

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



Feedback - April 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.

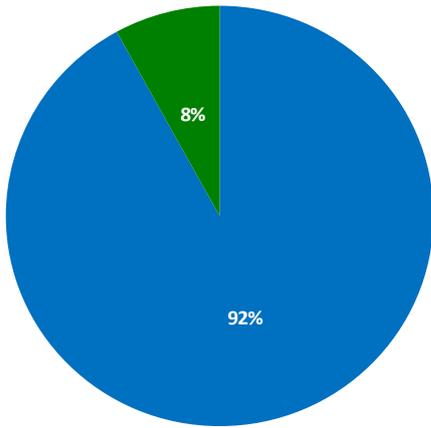
Course Information

Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	26th - 30th April 2023
Attendance:	35 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£875.00



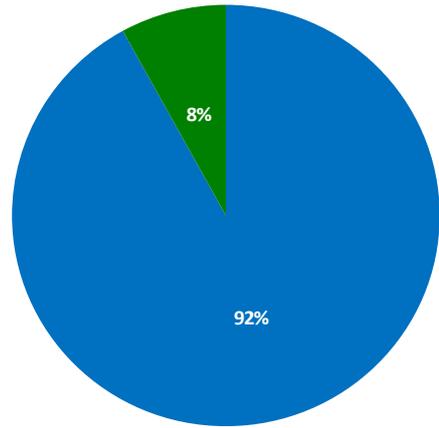
Overall Feedback

How was the clarity of the sessions?



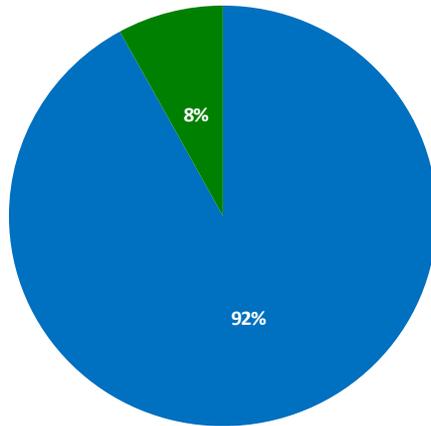
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



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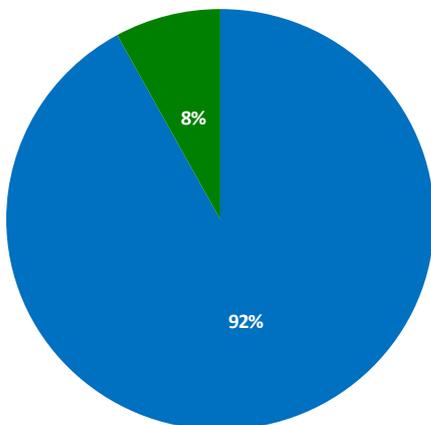
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your studies?



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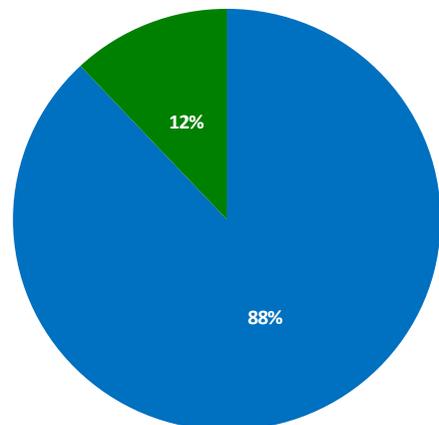
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Skull Base, Head and Face



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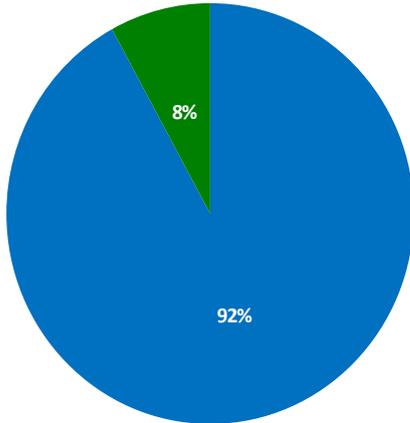
Neck, Neck Swellings, Larynx



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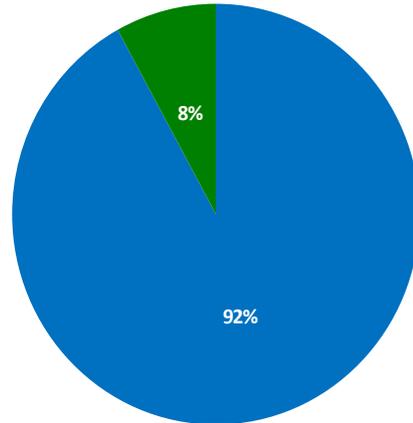
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Thorax, Mediastinum and Oesophagus



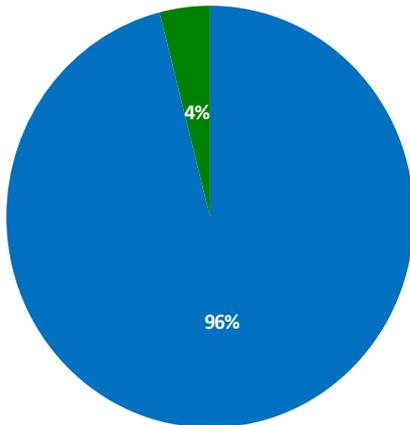
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Heart and Lung



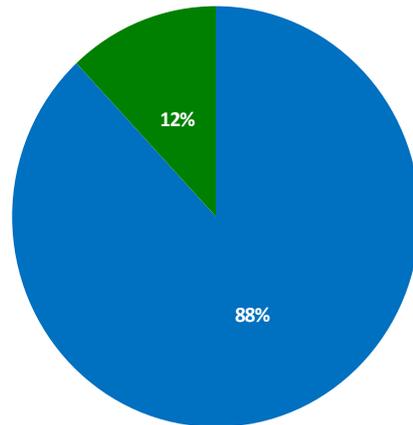
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Brachial Plexus and Upper Limb



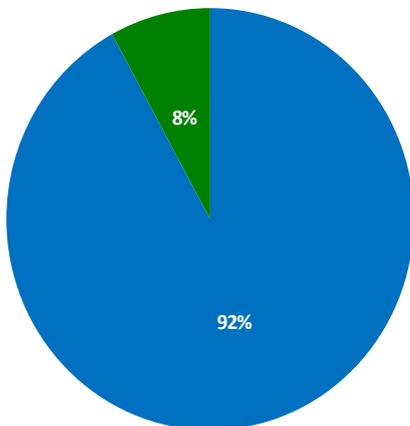
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Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



