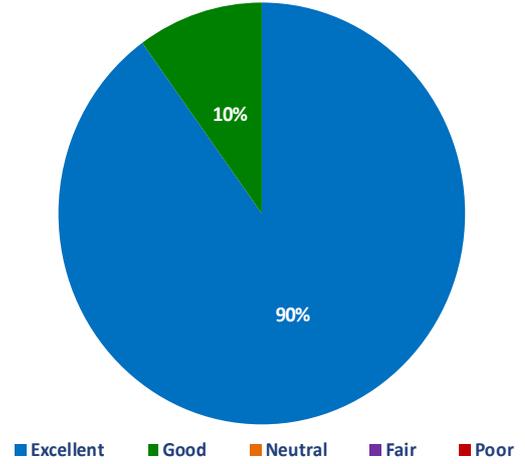
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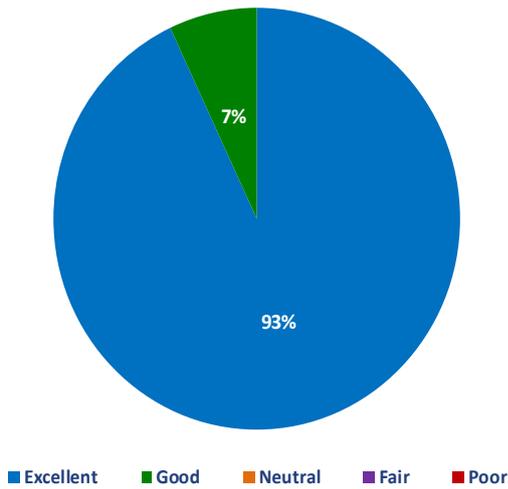
Dissection Room - Upper Limb (soft tissue and osteology)



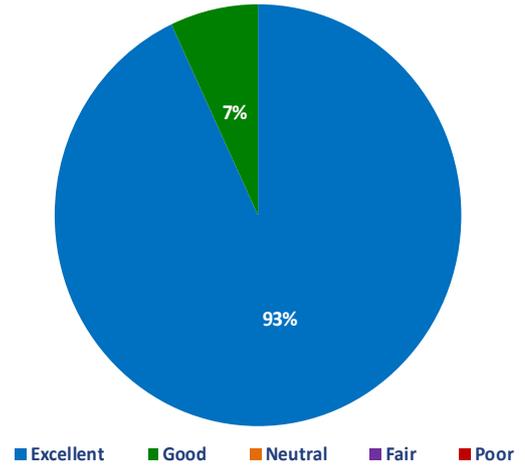
Dissection Room - Lower Limb (soft tissue and osteology)



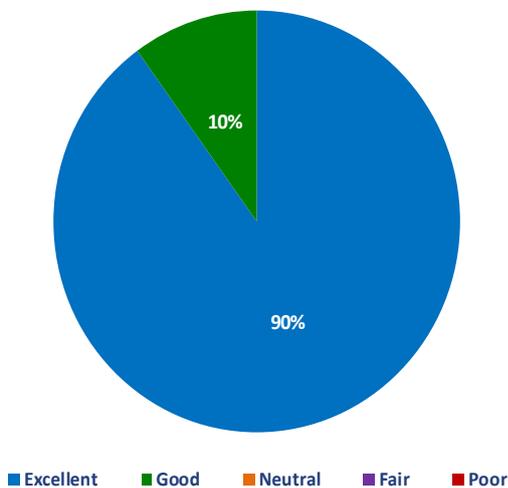
Dissection Room - Skull Base and Foramina



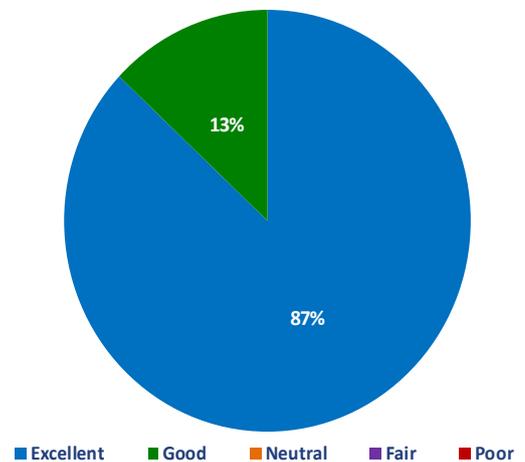
Dissection Room - Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



