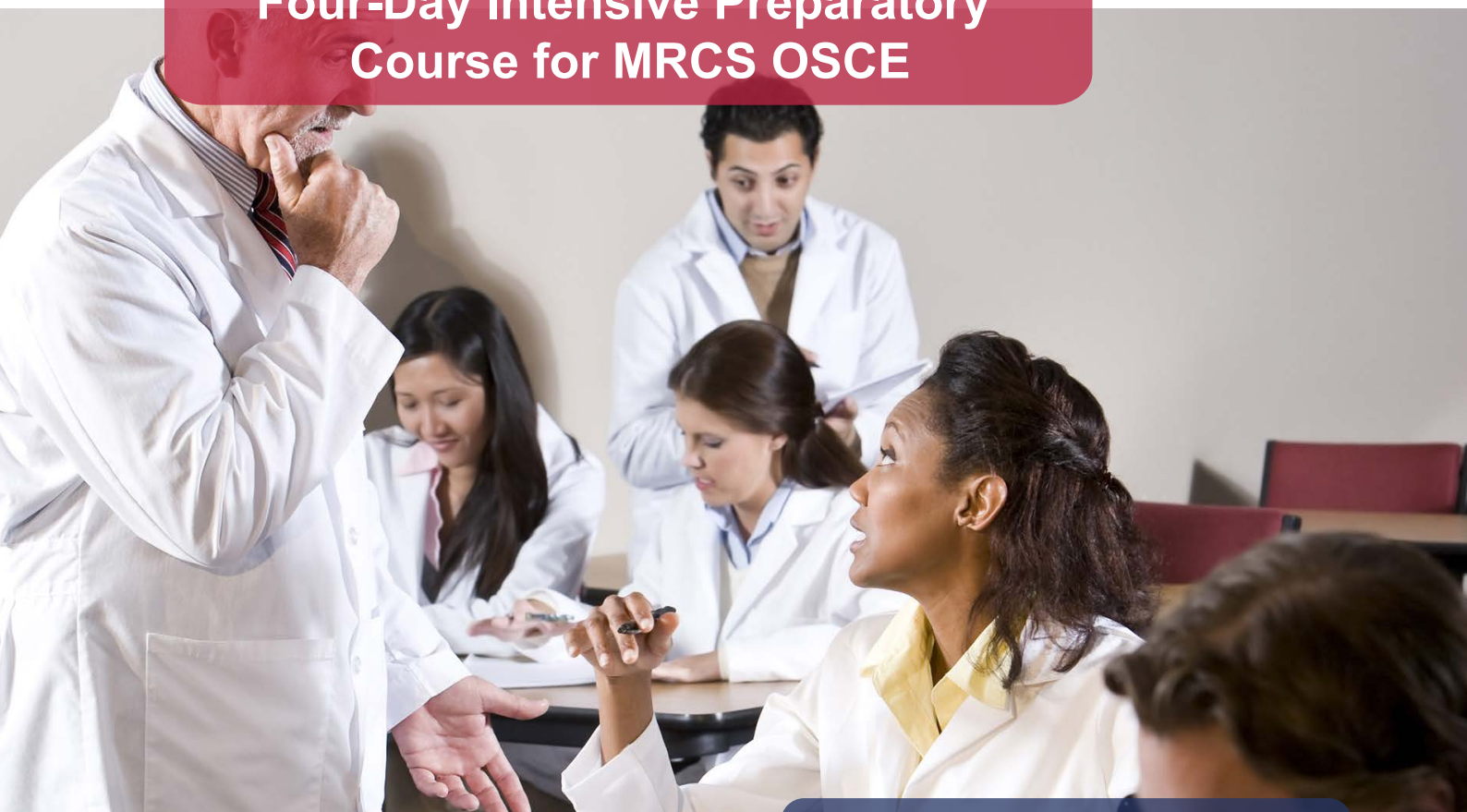


Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course: Four-Day Intensive Preparatory Course for MRCS OSCE



Feedback - February 2022

Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course: Four-Day Intensive Preparatory Course for MRCS OSCE

This four-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 four days). This course was only suitable for those who have done a good amount of prior revision and were preparing to sit the exam 2 to 3 weeks later.

Day 1 focussed on the knowledge component, with emphasis primarily placed on surgical anatomy and surgical pathology. Day 2 was divided into a morning session that covered clinical and procedural skills and an afternoon session that covered applied surgical sciences and critical care. Day 3 consisted of small group teaching using anatomical prosections, relevant pathological specimens, and osteology. A mock OSCE took place during the afternoon. Day 4 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.

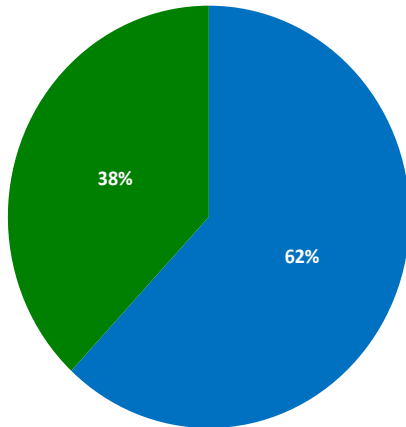
Course Information

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| Venue: | College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University |
| Dates: | 27th - 30th January 2022 |
| Attendance: | 36 Delegates |
| Aimed at: | Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination |
| Course Fee: | £795.00 |



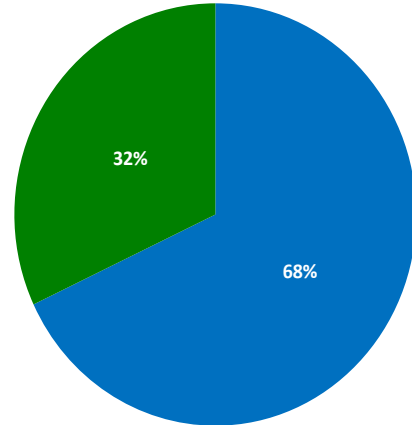
Overall Feedback

How was the clarity of the sessions?



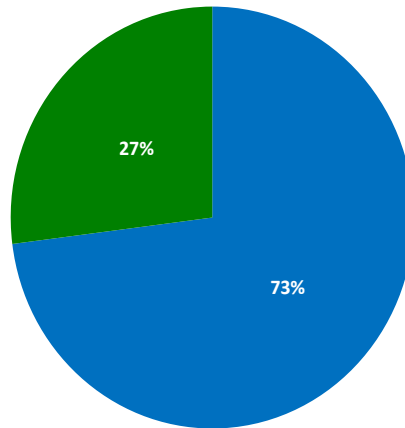
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



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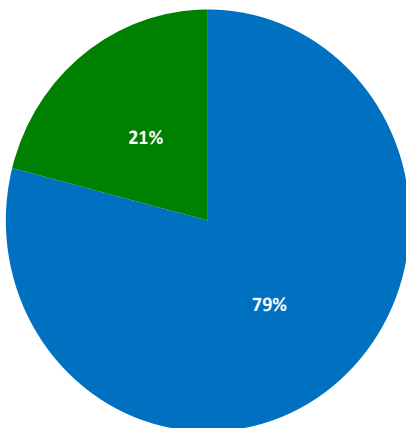
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your studies?



