

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

Feedback - September 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.

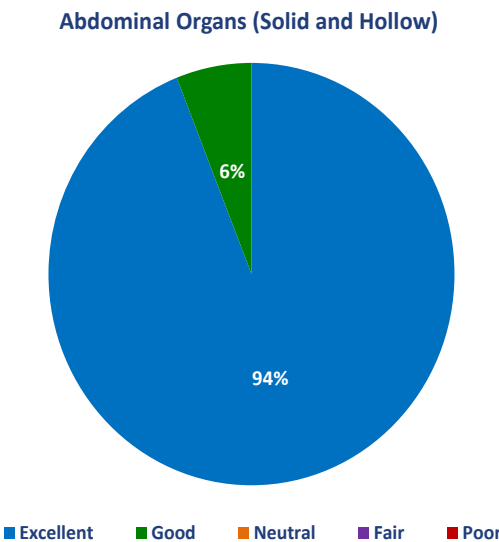
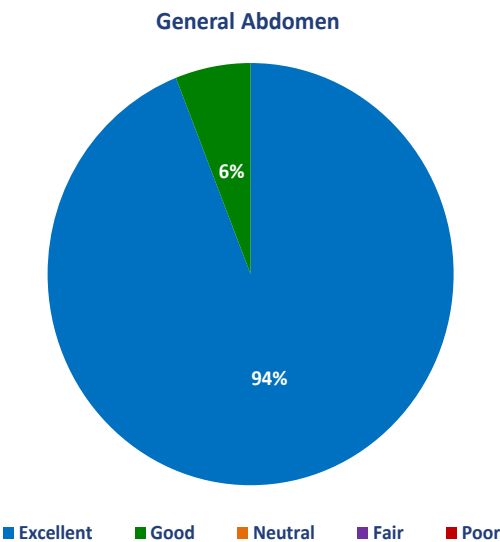
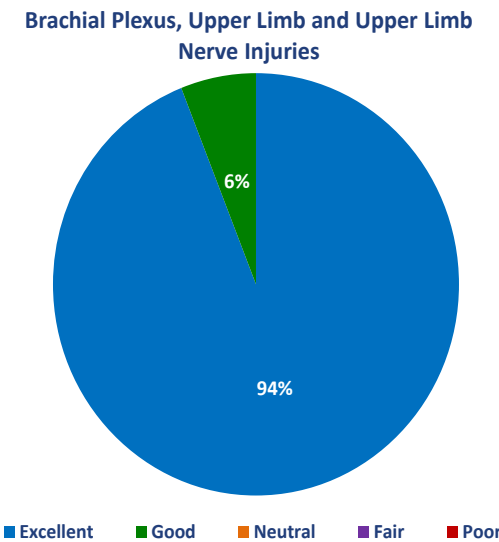
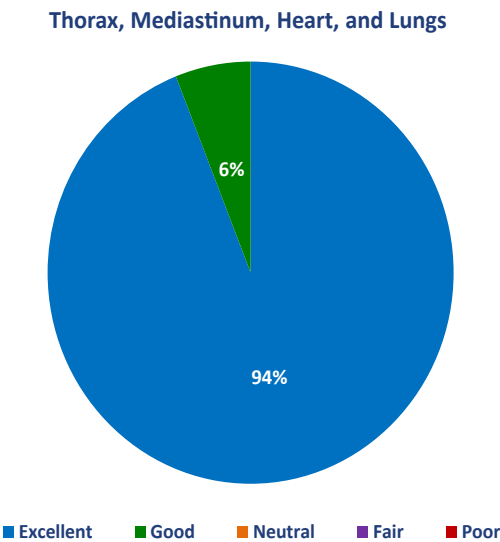
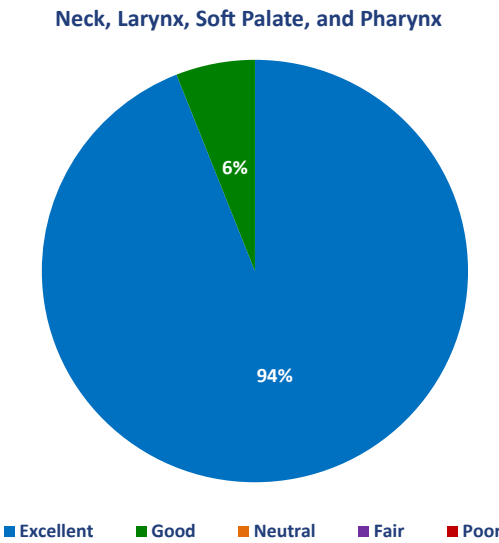
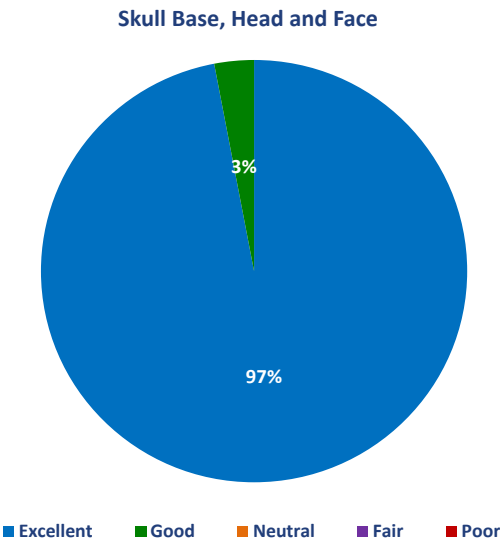
Course Information

Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	10th - 14th September 2025
Attendance:	39 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£945.00



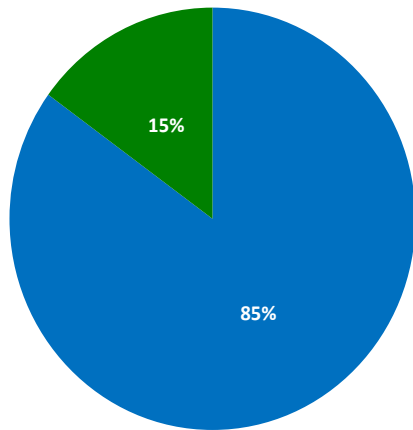
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Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th September 2025



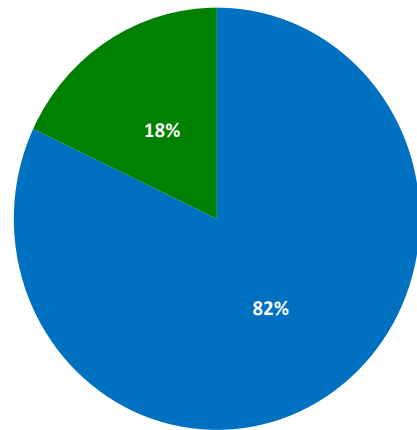
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Pelvis and Perineum



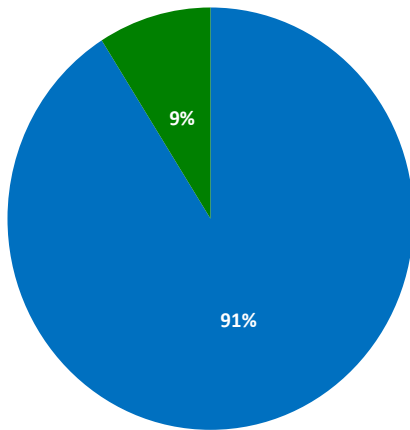
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



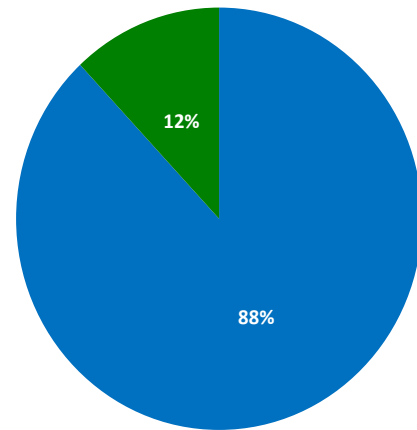
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Lumbosacral Plexus, Lower Limb and Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



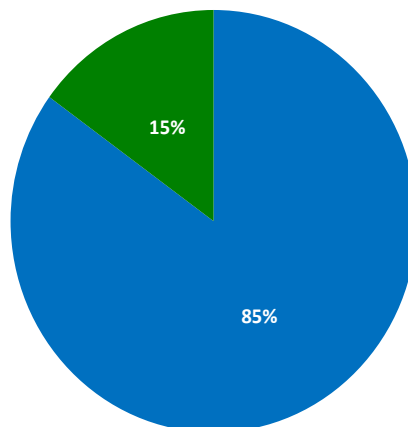
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Pathology: Lumps and Skin Cancers (Malignant Melanoma and Non-Melanoma)



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Pathology: Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers

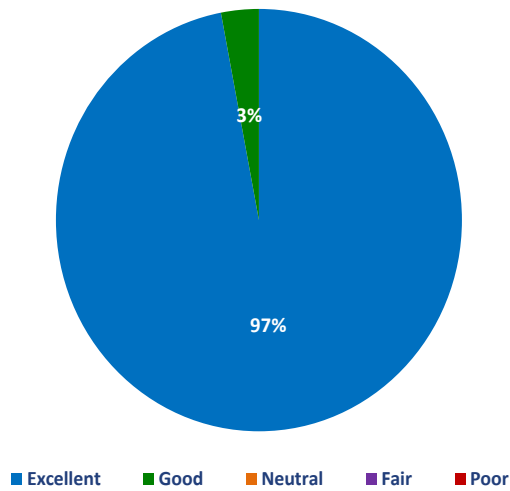


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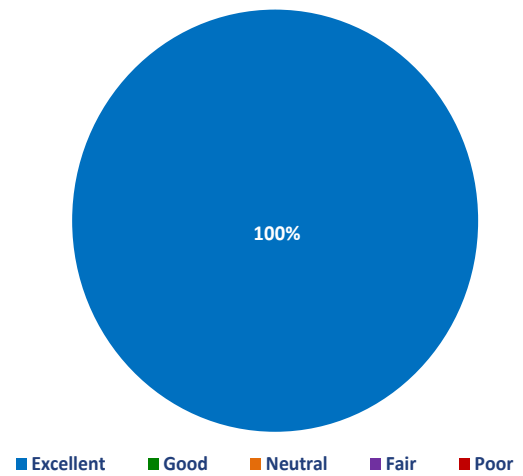
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Friday 12th September 2025