Dissection Room - Vascular Anatomy

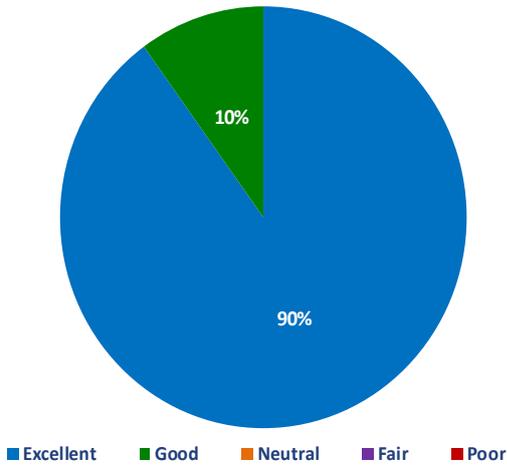


Dissection Room - Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal and External Genitalia

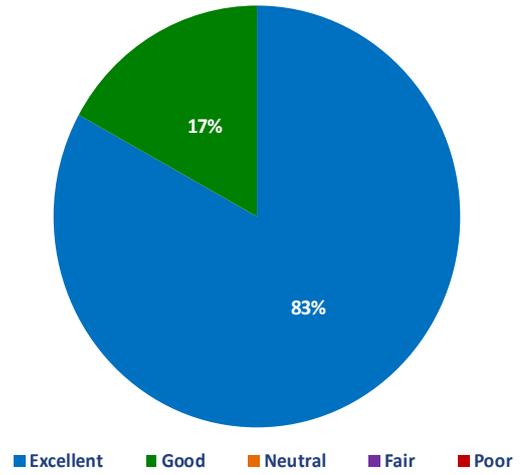


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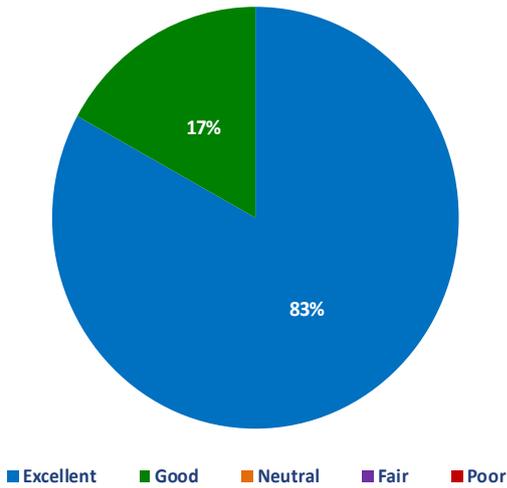
Dissection Room - Solid Organs of the Abdomen
(Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas and Spleen)



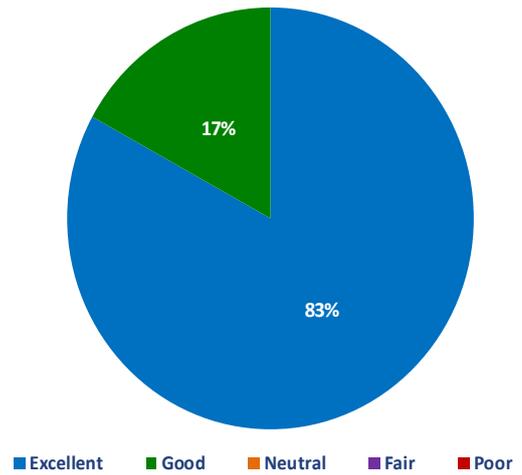
Pathology – Dysphagia, Barrett's and
Oesophageal Cancer



