

Cardiff MRCS Part B OSCE Programme (Five-Day Attendance Course and Online Educational Content)



Feedback - January 2026

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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

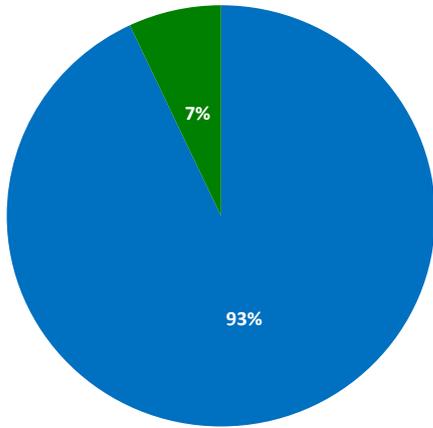
Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	21st - 25th January 2026
Attendance:	40 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£945.00



Overall Feedback

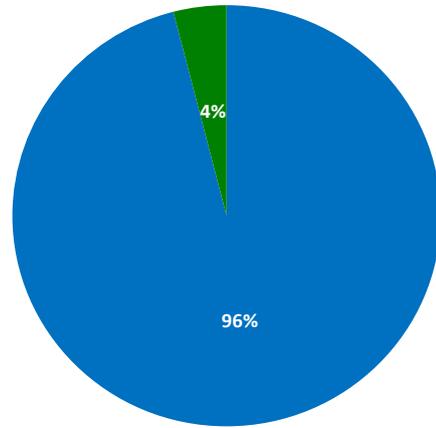
Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January 2026

Skull Base, Head and Face



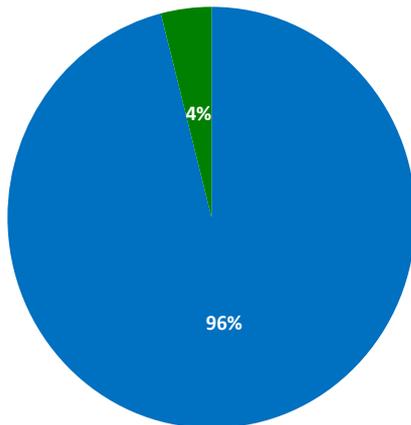
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Neck, Larynx, Soft Palate, and Pharynx



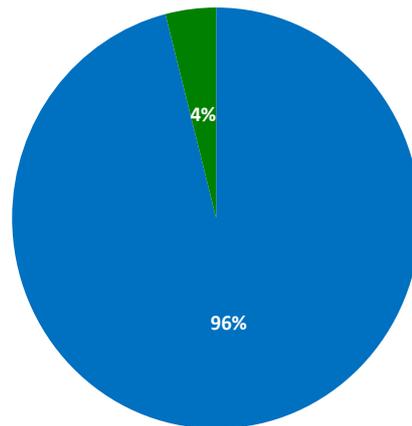
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Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart, and Lungs



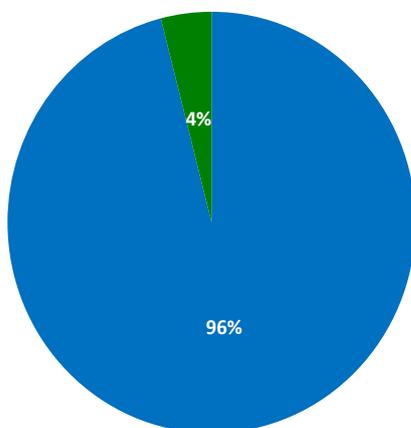
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Brachial Plexus, Upper Limb and Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



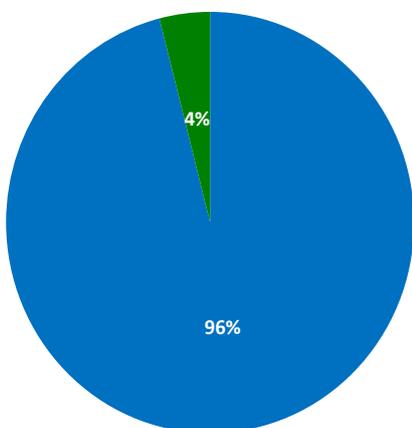
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General Abdomen



