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# The Christie - Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

Feedback - July 2024

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The highly popular Christie-Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course was conducted as a hybrid course divided into two components, as outlined below. Delegates could choose to attend the full course (which was recommended) or only the face-to-face component of the course.

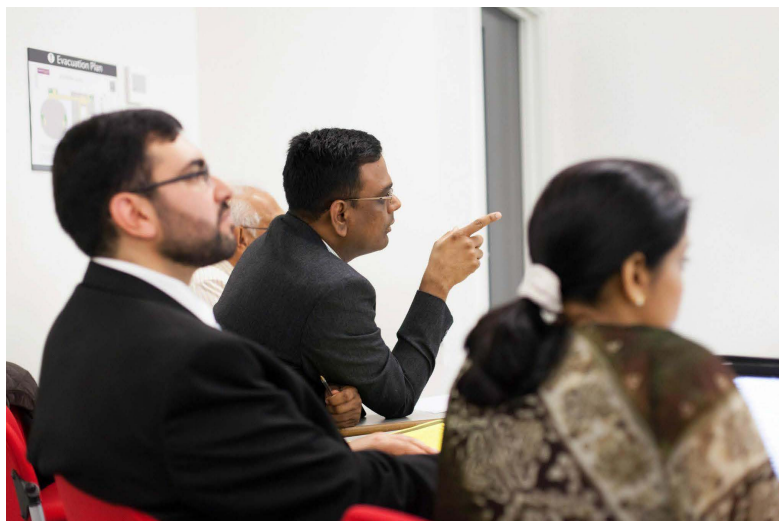
There were six evenings of interactive discussions held via Zoom before the face-to-face component. These took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024. These sessions covered the following core topics in the FRCS syllabus (JCIE): Breast Surgery, Benign Upper GI Surgery, Malignant Upper GI Surgery, Benign Lower GI Surgery, Malignant Lower GI Surgery, HPB Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, Transplant Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care, and Statistics.

The face-to-face component of the course was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at The Christie Hospital in Manchester. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, there were focused vivas in General Surgery, in the delegate's selected subspeciality, academic surgery (reading a paper/basic science/statistics), and trauma and critical care. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, there were patient-focused clinical examination on real patients, as well as discussion on radiology and pathology. There were no lectures during the face-to-face component of the course, and the entire weekend was dedicated to vivas, discussions, and clinical examination of patients.

The highlights of this course included a high tutor-to-delegate ratio, coverage of all essential and high-yield theory, updates on current advances in all sub-specialities, vivas in all areas as in the exam, and clinical examination of patients.

### Course Information

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Christie Hospital, Manchester</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Online Sessions) 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Face-to-Face)</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>21 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b>	<b>£580.00</b>



# Programme

**1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

1820-1830 Introduction to the Course  
Mr Jonathan Wild (Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Christie Hospital, Manchester)

1830-2000 Upper GI Surgery (Benign)  
Mr Ashok Menon (Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust)

**2000-2015 Break**

2015-2145 Upper GI Surgery (Malignant)  
Mr Ajay Sud (Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust)

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**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

1830-2000 Endocrine Surgery  
Mr Neil Houghton (Consultant Endocrine Surgeon, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

**2000-2015 Break**

2015-2130 Transplant Surgery  
Mr Rajinder Singh (Consultant Transplant Surgeon, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust)

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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

2030-2200 Colorectal Surgery (Malignant; Part 1)  
Mr Jonathan Wild (Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Christie Hospital, Manchester)

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**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

1830-2000 Colorectal Surgery (Benign)  
Miss Kirsten Boyle (Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Foundation Trust)

**2000-2015 Break**

2015-2145 Breast Surgery  
Miss Jenna Morgan (Consultant Breast Surgeon, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

# Programme

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1830-2000 Vascular Surgery  
Mr Jonathan Ghosh (Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester)

**2000-2015 Break**

2015-2145 HPB Surgery (Part 1)  
Mr Rahul Deshpande (Consultant HPB Surgeon, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester)

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## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1830-2000 Colorectal Surgery (Malignant; Part 2)  
Mr Jonathan Wild (Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Christie Hospital, Manchester)