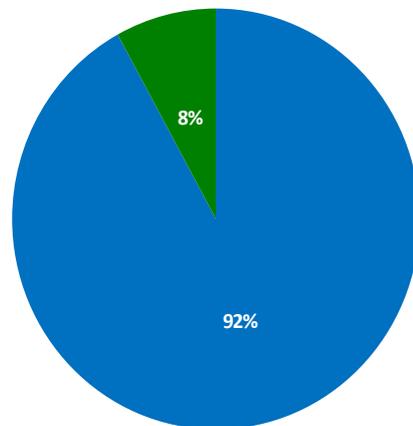
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General Abdomen



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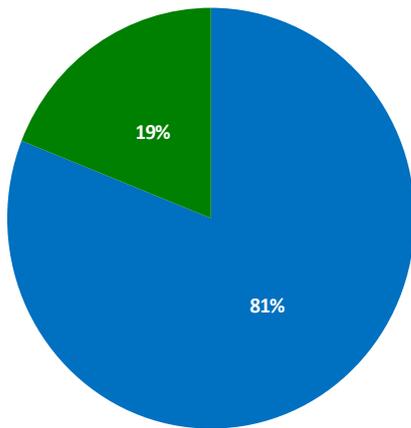
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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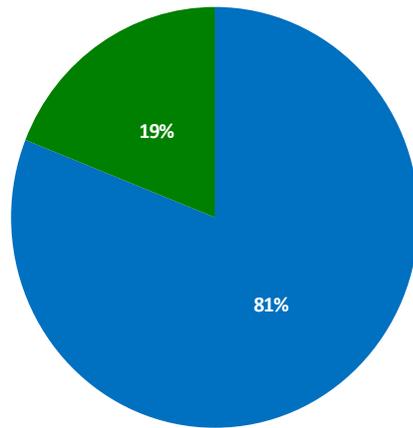
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Pelvis and Perineum



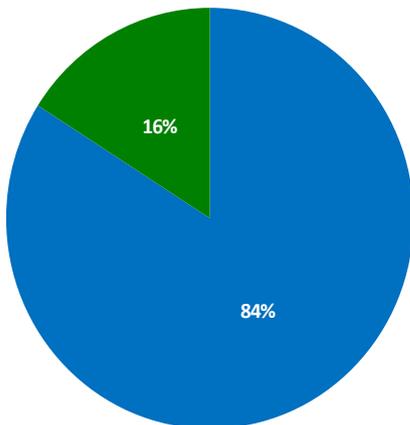
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



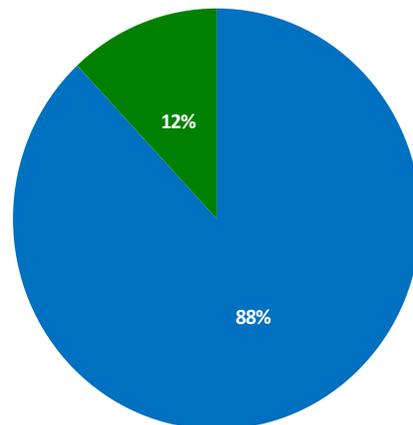
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Lumbosacral Plexus



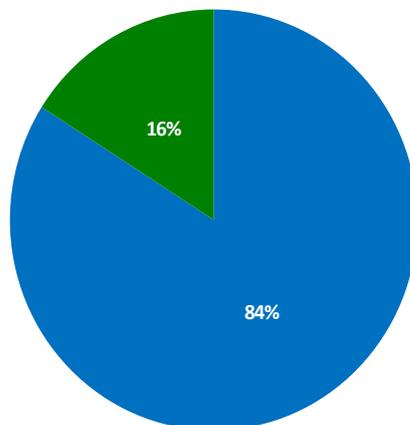
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Lower Limb



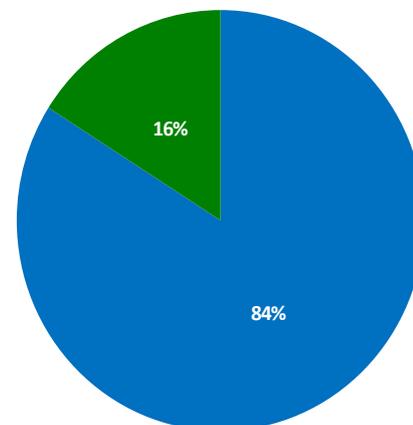
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Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



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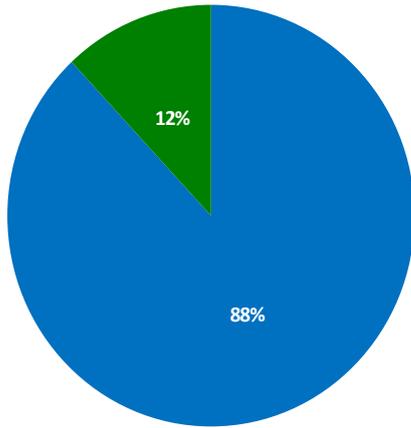
Pathology – Malignant Melanoma



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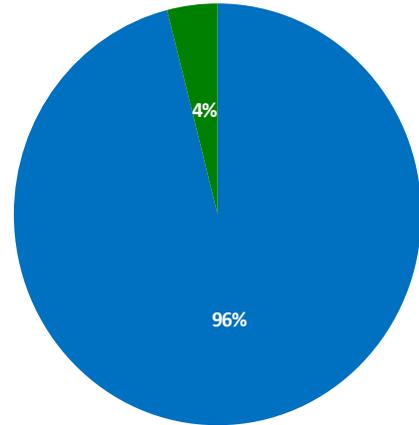
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Pathology – Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers



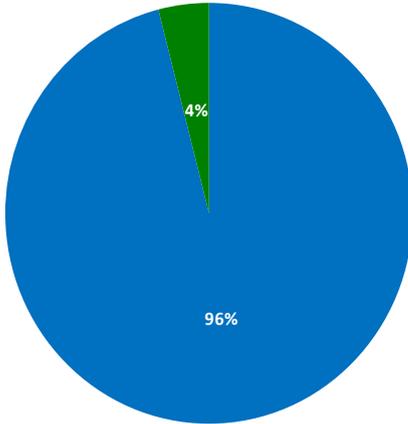
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Pathology – Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers



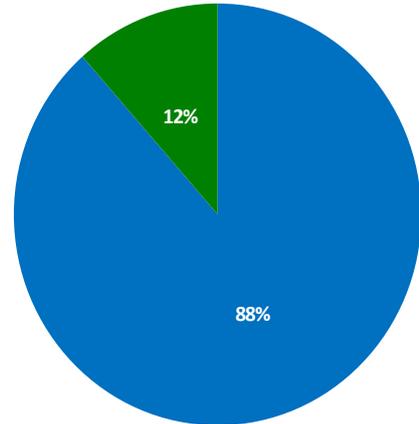
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Pathology – Carcinoid Tumour and Syndrome



