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Feedback - January 2025

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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. Delegates could choose to attend the full course (which was recommended) or only the face-to-face component of the course.

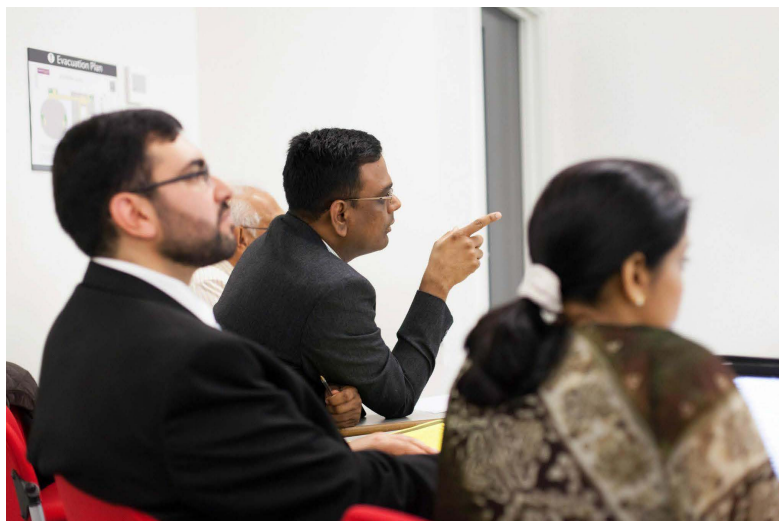
There were four evenings of interactive discussions held via Zoom before the face-to-face component. These took place on Monday 13th January, Tuesday 14th January, Wednesday 15th January and Thursday 16th January 2025. These sessions covered the following core topics in the FRCS syllabus (JCIE): Breast 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 18th and Sunday 19th January 2025 at The Christie Hospital in Manchester. On Saturday 18th January, 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 19th January, 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

Venue:	Christie Hospital, Manchester
Dates:	13th, 14th, 15th and 16th January 2025 (Online Sessions) 18th and 19th January 2025 (Face-to-Face)
Attendance:	40 Delegates
Aimed at:	ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery
Course Fee:	£580.00



Programme

18th January 2025

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

19th January 2025

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

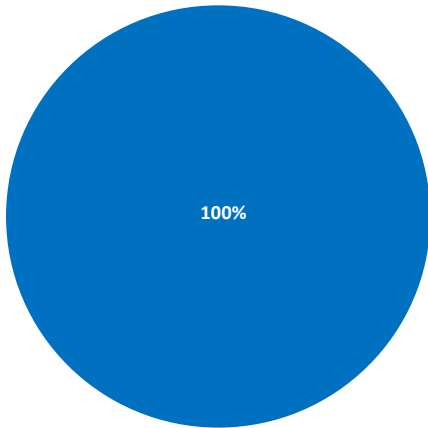
1450 - 1630 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)

1635 - 1650 Summary and Tips for Exam Success

1650 - 1700 End of Course

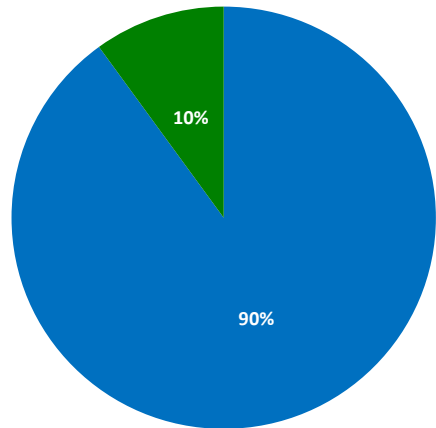
Overall Feedback

Endocrine Surgery (Mr N. Houghton)