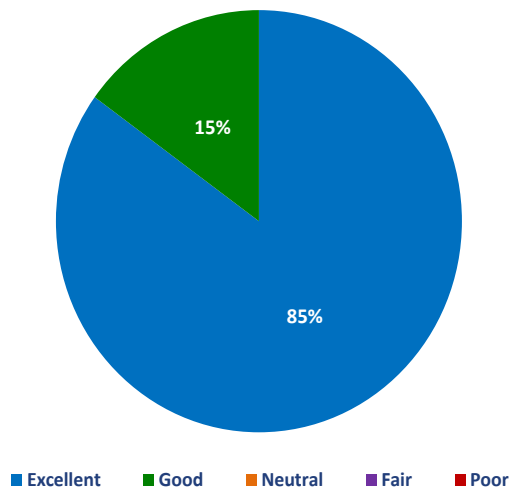
Knot Tying



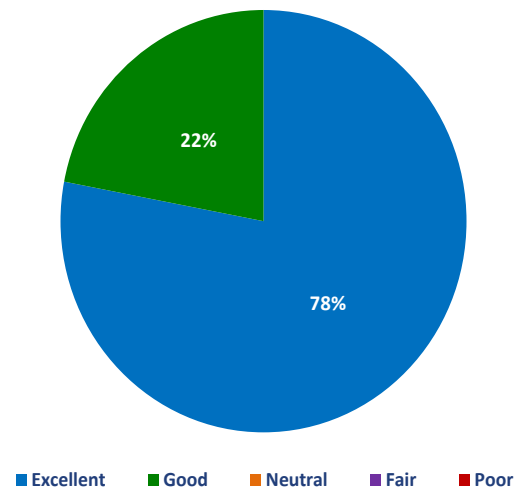
Excision of a Lesion, Suturing, Sutures, and Suture Materials