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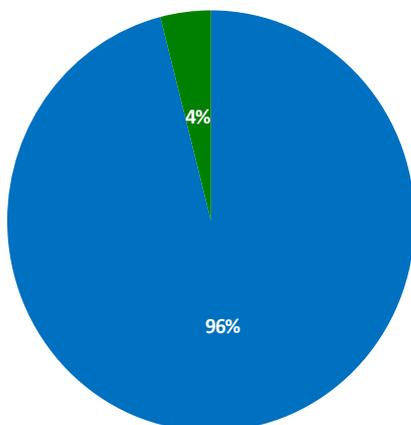
Pathology – Adrenal Conditions and Pheochromocytoma



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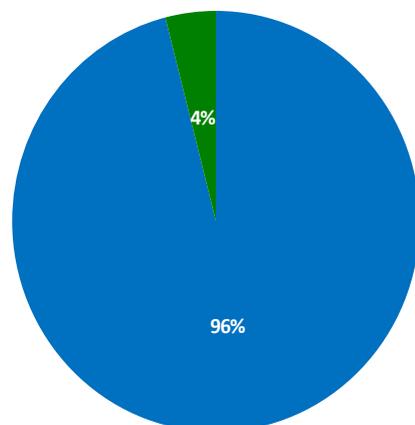
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Knot Tying



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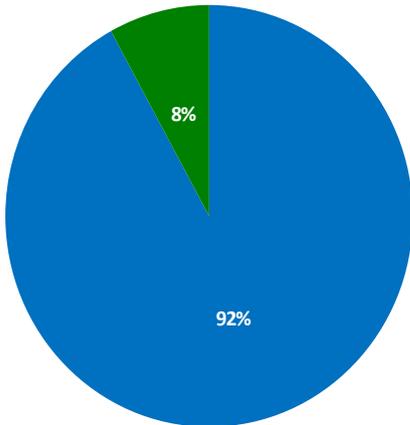
Excision of a Lesion



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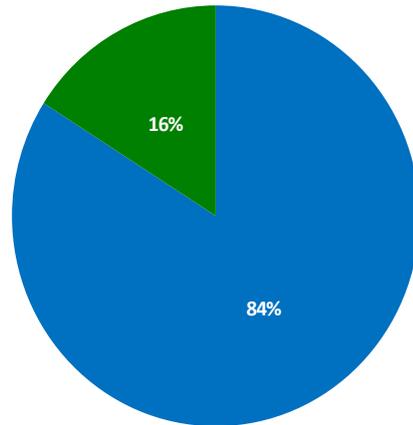
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Suturing



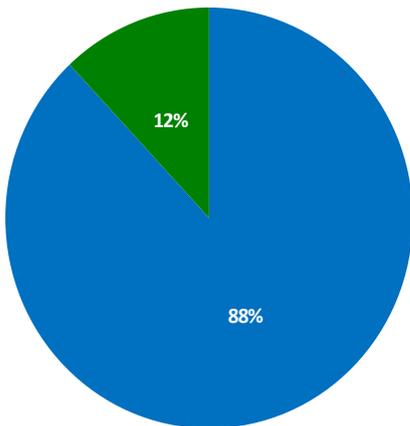
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Sutures and Suture Materials



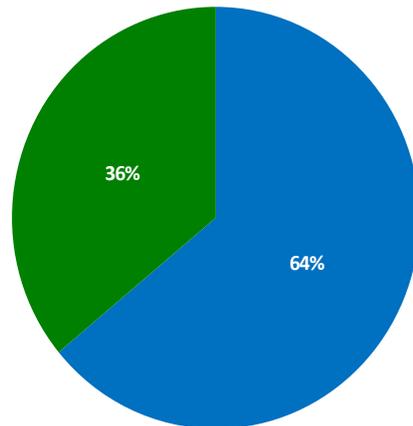
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Chest Drain Insertion



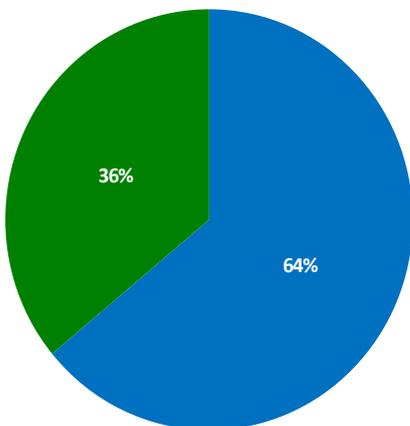
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Cannulation



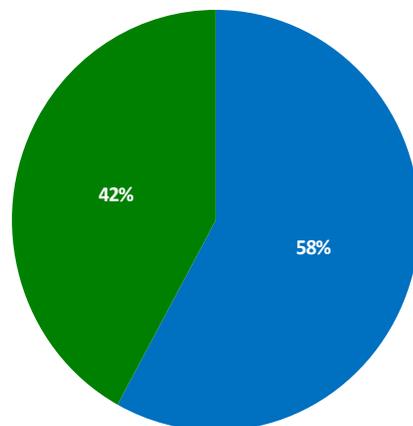
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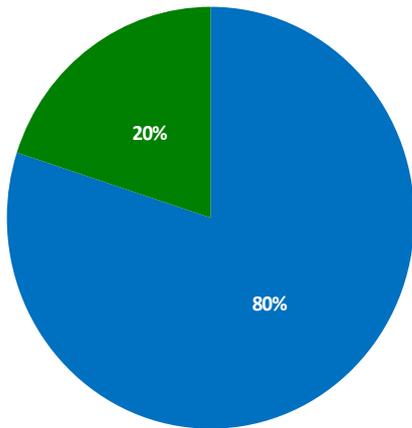
Lumbar Puncture



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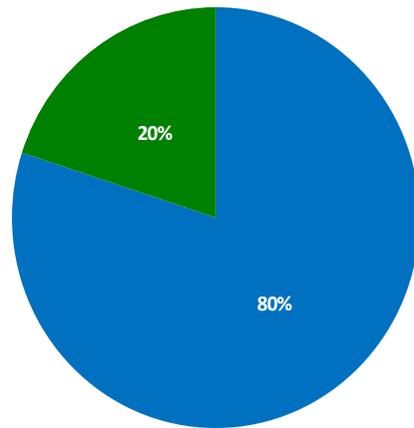
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Wound Debridement



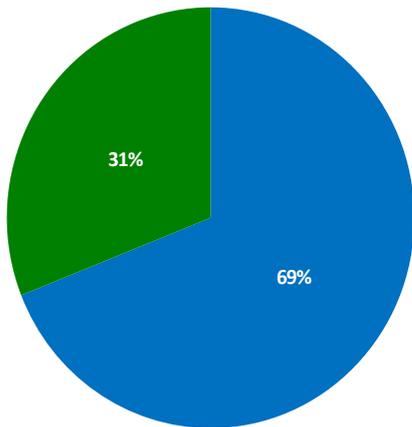
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Drainage of an Abscess