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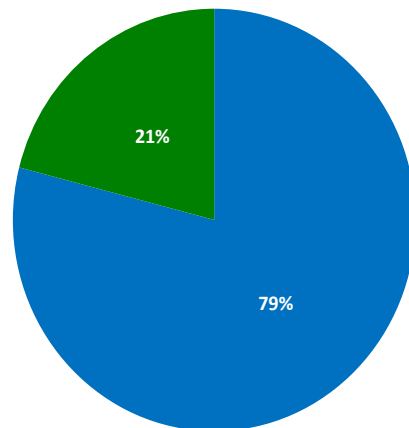
Thursday 27th January: Surgical Anatomy and Relevant Pathology:

Skull Base, Head and Face



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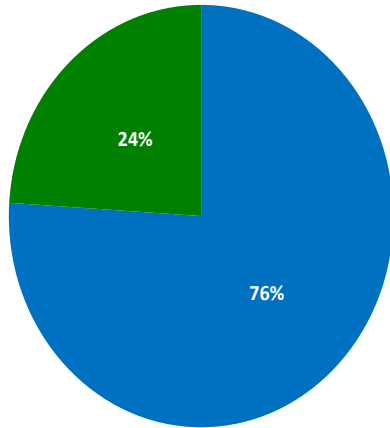
Neck, Neck Swellings, Larynx



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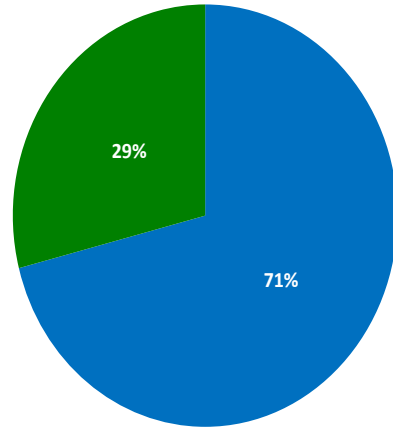
Overall Feedback

Thorax, Mediastinum and Oesophagus



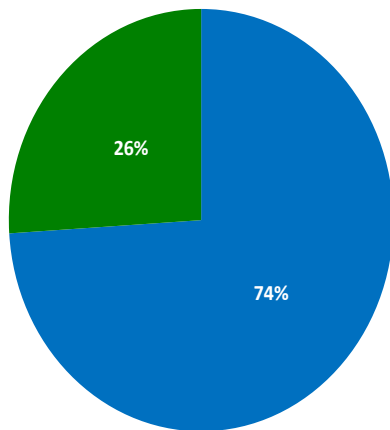
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Heart and Lung



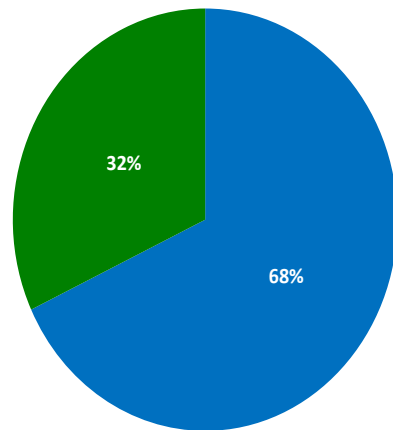
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Brachial Plexus and Upper Limb



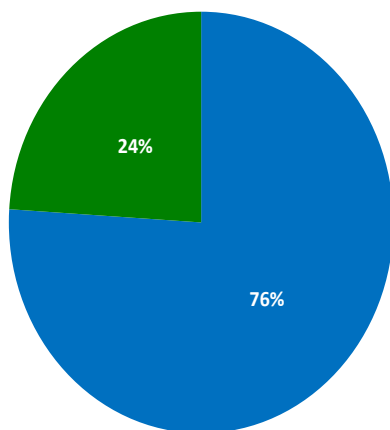
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Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



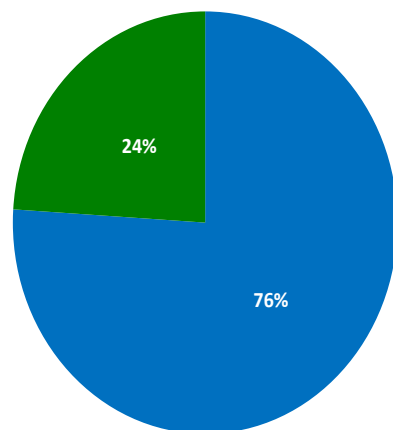
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General Abdomen



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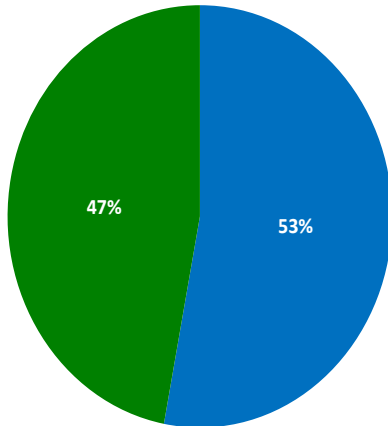
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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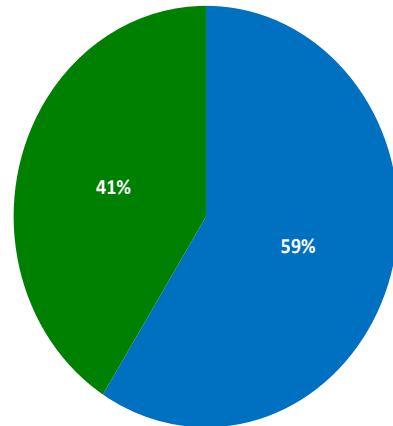
Overall Feedback

Pelvis and Perineum



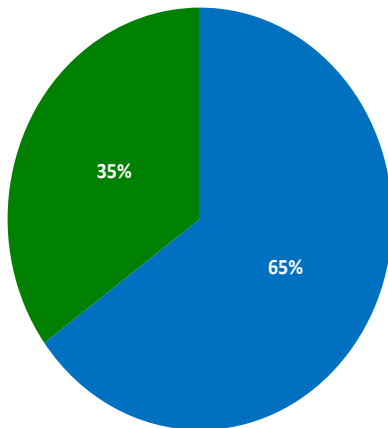
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