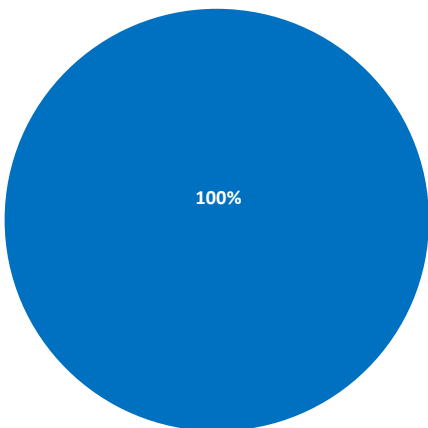
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Colorectal Surgery - Malignant (Mr P. Sutton)



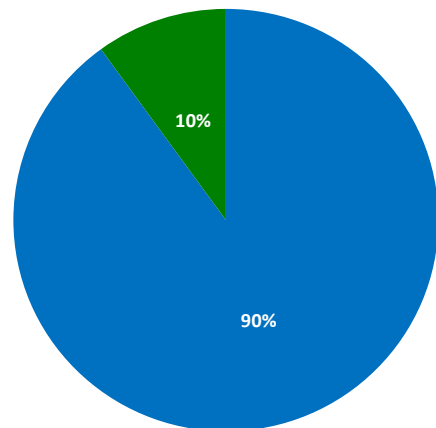
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Upper GI Surgery - Malignant (Mr A. Sud)



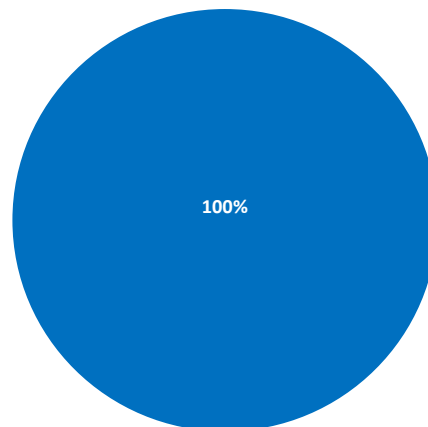
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Colorectal Surgery - Benign (Mr Rajaganesan)



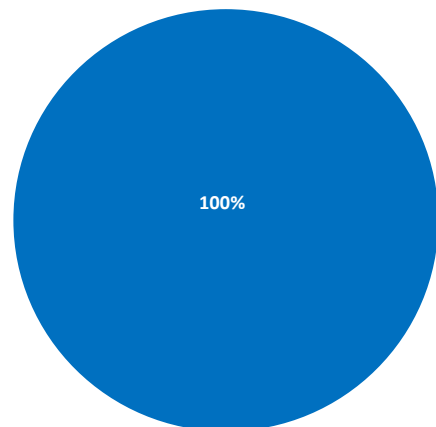
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Upper GI Surgery - Benign (Mr A. Menon)



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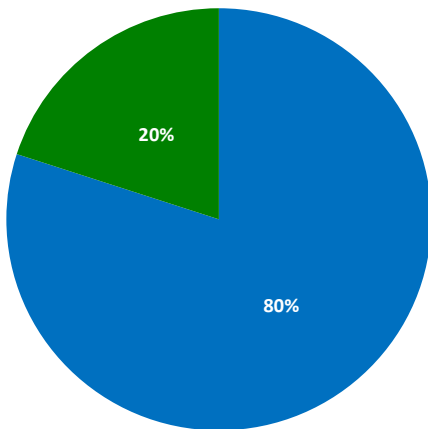
Breast Surgery (Miss J. Morgan)



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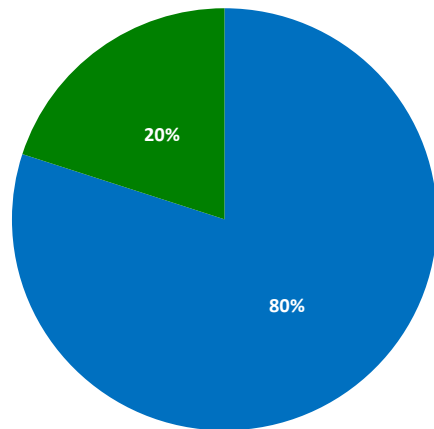
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Vascular Surgery (Mr D. Ormesher)



