

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



Feedback - September 2024

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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.

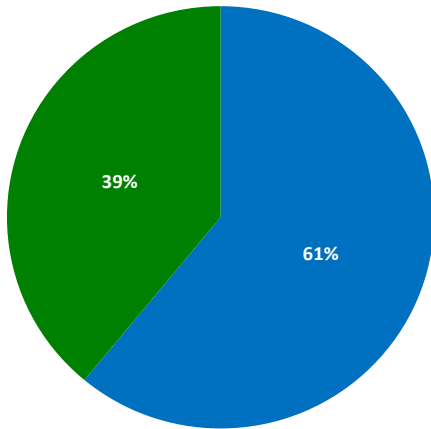
### Course Information

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>38 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b>	<b>£875.00</b>



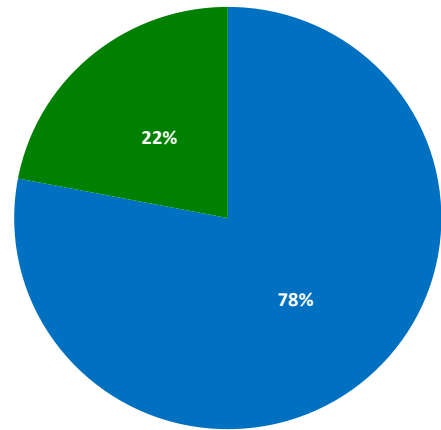
# Overall Feedback

How was the clarity of the sessions?



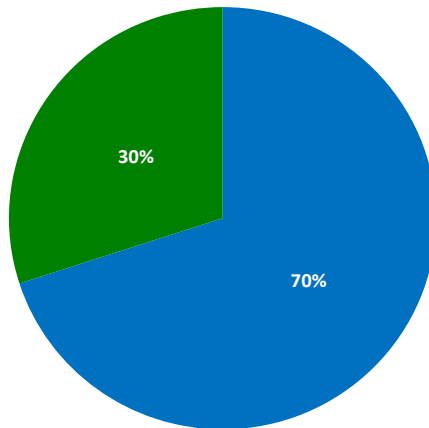
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



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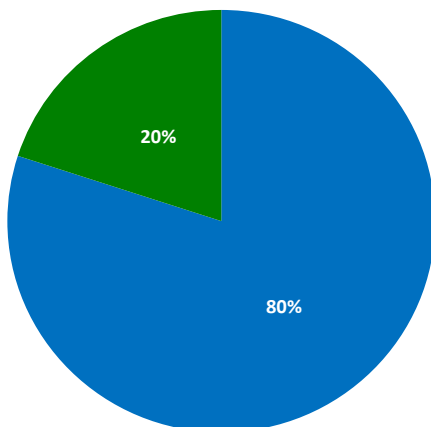
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your studies?



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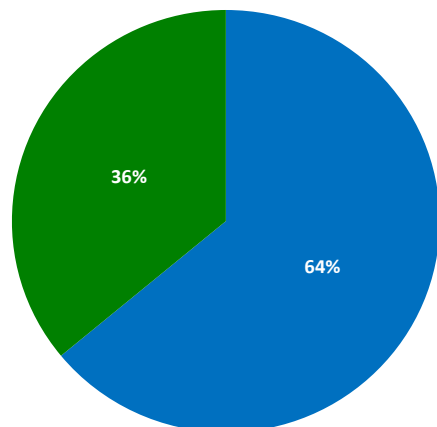
## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Skull Base, Head and Face



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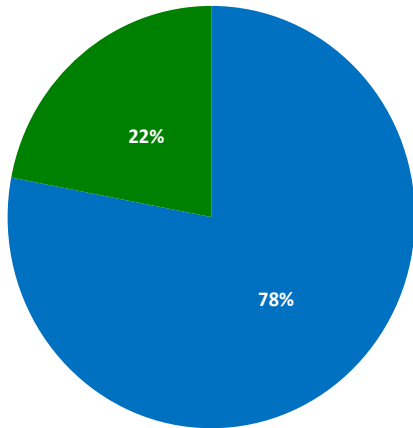
Neck, Neck Swellings, Larynx



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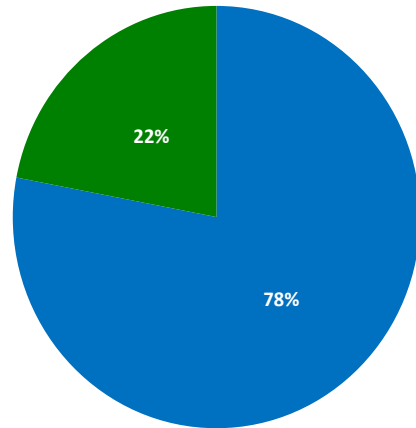
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Thorax, Mediastinum and Oesophagus



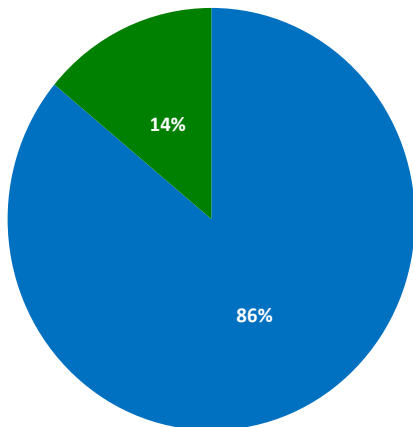
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Heart and Lung



