

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



Feedback - January 2022

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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). This course was suitable for those who had recently started their revision but were not fully prepared for the exam. It was structured for those sitting the exam four to six weeks later or those who wished to gain an understanding of the revision topics and techniques for the MRCS OSCE that they intend to sit in 3 to 4 months' time.

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 dissections, 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.

The programme and the teaching sessions reflected any changes introduced to the exam due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

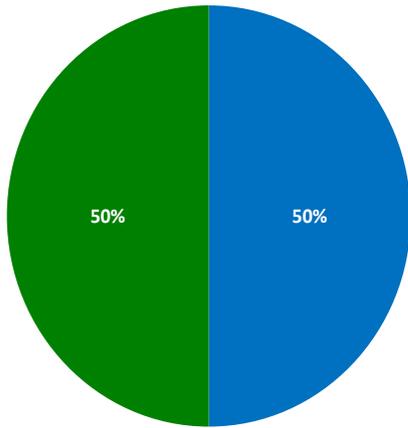
Course Information

Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	12th - 16th January 2022
Attendance:	31 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£875.00



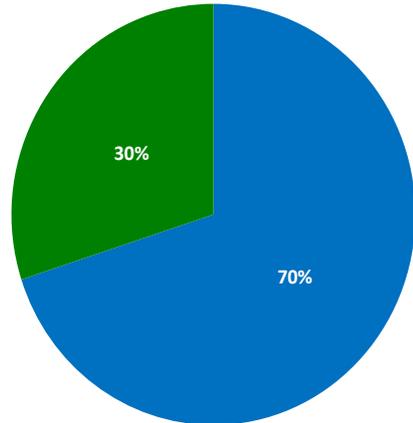
Overall Feedback

How was the clarity of the sessions?



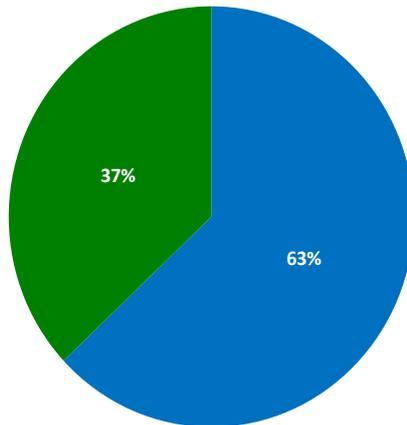
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



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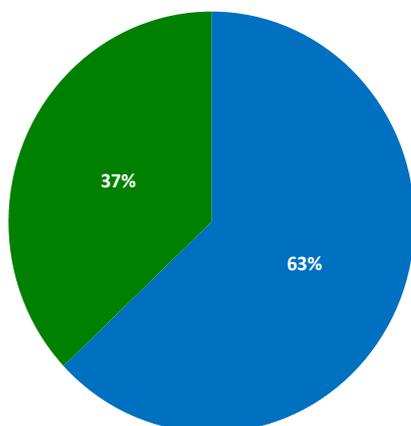
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your studies?



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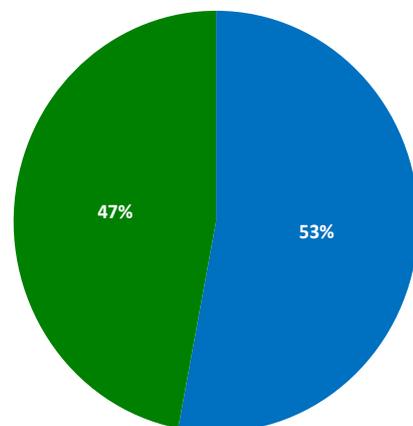
Wednesday 12th January and Thursday 13th January 2022

Skull Base, Head and Face



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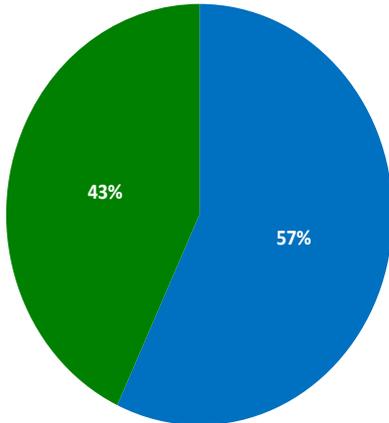
Neck, Neck Swellings, Larynx



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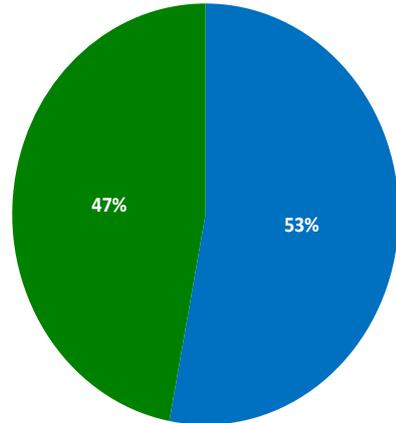
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Thorax, Mediastinum and Oesophagus



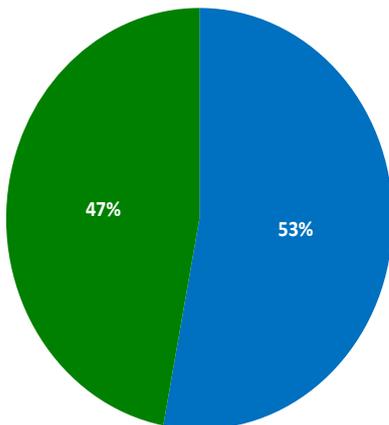
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Heart and Lung



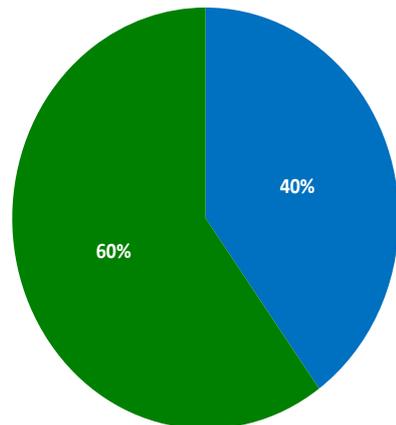
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Brachial Plexus and Upper Limb



