

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



Feedback - January 2025

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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

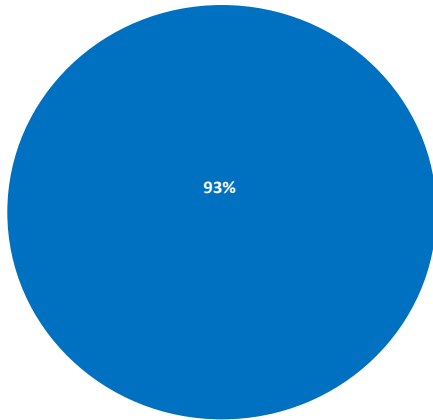
Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	22nd - 26th January 2025
Attendance:	37 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£875.00



Overall Feedback

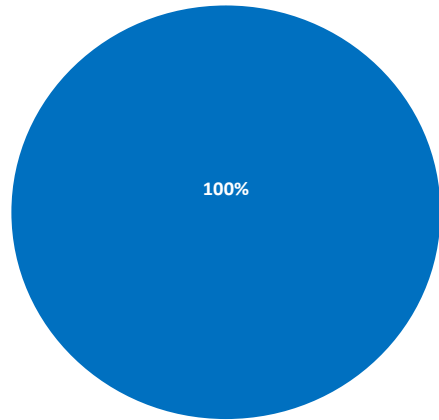
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January 2025

Skull Base, Head and Face



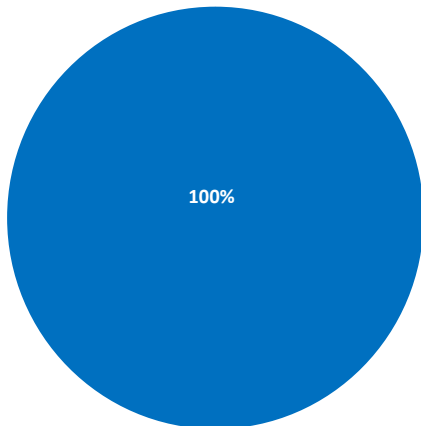
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Neck, Larynx, Soft Palate, and Pharynx



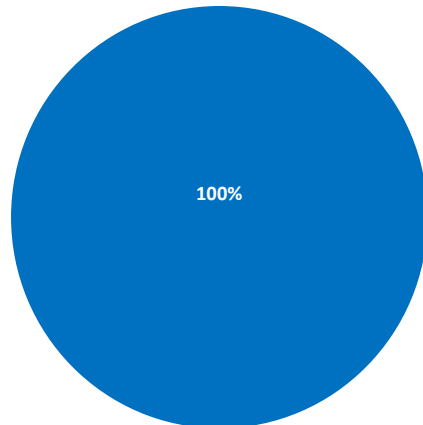
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Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart, and Lungs



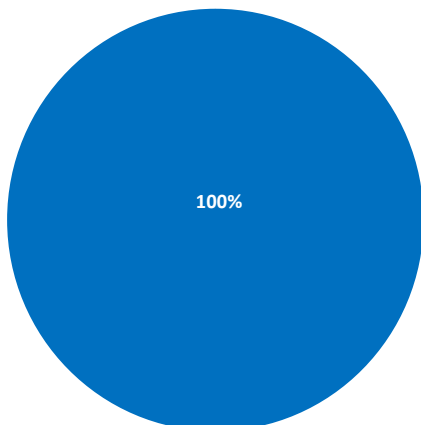
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Brachial Plexus, Upper Limb and Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



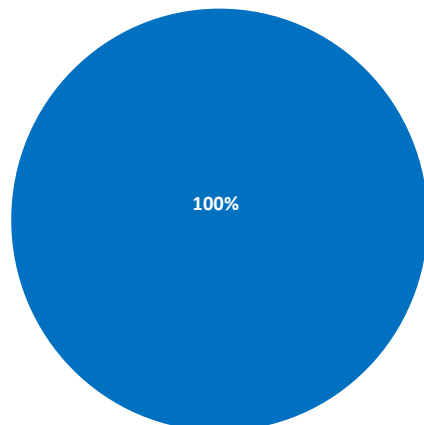
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General Abdomen



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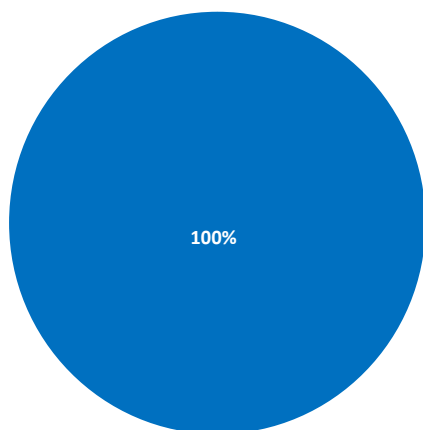
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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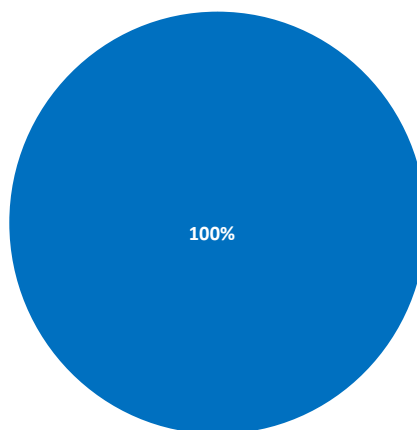
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Pelvis and Perineum