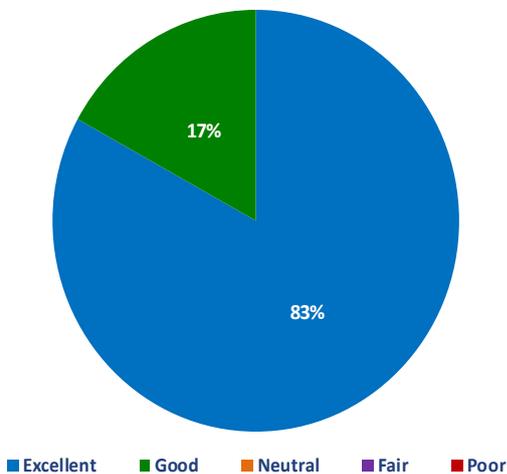
Pathology – Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



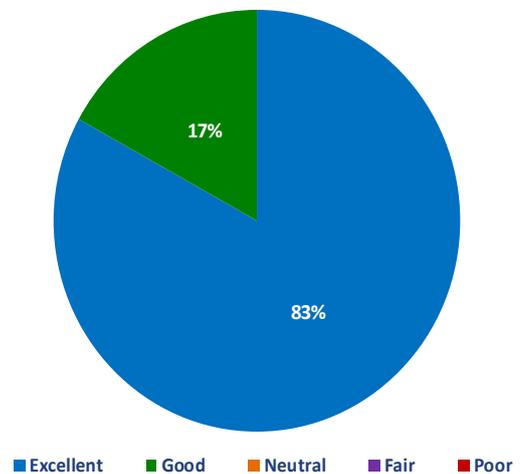
Pathology – Polyps, Colorectal Cancers and
Colectomies



Pathology – Inguinoscrotal Swellings and
Testicular Cancers

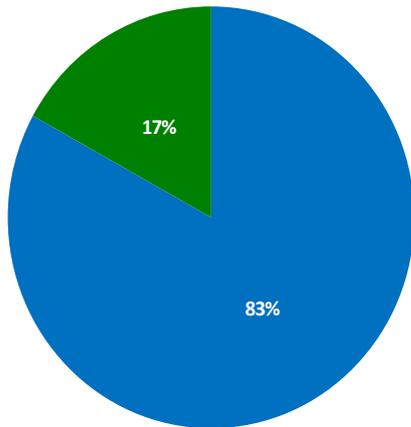


Pathology – Prostate Pathologies and Cancer



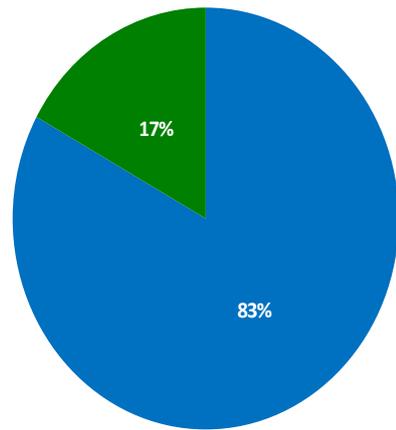
Overall Feedback

Pathology – Salivary Gland Swelling and Tumours



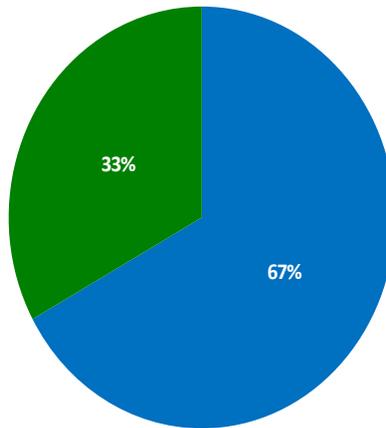
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Pathology – Breast Pathologies and Cancers



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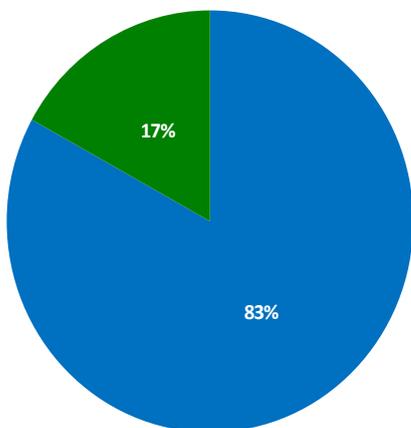
Pathology – Lung Cancer