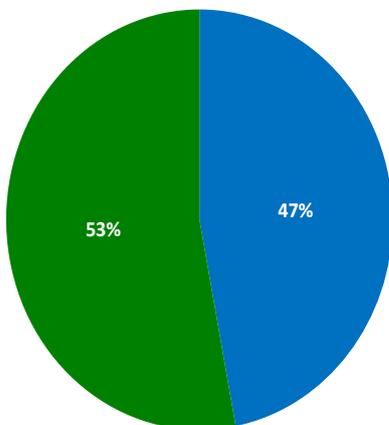
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Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



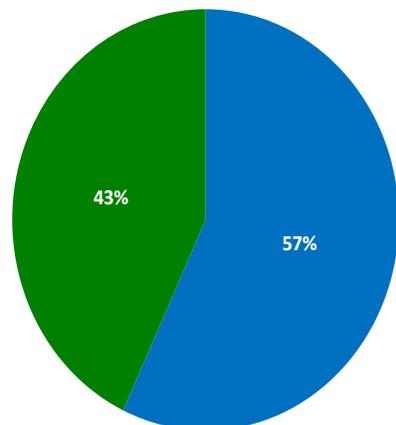
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General Abdomen



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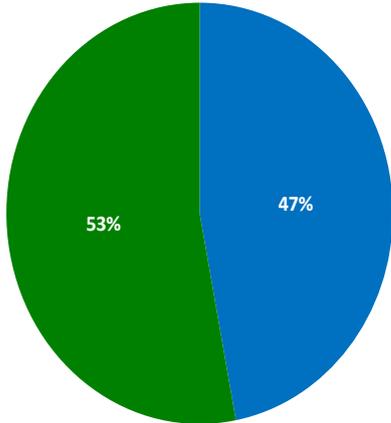
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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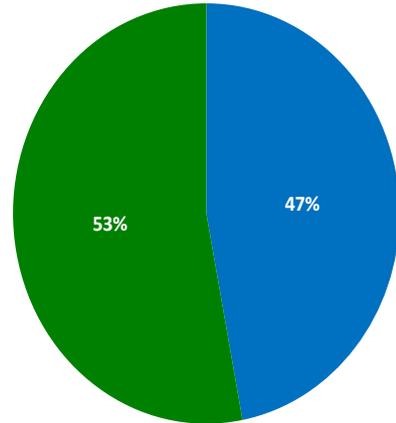
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Pelvis and Perineum



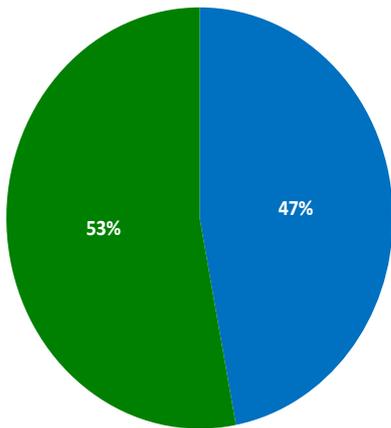
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



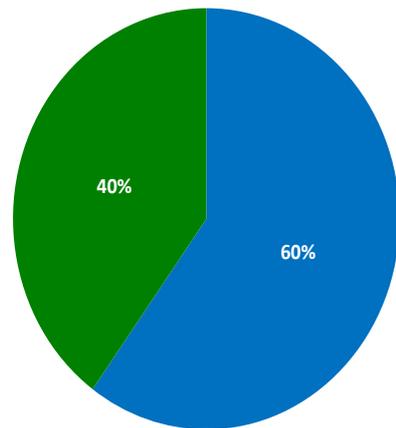
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Lumbosacral Plexus



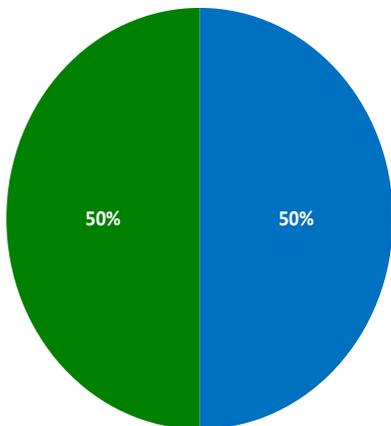
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Lower Limb



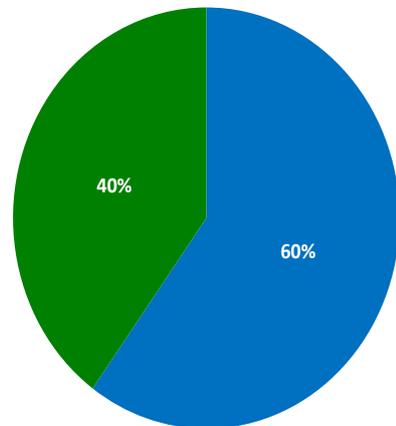
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Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



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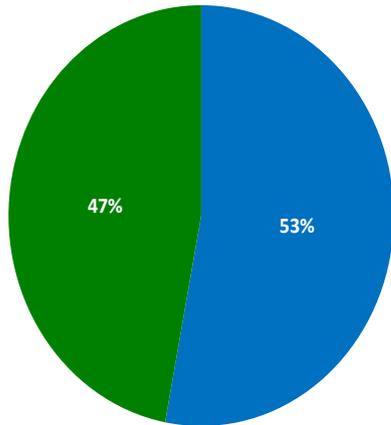
Pathology – Malignant Melanoma



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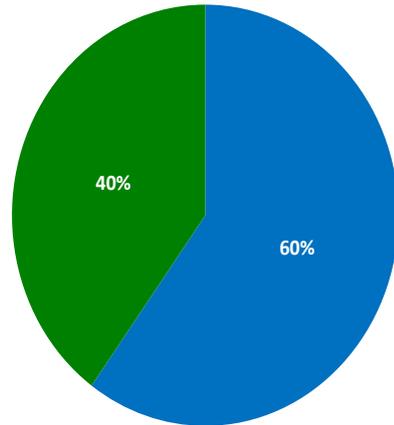
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Pathology – Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers