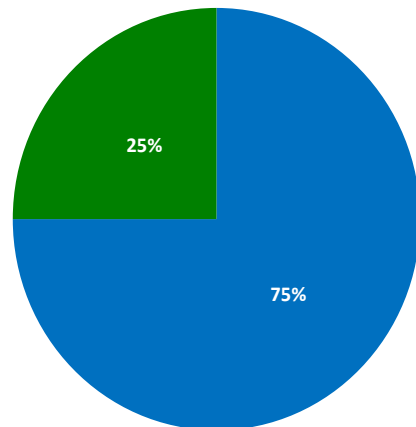
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Brachial Plexus and Upper Limb



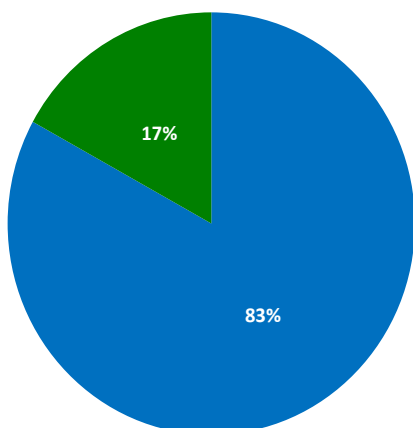
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Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



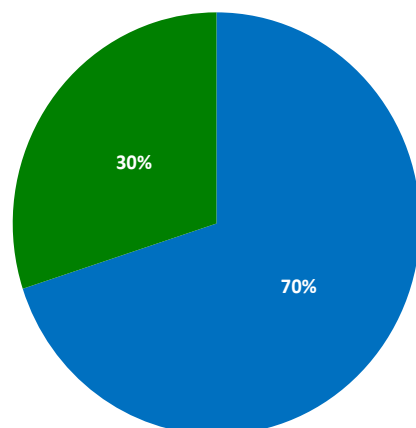
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General Abdomen



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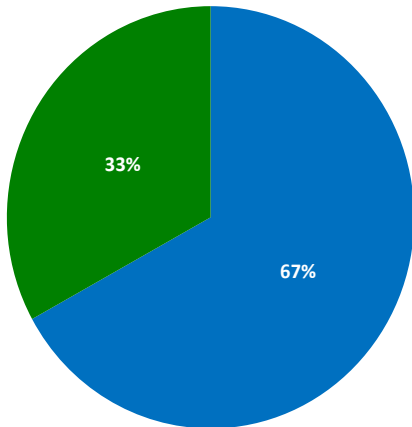
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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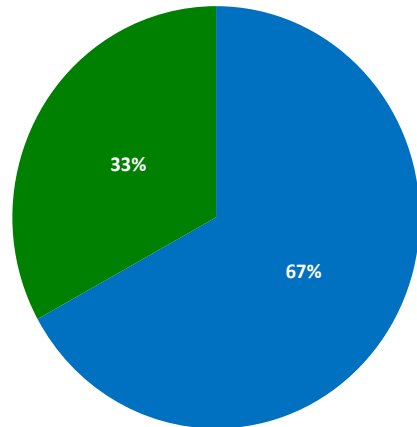
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Pelvis and Perineum



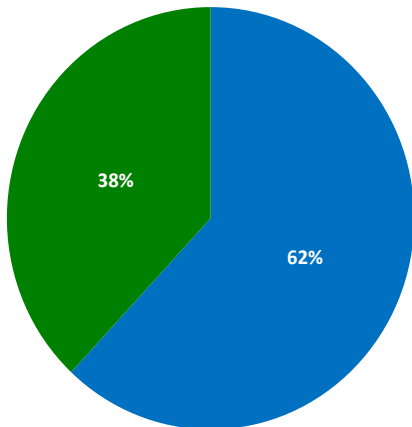
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



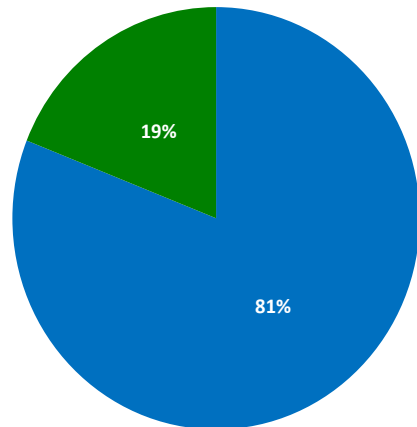
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Lumbosacral Plexus



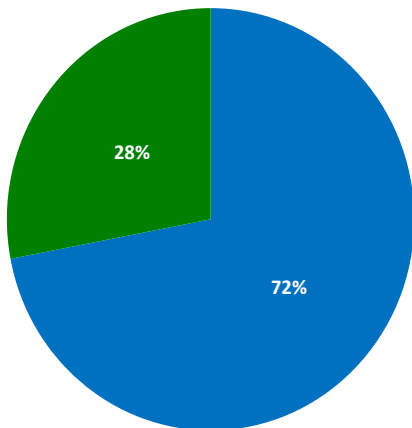
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Lower Limb



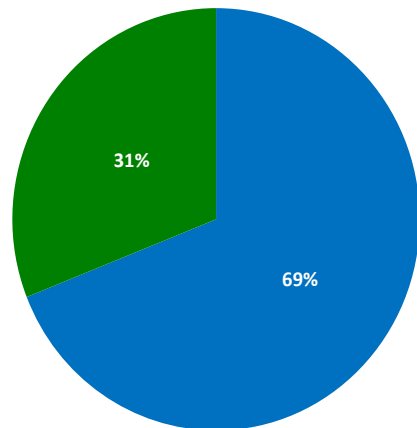
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Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