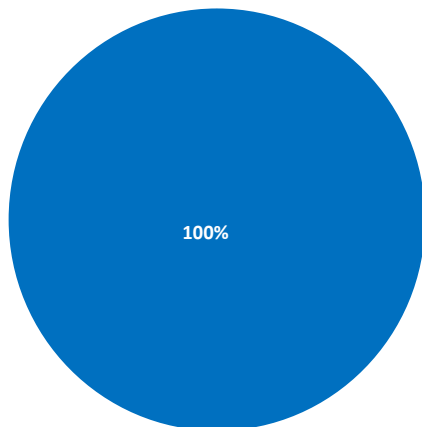
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



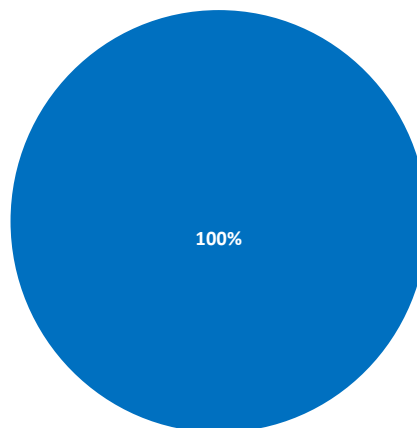
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Lumbosacral Plexus, Lower Limb and Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



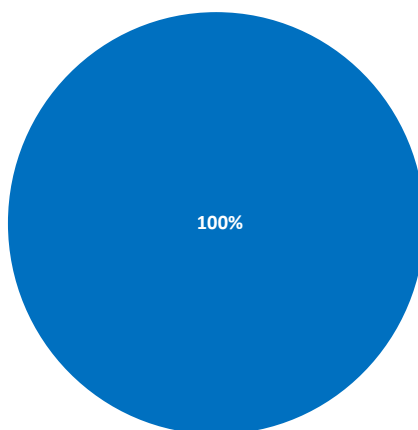
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Pathology: Lumps and Skin Cancers (Malignant Melanoma and Non-Melanoma)



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Pathology: Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers

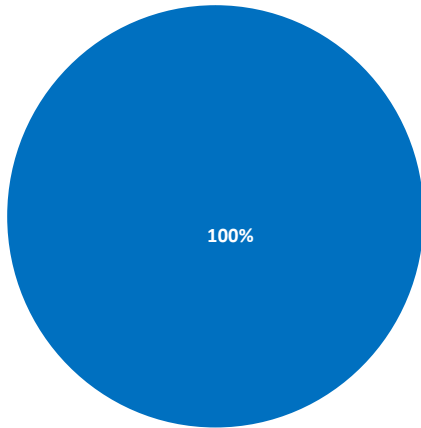


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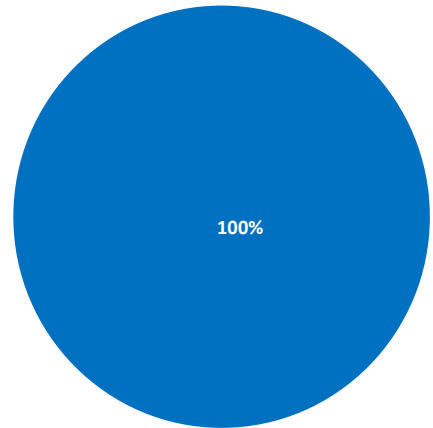
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Knot Tying



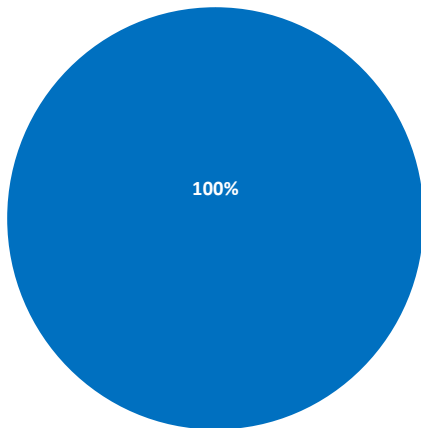
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Excision of a Lesion, Suturing, Sutures, and Suture Materials



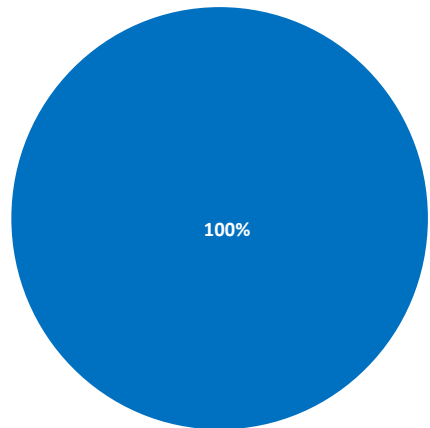
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Chest Drain Insertion