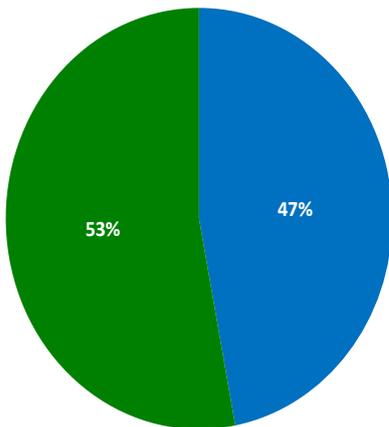
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Pathology – Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers



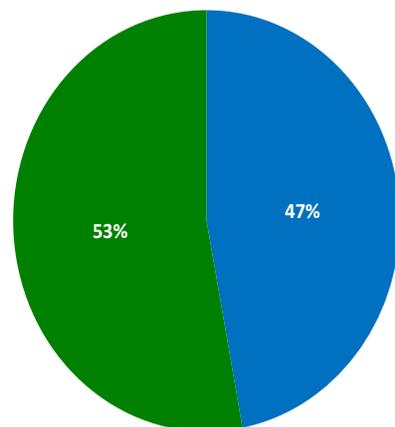
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Pathology – Carcinoid Tumour and Syndrome



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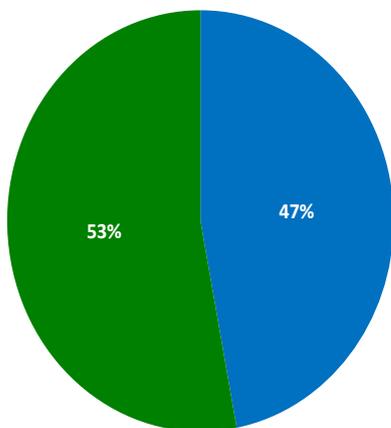
Pathology – Adrenal Conditions and Pheochromocytoma



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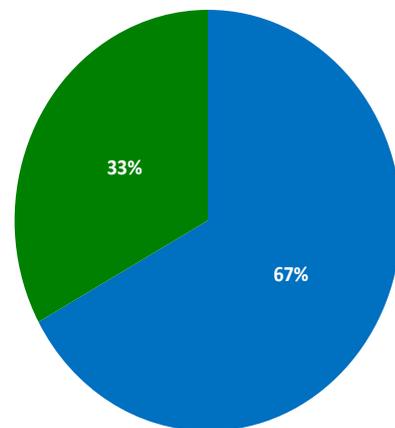
Friday 14th January 2022 Clinical and Procedural Skills; Applied Surgical Sciences:

Cannulation and ABG Results



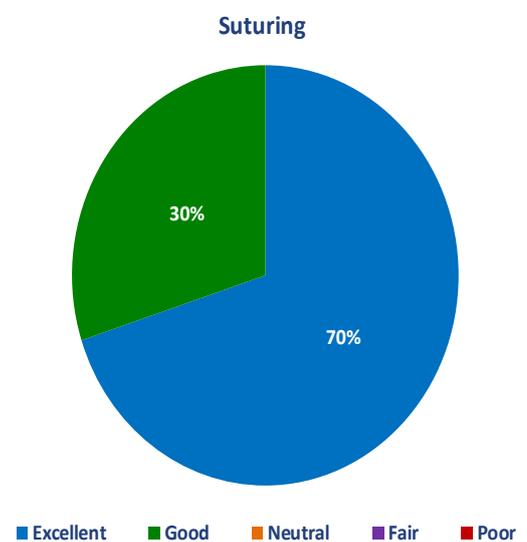
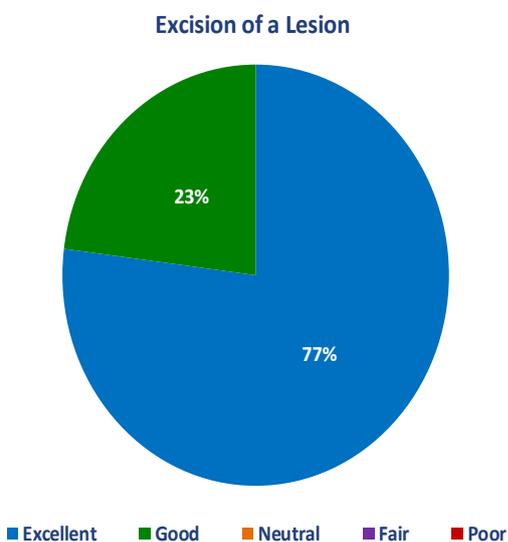
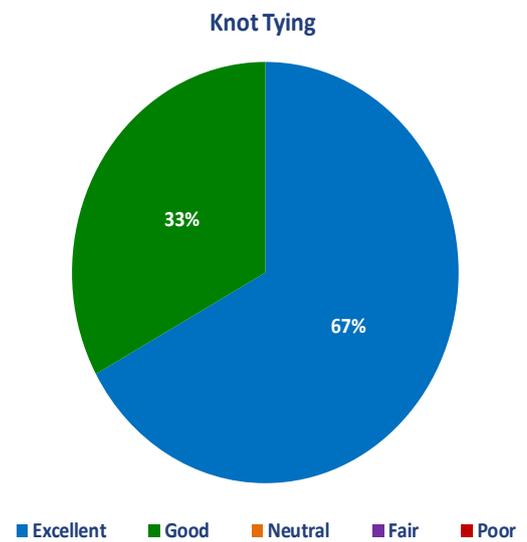
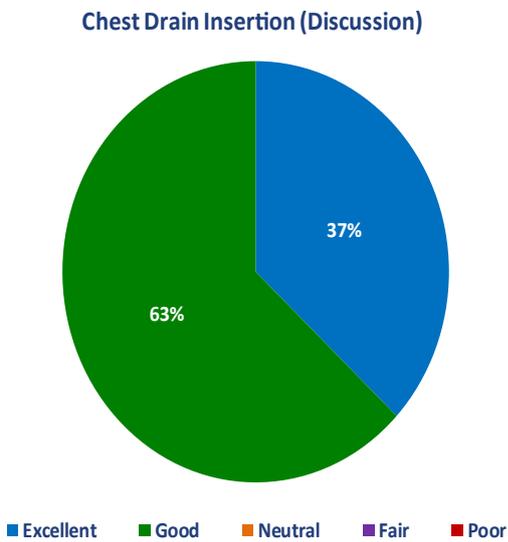
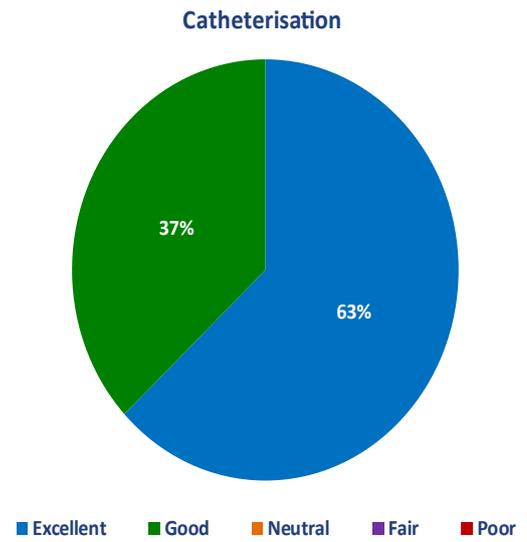
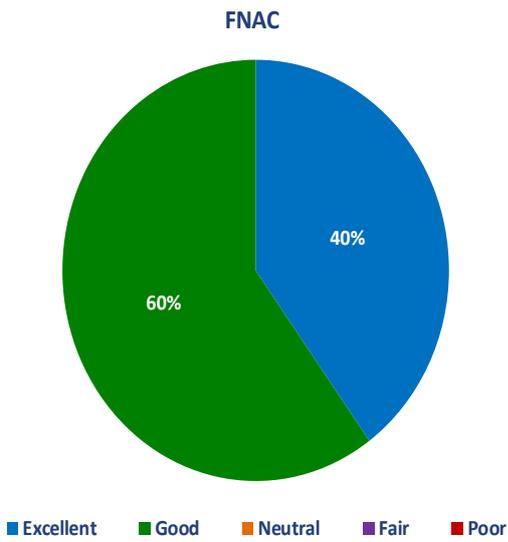
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Wound Debridement