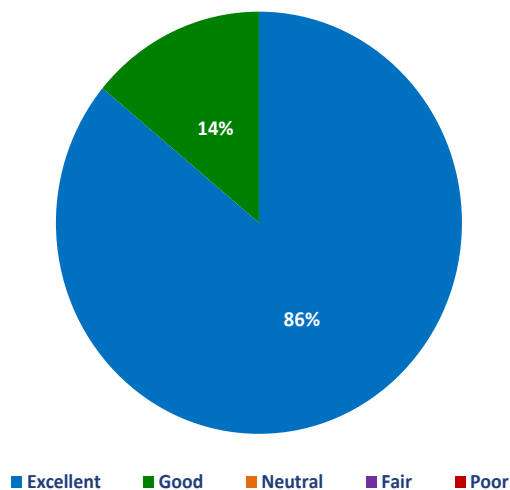
Chest Drain Insertion



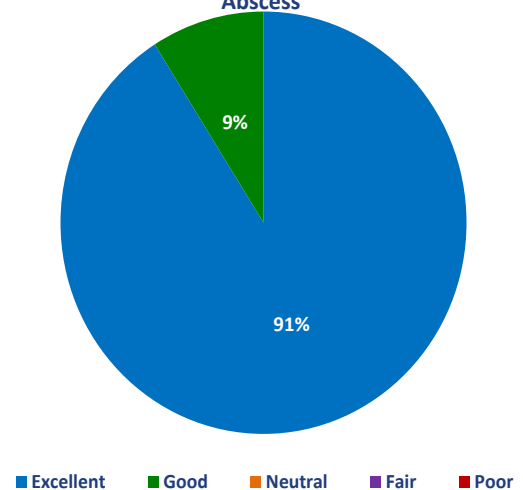
ABG and Cannulation



Catheterisation

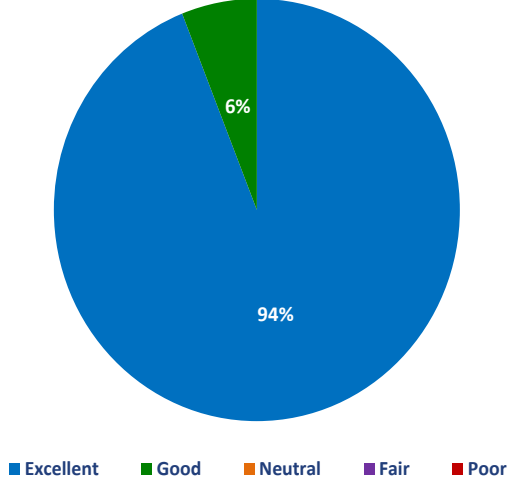


Wound Debridement and Drainage of an Abscess

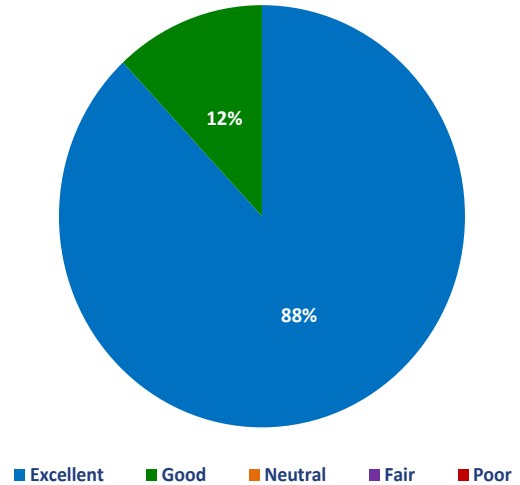


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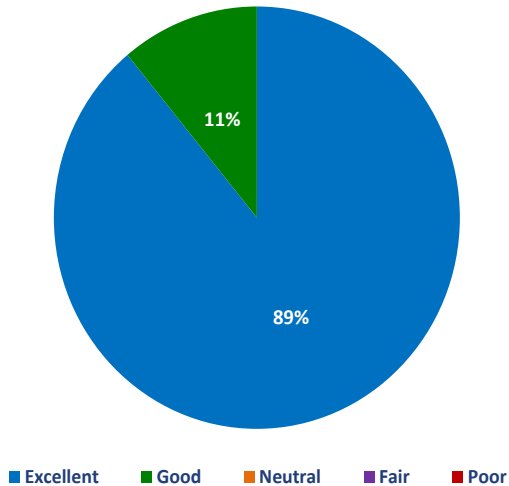
Osteology of the Upper Limb and Lower Limb



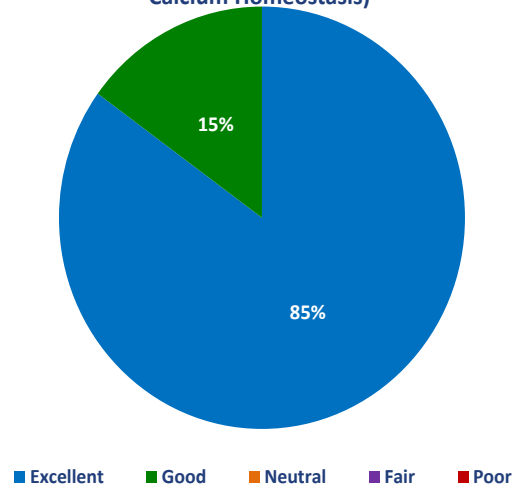
Physiology 1 (Neurophysiology and Sepsis)



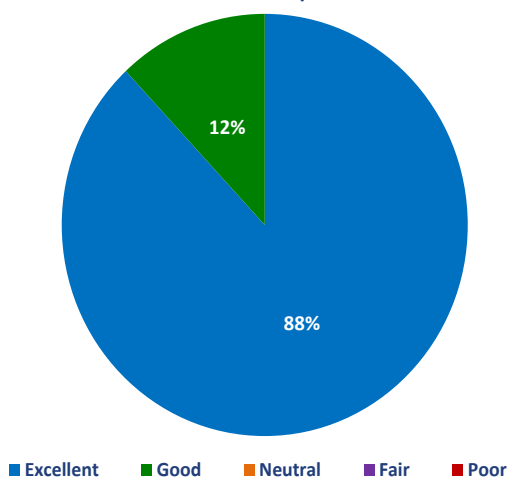
Physiology 2 (Splenic Injury, Necrotising Fasciitis, Fistula, and Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition)



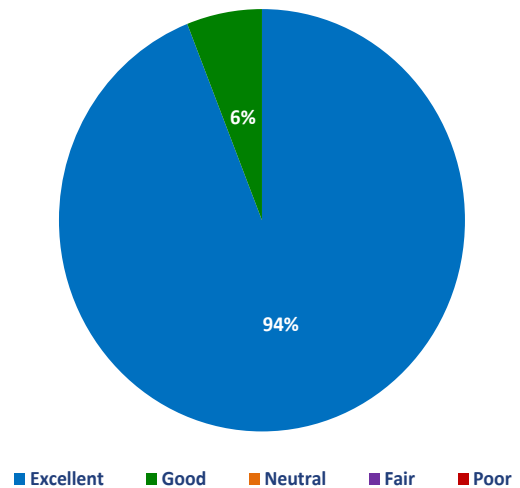
Physiology 3 (Acid Base Balance and Calcium Homeostasis)



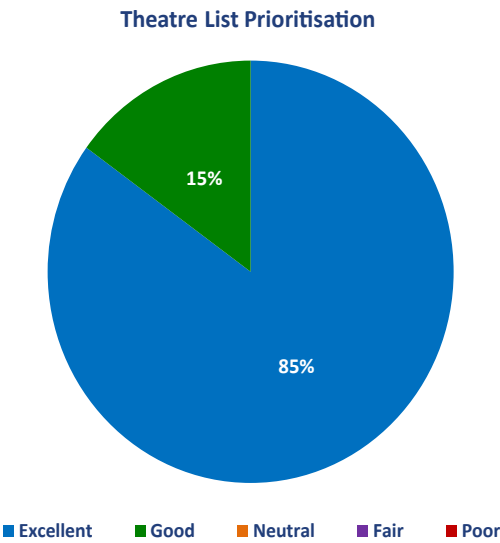
Physiology 4 (Cardiac Physiology, MI, DIC, and ARDS)