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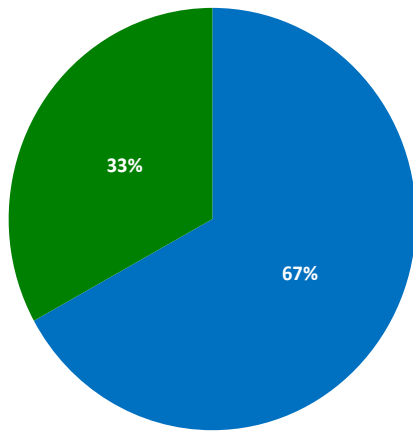
Pathology – Malignant Melanoma



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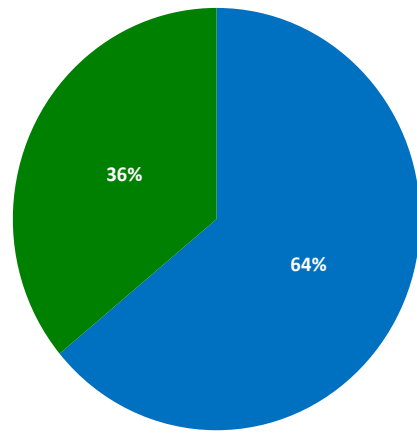
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Pathology – Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers



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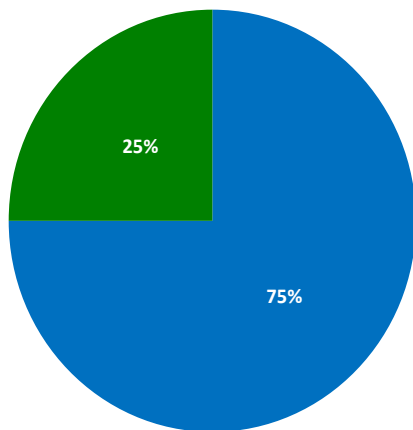
Pathology – Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers



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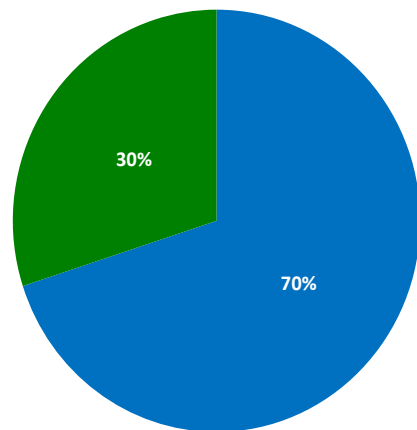
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Knot Tying



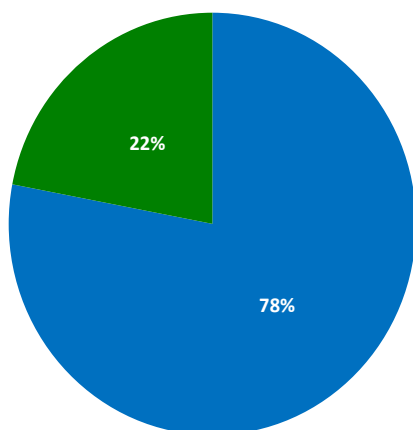
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Excision of a Lesion



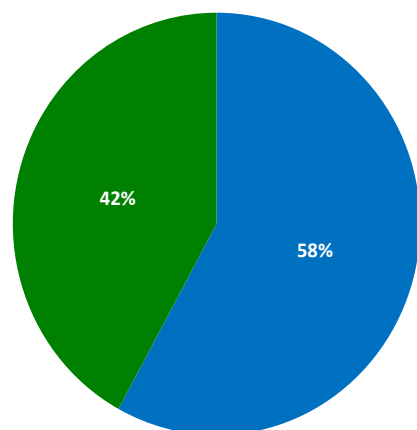
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Suturing



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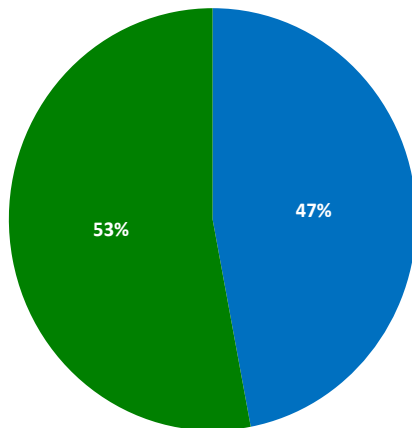
Sutures and Suture Materials



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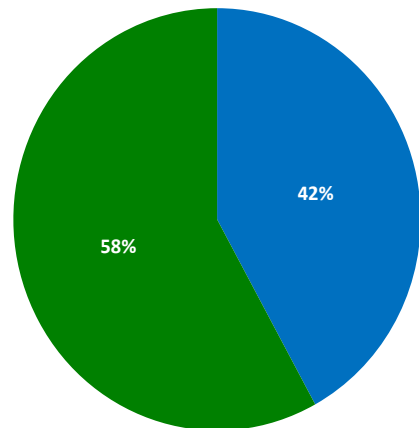
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Chest Drain Insertion



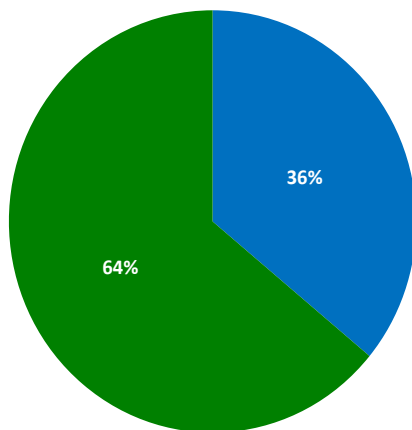
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ABG