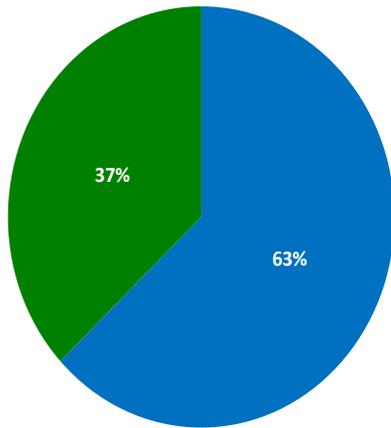
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Overall Feedback



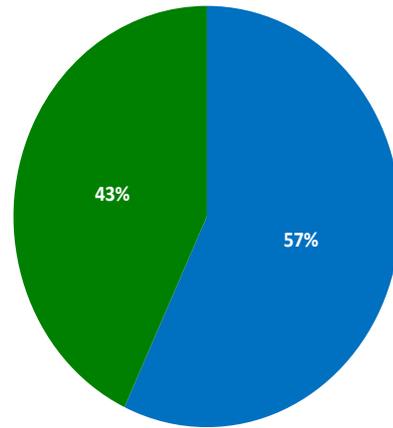
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Sutures and Suture Materials



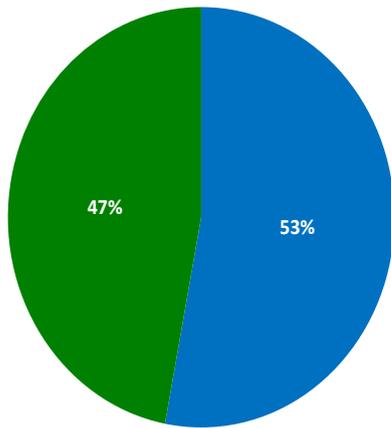
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Theatre List Prioritisation



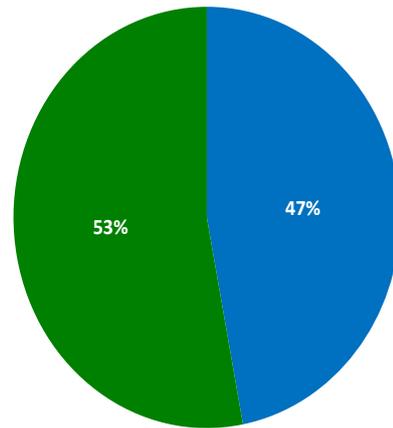
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Respiratory Physiology – Critical Care 1



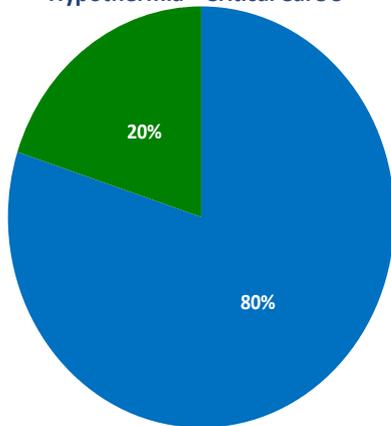
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General Physiology – Critical Care 2



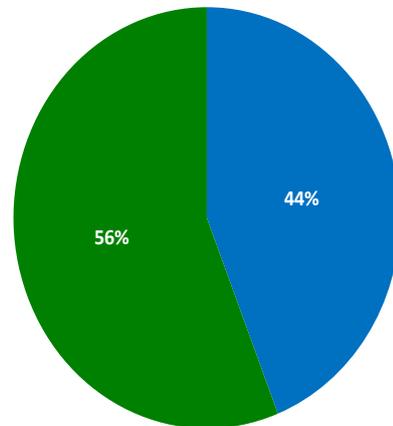
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Burns, Trauma Physiology, Sepsis and Hypothermia – Critical Care 3



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Cardiac and Nutritional Physiology – Critical Care 4