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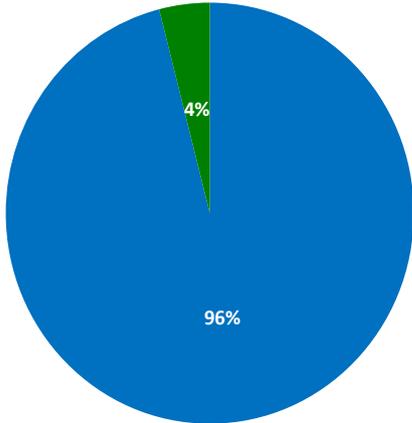
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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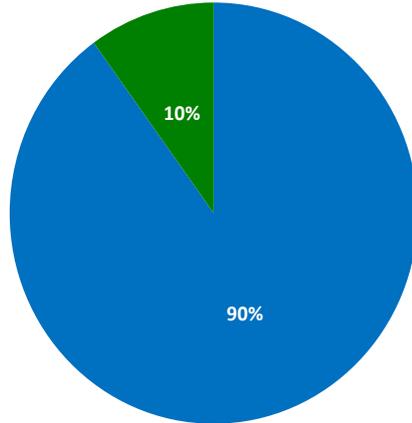
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Pelvis and Perineum



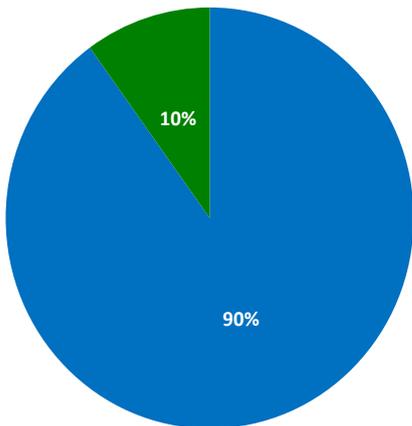
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



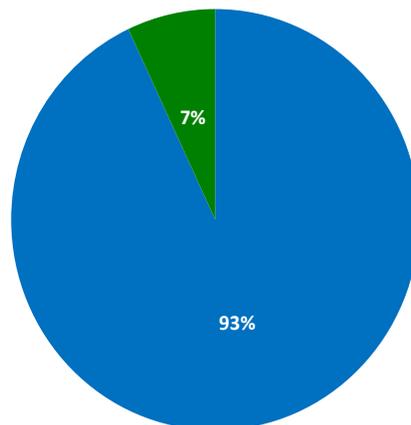
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Lumbosacral Plexus, Lower Limb and Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



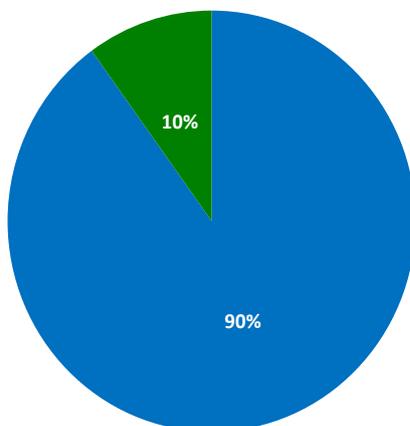
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Pathology: Lumps and Skin Cancers (Malignant Melanoma and Non-Melanoma)



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Pathology: Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers

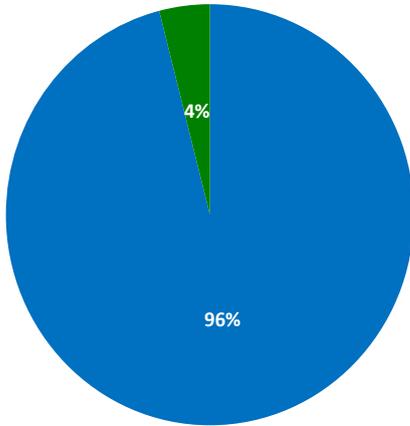


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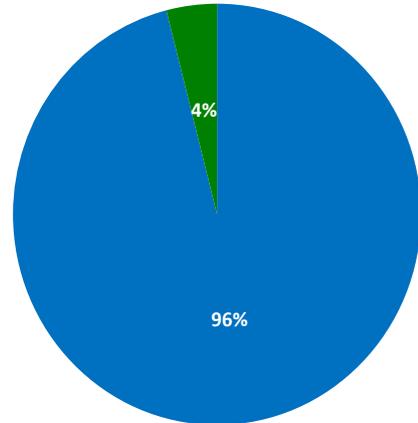
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Knot Tying



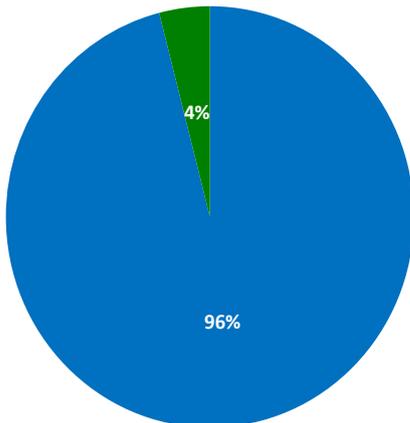
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Excision of a Lesion, Suturing, Sutures, and Suture Materials