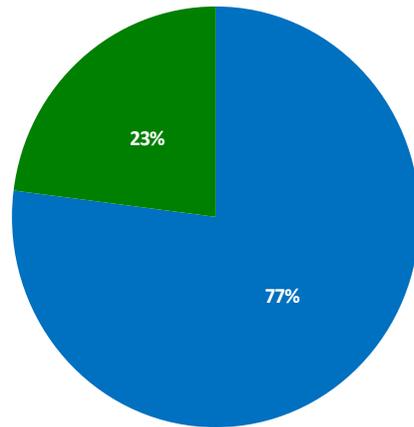
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Aneurysm, Thermoregulation and Sepsis



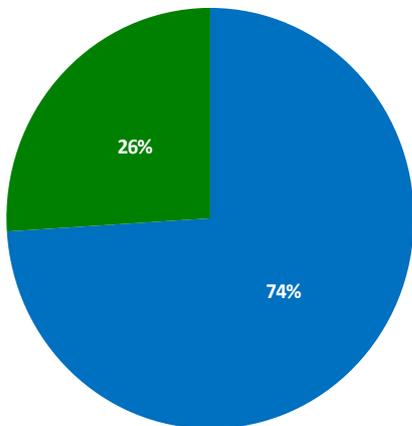
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Renal Physiology and Acid-Base Balance



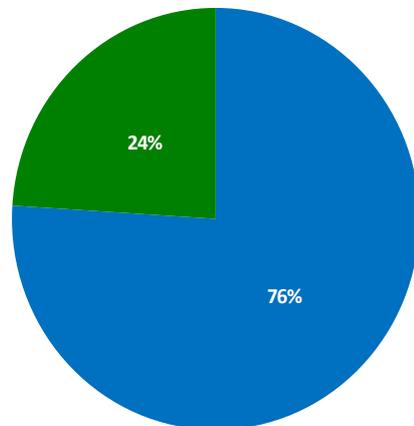
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Cardiac Physiology



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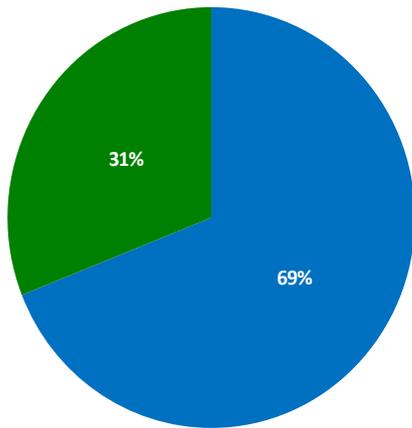
Haemostasis and Coagulation Physiology



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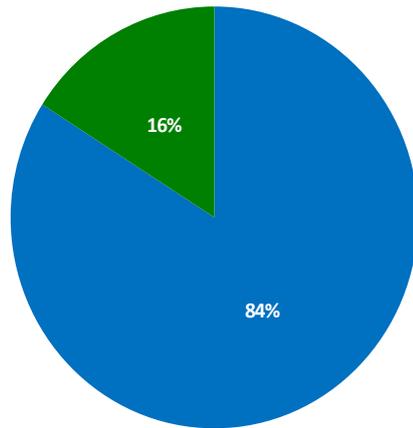
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GI, Neurophysiology and Hypothermia



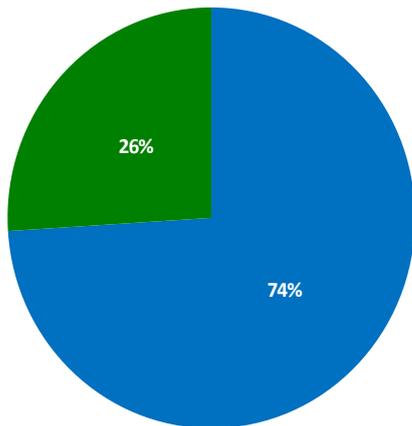
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Burns Physiology



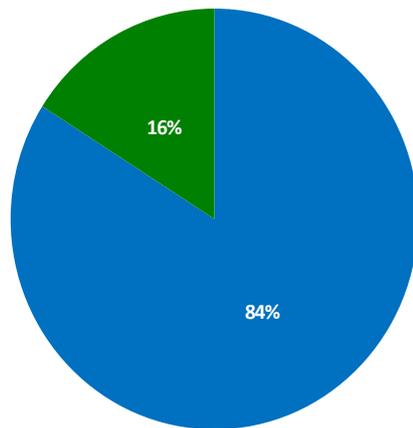
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Wound Healing and Reconstruction (Grafts and Flaps)



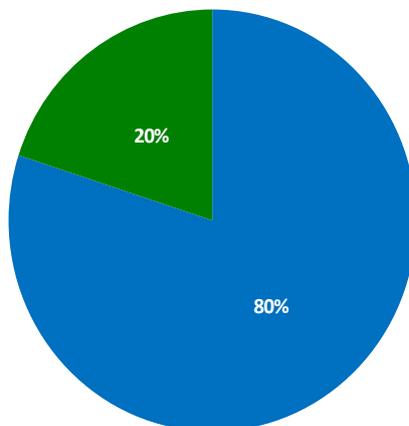
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Pathology - Necrotising Fasciitis



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Theatre List Prioritisation

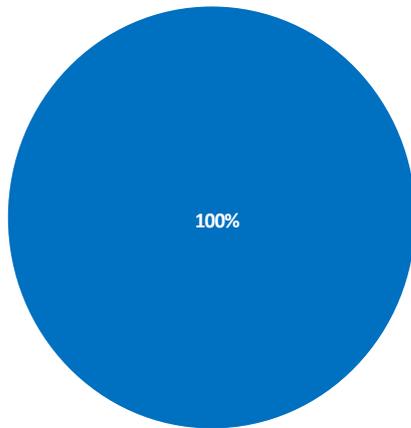


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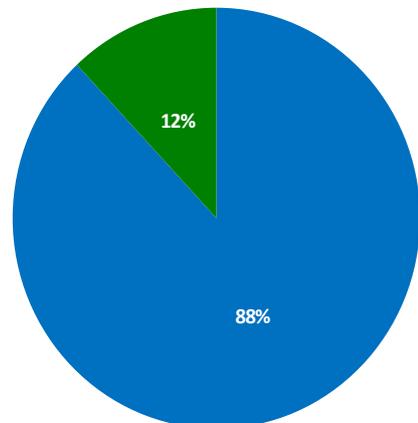
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Dissection Room - Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



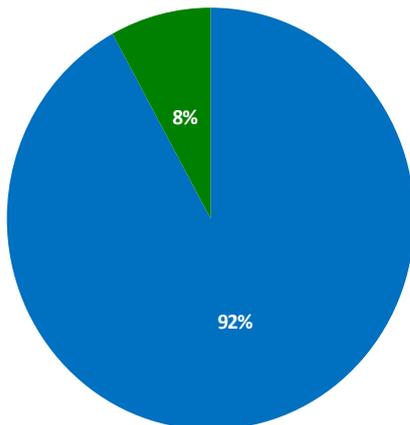
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Dissection Room - Upper Limb (soft tissue and osteology)