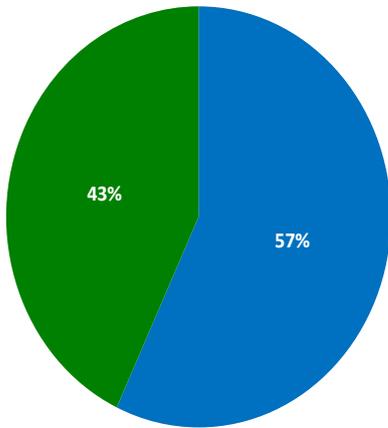


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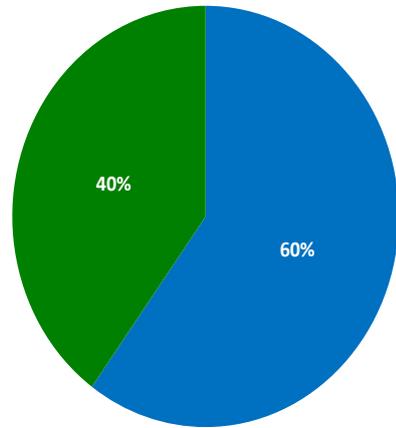
Saturday 15th January 2022 Revision of Surgical Anatomy and Surgical Pathology:

Dissection Room – Skull Base



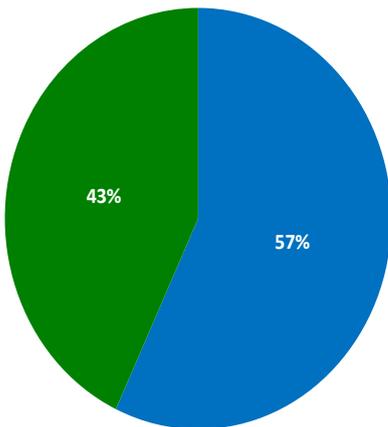
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Dissection Room – Face and Neck



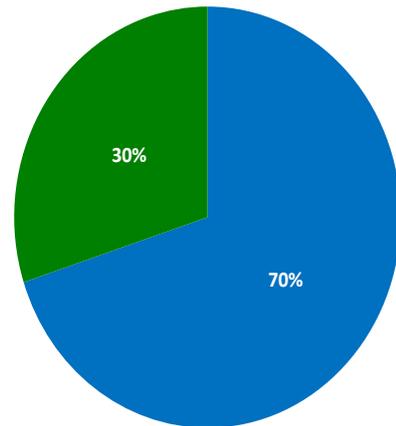
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Dissection Room – Abdomen and Pelvis



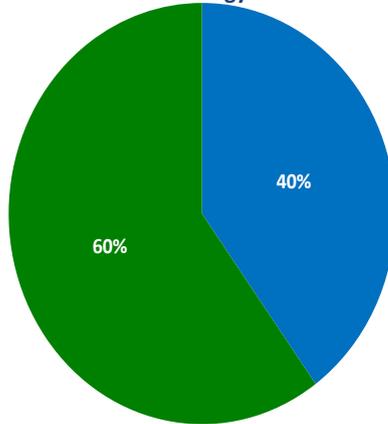
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Dissection Room – Upper Limb with Osteology



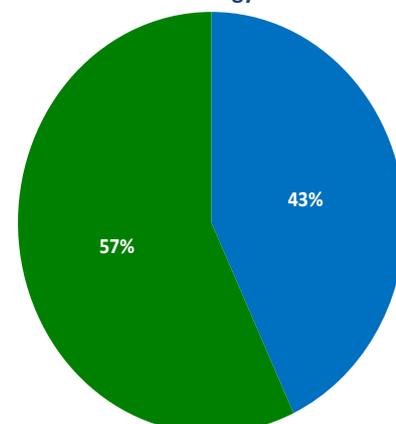
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Dissection Room – Hip to Knee with Osteology



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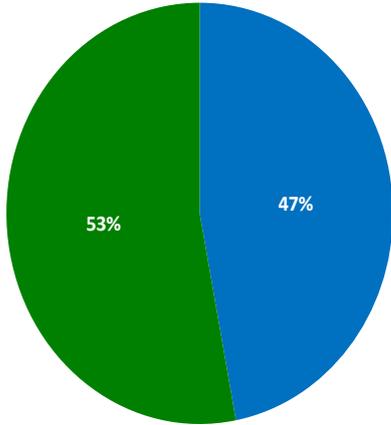
Dissection Room – Knee to Foot with Osteology



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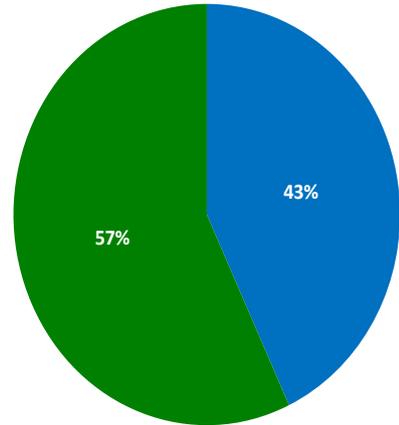
Overall Feedback

Pathology – Dysphagia, Barrett’s and Oesophageal Cancer



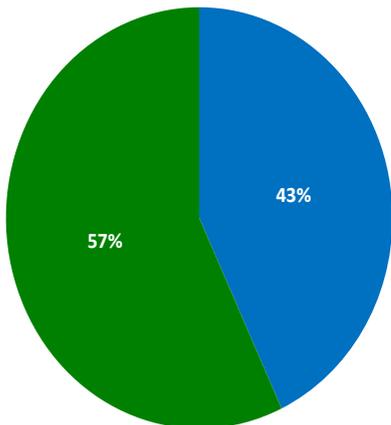
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Pathology – Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



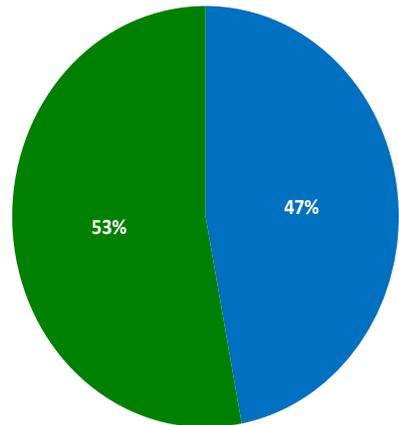
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Pathology – Polyps, Colorectal Cancers and Colectomies