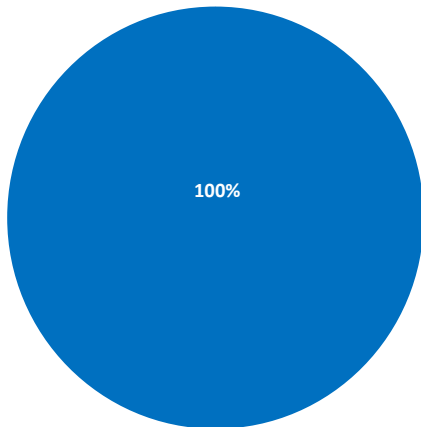
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ABG and Cannulation



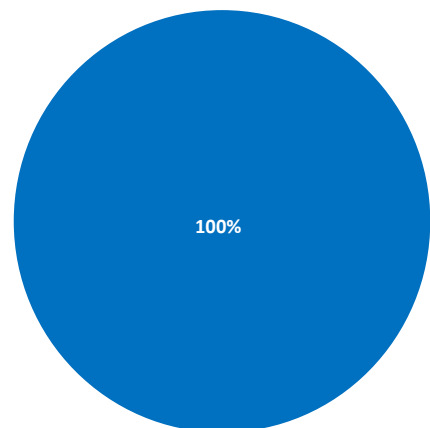
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Catheterisation



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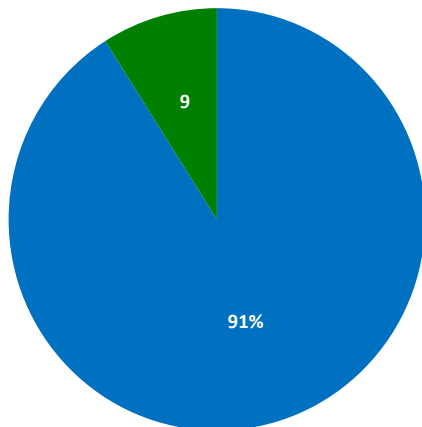
Wound Debridement and Drainage of an Abscess



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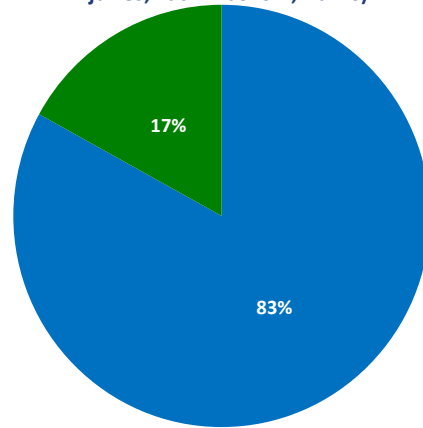
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Osteology of the Upper Limb and Lower Limb



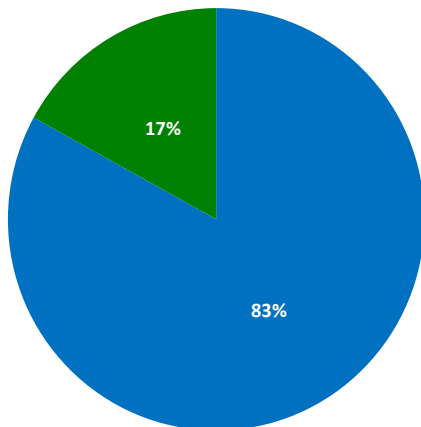
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Physiology 1 (Diabetes and Surgery; Head Injuries; Fat Embolism; Burns)



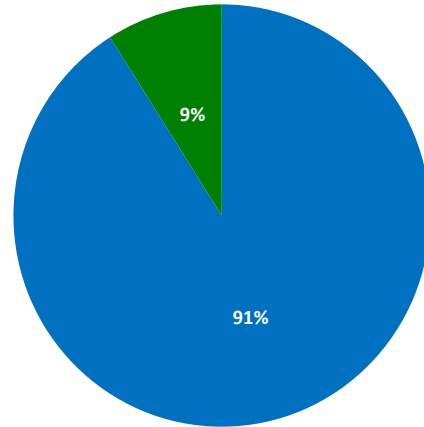
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Physiology 2 (Anticoagulation; DIC; Acute Renal Failure; Respiratory Failure)



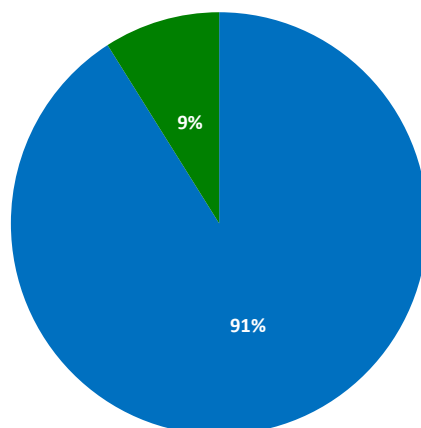
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Physiology 3 (Pancreatitis; Obstructive Jaundice; Haematemesis and Portal Hypertension; Fractures and Compartment Syndrome)