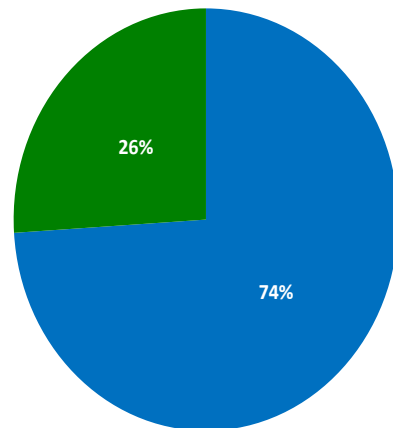
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Lumbosacral Plexus



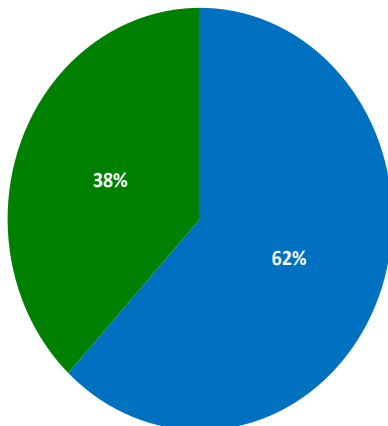
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Lower Limb



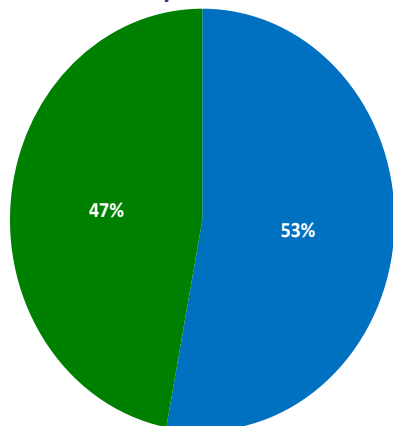
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Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



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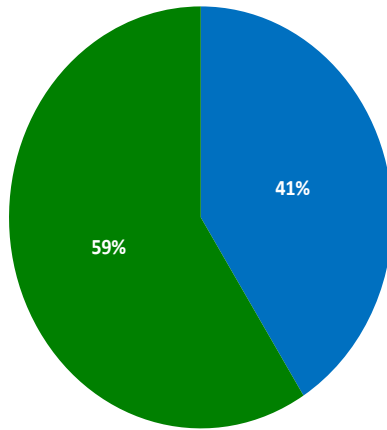
Pathology – Carcinoid Tumour and Syndrome



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Overall Feedback

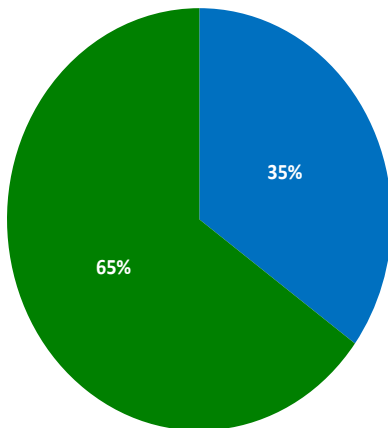
Pathology – Pheochromocytoma



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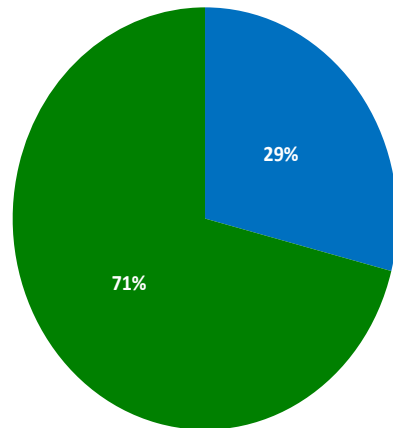
Friday 28th January 2022: Clinical and Procedural Skills; Applied Surgical Sciences

Cannulation and ABG Results



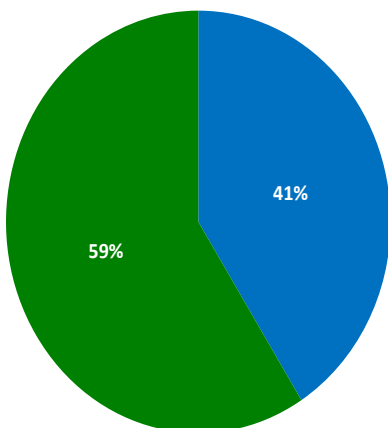
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Catheterisation and Pelvic Trauma



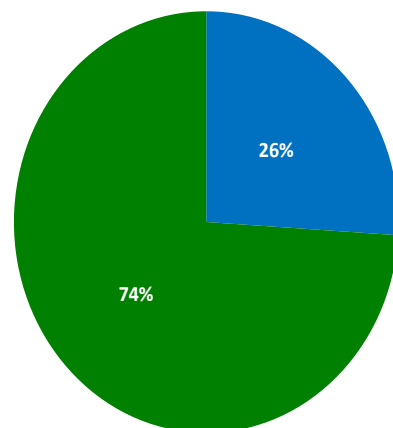
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Wound Debridement



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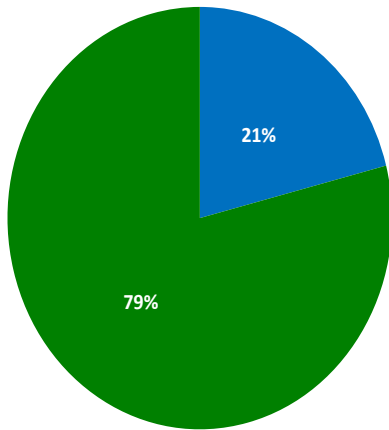
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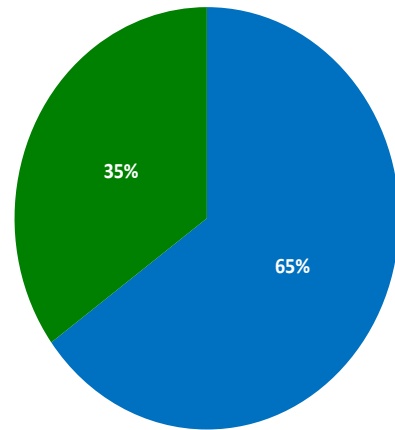
Overall Feedback

Chest Drain Insertion (Discussion)



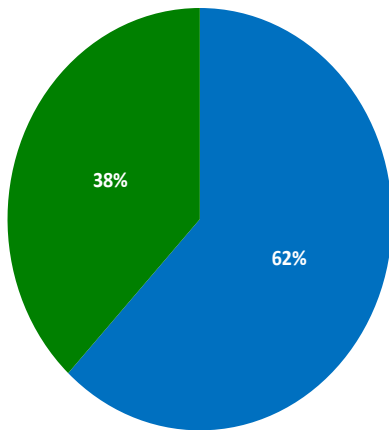
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Knot Tying