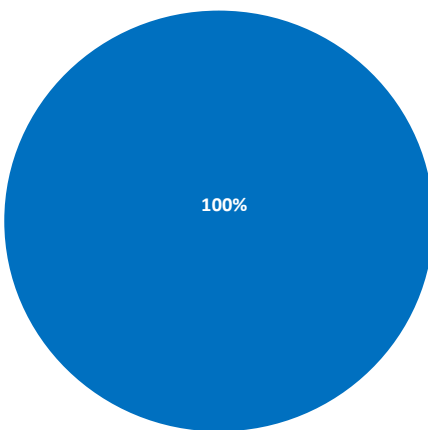
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Transplant Surgery (Mr C. Chalklin)



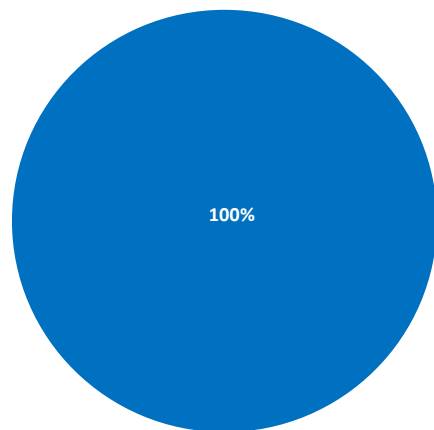
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General Viva



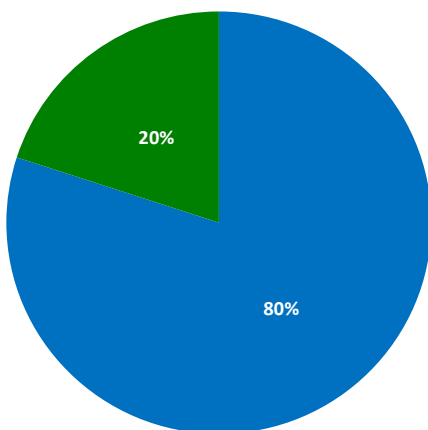
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Trauma and Critical Care Viva



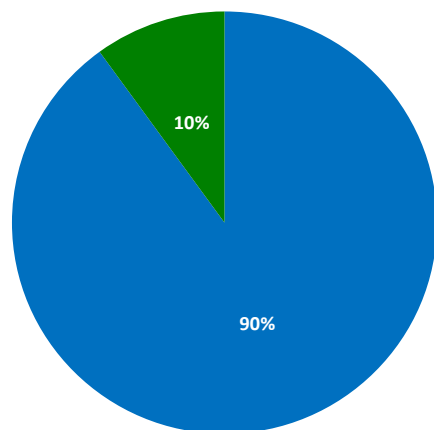
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Sub-Specialty Viva



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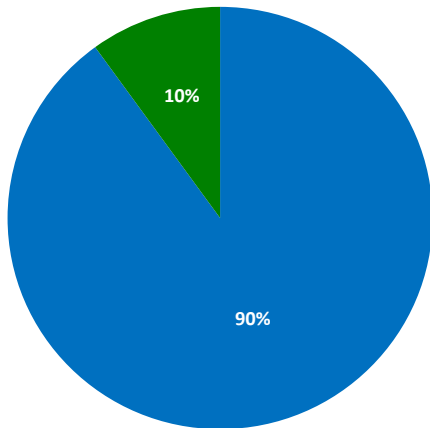
Academic Viva



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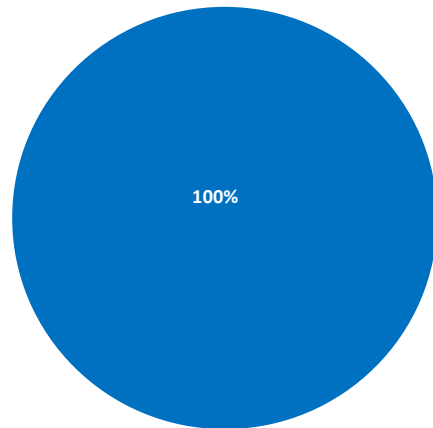
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Mock Viva