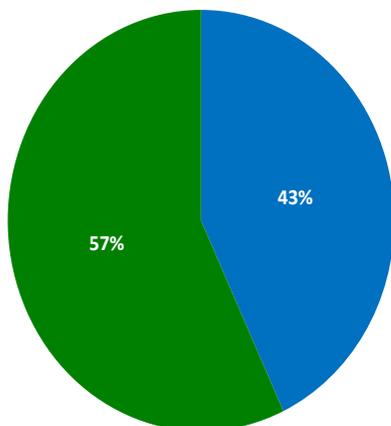
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Pathology – Inguinoscrotal Swellings and Testicular Cancers



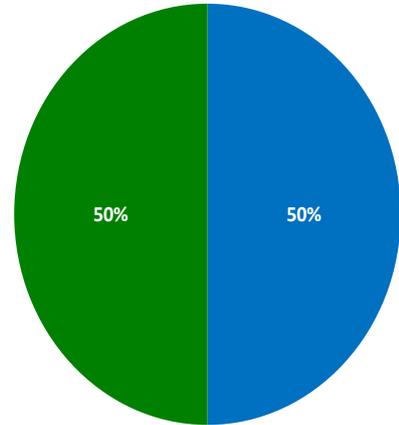
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Pathology – Prostate Pathologies and Cancer



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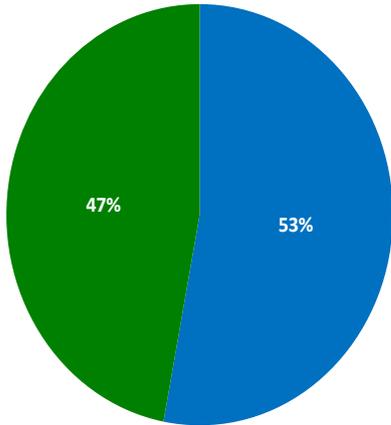
Pathology – Salivary Gland Swelling and Tumours



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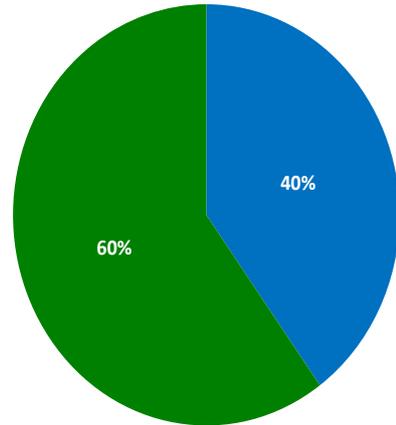
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Pathology – Breast Pathologies and Cancers



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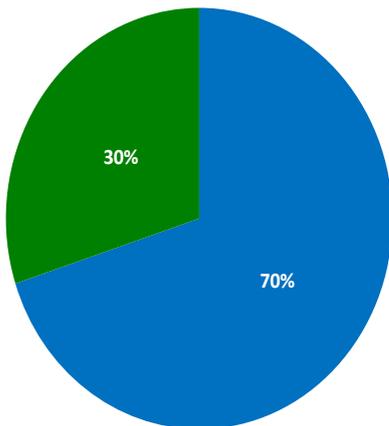
Pathology – Lung Cancer



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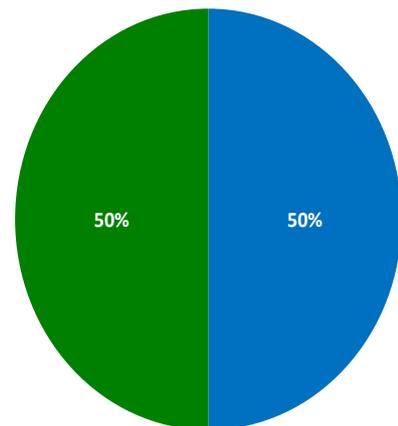
Sunday 16th January 2022 Clinical Examination and Communication Skills:

Examination of the Hip and Knee



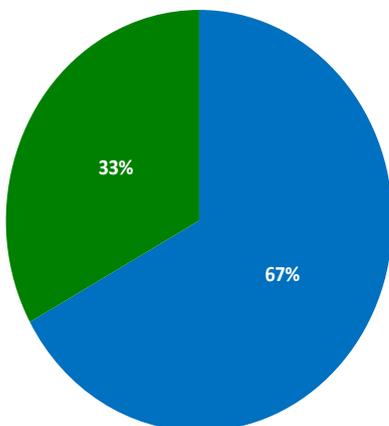
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Examination of the Shoulder and Back



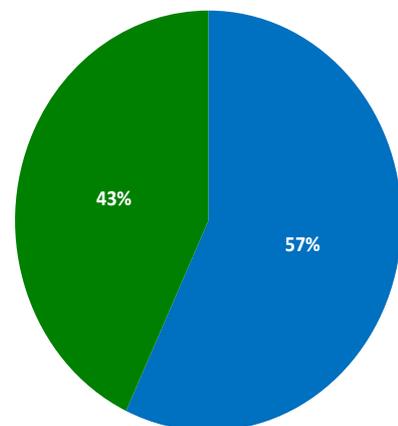
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



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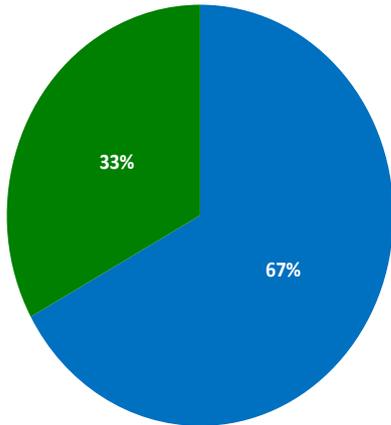
Examination of the Neck and Thyroid



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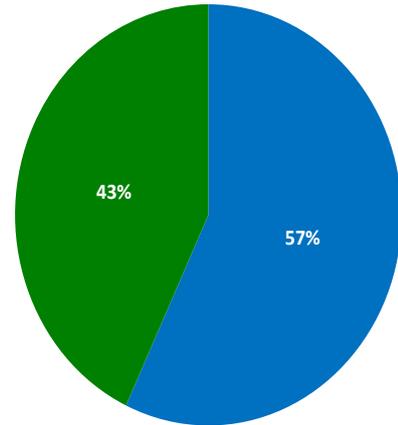
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Examination of the Abdomen