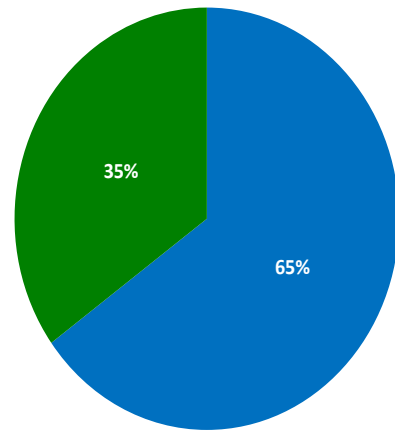
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Excision of a Lesion



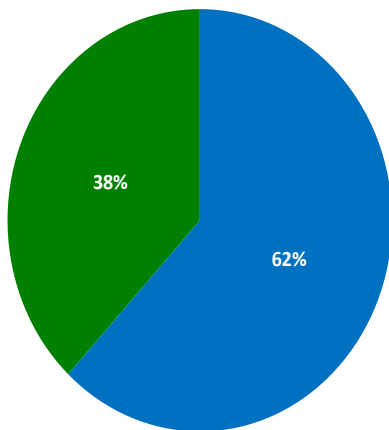
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Suturing



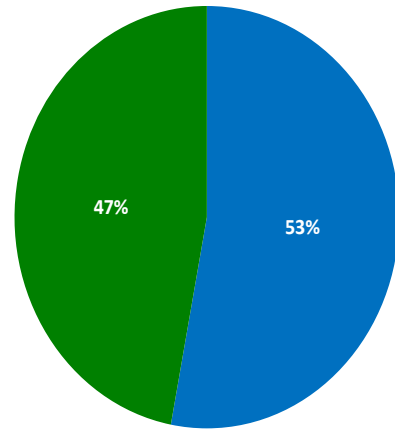
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Sutures and Suture Materials



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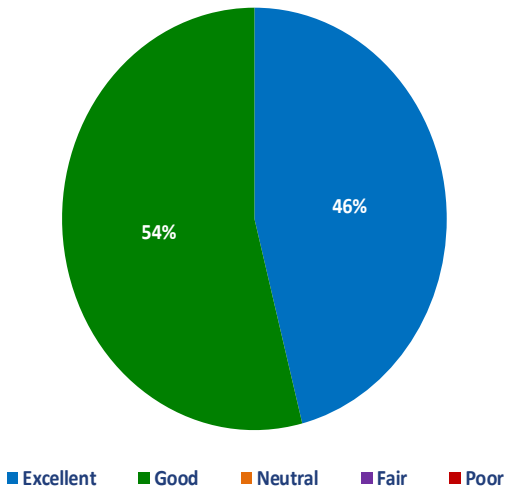
Theatre List Prioritisation



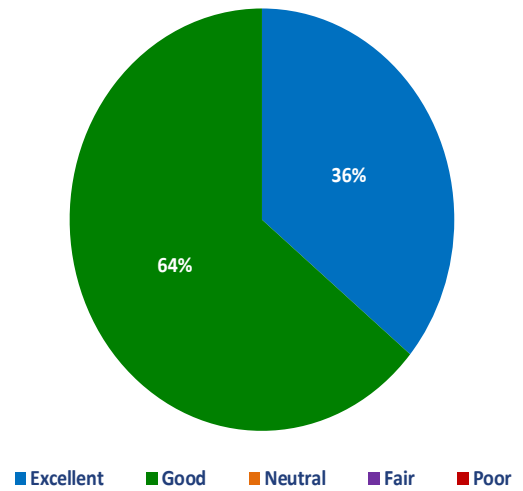
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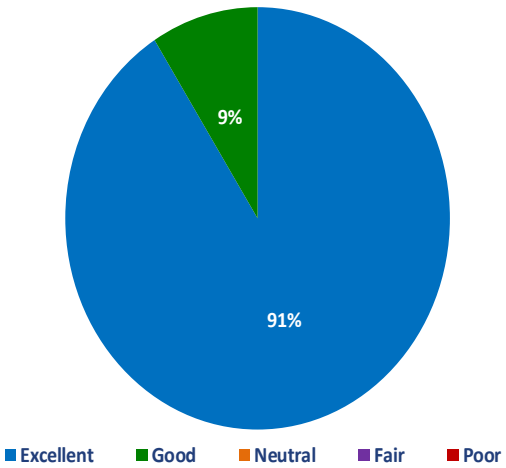
Respiratory Physiology – Critical Care 1