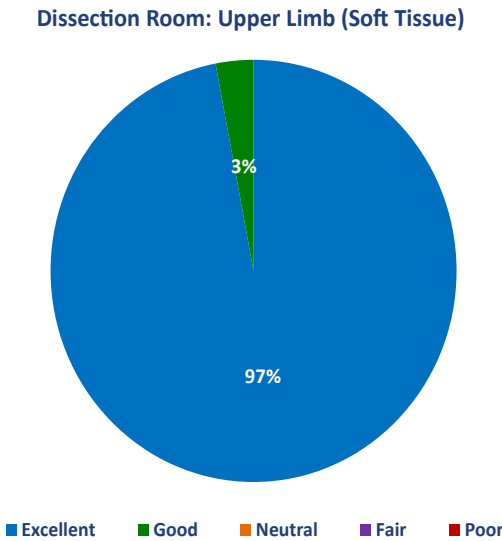
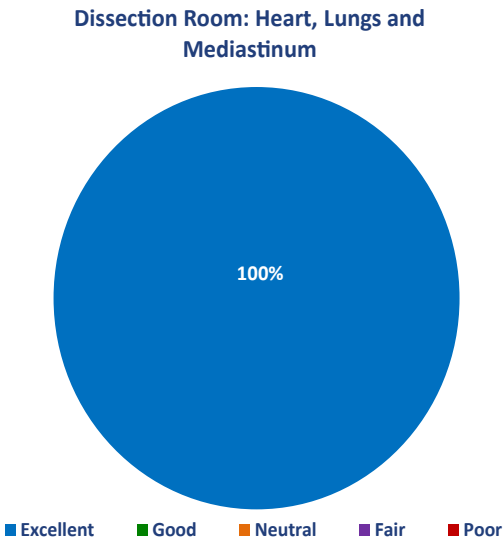
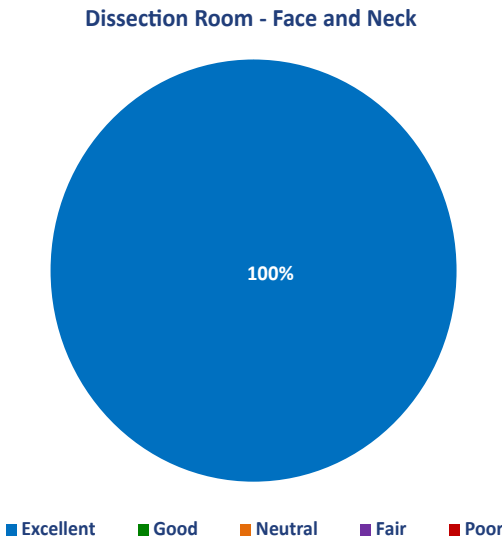
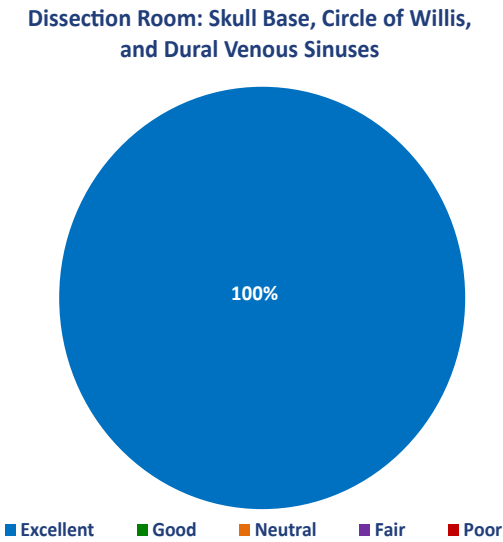
Physiology 5 (Burns)



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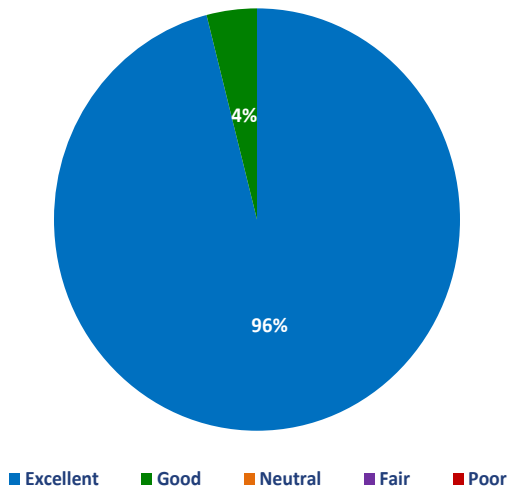