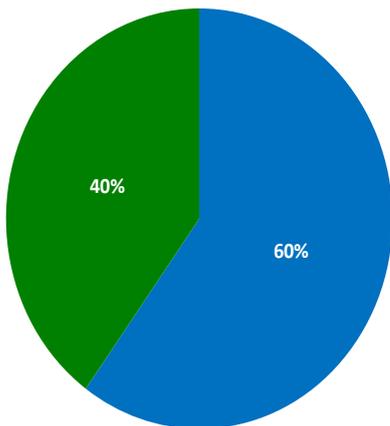
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Varicose Veins and Arterial Examination



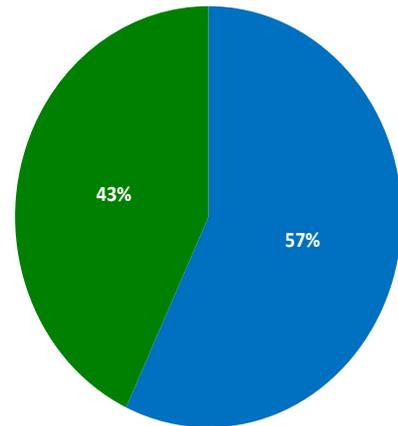
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Communication Skills –History Taking for a Breast Lump



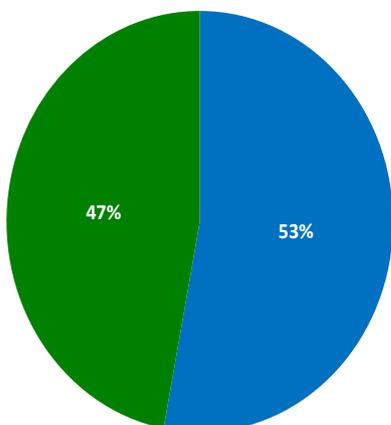
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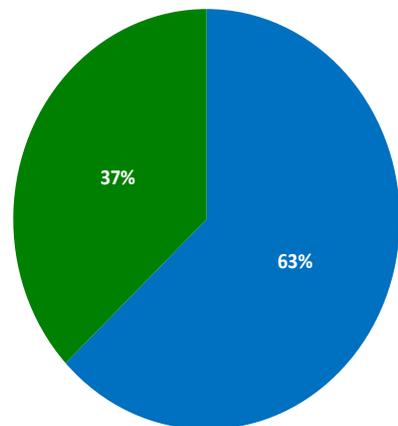
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Communication Skills –Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



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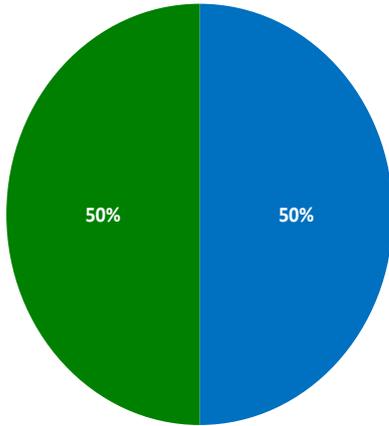
Communication Skills – Consent for Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy



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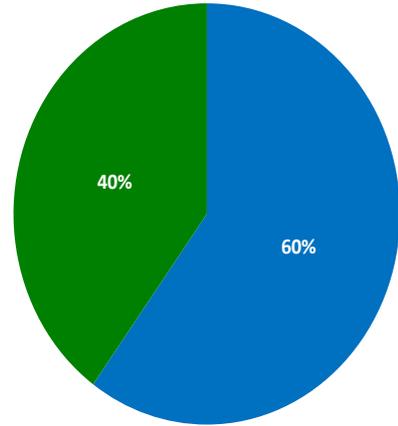
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Communication Skills - Self Discharge



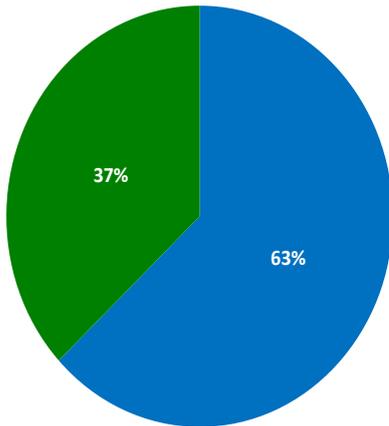
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Communication Skills - Cancelled Operation



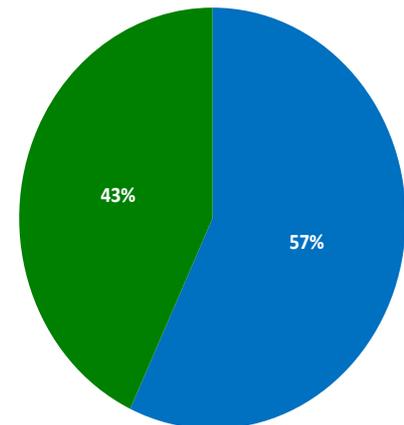
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Communication Skills – Confused Patient



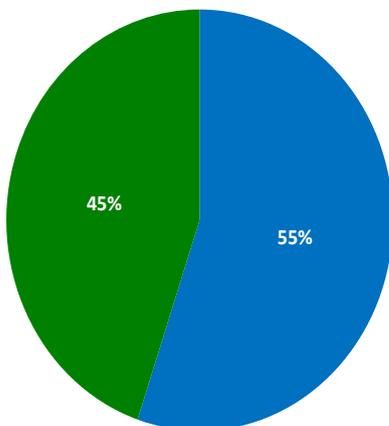
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Communication Skills – Back Pain (Metastatic Cancer)