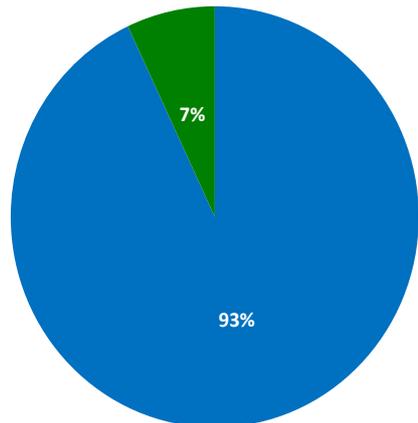
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Chest Drain Insertion



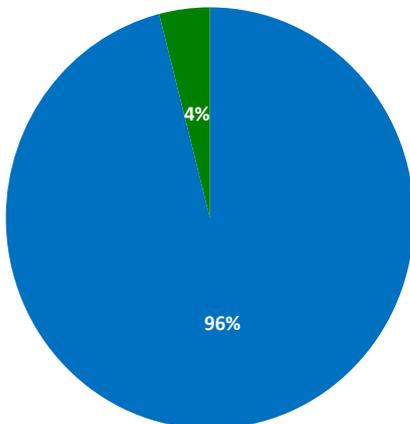
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ABG and Cannulation



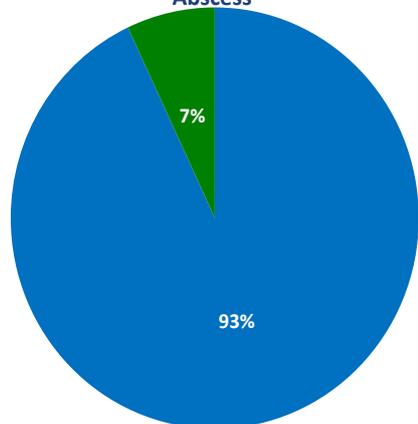
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Catheterisation



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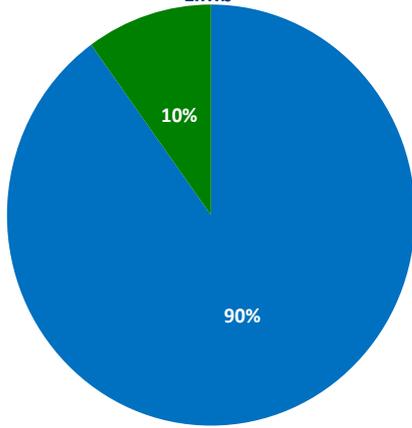
Wound Debridement and Drainage of an Abscess



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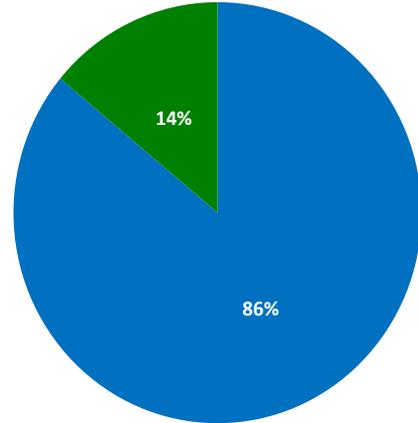
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Osteology of the Upper Limb and Lower Limb



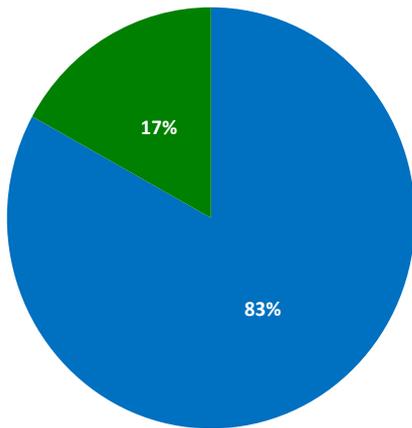
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Physiology 1: Subarachnoid Haemorrhage and Death by Neurological Criteria