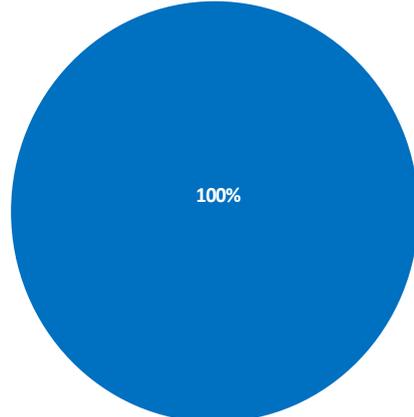
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Dissection Room - Face and Neck



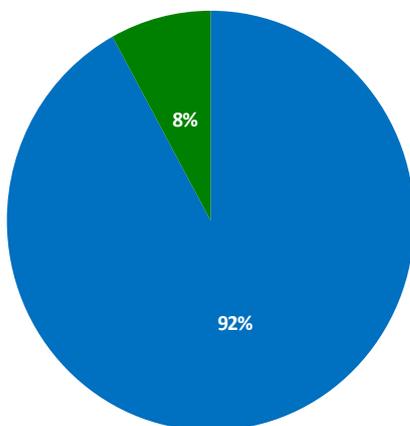
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Dissection Room - Lower Limb (soft tissue and osteology)



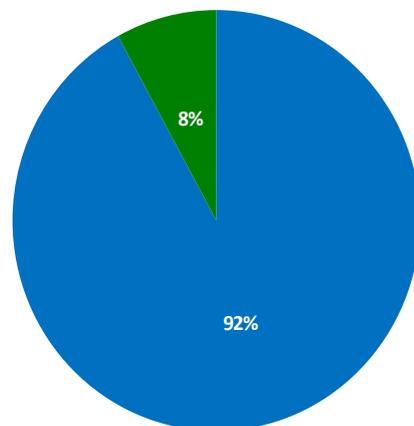
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Dissection Room - General Abdomen and Hollow Organs (Peritoneum, Sacs and Colon)



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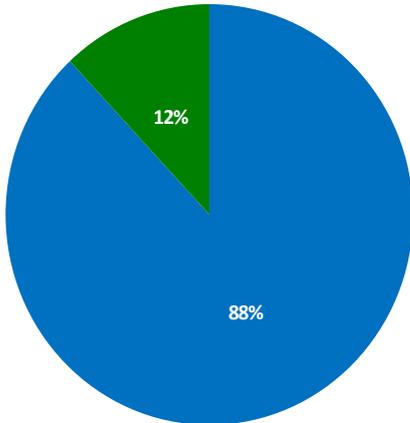
Dissection Room - Skull Base and Foramina



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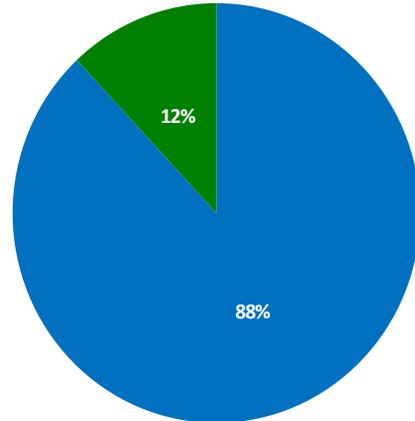
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Dissection Room - Kidneys, Ureter and Internal Reproductive Organs



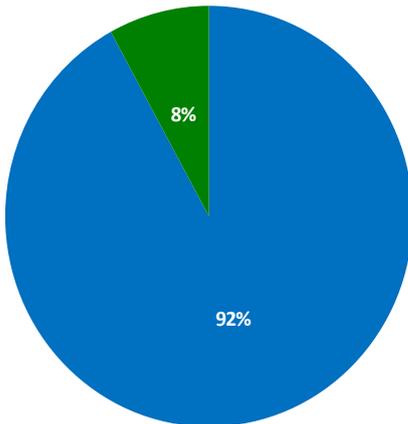
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Dissection Room - Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas and Spleen)



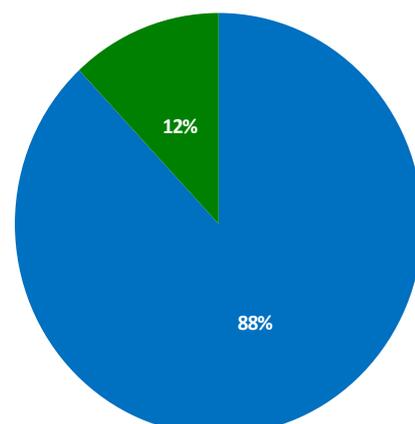
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Dissection Room - Anterior Abdominal Wall and Inguinal Canal



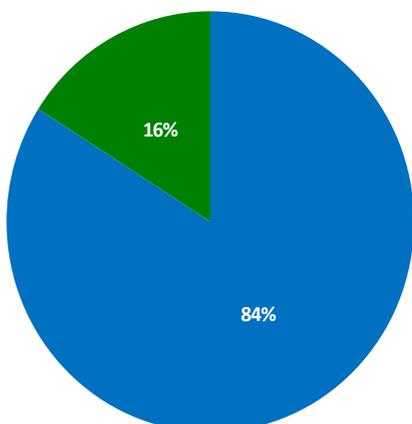
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Pathology – Dysphagia, Barrett’s and Oesophageal Cancer



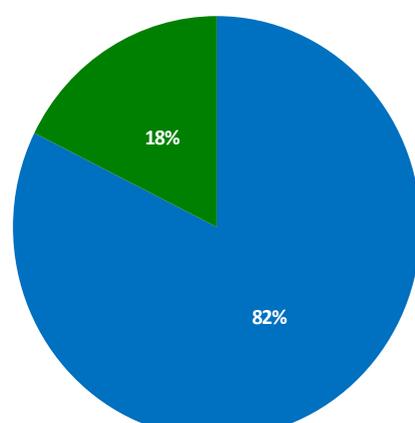
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Pathology –Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



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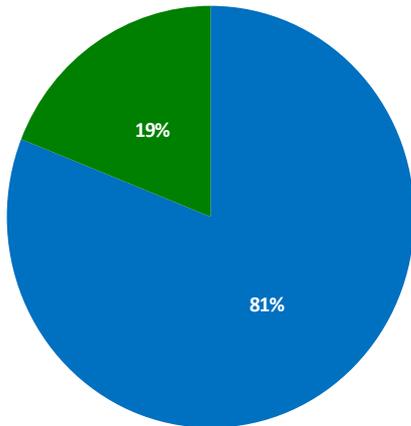
Pathology – Polyps, Colorectal Cancers and Colectomie