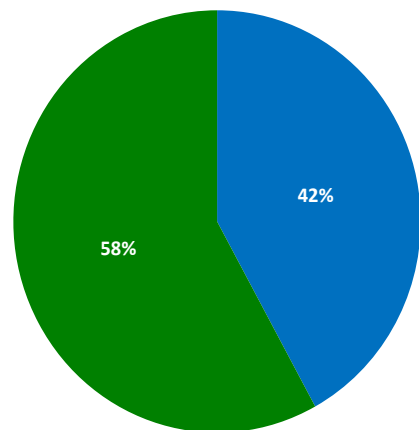
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Catheterisation



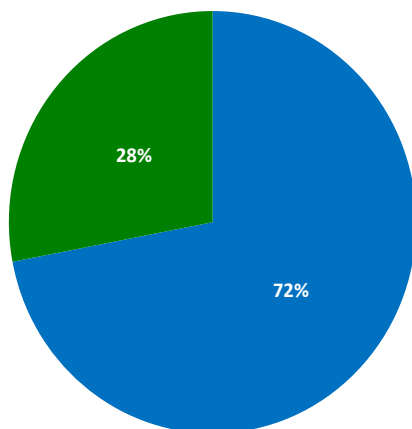
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Cannulation



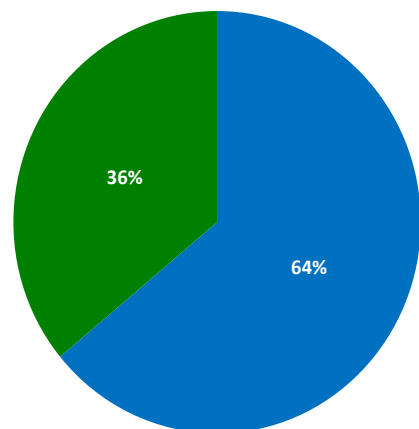
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Wound Debridement



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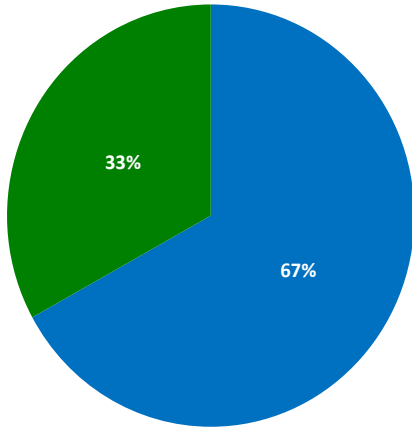
Drainage of an Abscess



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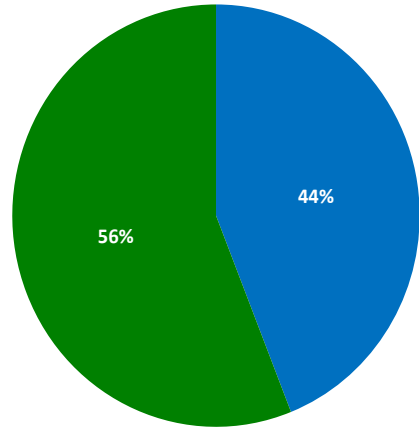
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Acid-Base Balance and Renal Failure



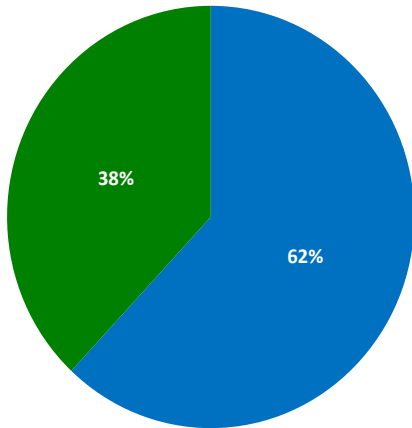
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Cardiac-Related Physiology and ECGs



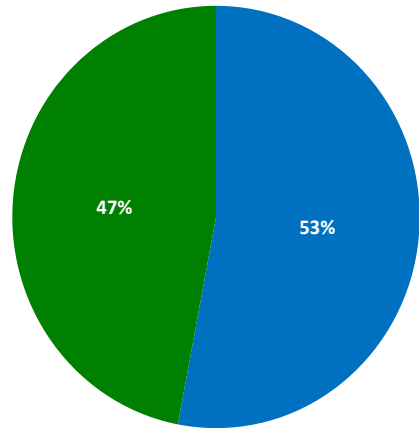
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Respiratory Physiology



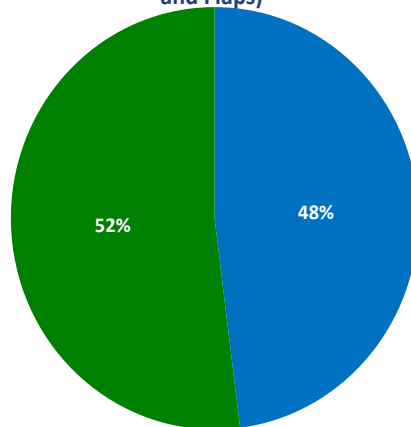
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Brain Death Physiology



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Wound Healing and Reconstruction (Grafts and Flaps)



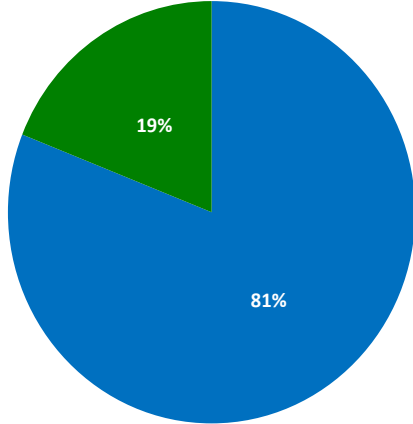
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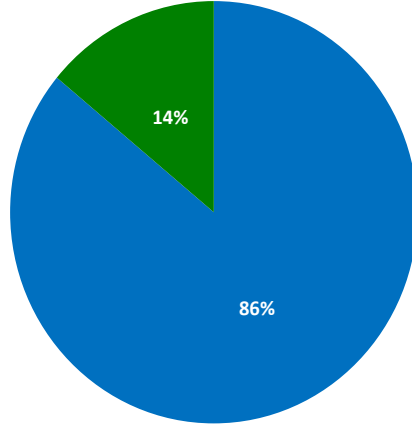
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dissection Room - Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