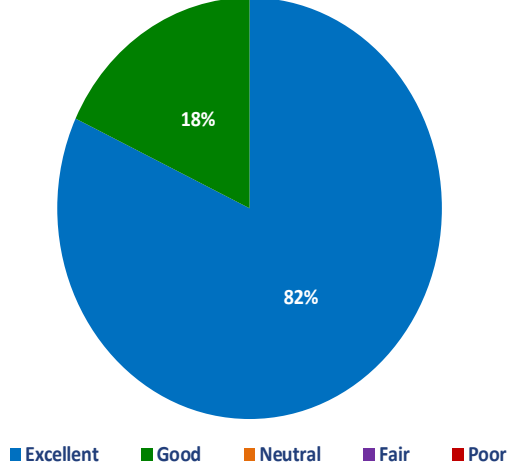
General Physiology – Critical Care 2



Abdominal Trauma Physiology, Sepsis and Hypothermia – Critical Care 3

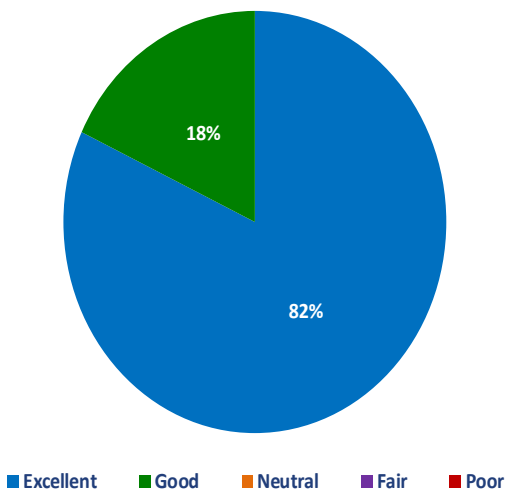


Cardiac and Nutritional Physiology – Critical Care 4

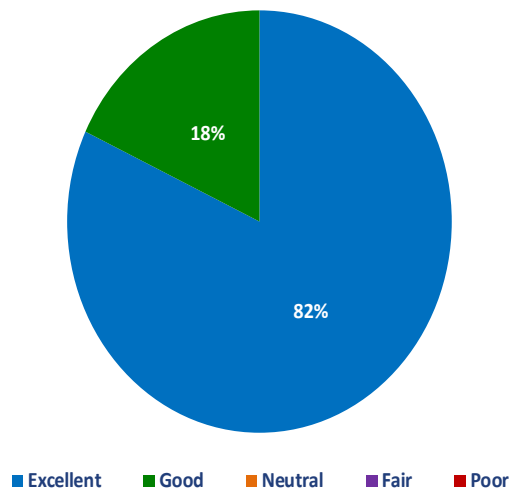


Saturday 29th January 2022: Revision of Surgical Anatomy and Surgical Pathology

Dissection Room – Skull Base

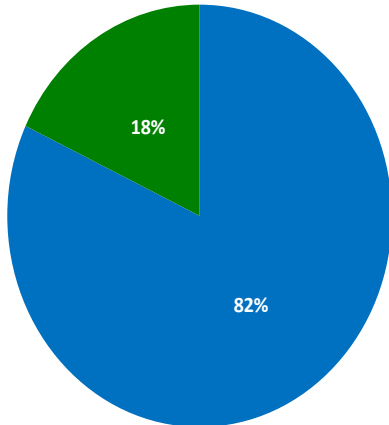


Dissection Room – Neck and Thorax



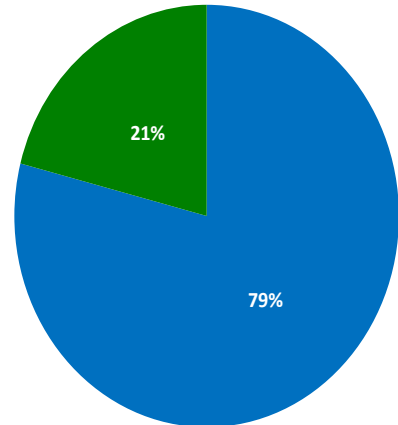
Overall Feedback

Dissection Room – Upper Limb with Osteology



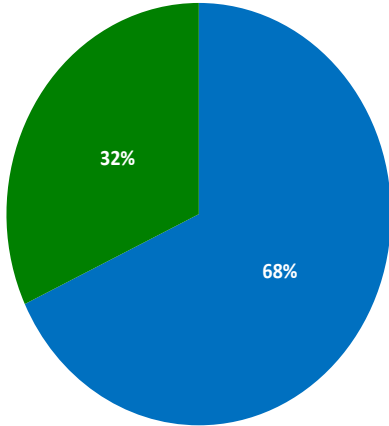
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Dissection Room – Lower Limb with Osteology



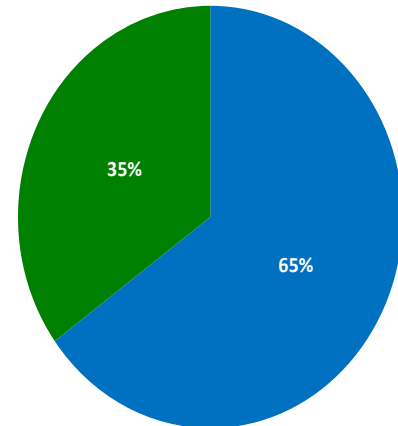
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Dissection Room – Abdominal Wall and Abdomen



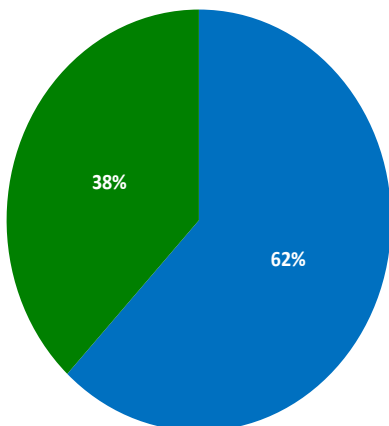
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Dissection Room – Solid Organs of the Abdomen



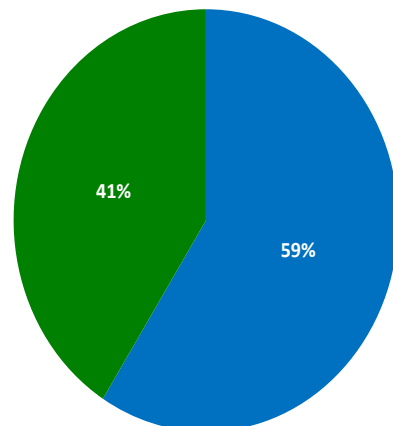
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Pathology – Malignant Melanoma



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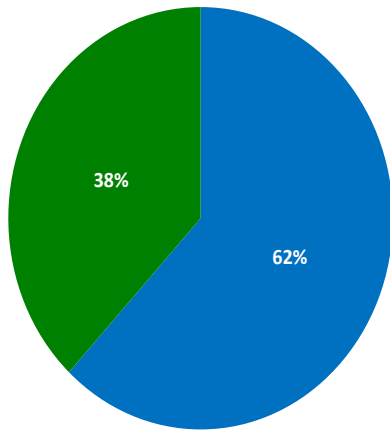
Pathology – Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers



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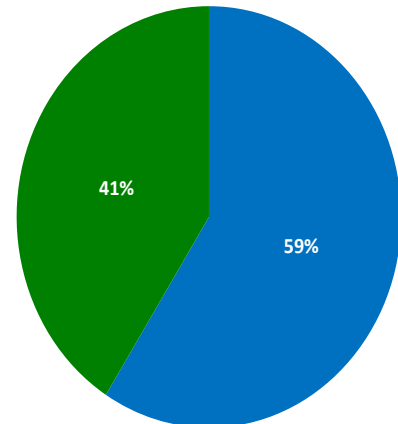
Overall Feedback

Pathology – Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers



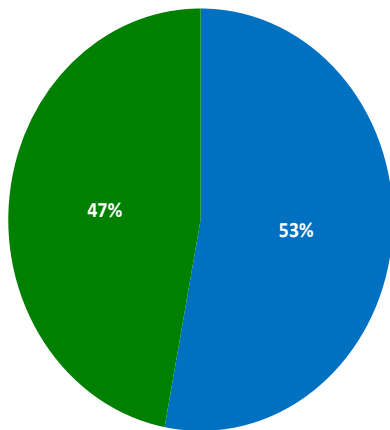
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Pathology – Dysphagia, Barrett's and Oesophageal Cancer



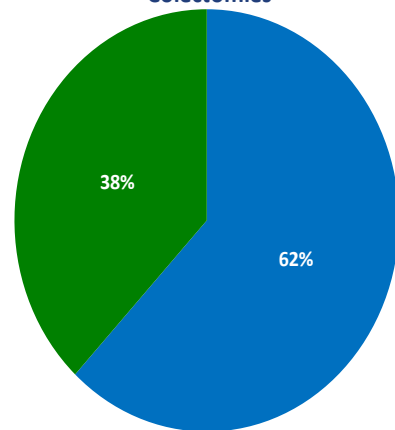
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Pathology – Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



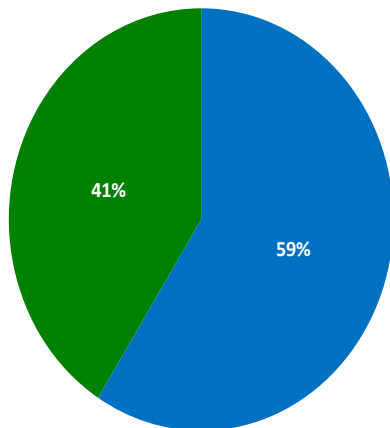
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Pathology – Polyps, Colorectal Cancers and Colectomies