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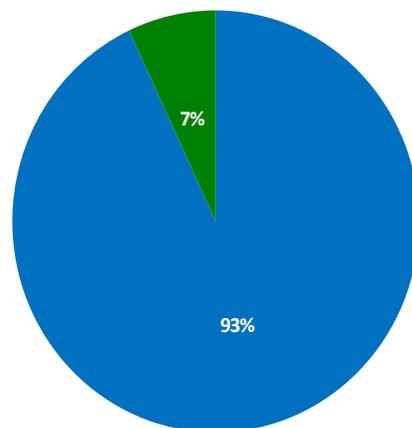
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



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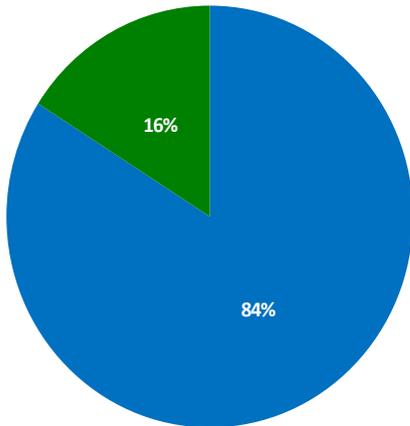
Examination of the Abdomen



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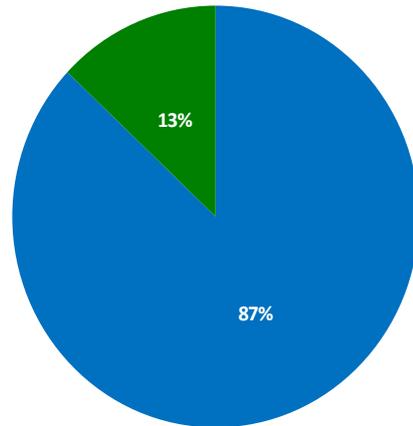
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Examination of the Hip and Knee



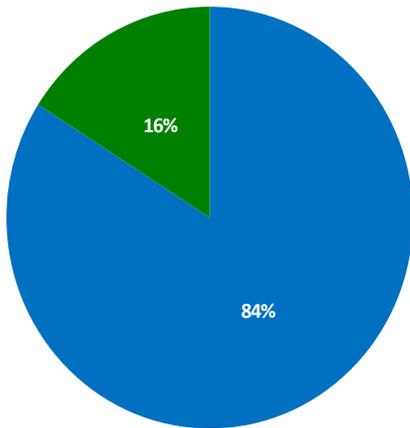
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Examination of the Neck and Thyroid



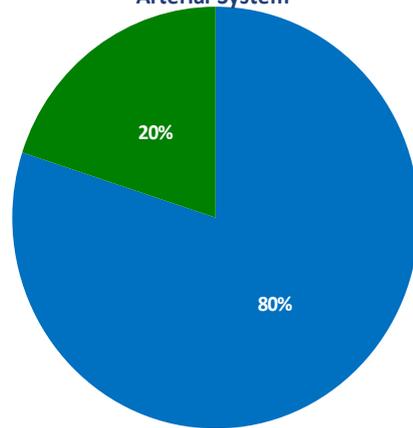
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Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



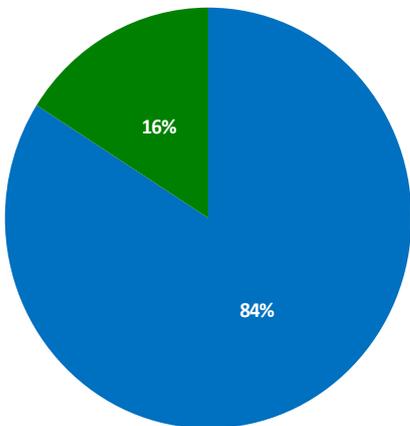
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Examination of the Varicose Veins and Arterial System