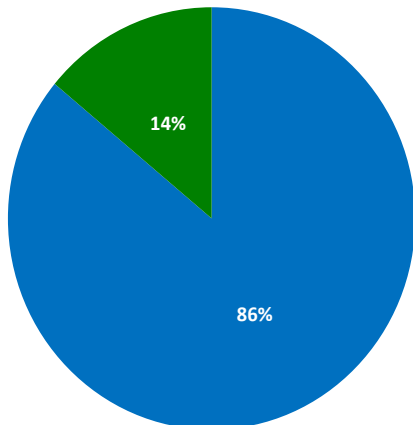
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Dissection Room - Brain, Neurosciences and Neck



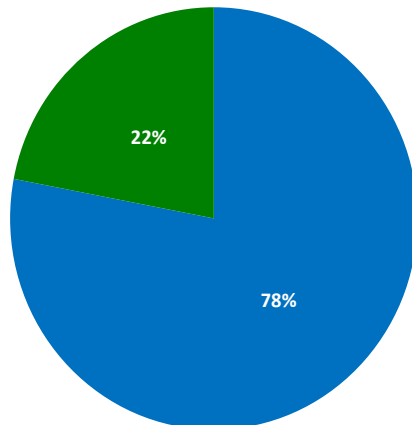
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Dissection Room - Skull Base and Foramina



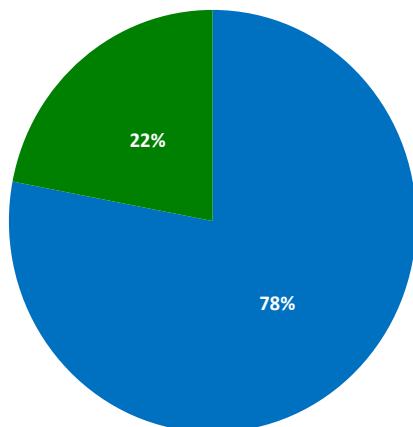
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Dissection Room - Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



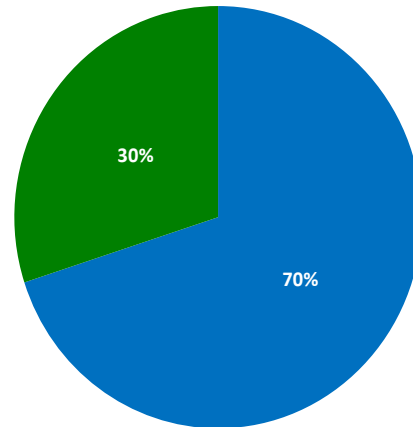
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Dissection Room - Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



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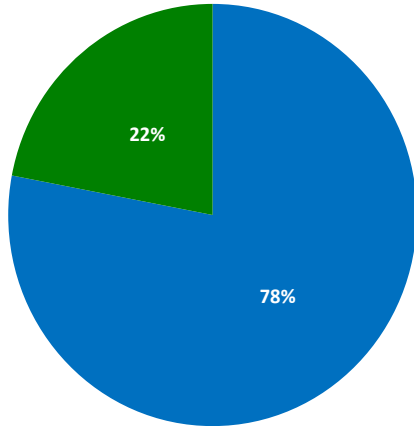
Dissection Room - Osteology of the Upper Limb, Lower Limb and Vertebrae



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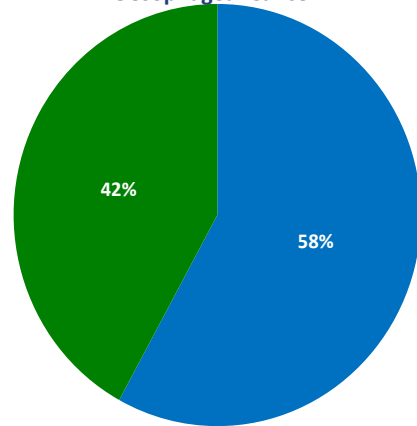
# Overall Feedback

Dissection Room - Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, and Solid Organs of the Abdomen



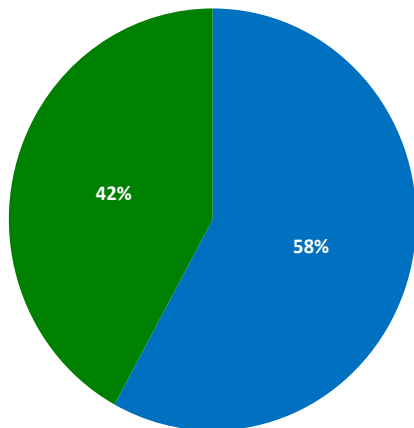
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Pathology – Dysphagia, Barrett’s and Oesophageal Cancer



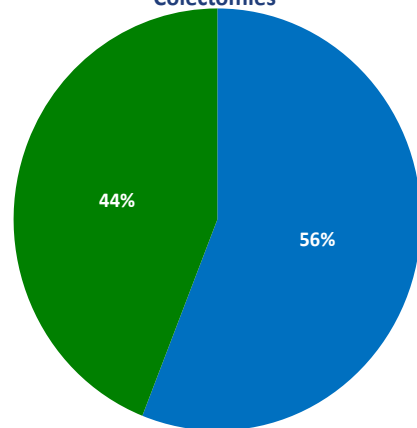
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Pathology – Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