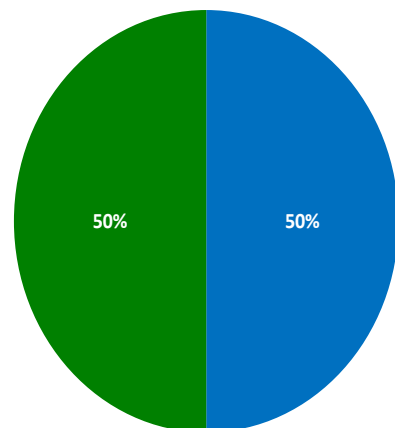
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Pathology – Inguinoscrotal Swellings and Testicular Cancers



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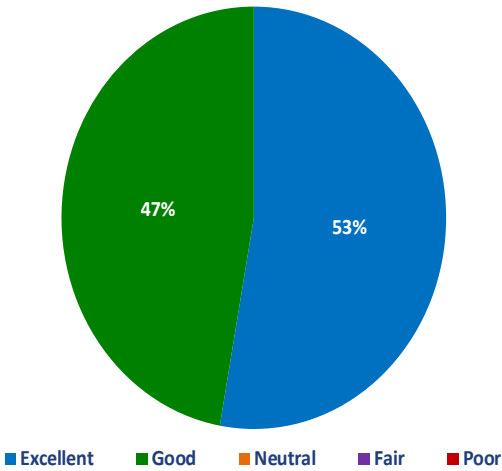
Pathology – Prostate Pathologies and Cancer



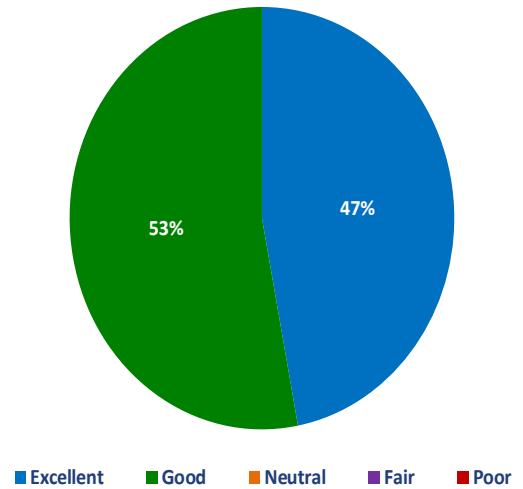
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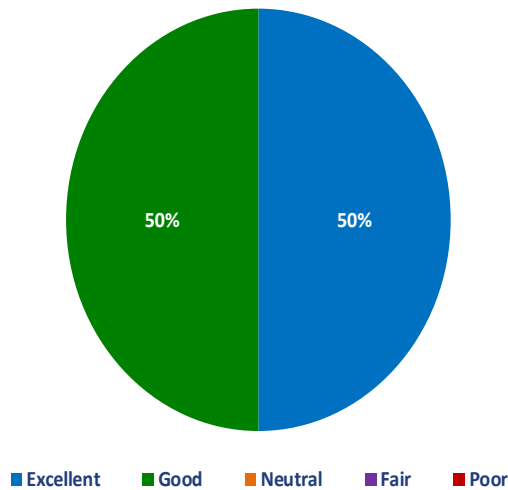
Pathology – Salivary Gland Swelling and Tumours



Pathology – Breast Pathologies and Cancers

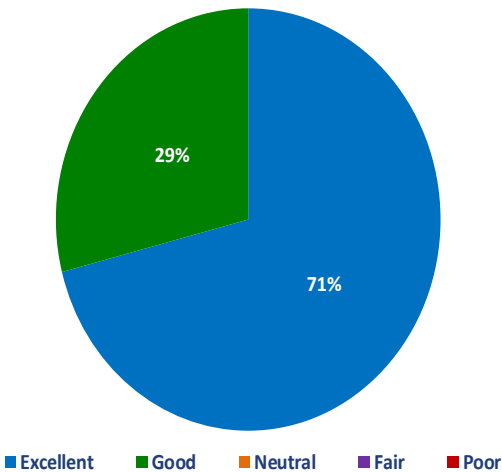


Pathology – Lung Cancer

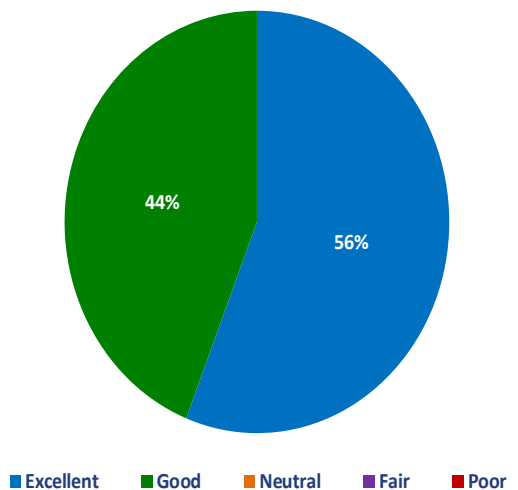


Sunday 30th January 2022: Clinical Examination and Communication Skills

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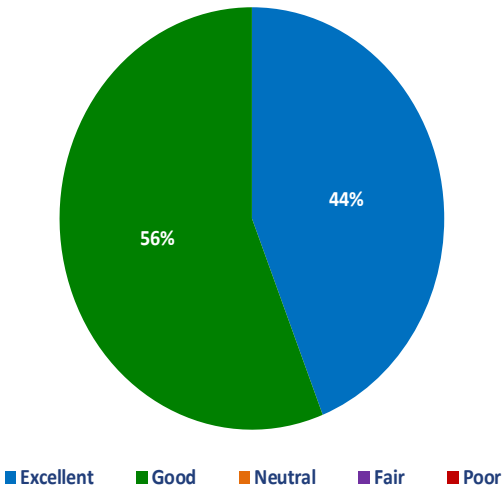