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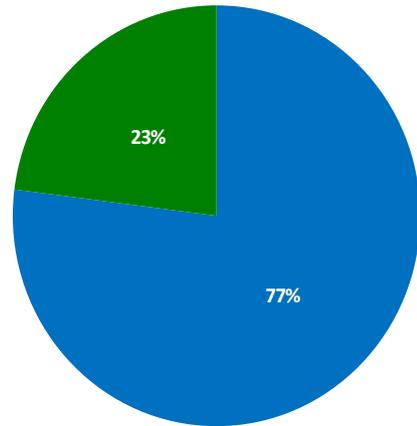
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Pathology – Inguinoscrotal Swellings and Testicular Cancers



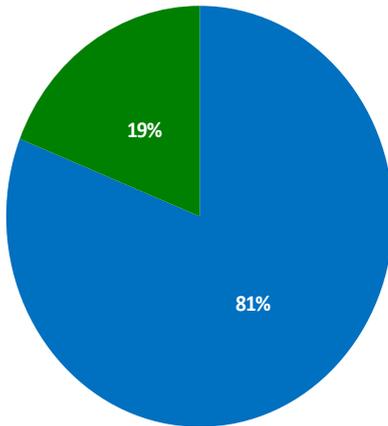
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Pathology – Prostate Pathologies and Cancer



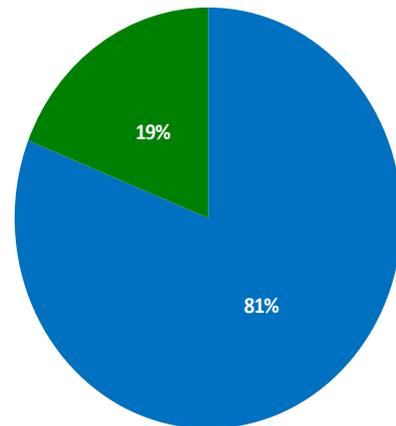
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Pathology – Salivary Gland Swelling and Tumours



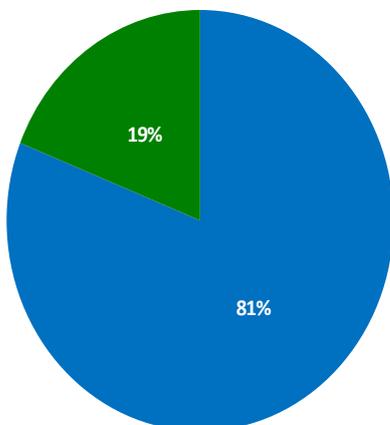
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Pathology – Breast Pathologies and Cancers



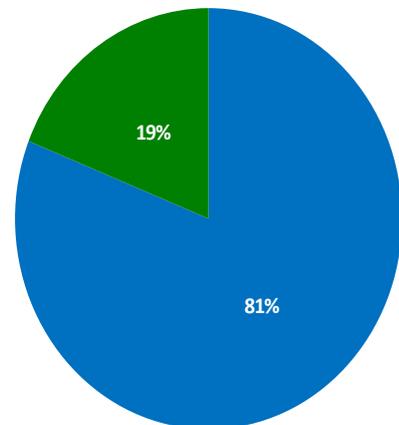
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Pathology – Lung Cancer



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Pathology - Back Pain, Metastasis and Bone Tumours

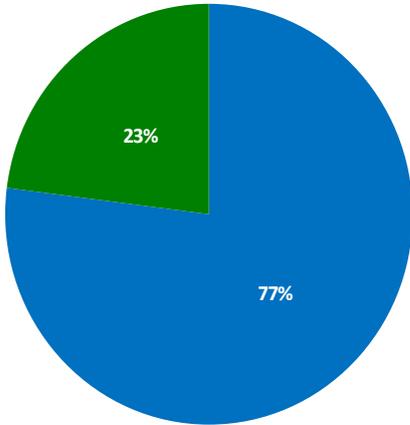


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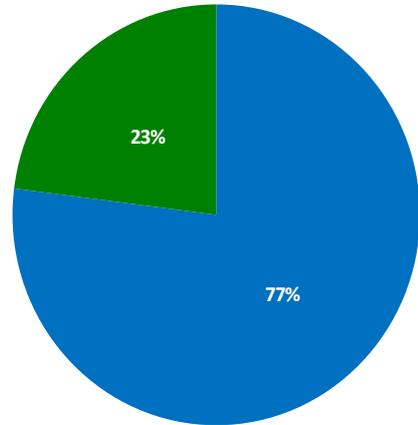
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



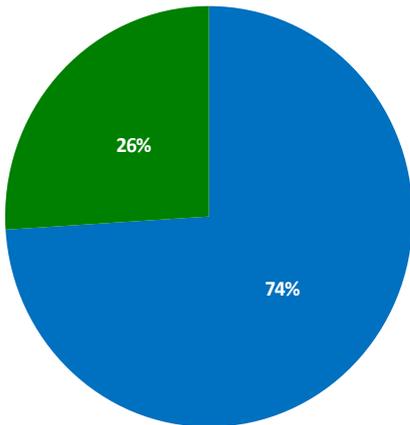
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Examination of the Abdomen



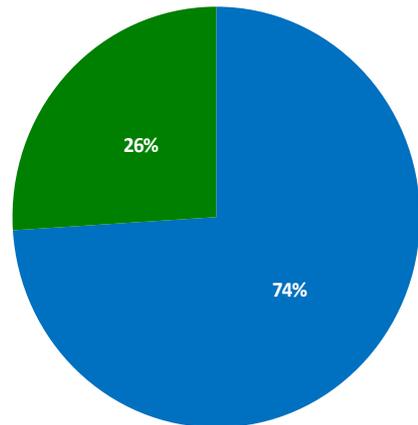
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Examination of the Hip and Knee



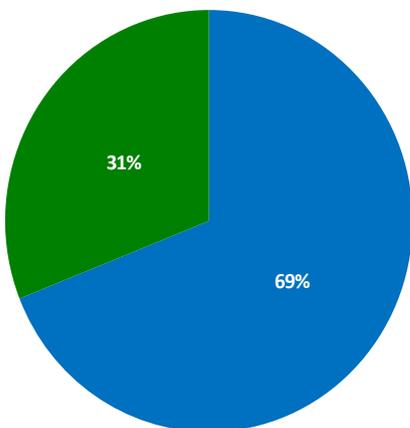
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Examination of the Shoulder and Back



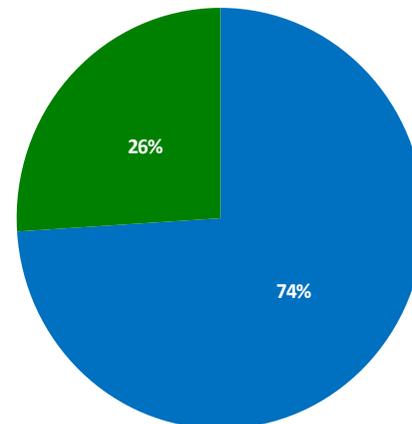
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Examination of the Neck and Thyroid