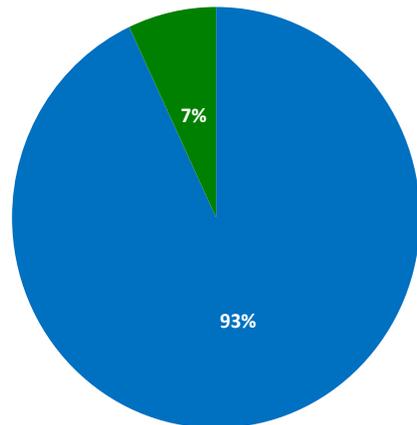
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Physiology 2: Epidural and Hypothermia



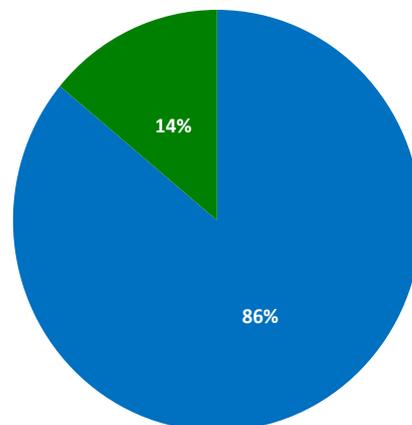
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Physiology 3: Malignant Hyperthermia, ARDS, and Pulmonary Oedema



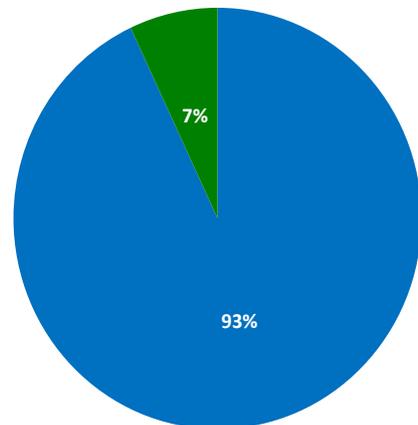
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Physiology 4: Cardiac Physiology, Bleeding and Coagulation, and Post-Op AAA



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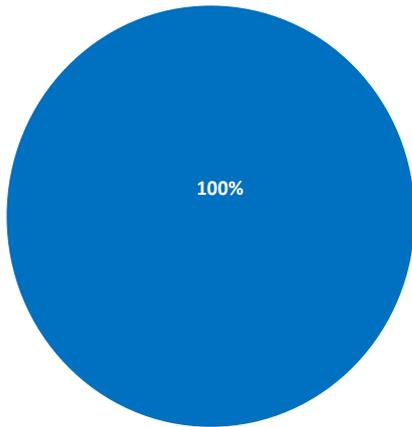
Physiology 5: Acid Base Balance, Calcium Homeostasis, and Renal Physiology



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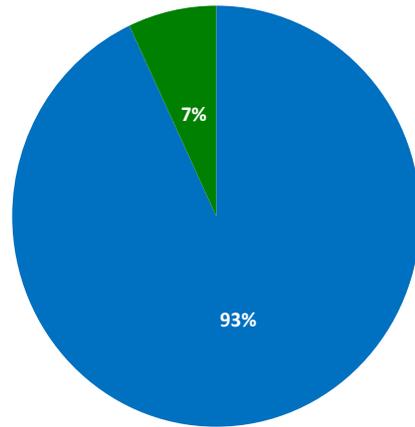
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Physiology 6 (Burns)



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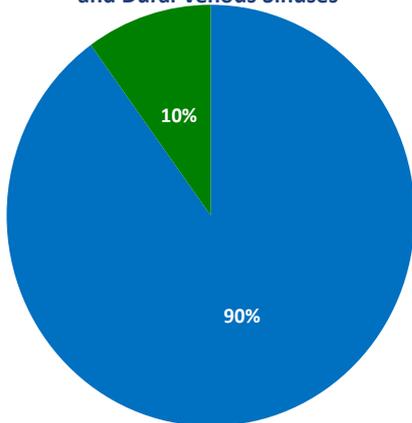
Theatre List Prioritisation



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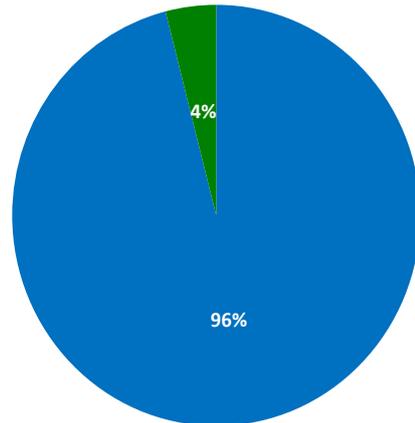
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Dissection Room: Skull Base, Circle of Willis, and Dural Venous Sinuses