**2000-2030 Break**

2030-2200 HPB Surgery (Part 2)  
Mr Rahul Deshpande (Consultant HPB Surgeon, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester)

# Programme

**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Face-to-Face Component)**

0840 - 0850 Arrival and Registration

0850 - 0900 Introduction to the Day and Housekeeping

0900 - 0920 Format for the Weekend and Allocation of Delegates to Stations

0920 - 1050 General Viva [60 minute viva + 30 minute feedback]

**1050 - 1110 Break**

1115 - 1245 Trauma and Critical Care Viva [60 minute viva + 30 minute feedback]

**1245 - 1330 Lunch**

1340 - 1520 Subspeciality Viva [60 minutes viva + 30 minute feedback]

**1520 - 1540 Break**

1545 - 1715 Academic Viva (30 minutes to read paper; 30 minutes viva; 30 minutes discussion)

1715 - 1730 Summary and Close

1830 - 2030 Course Dinner

# Programme

## 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Face-to-Face Component)

0840 - 0850 Registration

0850 - 0900 Allocation of Delegates to Stations

0900 - 1020 Mock Viva

**1020 - 1040 Break**

1040 - 1200 Mock Viva

**1200 - 1245 Lunch**

1250 - 1430 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)

**1430 - 1450 Break**

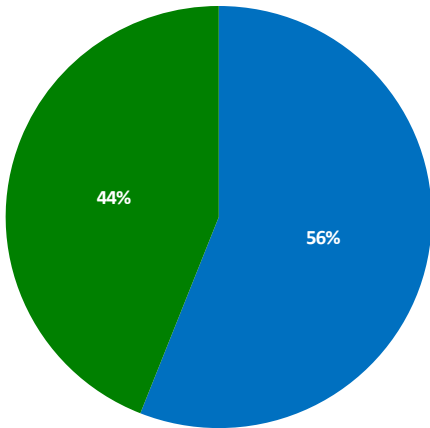
1450 - 1630 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)

1635 - 1650 Summary and Tips for Exam Success

1650 - 1700 End of Course

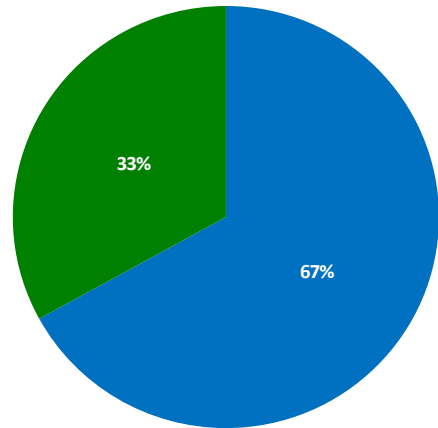
# Overall Feedback

UGI Surgery (Benign) - Mr A. Menon



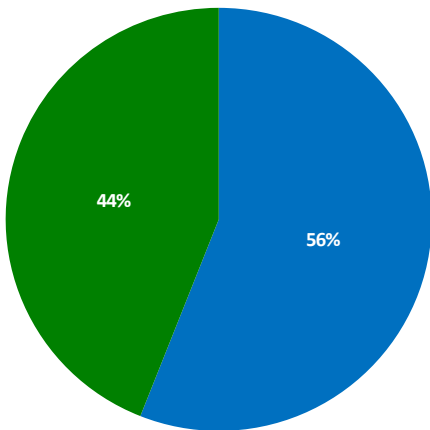
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UGI Surgery (Malignant) - Mr A. Sud



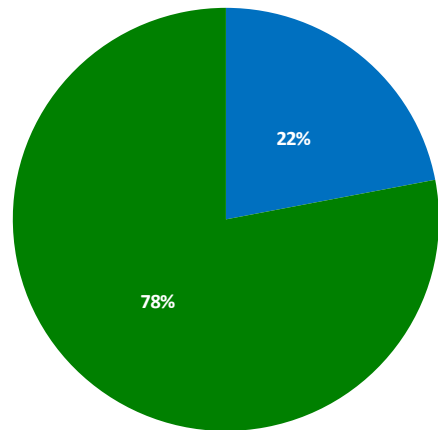
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Endocrine Surgery - Mr N. Houghton