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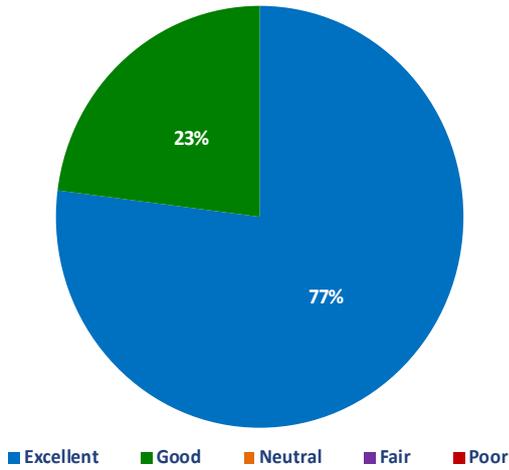
Examination of the Varicose Veins and Arterial System



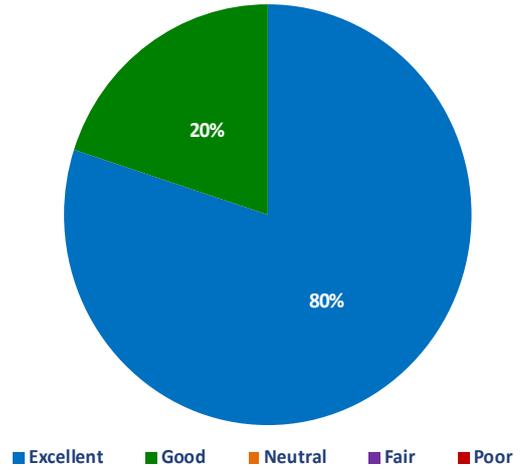
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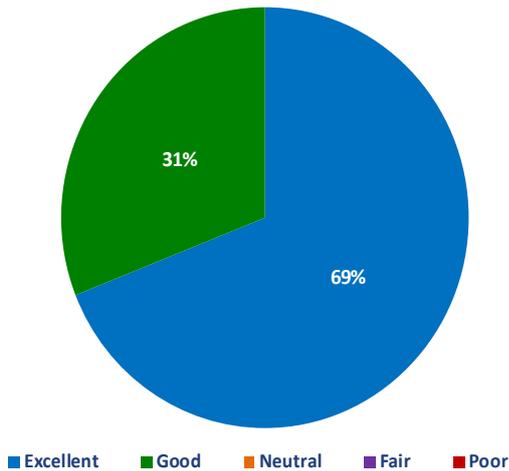
Communication Skills - History Taking for a Breast Lump



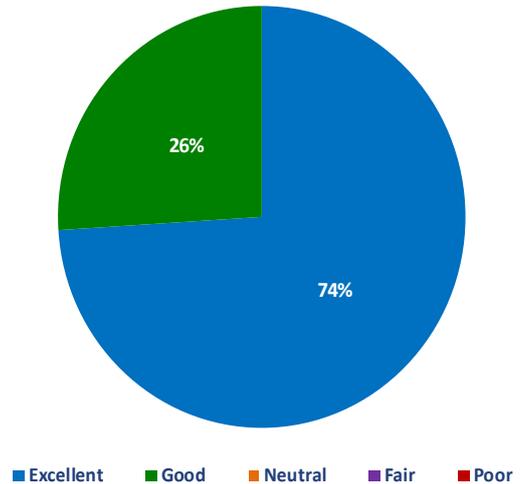
Communication Skills - Information Giving for Breast Cancer



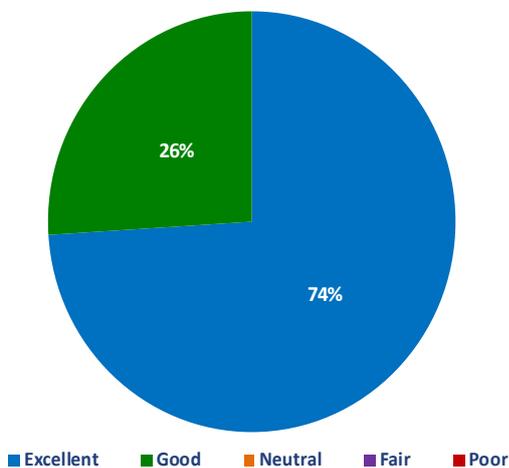
Communication Skills - History Taking for PR Bleed and Consent for Colonoscopy



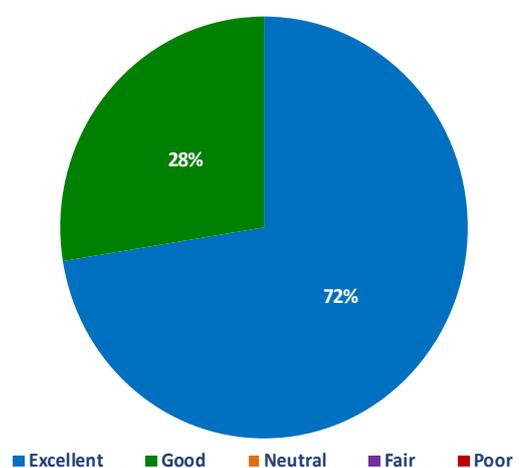
Communication Skills - Self Discharge



Communication Skills - Cancelled Operation (Thyroidectomy)

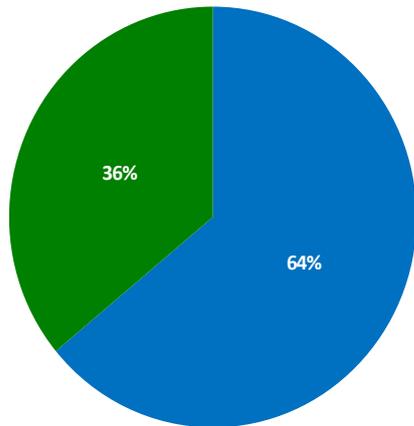


Communication Skills - History Taking for Peripheral Vascular Disease



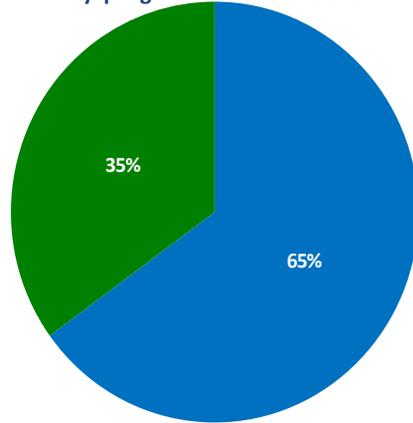
Overall Feedback

Communication Skills - Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



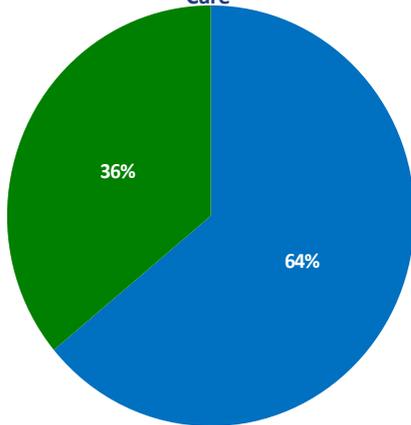
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Communication Skills - History Taking for Dysphagia and OGD Consent