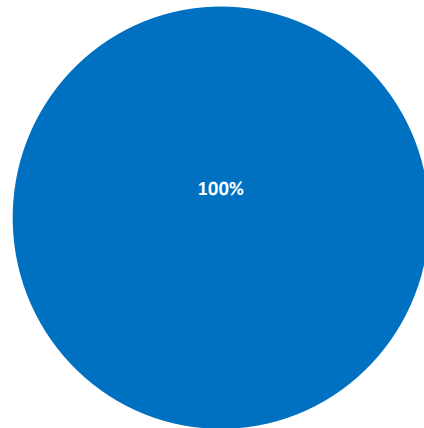
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Physiology 4: Cardiac-Related Physiology and ECGs



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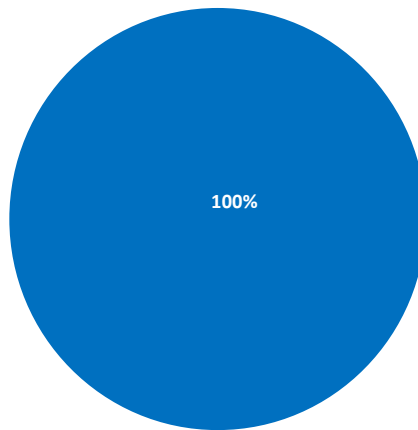
Wound Healing and Reconstruction (Grafts and Flaps)



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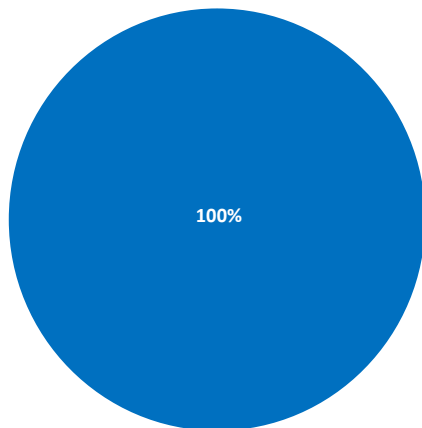
Theatre List Prioritisation



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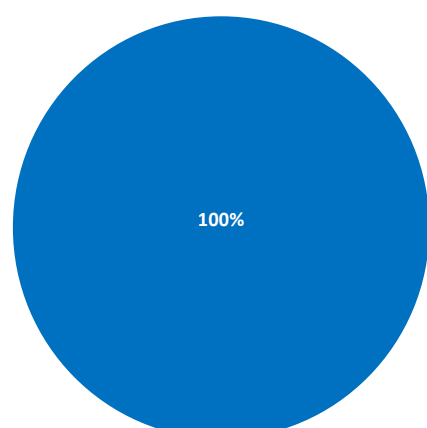
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Dissection Room: Skull Base, Foramina and Mandible



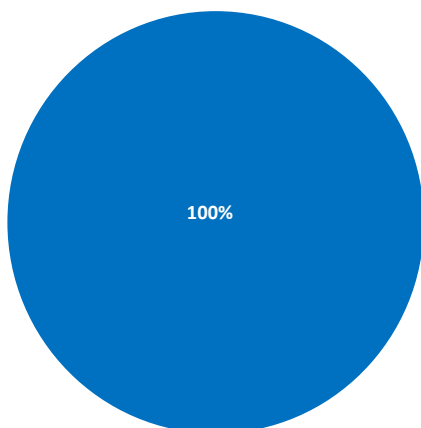
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Dissection Room: Brain and Sagittal Section of the Face



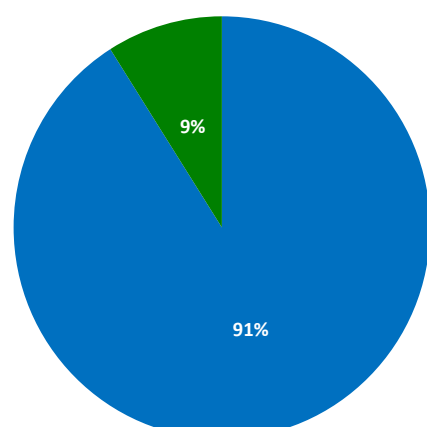
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Dissection Room: Neck



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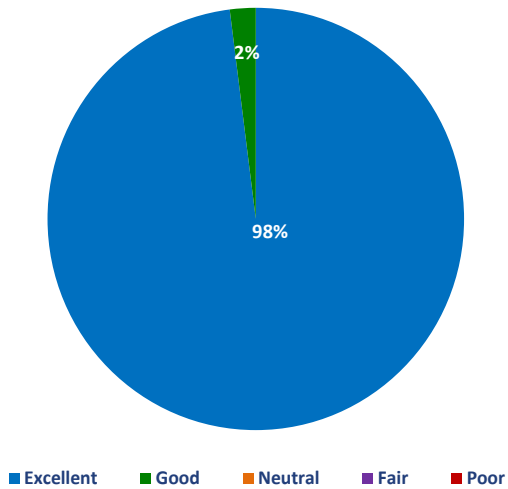
Dissection Room: Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