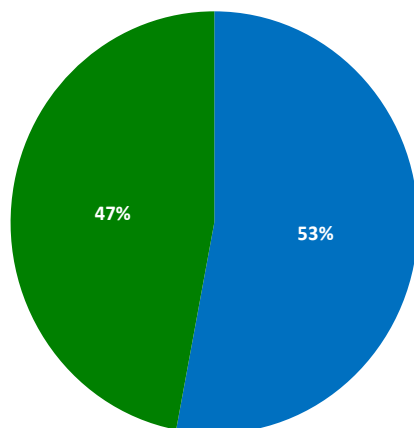
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Pathology – Polyps, Colorectal Cancers and Colectomies



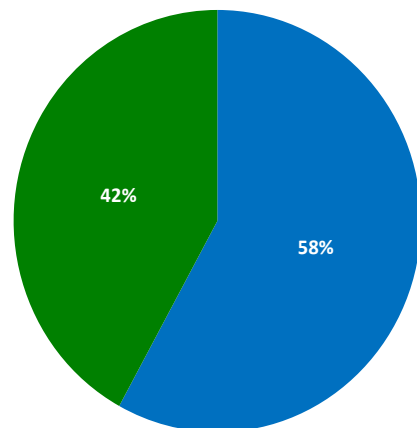
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Pathology – Inguinoscrotal Swellings and Testicular Cancers



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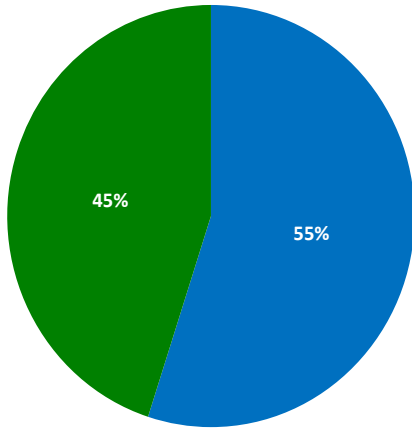
Pathology – Prostate Pathologies and Cancer



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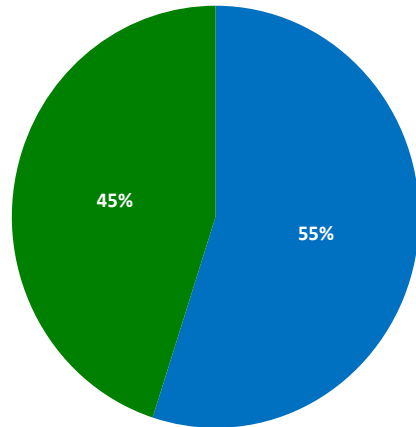
# Overall Feedback

Pathology – Salivary Gland Swelling and Tumours



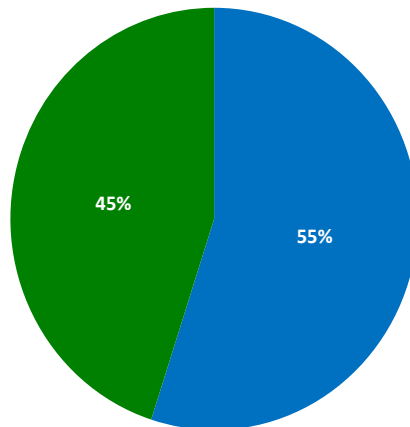
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Pathology – Lung Cancer



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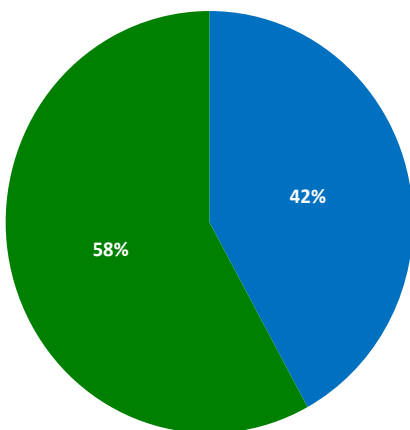
Pathology - Bone Cancers and Metastasis to the Spine



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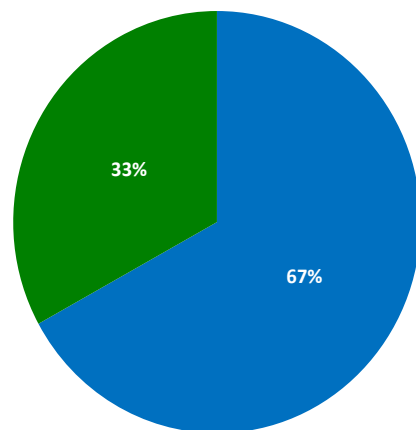
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Examination of the Abdomen



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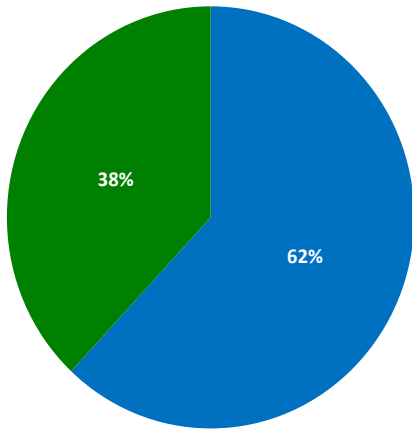
Examination of the Hip and Knee