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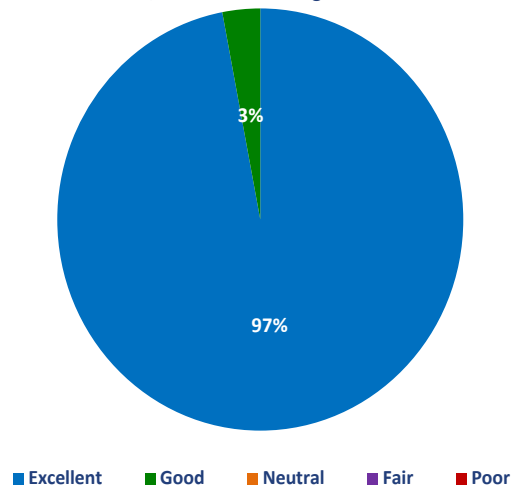


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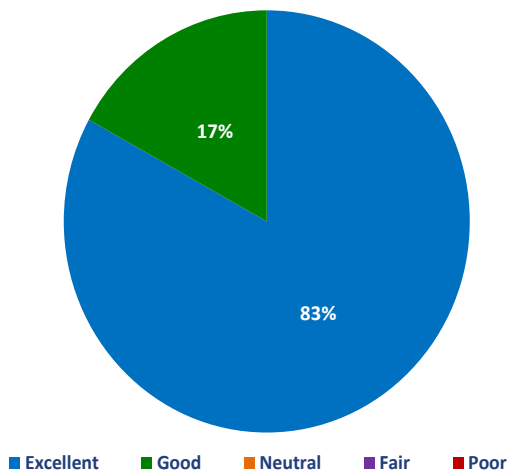
Dissection Room: Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



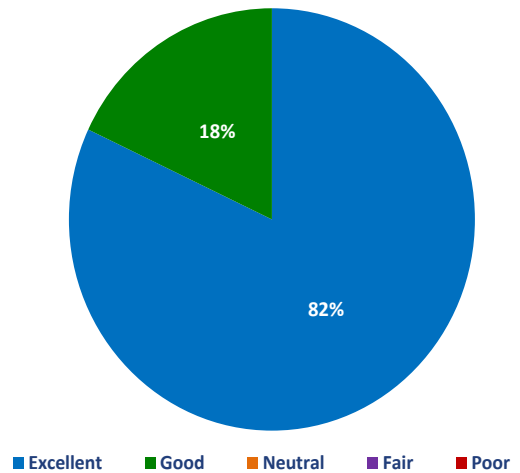
Dissection Room: Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, and Small and Large Intestine



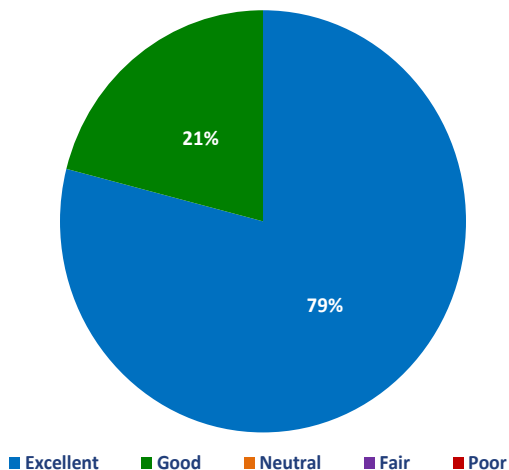
Dissection Room: Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder, Pancreas, and Kidneys) and Stomach



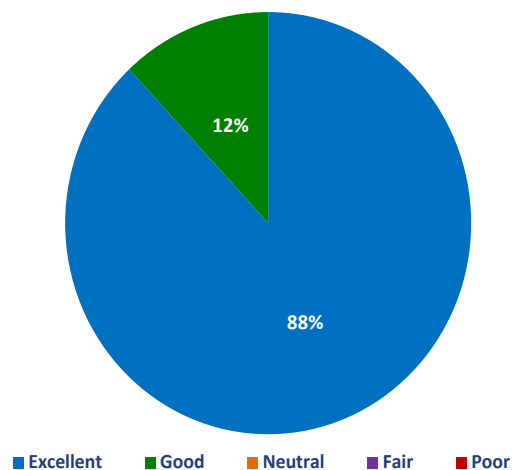
Pathology 1: GI Pathology (Dysphagia, Barrett's, IBD, Polyps, Cancers)



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



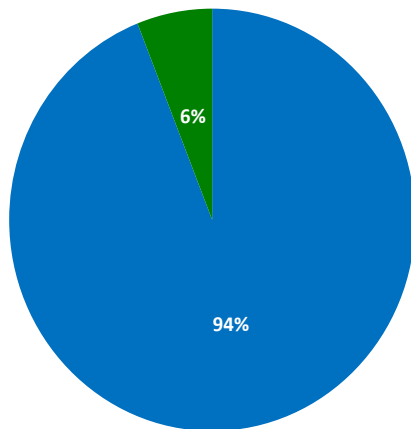
Pathology 3: Other Pathologies (Tumours of the Lung, Salivary Gland, Brain, and Breast)