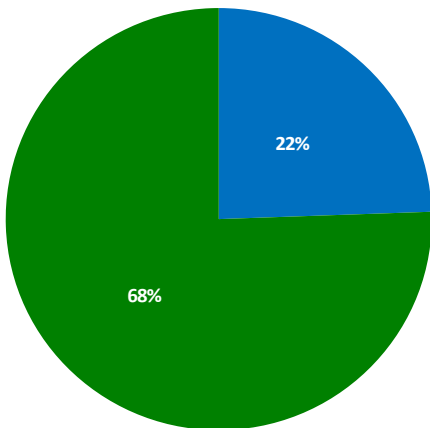
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Transplant Surgery - Mr R. Singh



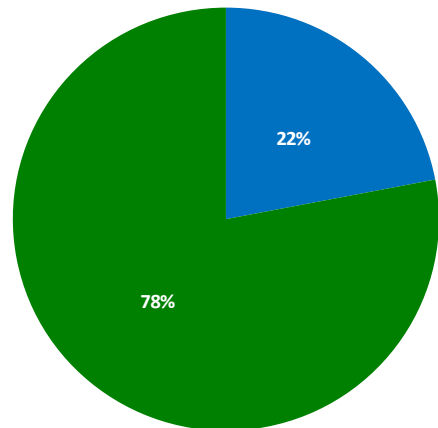
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Colorectal Surgery (Malignant) - Mr J. Wild



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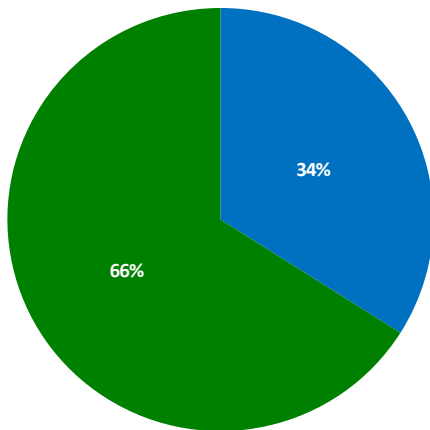
Colorectal Surgery (Benign) - Miss K. Boyle



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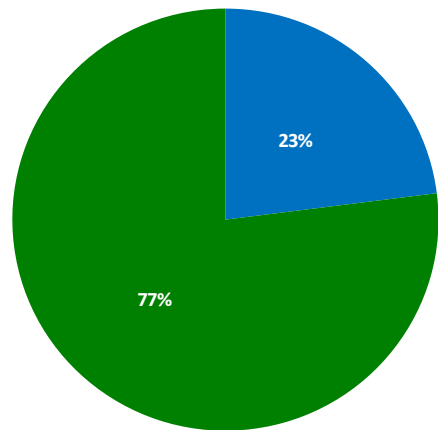
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Breast Surgery - Miss J. Morgan



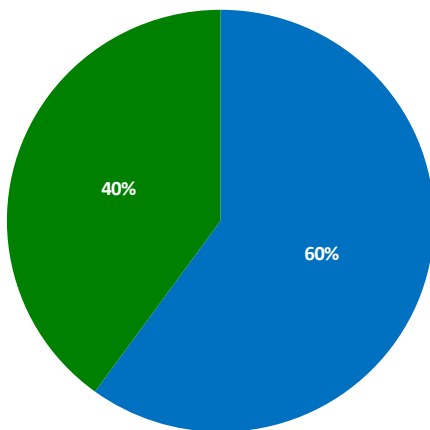
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HPB Surgery - Mr R. Deshpande



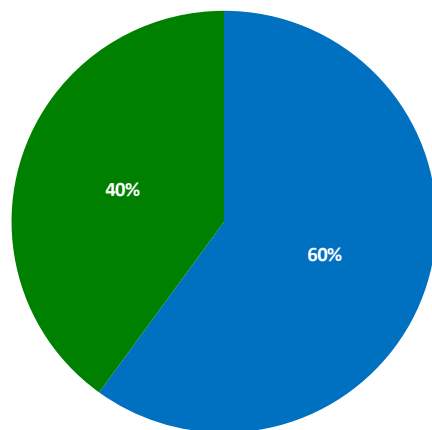
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General Viva