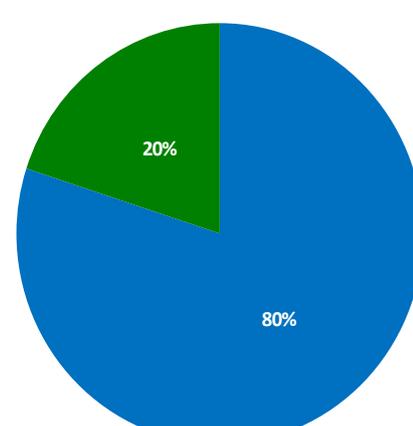
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Communication Skills - Back Pain, Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma, and Information Giving for Broken CT Scanner



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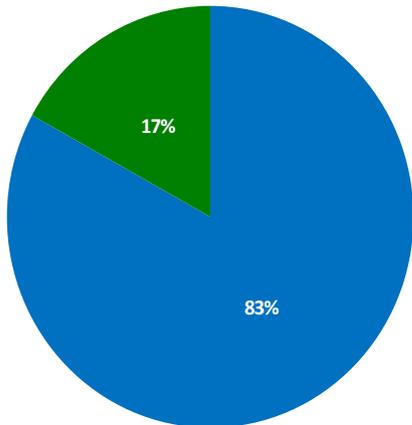
Communication Skills - History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



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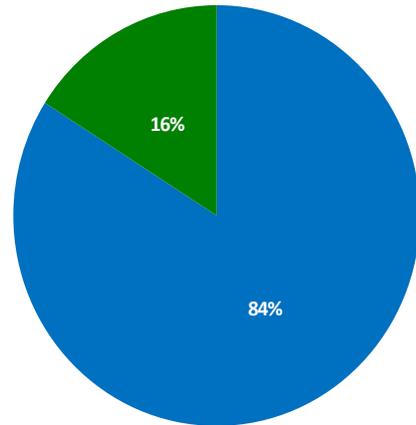
Overall Feedback

Communication Skills - Cancelled Operation, Self-Discharge, and Consent for DHS Fixation



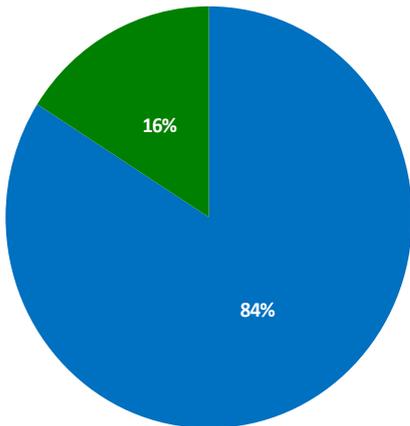
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Communication Skills - History Taking for Hypercalcaemia, Information Giving for Anastomotic Leak, and Consent for Diagnostic Laparoscopy



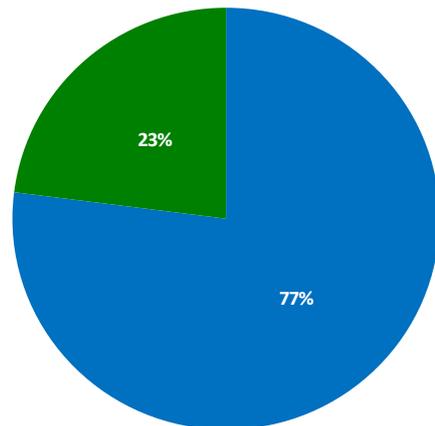
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Communication Skills - Information Giving for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, Consent for Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, History Taking for Dysphagia, and Consent for OGD



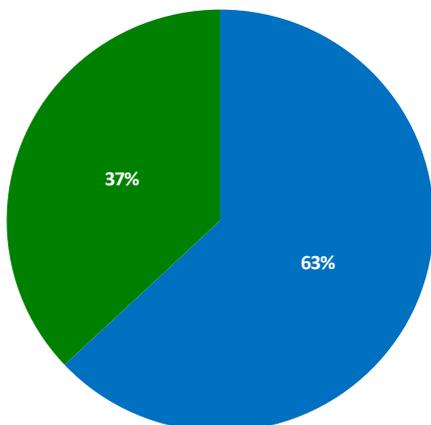
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How were the facilities and venue?