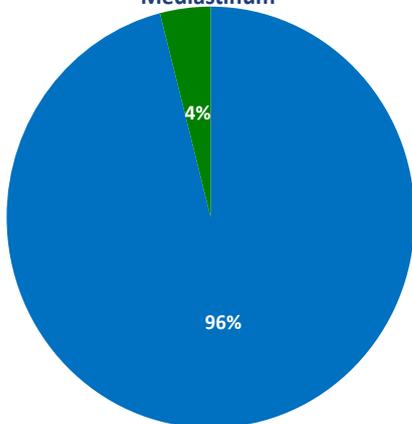
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Dissection Room - Face and Neck



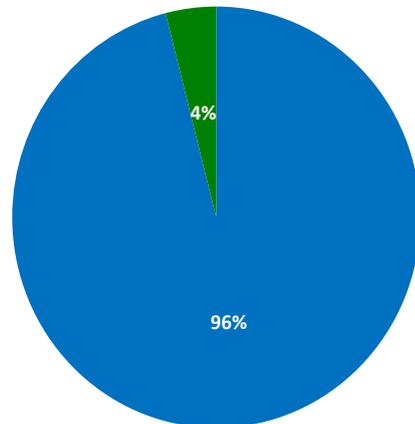
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Dissection Room: Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



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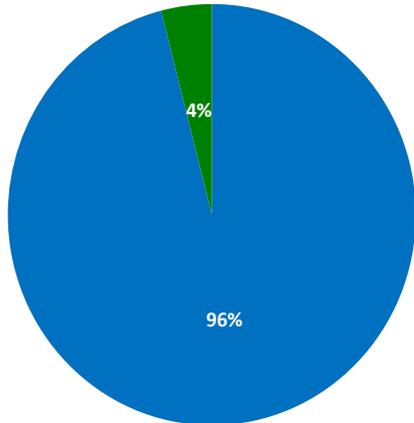
Dissection Room: Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



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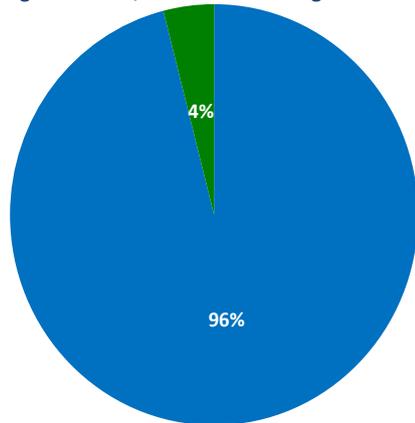
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Dissection Room: Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



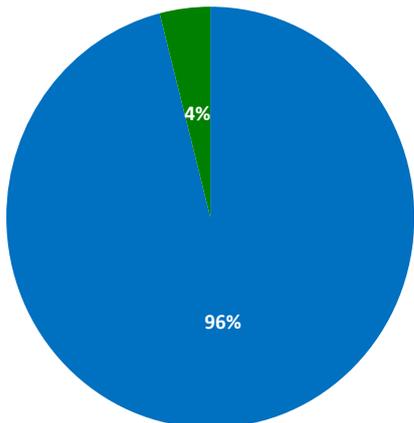
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Dissection Room: Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, and Small and Large Intestine



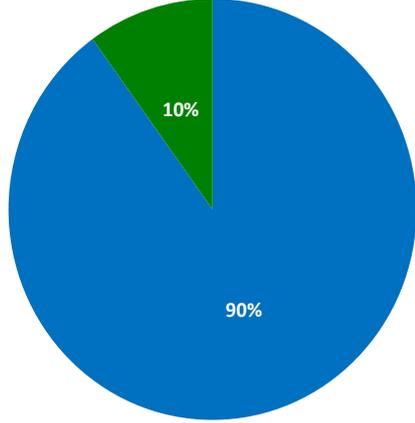
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Dissection Room: Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder, Pancreas, and Kidneys) and Stomach



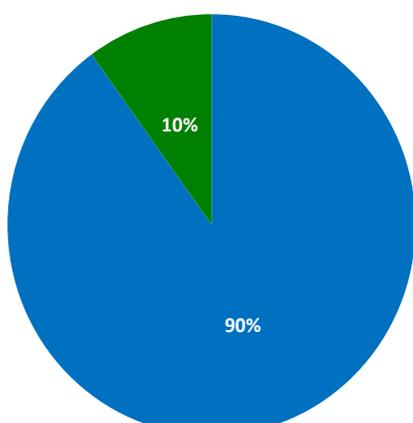
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Pathology 1: GI Pathology (Dysphagia, Barrett's, IBD, Polyps, Cancers)