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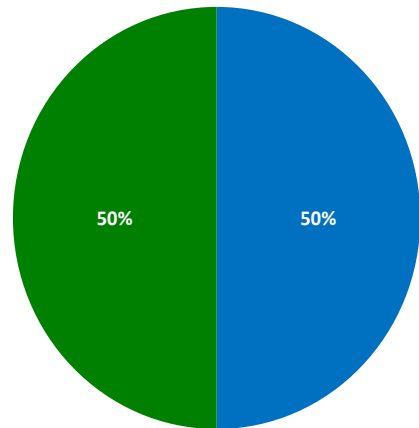
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Examination of the Shoulder and Back



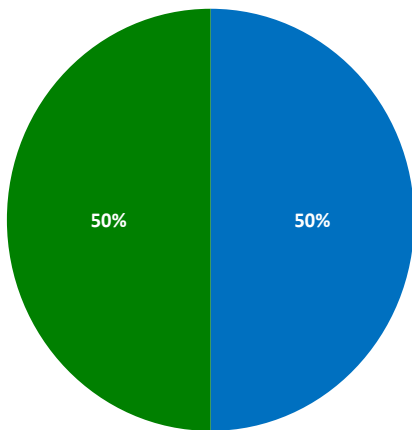
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Examination of the Neck and Thyroid



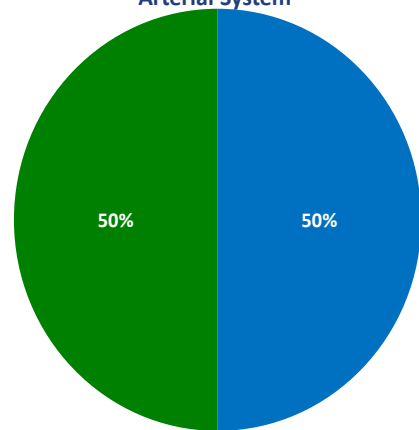
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Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



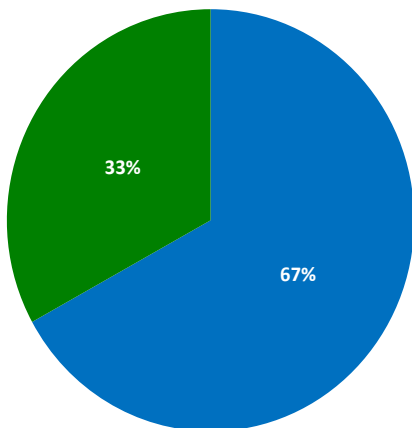
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Examination of the Varicose Veins and Arterial System



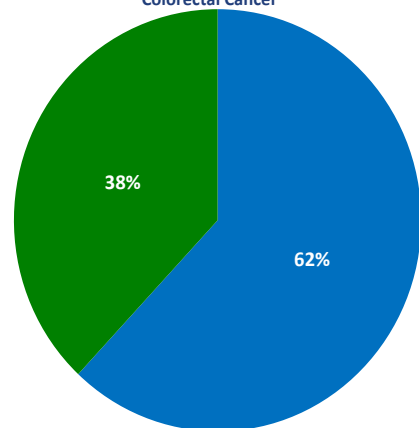
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



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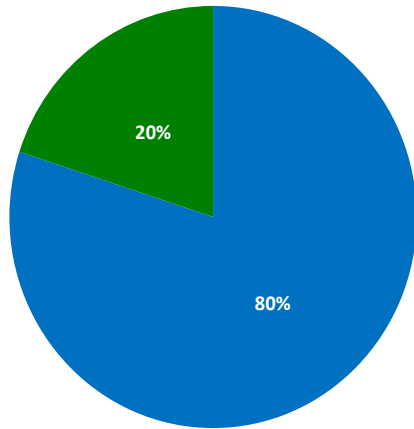
Communication Skills - History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



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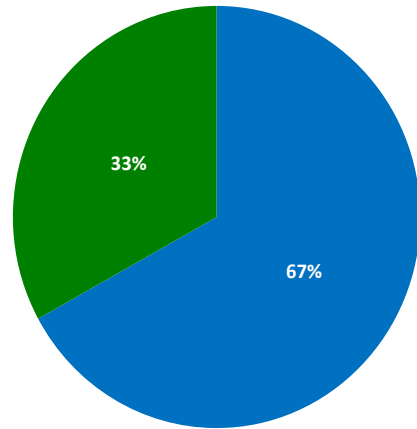
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Communication Skills - Cancelled Operation, Self-Discharge and Referral to Cardiothoracic Consultant



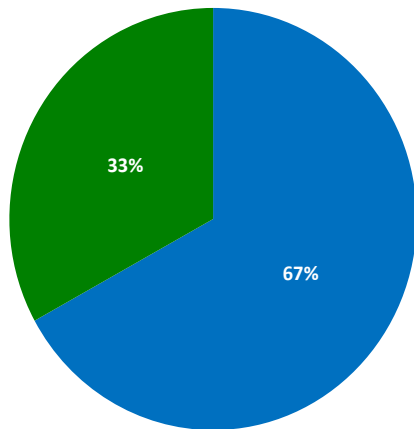
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Communication Skills - Referral to Tertiary Centre, Consent for Knee Arthroscopy, and Assessing Capacity



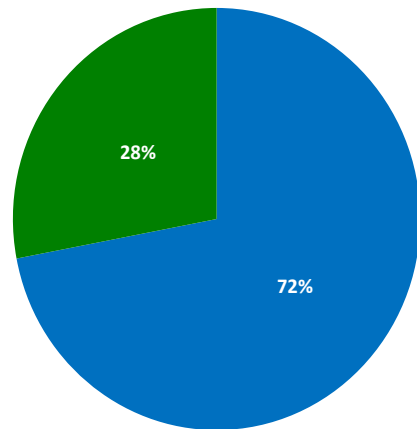
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Communication Skills - Back Pain (Metastatic Cancer) and Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma