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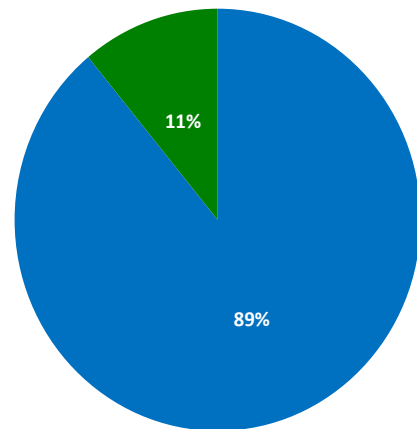
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



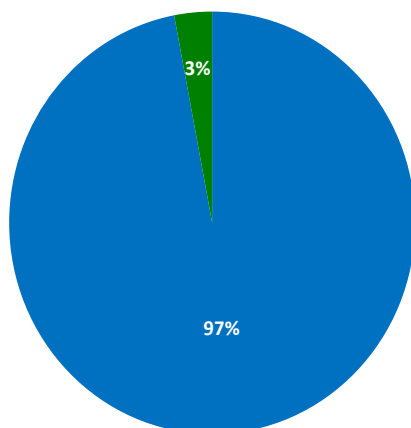
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Examination of the Hip and Knee



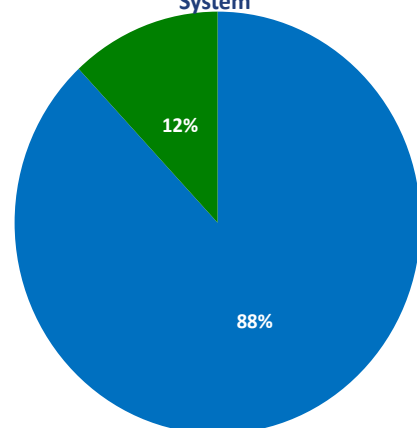
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Examination of the Shoulder and Back



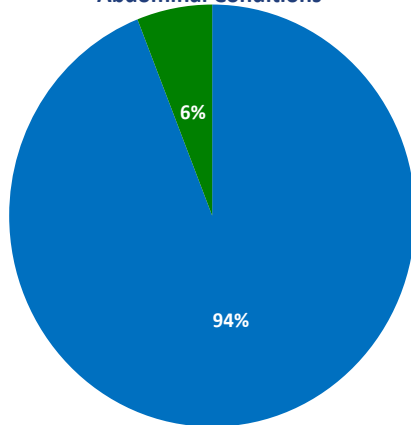
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Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



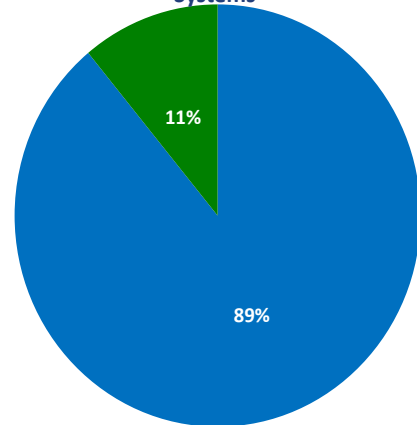
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Examination of the Abdomen and Abdominal Conditions



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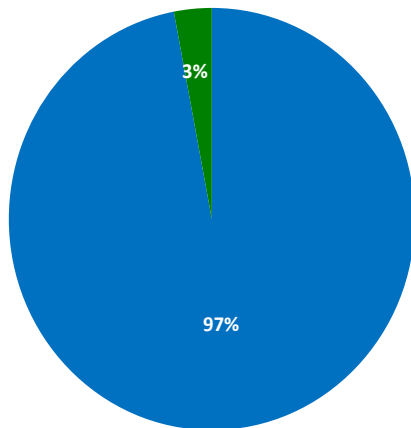
Examination of the Arterial and Venous Systems



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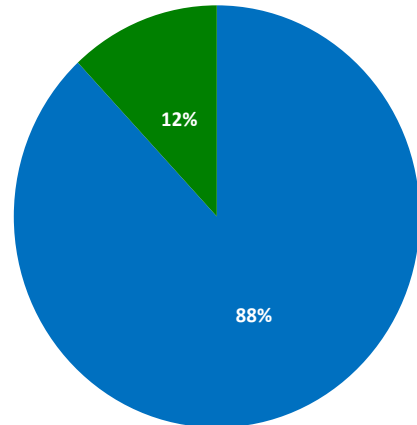
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Examination of the Neck and Salivary Glands



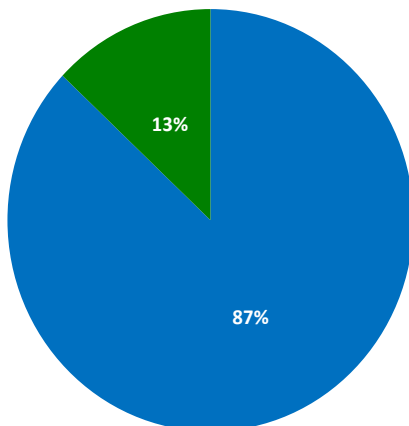
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Communication Skills: Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma and History Taking for Back Pain