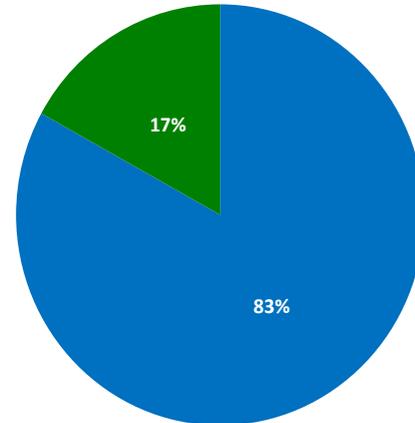
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Pathology 2: GU Pathology (Inguinoscrotal Swellings; Cancers of the Testis, Prostate, Kidney, and Bladder)



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

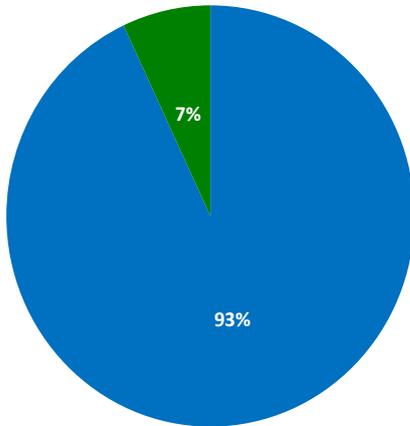


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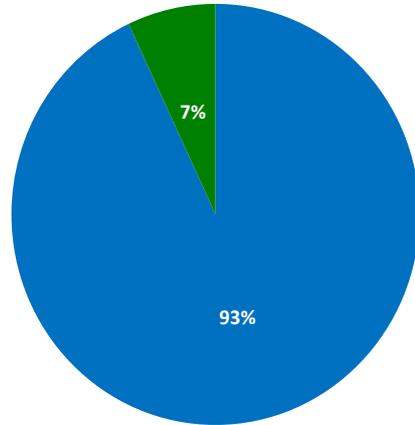
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



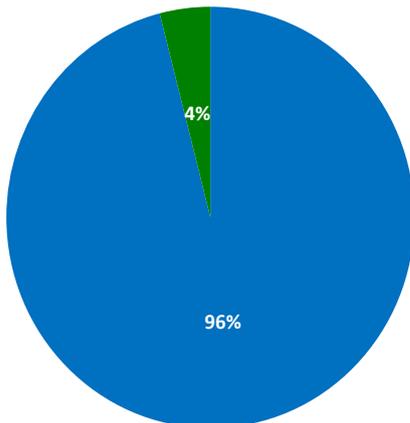
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Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



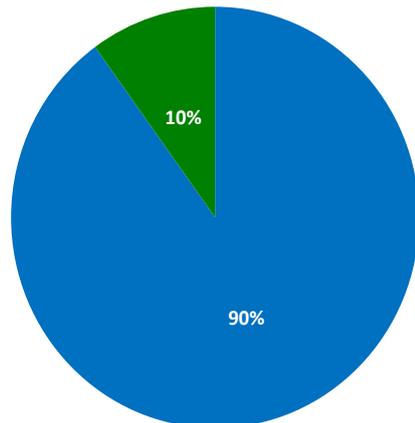
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Examination of the Hip and Knee



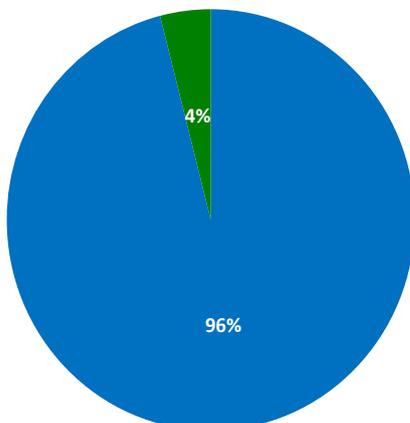
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Examination of the Shoulder and Back



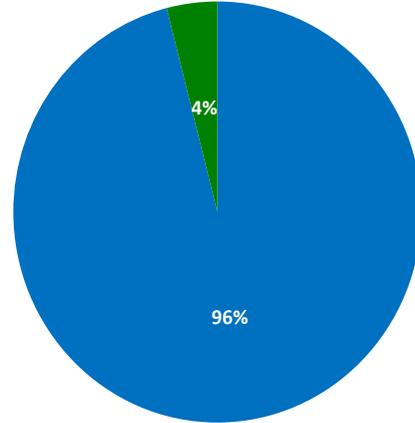
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Examination of the Abdomen and Abdominal Conditions