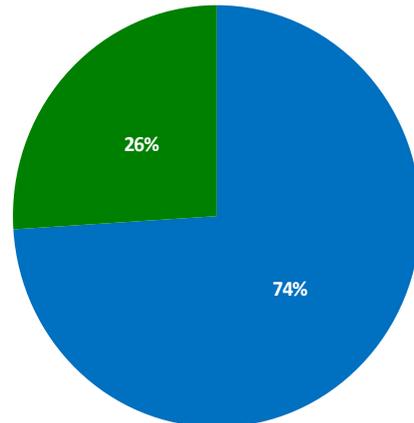
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Communication Skills - Referral to Tertiary Care



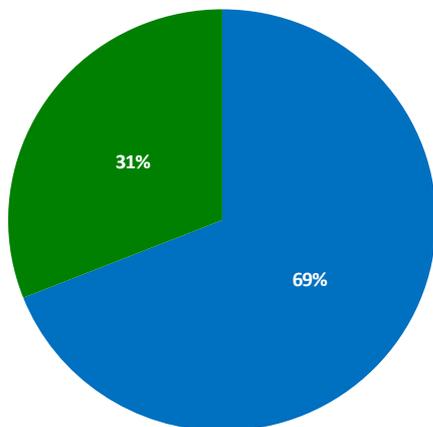
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Communication Skills - Information Giving for Upper GI Cancer



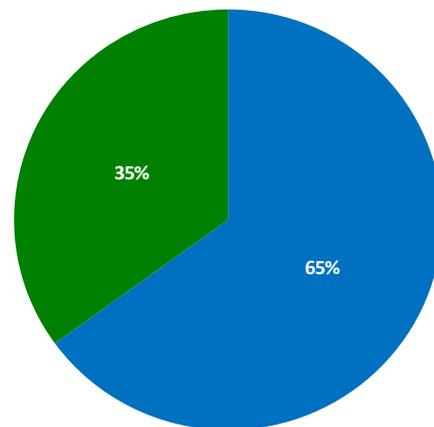
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How were the facilities and venue?



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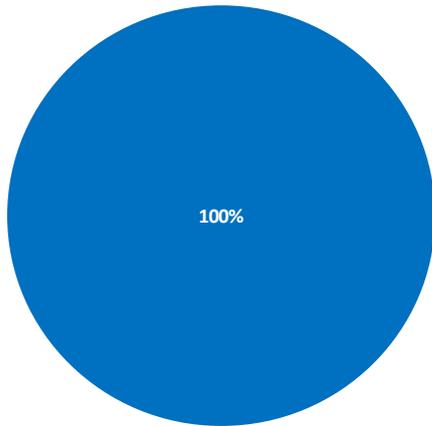
How were the refreshments and lunch?



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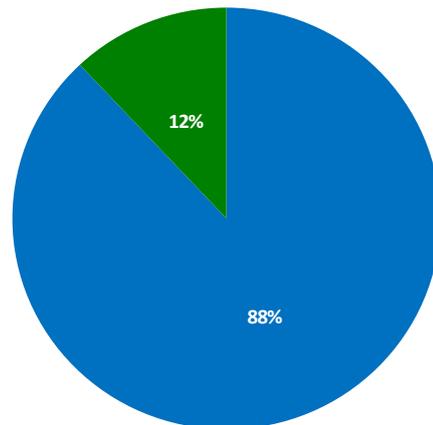
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



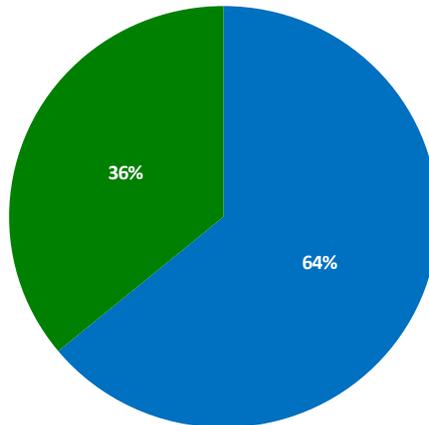
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

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

Well organised, well run course.

DT
Morrison Hospital, Swansea, UK

Amazing course. Very well organised and very professional team.

HI
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, UK

It was excellent.

GB
Wrightington Hospital, Wrightington, UK

Exceptional course with clear delivery of course content pitched at an appropriate level.

FG
Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester, UK

The course is well structured and the organisers ensure it runs to time. There are a good amount of breaks with refreshments to help to maintain focus throughout the course. The teaching is relevant to the syllabus and in a style that will reflect the exam, which means that the study aids are really helpful for post-course revision. I feel much better prepared to sit the exam having completed this course.

ES
Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant, UK

Excellent course, would recommend to all my colleagues.

SM
Royal Stoke University Hospital NHS Trust, UK

I was extremely impressed with the professionalism of the team and the delivery of the course. Would thoroughly recommend to others preparing for MRCS Part B.

TE
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Excellent course, helped me in identifying my weak spots, would highly recommend.

UA
Medway Maritime Hospital, Kent, UK

Great course organised by fantastic team at Doctors Academy.

OR
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust, UK

Fantastic. Well organised and delivered to an exceptional standard..

PC
Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, UK

Individual Comments

Was intense but very helpful course!

CK
Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull, UK

The course was amazing...well organised and managed in a way that we don't get tired with regular breaks....very good attempt at not only teaching but also prepping for possible scenario in exams like actor/patient going off script ... consultant not responding and questions which we are not prepared for ... I would surely recommend to my friend...and I am happy that I attended the course.

NV
Furness General Hospital, Barrow in Furness, UK

Intensive but comprehensive course with extremely knowledgeable faculty for the exam.

RS
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK

Very thorough.

NJ
Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester, UK

Excellent course, thank you.

GC
Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, UK

Very useful intensive course. Use of regular breaks meant the content was manageable. Some subjects perhaps given too much detail but very engaging and interesting teaching still. Very well organised and efficient, especially for day in dissection rooms. Most helpful element was mock OSCE so any way this could be expanded would be useful, eg. pathology stations, more anatomy stations. Thanks very much!

CR
Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester, UK

A very well organised and well run course.

MH
University Hospital, Birmingham, UK



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