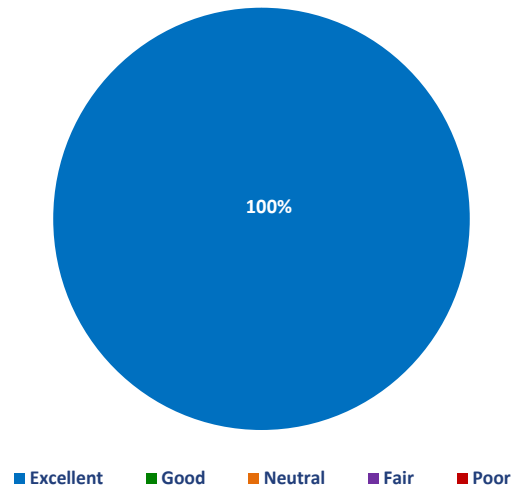
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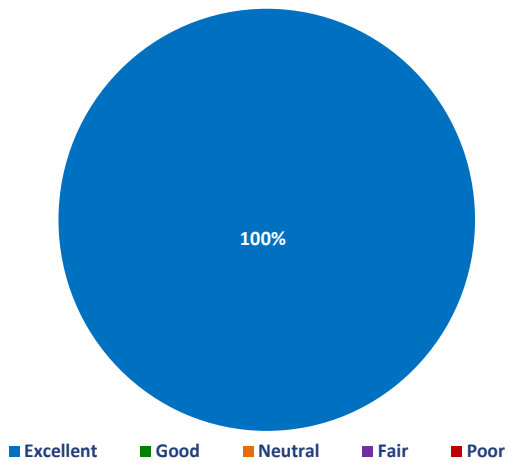
Dissection Room: Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



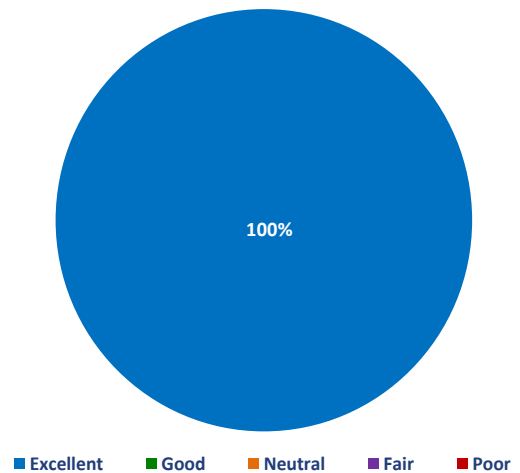
Dissection Room: Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



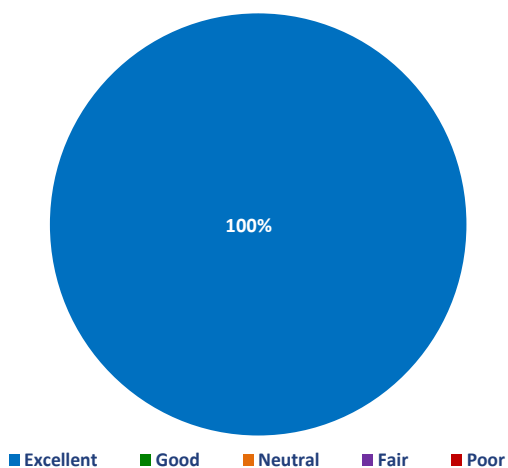
Dissection Room: Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, Stomach, and Small and Large Intestine



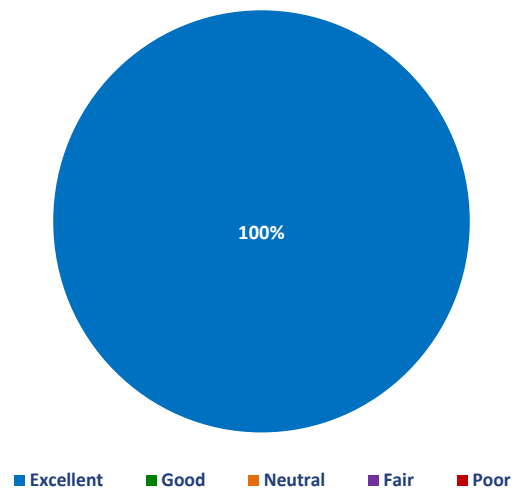
Dissection Room: Solid Organs of the Abdomen and Internal Reproductive Organs



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

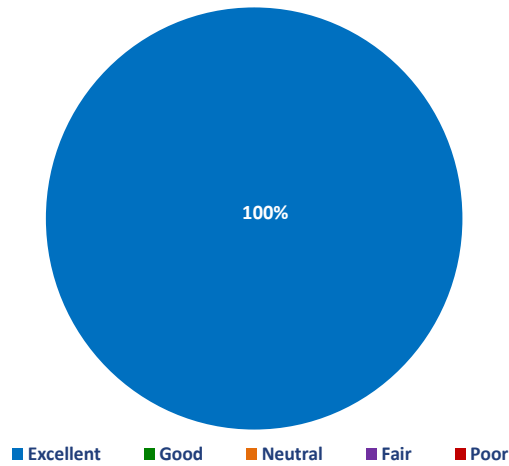


Pathology 2: GU Pathology (Groin Swellings; Cancers of the Testis, Prostate, Kidney, and Bladder)