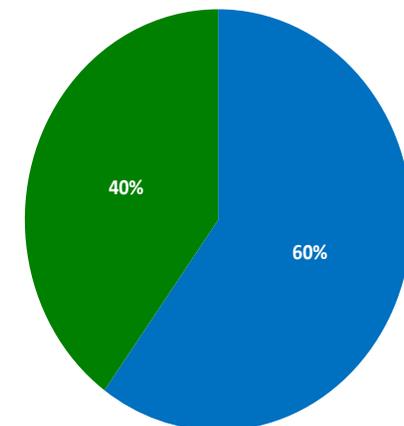
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Communication Skills – Acoustic Neuroma



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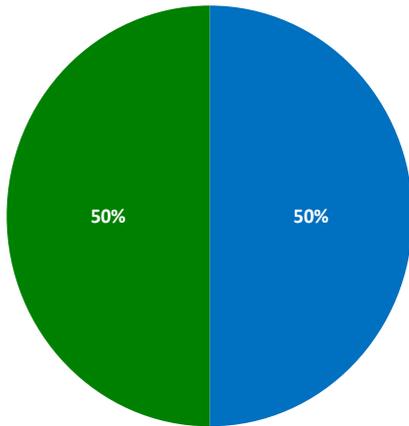
Communication Skills – Consent for Superficial Parotidectomy



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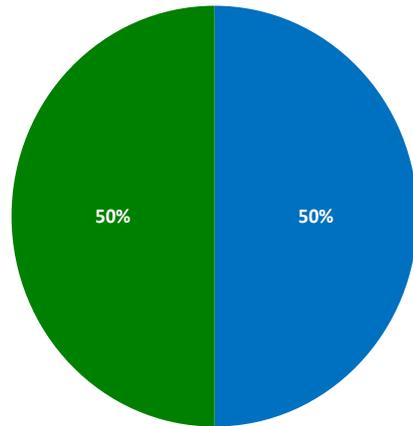
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How were the facilities and venue?



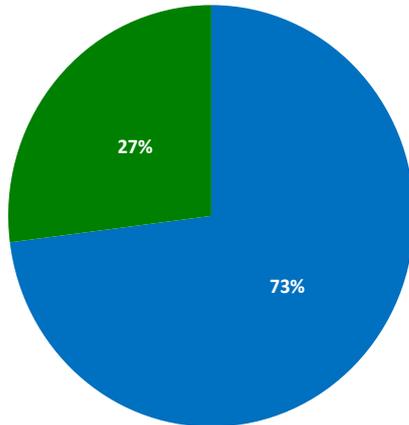
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



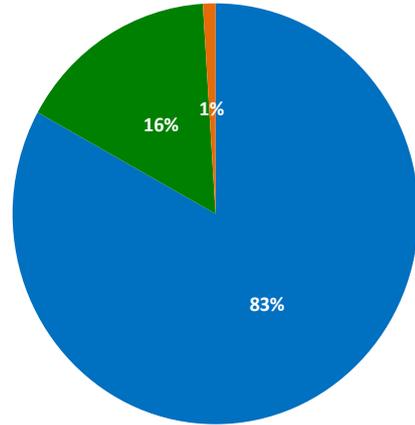
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



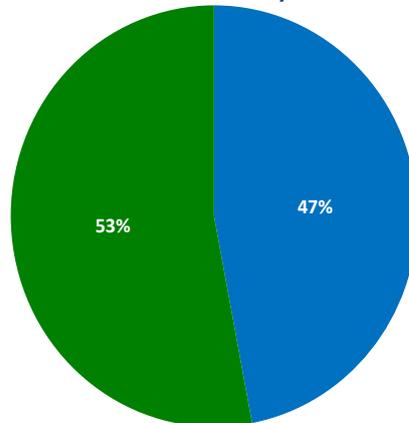
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

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

Excellent teaching from all faculty. Of particular note though were Prof Enoch and Connor.

CA

Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore

Excellent and well run course, very relevant to the topic material.

DM

University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, UK

Good course for quick mrcs revision.

YT

North Manchester General, Manchester, UK

I really liked the course as it helped me a lot with understanding difficult topics and figuring out my weaknesses so I can focus on them before my exam.

AS

Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad

It was excellent, I thought the pace was good because we didn't hang around wasting time and got through loads. The exam tips were helpful and I came away feeling confident that I could now learn the material - when I felt like it was unattainable before. I also came away feeling more enthused about my job in general. I would like to especially commend teaching by Connor and Professor Enoch. Connor taught the skull base in a way that I have never come across before but it suddenly made sense for the first time ever. I am so grateful. Prof's knowledge and professionalism were outstanding, I can't believe how long he lectured for and kept us engaged on the first two days. Everything he said felt like a key piece of advice and was helpful for the exam. On top of this, I made some new fantastic people and that's always great.

ER

Addenbrooke's, Cambridge, UK

Amazing.

EO

Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds, UK

Very well run course, intense but lots of useful information. Some of the faculty were very knowledgeable and shared great insights into the exam!

SN

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK

Amazing.

SH

Watford General Hospital, Watford, UK

Individual Comments

Excellent course feel more confident for the exam.

AP
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Course was comprehensive and relevant to the exam.

BA
Queen Elizabeth, Birmingham, UK

Very good!

KB
Musgrove Park Hospital, England, UK

High standard! Satisfactory!

OK
Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds, UK

Great course, very relevant.

JH
Morrison Hospital, Wales, UK

Very well organised and useful.

MK
Morrison Hospital, Wales, UK

Great course faculty very knowledgeable especially prof Enoch. Particularly good teaching from Conor (neurosurgery). Everyone was very helpful and friendly forgot names but the 2 ladies present everyday.

RO
Musgrove Park Hospital, England, UK

Very useful course for mrccs preparation.

SP
West Middlesex University Hospital, Isleworth, UK

Overall very thorough course. Really enjoyed it. Really well structured.

ZI
Royal Liverpool Hospital, Liverpool, UK

Individual Comments

I would recommend this course to anyone who would be appearing for the MRCS part B exam. Since the course is structured very well, it is very helpful to anyone who attends it. It is very intense since a vast portion is covered. Since I have done by training abroad, it was very helpful for me considering getting a complete orientation to the exams. The presentations covered everything needed. The teaching faculty was humble, fantastic and very interactive .The program co-ordinator's and teaching faculty were very helpful and kind through out the course. Thank you for imparting a vast amount of knowledge in such a short duration.

SG



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