Examination of the Shoulder and Back

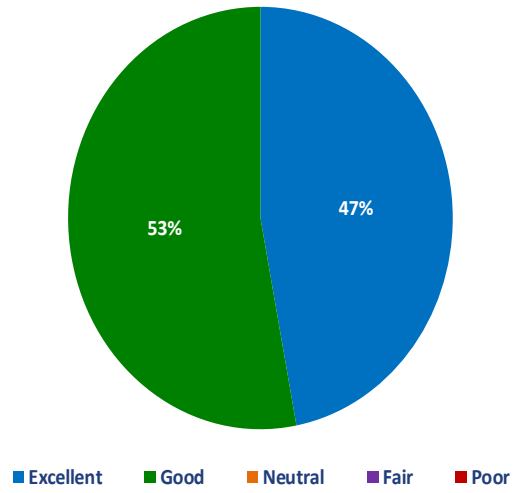


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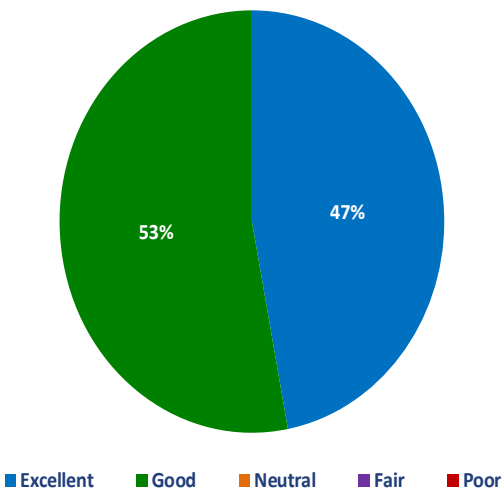
Examination of the Hip and Knee



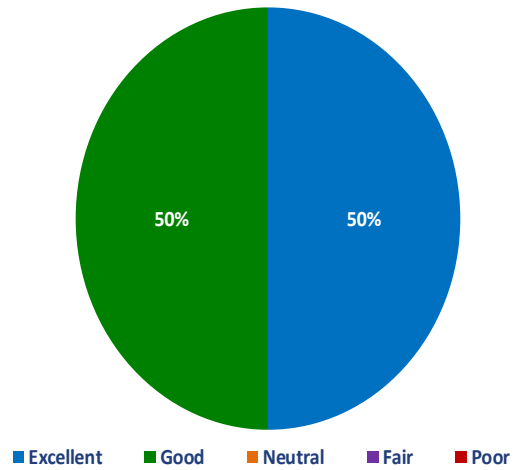
Examination of the Neck and Thyroid



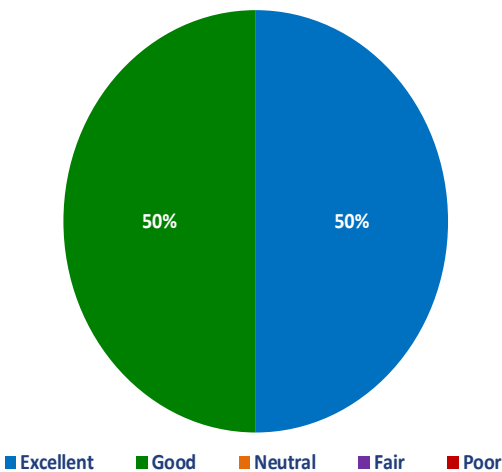
Examination of the Abdomen



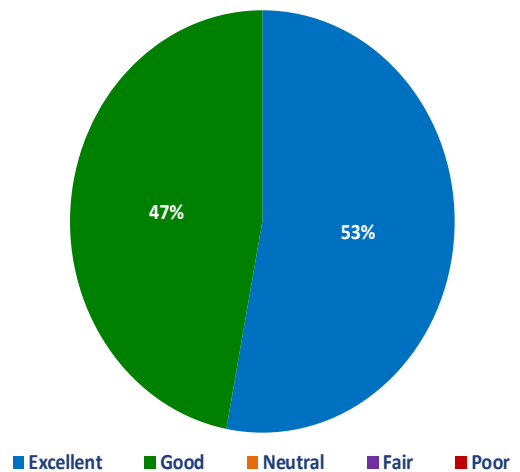
Communication Skills – History Taking for a Breast Lump



Communication Skills – Information Giving for Breast Cancer

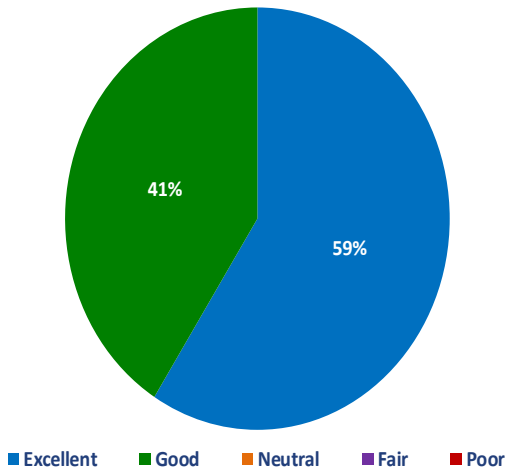


Communication Skills – Consent for Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

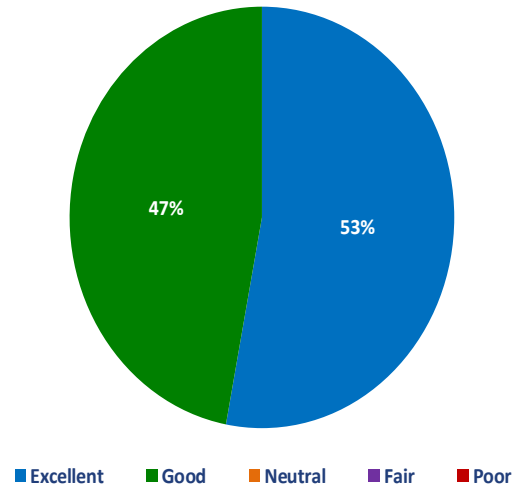


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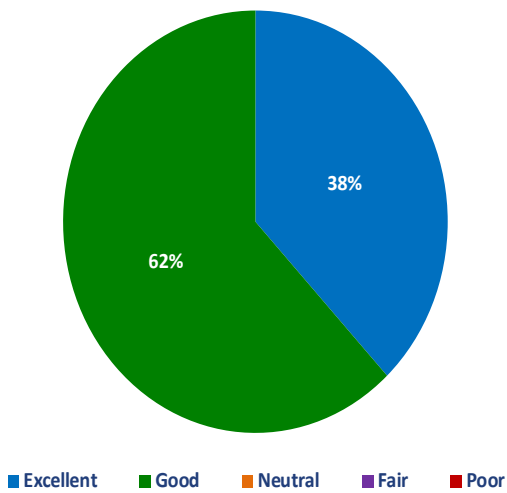
Communication Skills – Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