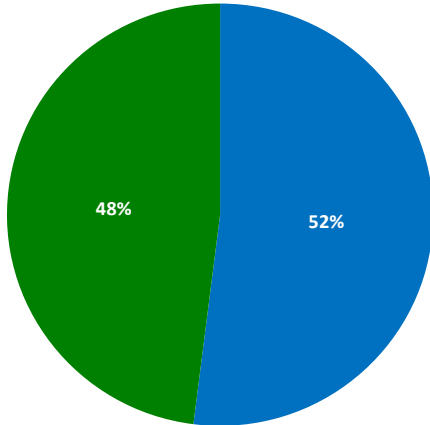
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Clinical Examination



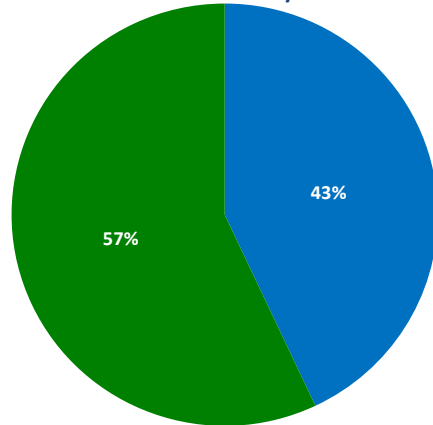
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



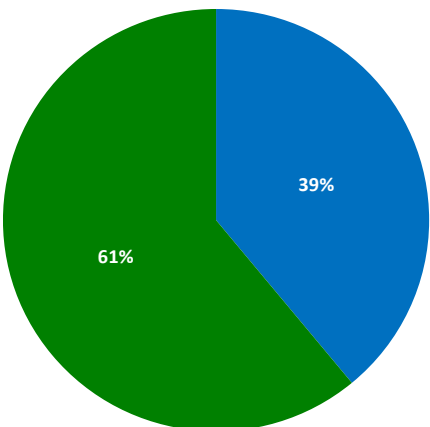
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Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



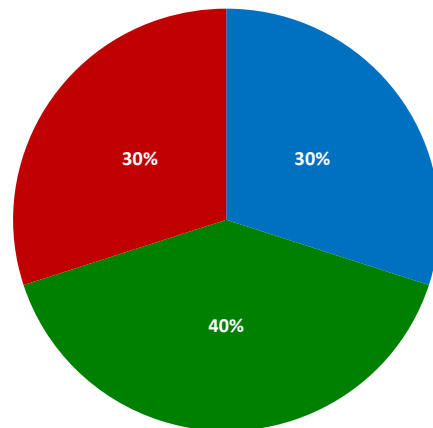
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Did this course meet your learning objectives and help you to prepare for the exam?



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

If you attended, did you enjoy the course dinner on Saturday evening?



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not At All ■ Did Not Attend

Individual Comments

Very helpful and great.

FN
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK

Breast session was excellent.

AT
Bedford Hospital NHS Trust, UK

Faculty were very good and I appreciate their advice especially Mr. Ammar, and Mr. Abdellatif. The colorectal surgeons in general were amazing.

MA
Glan Clwyd Hospital, Rhyl, UK

Scottish colorectal consultant was very encouraging and provided good feedback. Breast surgeons were also very thorough and I took a lot from them as its not my speciality.

KE
Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool, UK

Excellent and supportive.

MB
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, UK

The in person viva sessions provided good feedback and was excellent practice.

JN
North Bristol NHS, UK

All faculty were fantastic, I particularly benefitted from Ammar Eltweri, Azhar, Pradeep, Mo Abdelatif as their subspecialty is the same as mine. The rest of the faculty were also equally excellent.

SH
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS, UK

I found all the faculty members highly engaging and responsive. All topics were delivered in a helpful fashion.

PP
Ulster Hospital, Dundonald, UK

Enthusiastic and knowledgeable faculty.

DS
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK

Overall friendly and engaging faculty.

NA
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, UK



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