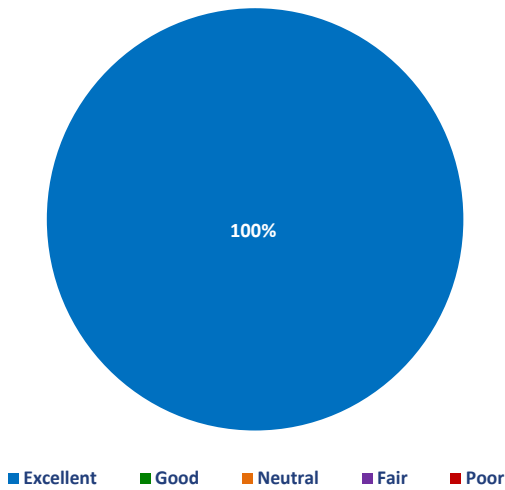
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Pathology 3: Other Pathologies (Tumours of the Lung, Salivary Gland, Bone and Breast)Cancers

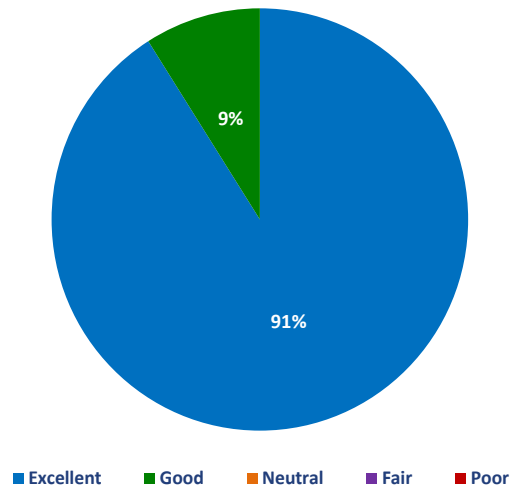


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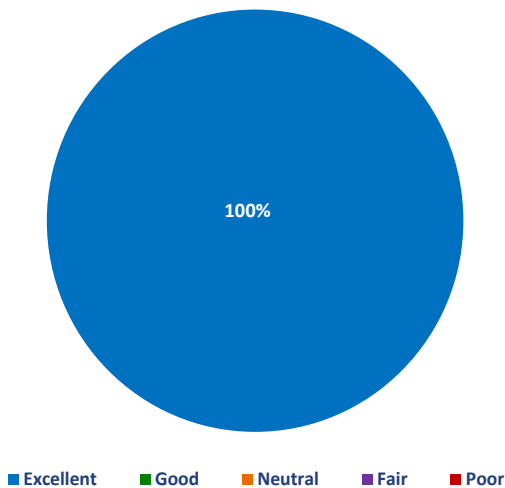
Examination of the Neck and Thyroid



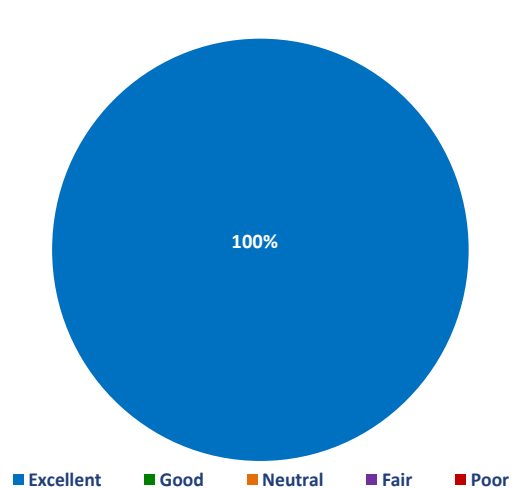
Examination of the Hip and Knee



Examination of the Shoulder and Back

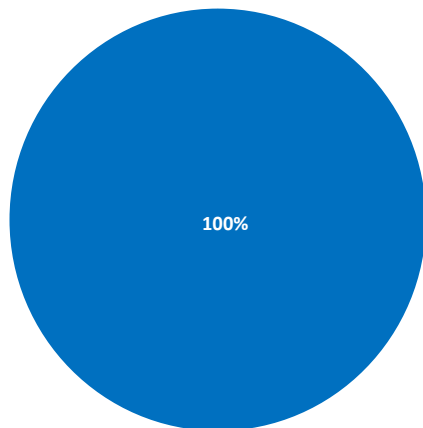


Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



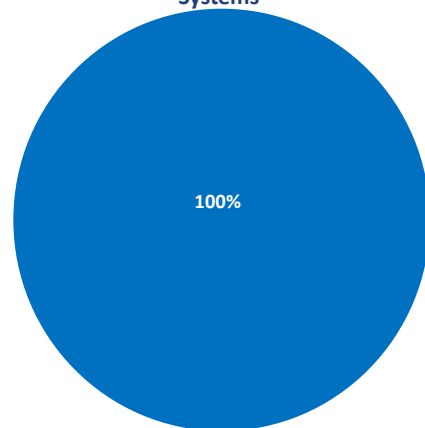
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Examination of the Abdomen