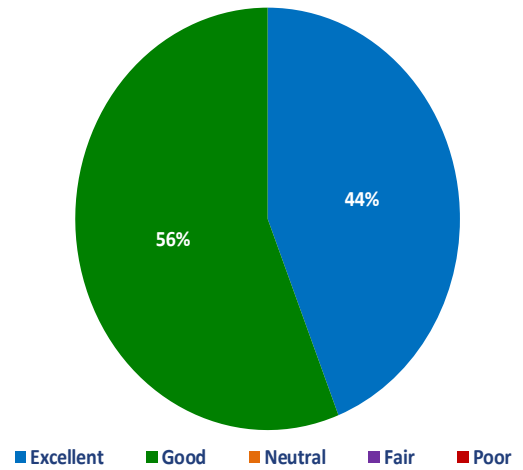
Communication Skills – Self Discharge



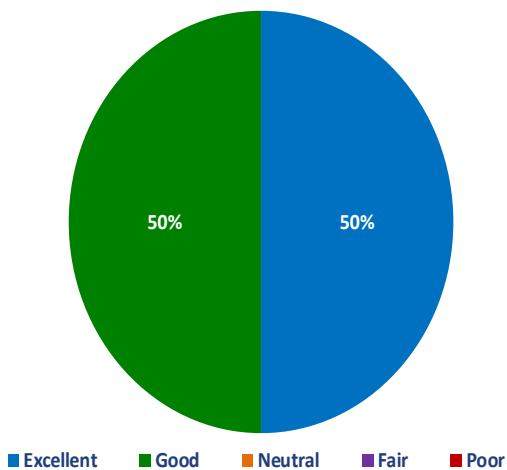
Communication Skills – Cancelled Operation



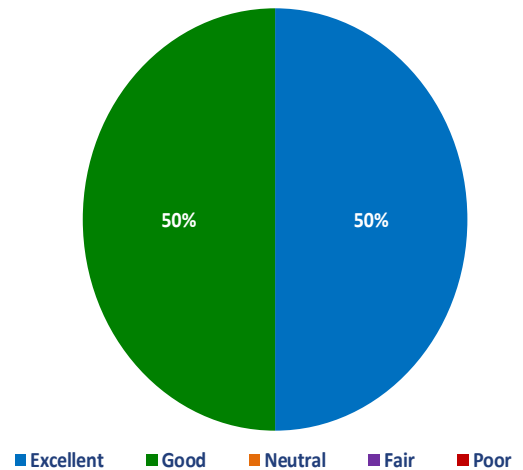
Communication Skills – Confused Patient Refusing Consent



Communication Skills – Telephone Conversation with the Consultant

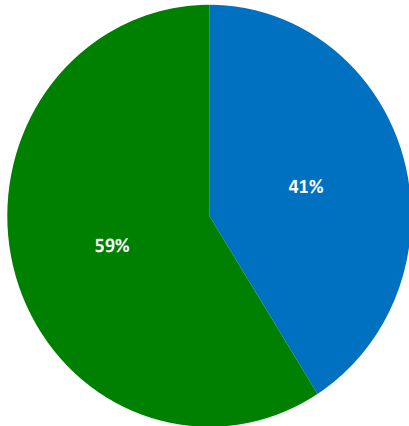


Communication Skills – Consent for Hemiarthroplasty



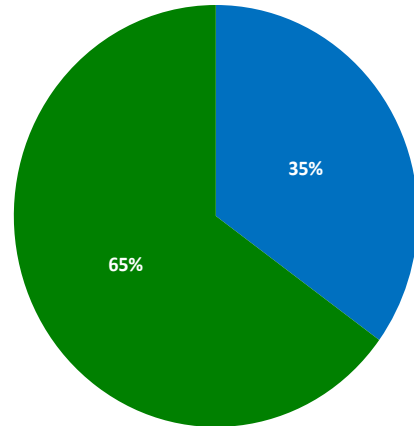
Overall Feedback

How were the facilities and venue?



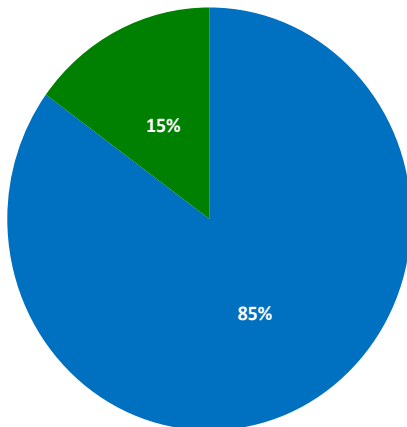
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



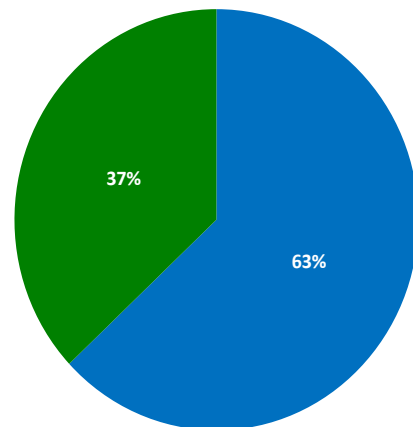
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



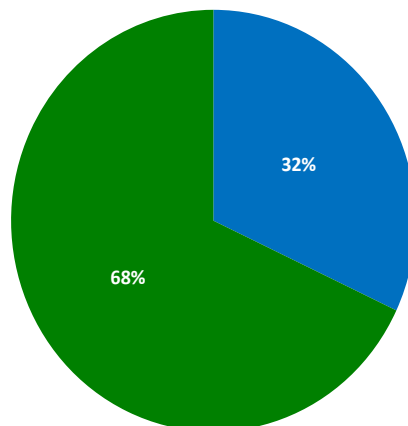
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

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

Relevant, concise, useful.

JW
Royal Free Hospital, London, UK

The dissection room and osces were particularly helpful.

OB
Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, UK

Overall excellent.

JH
Salford Royal Hospital, UK

Excellent course. High yield topics taught by enthusiastic and knowledgeable experts. Highly recommend for anyone sitting the MRCS part B.

NH
Warrington Hospital, Warrington, UK

Friendly staff, course was very beneficial and well organised and I definitely recommend it.

MI
RPM

Well organised, covered high yield information.

MK
Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull, UK

Excellent course. Wonderful staff and teaching. And thank you so much for facilitating me as a vegan!

LT
St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

Really clear and concise course. Really good knowledge base for the exam, great tutors and made me feel much more confident for the exam.

KA
Whiston Hospital, Prescot, UK

I attended this course, in addition to a 6 day course in London. The Doctor Academy was the most superior course and better value for money. The teaching is thorough and it was one of the few courses still available face to face, which had added benefit of being able to practice examinations and procedures.

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Individual Comments

I was nervous prior to the course, didn't know what to expect, and wasn't sure I'd be 'good enough'. The faculty was welcoming and full of energy (which was particularly helpful when tired on day 3 and 4 and they were all keen to keep you going). The content was really good. I feel like enough time was spent on each topic that I got to grips with it, but it also flagged areas for me to go back to later and read over. Day 3 the Dissection Lab for me was perfect, challenging and something which you can't really appreciate from videos or textbooks. The instructors were knowledgeable, and you could question them on things and they'd be able to explain it to you. Particular mentions were Neuro guy who managed to make neuroanatomy not only sound fun but enjoyable, and Gen Surg who was also able to answer lots of silly questions and make things simpler. But all of the trainers were fantastic.

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Excellent course.

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