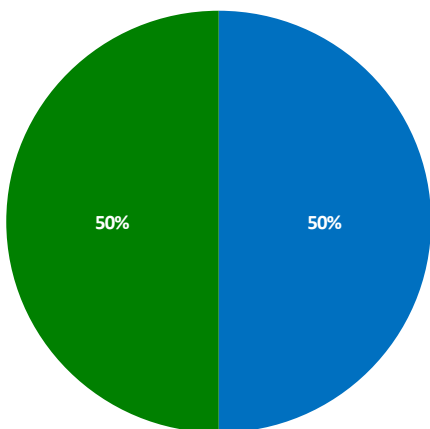
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Trauma and Critical Care Viva



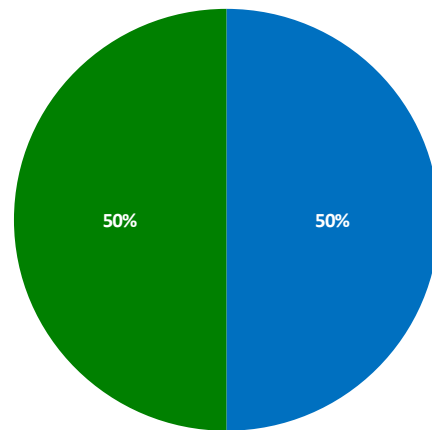
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Subspecialty Viva



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Academic Viva

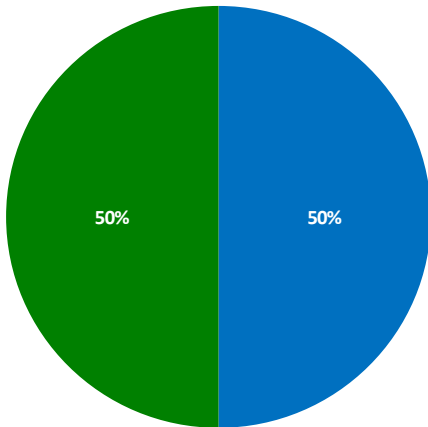


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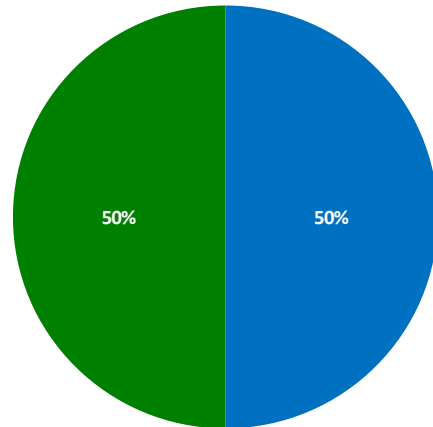
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Mock Viva



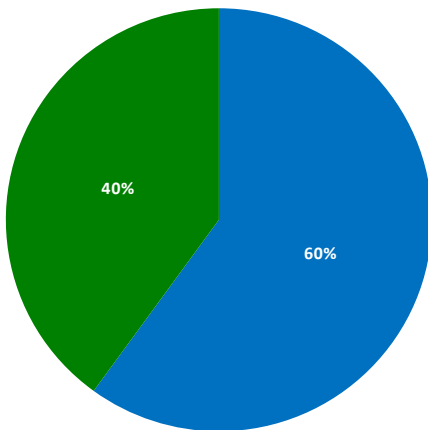
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Clinical Examination



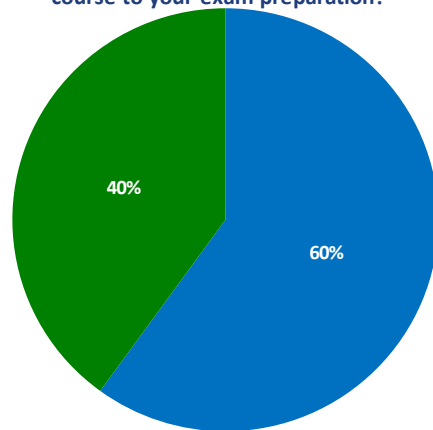
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How was the content of the course?