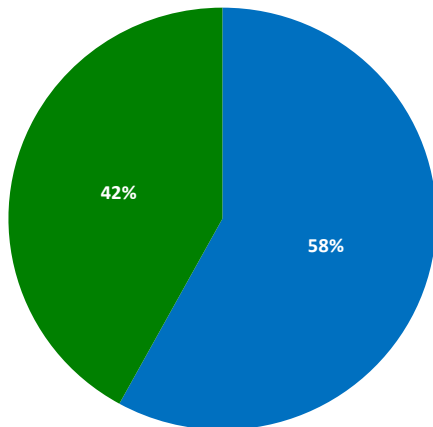
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Communication Skills - History Taking for Breast Lump and Information Giving for Breast Cancer



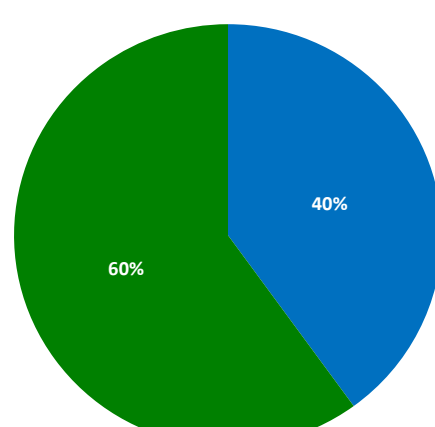
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How were the facilities and venue?



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

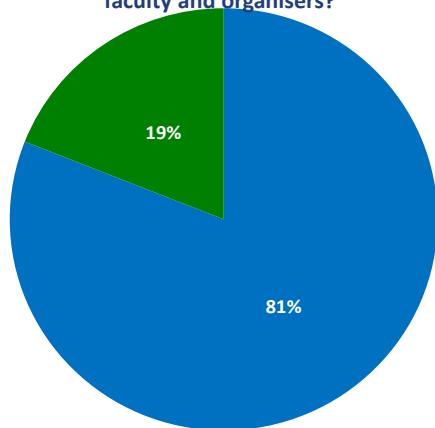
How were the refreshments and lunch?



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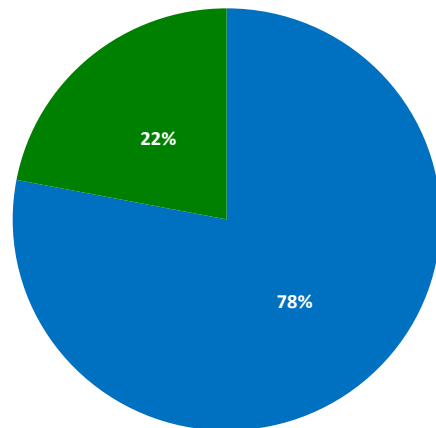
## Overall Feedback

How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



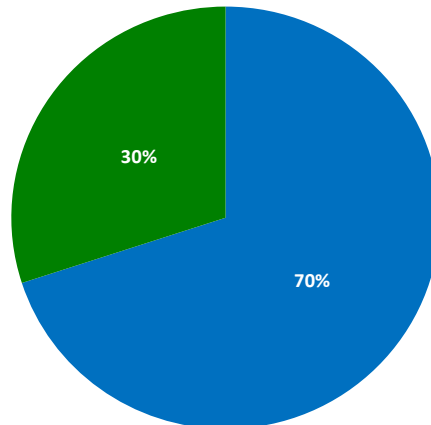
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ 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

Very well organised and very thorough course. Surpassed expectation. Faculty were all very knowledgeable, approachable, and helpful.

**FB**  
***Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, UK***

I thought it was quite intense but very good and covered a lot in the short amount of time. Prof Enoch is extremely knowledgeable and I feel like I was given really great direction with my revision.

**JA**  
***Morrison Hospital, Swansea, UK***

Very good, excellent teaching.

**AV**  
***University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust, UK***

Really comprehensive, good value for money and hopefully will set us up well for the exam!

**CJ**  
***Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK***

As expected this was a very intense course (particularly the first few days) due to the amount that needed to be covered. The anatomy lectures, followed by the day in the anatomy lab were the most beneficial part for me.

**SF**  
***Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, UK***

Course is very well organised, relevant and structured. Thank you for all your efforts. It is much appreciated.

**AJ**  
***St.Bartholomew's Hospital, London, UK***

Extremely useful course that was well organised and very well structured. Well thought out course that was great value for money and made me feel confident for my exam, highlighting the gaps in my knowledge before my exams!

**JN**  
***Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, UK***

Overall excellent course, particularly the dissections day. I feel a lot more confident following attending.

**VS**  
***Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, UK***

## Individual Comments

Overall the course was superb! I feel confident to tackle my part B.

**RV**

***Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, UK***

Absolutely excellent course through and through. Prof Enoch is truly an inspiration for future surgeons. I thoroughly enjoyed it and it was very relevant to my preparation for part B. Thanks to all those involved in helping us.

**ZS**

***Royal Liverpool University Hospital, UK***

The course was amazing and great value.

**MA**

***Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital SWBH NHS, UK***

Very Useful.

**BS**

***Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham, UK***

It was an excellent course overall, very useful in terms of what to focus on!

**RS**

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

Very well organised, time was kept perfectly.

**MA**

***King's College Hospital, London, UK***

Wonderful experience.

**MM**

***Grange University Hospital, Cwmbran, UK***

The course is very informative, very friendly staff, good value for money, overall really nice experience.

**MM**

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

Very professionally organised, thoroughly informative teaching, good IT facilities and relevant for the exam.

**SS**

***Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, UK***

Overall quality of course was excellent.

**LM**

***The Walton Centre, Liverpool, UK***





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