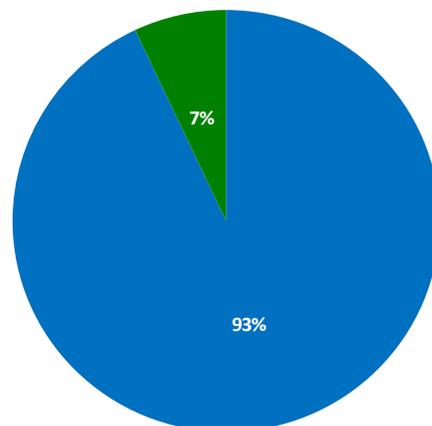
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



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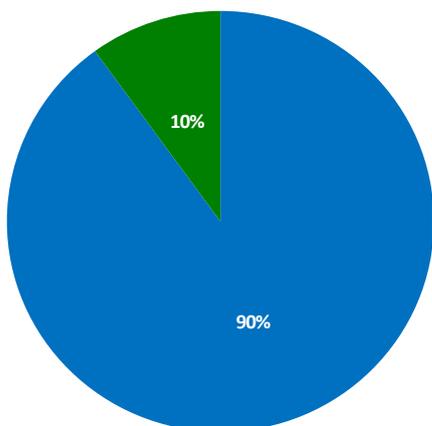
How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



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

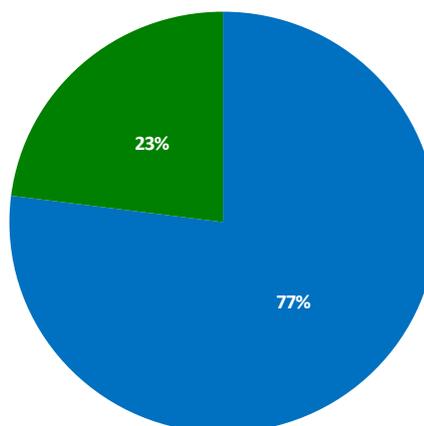
Overall Feedback

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

Individual Comments

Amazing.

DP

Kingston Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom

Intense but thorough and excellent course.

VR

Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, United Kingdom

Well organised. Extremely helpful for MRCS intense revision. The breaks were well timed. Highly recommended if sitting for part B and needed clarity about the topics and exam format.

CY

University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Great course.

RW

Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield, United Kingdom

I thought it was a really good course and really useful preparation for the exam. Exceeded my expectations!

YS

Warrington and Halton NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Excellent.

AT

Dhaka Medical College

Re- enforced study for upcoming exam and Mock OSCE and Comm skills stations helped to give flavour of actual exam.

NA

Rasa Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha Hospital, Brunei Darussalam

Everything was very organised and clear. A vast amount of content was covered in a manner that made it seem straight forward and manageable. It was incredibly focused with no time wasted and you felt like you were learning a lot. It was a really good way to get through a lot of information efficiently and there was always someone on hand to ask questions to or clarify things with. Great course and definitely worth it!

CC

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Individual Comments

The first day was a shock to many of us with such dense information for 11h! My favorite day was the dissection room by far and it was extremely useful. Thank you to all faculty members for organising such a fantastic course.

SK

Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, United Kingdom

Very good teaching. Relevant to MRCS part B exam preparation.

JK

Royal Bolton Hospital, Bolton, United Kingdom

Super helpful course and covered most topics for the exam. Thank you!

ZB

Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester

Really excellent course, well organised and good value for money. Great anatomy teaching.

CP

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Prof Enoch was amazing.

MM

Southmead Hospital, Bristol, United Kingdom

Intense course which is to be expected given the amount of material needed to cover but very useful in reinforcing prior study and identify gaps in knowledge. Very comprehensive course. Dissection room and mock OSCE was a particular highlight which really helped to reinforced anatomy.

HB

Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, United Kingdom

Highly recommended course.

NB

Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, United Kingdom

Makes me feel more confident to sit the exam and what I need to cover.

ZC

William Harvey Hospital



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