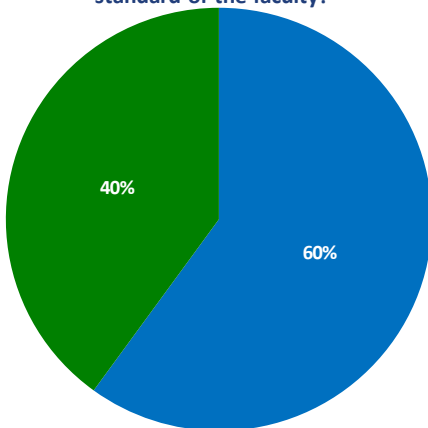
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How would you rate the relevance of the course to your exam preparation?



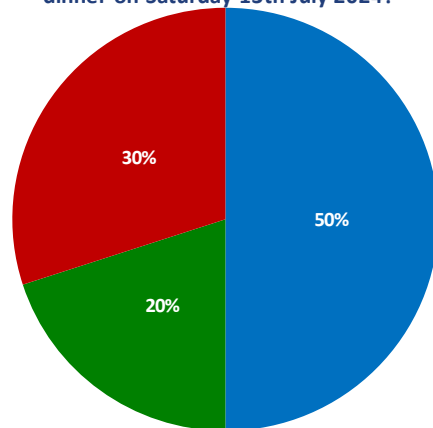
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the faculty?



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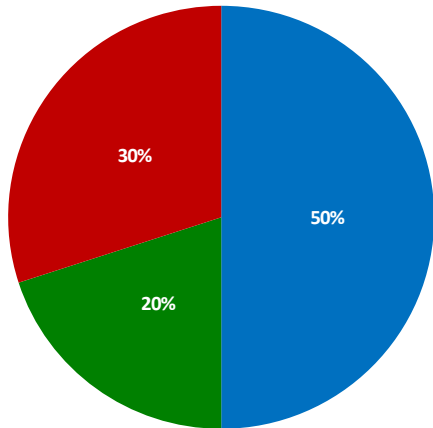
If you attended, did you enjoy the course dinner on Saturday 13th July 2024?



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend

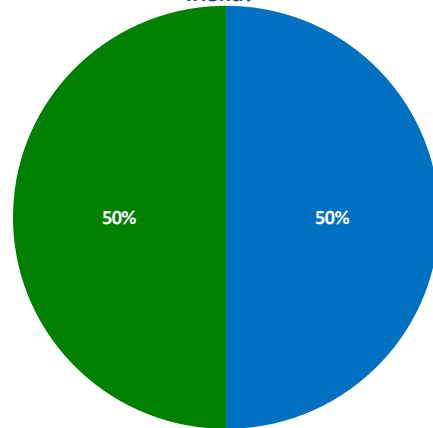
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If you attended, did you find the preparatory session on how to structure your viva answers useful?



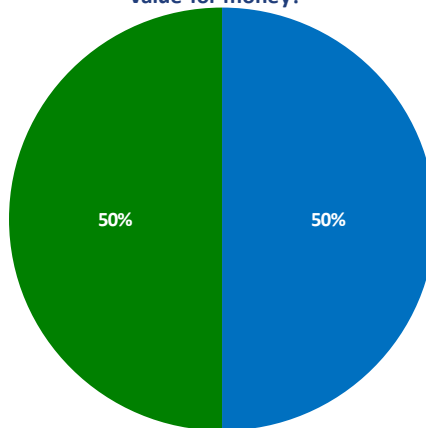
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend

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



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## Individual Comments

Very good course to attend and excellent for preparation.

**MK**  
*Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Cork, Ireland, UK*

Excellent course. So grateful for the feedback from all the staff. Thank you.

**SM**  
*Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK*

Very good course.

**PR**  
*LNWH NHS Trust, UK*



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