



Exeter International Undergraduate Surgical Conference 2021



Feedback - February 2021

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Exeter Surgical Society was proud to host the inaugural Exeter International Surgical Conference for medical students and foundation doctors. The conference was held virtually. Two main stages were made available to host a wide range of talks. Ten different surgical specialties were covered, and delegates were also given the opportunity to experience several seminars. The sessions were delivered by renowned speakers who are leading experts in their fields.

Course Information

Course Date:	20th February 2021
Venue:	Online Event
Attendance:	78 Delegates
Aimed at:	Medical students and Foundation doctors
Conference Fee:	£5.00



Programme

	Main Stage 1	Main Stage 2
0930 - 1000	Registration	
1000 - 1015	Welcome	
1015 - 1055	Neurosurgery Mr Alistair Jenkin	Urology/robotics Mr John McGrath
1055 - 1100	Break	
1100 - 1140	Cardiothoracic Surgery Mr Kamran Baig	Transplant Surgery Prof Steve Wigmore
1140 - 1145	ASIT presentation	
1145 - 1225	Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery Prof Vikram Devaraj	ENT Surgery Prof Nirmal Kumar
1225 - 1315	Lunch and poster presentations	
1315 - 1355	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Mr Austen Smith	Paediatric Surgery Miss Kate Cross
1355 - 1400	Break	
1400 - 1440	Trauma & Orthopaedics Mr James Tomlinson	General Surgery Miss Gill Tierney
1440 - 1445	Break	
1445 - 1530	Diversity in Surgery Miss Rantimi Ayodele	Global Surgery Prof Kokila Lakhoo
1530 - 1535	Break	
1535 - 1620	Training abroad/ pathway: US Miss Shilpa Murthy	Women in surgery Miss Scarlett McNally Prof Farah Bhatti
1620 - 1625	Break	
1625 - 1710	Portfolio Building Ms Katie Chan Miss Esther Platt	Training abroad/pathway: UK Mrs Tricia Campbell
1710 - 1730	The Future of Surgery Prof Farah Bhatti Miss Scarlett McNally	
1730 - 1740	Thank you and awards	

Faculty

Speakers

Mr Kamran Baig, MBBS, MRCS, MD, FRCS (C-Th)

Consultant Cardiac Surgeon
St.Thomas' Hospital
Guy's & St.Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Miss Gill Tierney, FRCS, DM

Head of School of Surgery HEEM
Consultant Surgeon, General and Coloproctology
Honorary Assistant Professor University of Nottingham
Vice-President Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

Ms Rantimi Ayodele BSc MBBS, MSc, DLSHTM, MD, FRCSED (Tr&Orth)

Consultant Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

Mr Austen Smith, MB, BCh (Wales), BDS (Wales), FDSRCSEd, FRCSEd (OMFS)

Consultant Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Sheffield & Barnsley Hospitals
Vice President British Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
Elected member SAC-OMFS
Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer
University of Sheffield

Mrs Scarlett McNally, BSc MB BChir FRCS(Tr&Orth) MA MBA FAcadMED

Consultant Orthopaedics Surgeon
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Council Member, Royal College of Surgeons of England

Miss Shilpa S. Murthy MD, MPH

John Goligher Colorectal Fellow
St. James University Hospital,
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Mr John McGrath, BMedSci, BMBS, FRCS

Consultant Urologist and Clinical Director for Acute Surgery
Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust

Mr Alistair Jenkins, MB ChB, MD, FRCS

Consultant Neurosurgeon
The Newcastle upon Tyne hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer

Mr James Tomlinson, MA MB BChir MEd FRCS FFSTEd

Orthopaedics
Consultant Spinal Surgeon
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

Prof Kokila Lakhoo, PhD, FRCS (Edin+Eng), FCS(SA), FCS(PAED), MRCPCH(UK), MBCHB

Oxford University Hospitals
Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences
University of Oxford UK

Miss Kate Cross BSc Med (Hons), FRACS Paed Surg

Consultant Neonatal and Paediatric Surgeon
Speciality Lead for Department of Specialist Neonatal and Paediatric Surgery (SNAPS)
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

Faculty

Professor Farah Bhatti OBE

Council Member, Royal College of Surgeons of England
Consultant Cardiac Surgeon

Prof Stephen J Wigmore, BScMBBS, FRCSEd, MD, FRCS (Gen Surg), FRCPEd, FRSE

Regius Chair of Clinical Surgery and Head of Department of Surgery
University of Edinburgh
Honorary Consultant Surgeon