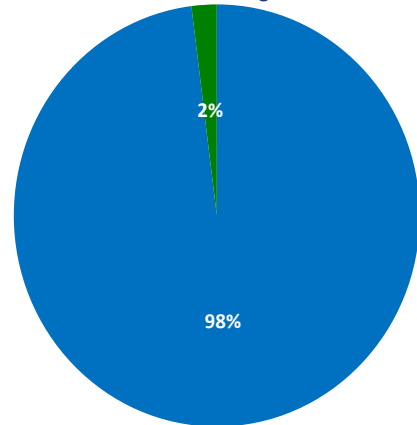
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Communication Skills: Information Giving for Broken CT Scanner and Information Giving for Stopping Warfarin Before Surgery



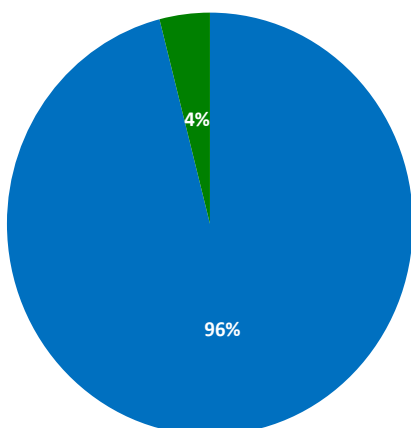
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Communication Skills: Cancelled Operation and Self-Discharge



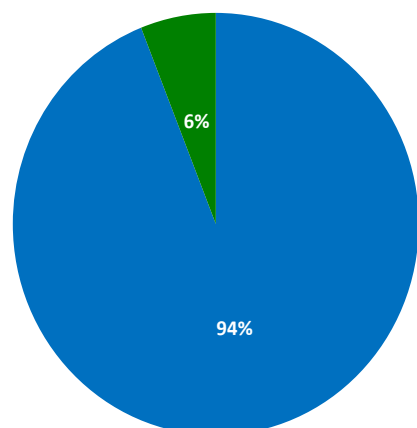
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Communication Skills: Consent for Knee Arthroscopy, Information Giving for Fasciotomy, and Telephone Conversation with the Consultant



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



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Individual Comments

Fantastic course. Initially apprehensive but after attending the course, able to see why it is so highly recommended.

BP

Queen's Hospital, Romford, UK

Excellent course which has surpassed my expectations and has been incredibly useful.

JL

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, UK

Well organised course covering all topics with practice of all scenarios and valuable tips for answering.

VP

MGM College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai

The course was very well organised. Topics were covered thoroughly. Although it was intense and exhausting - the course has covered everything that needs to be revised for this exam. All the instructors were very supportive throughout the course. I will highly recommend this course.

AC

Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Very good. Resource persons are well prepared.

NW

National Hospital, Galle, Sri Lanka

Very well organised thanks.

MC

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK

Course material was well prepared and highly relevant to the exam preparation.

HK

King's College London

Very well organised, and extremely helpful for exam preparation.

GA

Bedford Hospital NHS Trust, United Kingdom Europe

Fantastic course. Extremely knowledgeable faculty and the course has given you all the information to build on to pass the exam.

SN

Whiston Hospital, Prescot, UK

Individual Comments

Extremely well organised and efficiently run. Very high standard of teaching delivered throughout the course from start to finish. High-quality, detailed presentations with ample information included. Extremely relevant to my preparation.

AD

Royal Bolton Hospital, Bolton

The course was very well organised and ran smoothly. The lecturers were knowledgeable and presented the topics in clear and understandable manner. The course greatly improved my preparation and has boosted my confidence in the run up to the exam.

MH

Worthing Hospital

Course was fantastic, have very little feedback to be honest. Helped tie everything together and make me feel more confident for the exam. Thanks!!

JM

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK

Great course. Really enjoyed it. Has definitely helped with exam preparation!

CJ

Whiston Hospital, Prescot, UK

Very comprehensive coverage of key topics. Of particular benefit was the dissection room - many thanks. I thoroughly enjoyed full immersion in all practical elements of the course. Theoretical knowledge explored areas I had not individually covered. Overall, this was a very useful experience, and one I would highly recommend to all considering MRCS part B.

HC

Morriston Hospital, Swansea, UK

All people who are sitting part B should do this course. Highly recommend it.

AA

Buckinghamshire Hospitals NHS Trust, UK

It was very organised and highlighted gaps in my knowledge.

VA

University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent, UK

The course was extremely well organised, with a clear structure and smooth delivery. The teaching was concise, interactive, and focused on high-yield exam topics, which made it very relevant for preparation. The presentations were clear and easy to follow, and the balance between theory and practice was excellent. Overall, it really helped consolidate my knowledge and improved my confidence for the exam.

VV

Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre

Individual Comments

The course made me realise that I need to do more work to pass the exam and it also made me understand the areas I need to improve on.

KO

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, UK

Well organised and very thorough.

JO

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Very well organised and comprehensive.

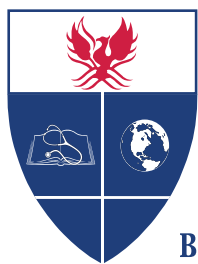
CP

Royal Hospitals, Belfast, UK

Enjoyed the course! feel very prepared for exam now.

GP

Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals, UK



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