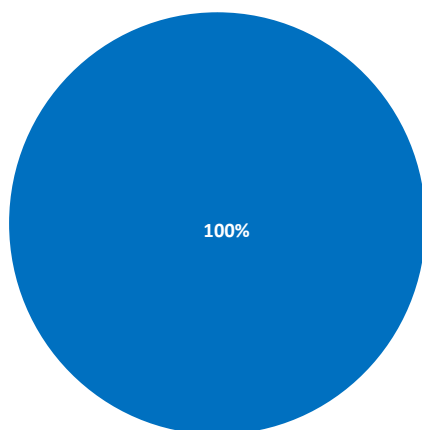
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Examination of the Arterial and Venous Systems



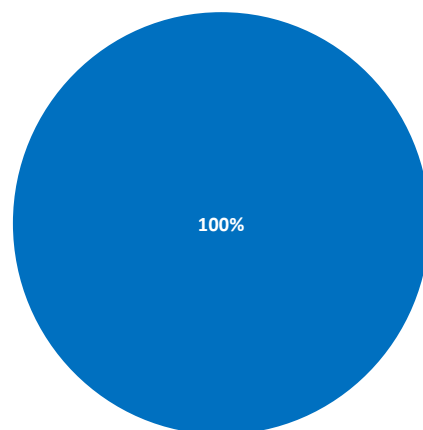
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Communication Skills: Back Pain (Metastatic Cancer), Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma, and History Taking for Headache



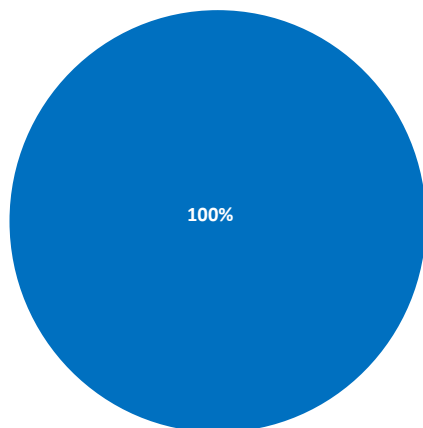
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Communication Skills: Breast Lump (History Taking, Information Giving for Breast Cancer, and Consent for Mastectomy and Axillary Node Dissection)



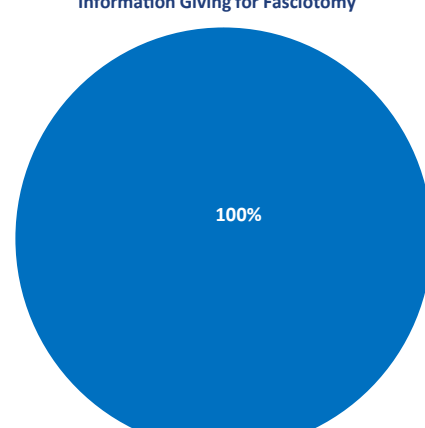
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Communication Skills: Cancelled Operation and Self-Discharge



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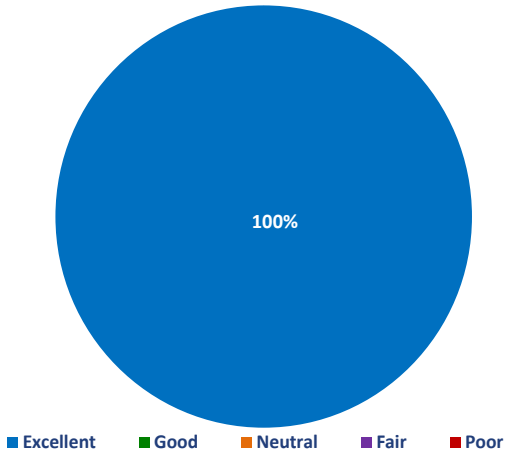
Communication Skills: Telephone Conversation with Consultant, Consent for Knee Arthroscopy, and Information Giving for Fasciotomy



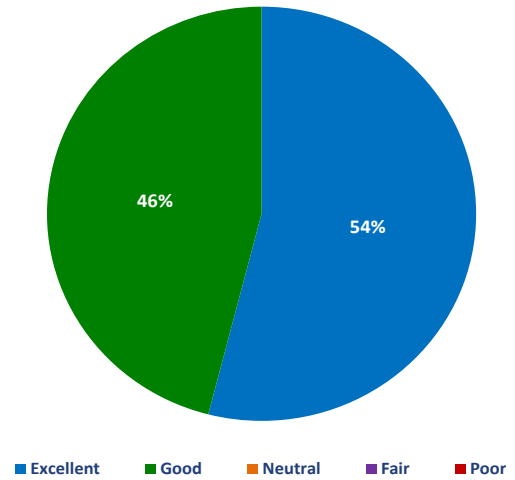
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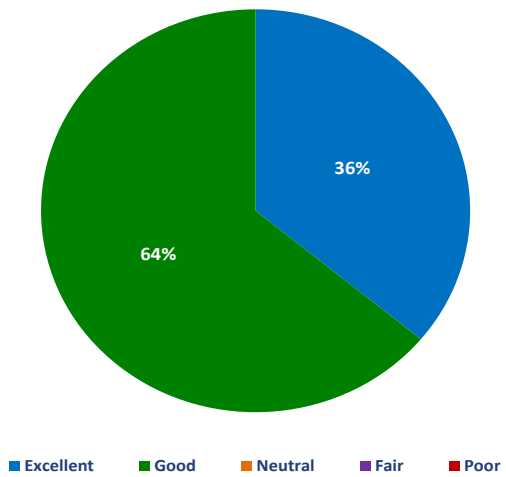
Communication Skills: History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