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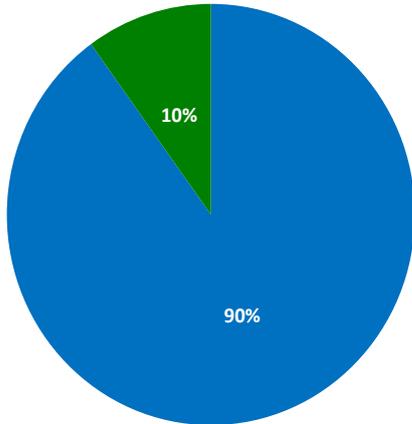
Examination of the Arterial and Venous Systems



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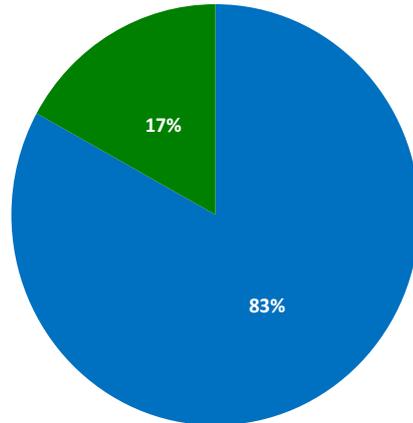
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Examination of the Neck and Salivary Glands



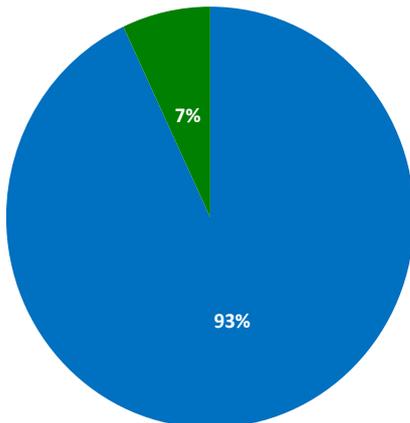
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Communication Skills: Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma, Consent for Superficial Parotidectomy, and Information Giving for Grave's Disease



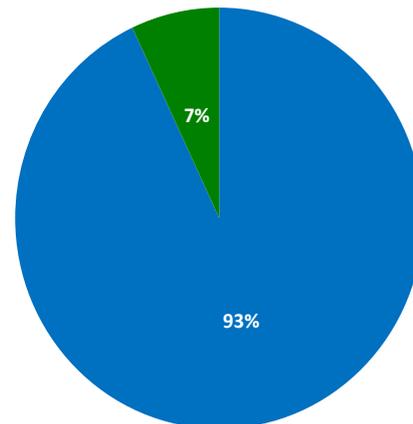
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Communication Skills: History Taking for Metastatic Back Pain, Explaining Anticoagulation, and Referral to Neurosurgical Centre



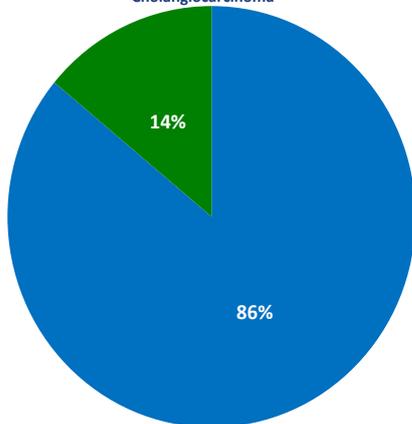
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Communication Skills: Cancelled Operation, Self-Discharge, and Information Giving for Broken CT Scanner



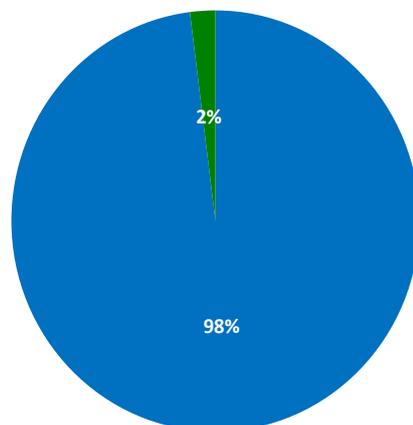
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Communication Skills: Telephone Conversation with the Consultant, Information Giving for Compartment Syndrome and Fasciotomy, and Breaking Bad News for Non-Operable Cholangiocarcinoma



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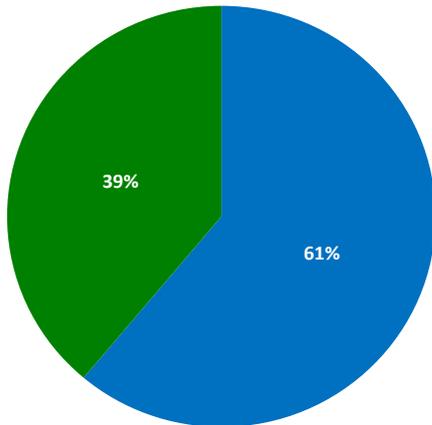
Communication Skills: History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



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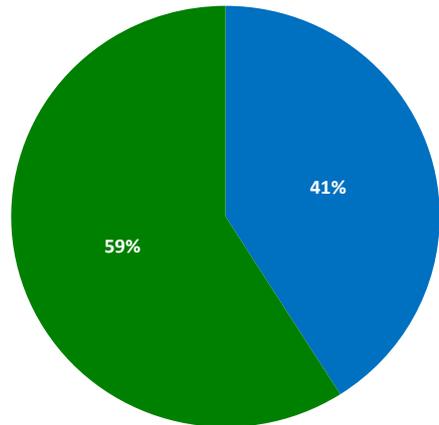
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How were the facilities and venue?



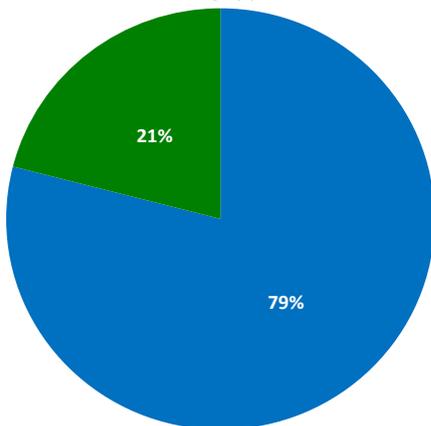
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



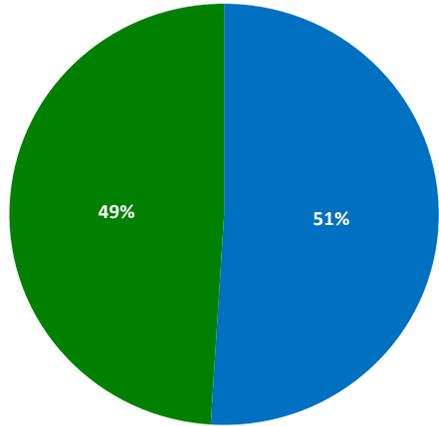
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



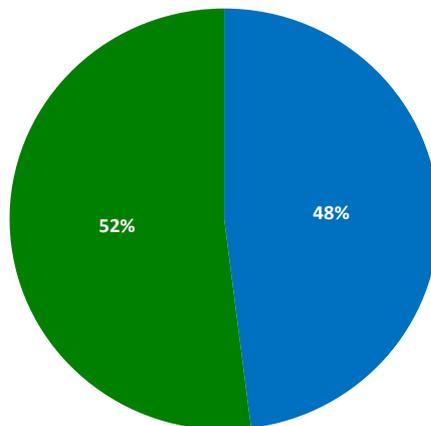
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Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



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

Did this course meet your learning objectives and help you to prepare for the exam?



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

Individual Comments

Really good teaching, especially anatomy. Not just to pass the exam but prepare us for our jobs too which felt useful.

AA

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, UK

Couldn't be more perfect.

SV

Royal Derby Hospital, Derby, UK

Wonderful staff. Brilliant teaching.

SM

Wigan

Excellent teaching on anatomy day and the mock OSCE was a really helpful way to test my knowledge.

WL

Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS, UK

Outstanding.

AB

Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals, UK

Very good and robust.

MO

Whiston Hospital, Prescot, UK

Really good and concise course. Appreciate the team going above and beyond, and the effective teaching.

AR

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, UK

Well organised, very helpful and friendly, genuine.

PK

Christie Hospital NHS, UK

Lots of information presented in an engaging way which helped me understand complex topics I had been stuck on.

RJ

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK

Individual Comments

As per the other doctors academy course, well planned, well designed and well executed.

SS

Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, UK

Excellent Course, covered the majority of MRCS Part B curriculum in a very short period, excellent for revision.

DA

Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, UK

Extremely impressed by the course. The volume of content we covered was exceptional.

OL

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK

Excellent. Very knowledgeable teachers and very faced paced, but understandable as lots of content to get through. Very relevant to exam content.

CB

Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull, UK



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Exam Preparation Courses

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- MRCS Part B OSCE
- MRCS (ENT) OSCE

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