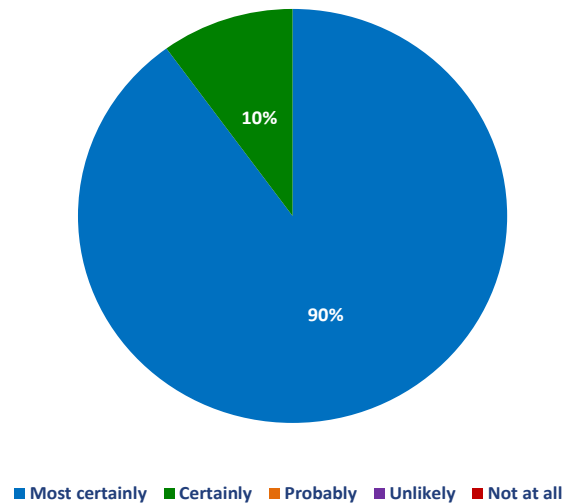
How were the facilities and venue?



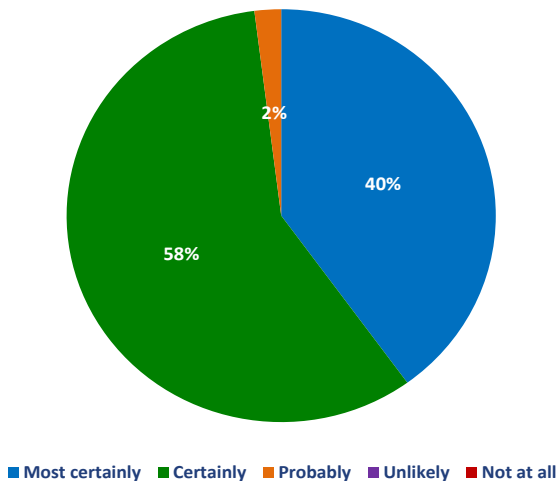
How were the refreshments and lunch?



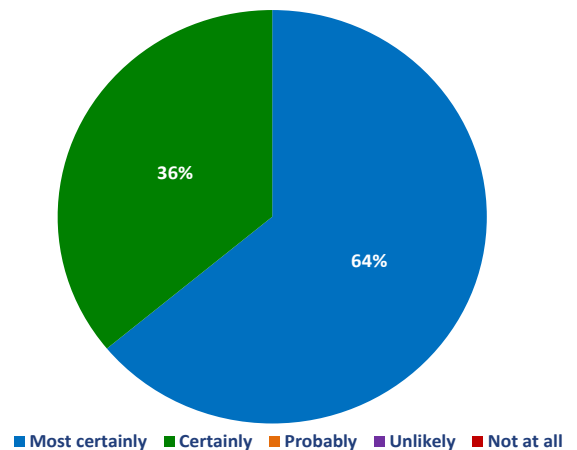
Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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



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



Individual Comments

All faculty were very helpful and knowledgeable and presented the information in an easy to understand and recall manner.

TS

Musgrove Park Hospital, UK

Sessions by Prof Enoch were the best.

AS

North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester, UK

Mr Enoch stations and feedback were very helpful.

AZ

Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, Dublin, Ireland

Professor Enoch delivered excellent teaching throughout the course.

JB

Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK

All of the faculty were very approachable and helpful. The general surgical registrar who did the biliary pathology and anatomy dissection was especially clear and helpful. Useful tips to remember cardiothoracic osteology from the Cardiothoracics registrar also who led the cardio pathology and dissection station.

KN

Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester, UK

All tutors were brilliant. Really engaging and knowledgeable and able to pitch teaching at the right level for us.

AB

Scarborough General Hospital, Scarborough, UK

Professor Enoch was fantastic and the tutors were all amazing for the dissection room.

MP

Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust, UK

I particularly enjoyed the clear teaching delivered from facilitators leading skull base anatomy, abdomen anatomy and solid organ anatomy in the dissection lab.

CB

Western Sussex Hospitals NHS (St Richard'S Hospital at Chichester), UK

Individual Comments

Very engaging and supportive.

AD
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate, UK

Excellent.

BR
Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, UK

All faculty were excellent.

MW
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, UK

Learnt a lot from all the faculty. I didnt understand oestology before, and now it makes more sense. Similarly, I struggled with H+N, skull bases and UL beforehand, and this course really helped. My stronger suits were LL and abdo - which were also taught well.

AH
University Hospital, Coventry, UK

Everyone was friendly, and the anatomy dissection sessions are exceptional. I appreciate the teaching approach to procedural skills, particularly in knot tying, naevus excision, wound debridement, abscess drainage, and chest drain insertion. The tutors at the critical care station and Station Physiology 2, which covers topics like anticoagulation, disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), acute renal failure, and respiratory failure, are excellent.

DP
Currently Unemployed

Faculty were knowledgable, friendly and keen to teach. Great job!

TE
Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, UK

Everyone was really helpful.

JP
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, UK



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