Prof B Nirmal Kumar, MBBS, MPhil, FRCS (ORL-HNS), FAcadMED

President ENT UK
Consultant ENT Surgeon
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Professor Vikram S Devaraj, MBChB FRCS(Eng) FRCS(Plast) PG Dip ClinEd, SFHEA

Consultant Plastic Reconstructive, Hand & Aesthetic Surgeon
Associate Professor & Clinical Lead for Anatomy
College of Medicine and Health
University of Exeter

Mrs Tricia Campbell, BSc MB BS MRCS PgDip MedEd

President British Orthopaedic Trainees' Association (BOTA)
Leadership Fellow
Health Education England North East (HEE NE)

Miss Esther Platt MA(Oxon), MBBS, FRCS, DTM&H

Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
Imperial College London

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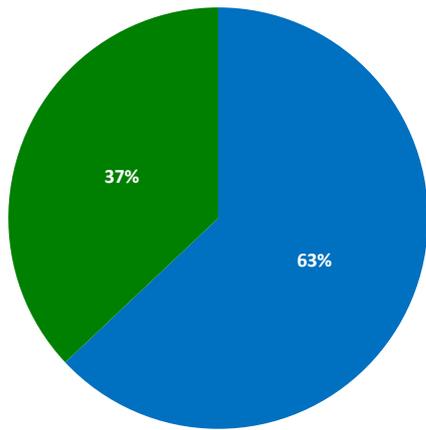
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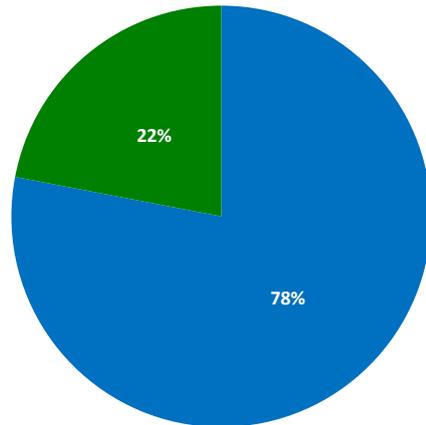
Overall Feedback

How was the content of the conference?



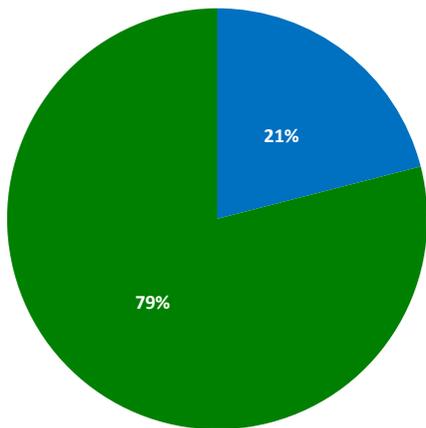
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



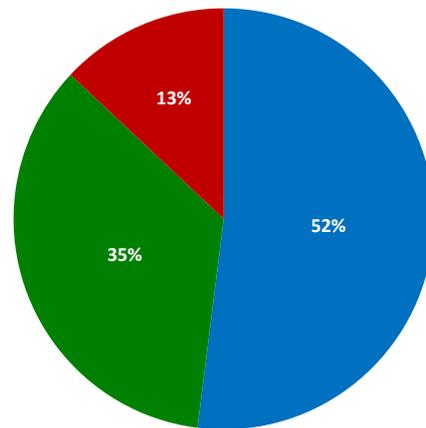
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Do you feel the poster presentations were beneficial?



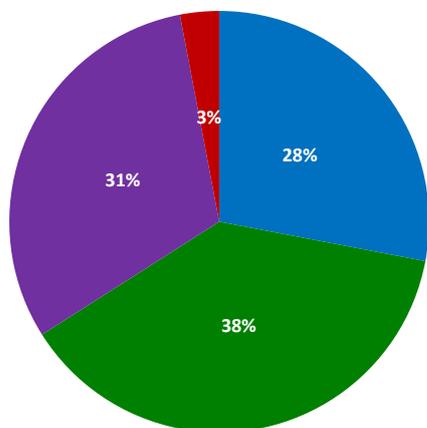
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

The conference increased my interest in pursuing a career in surgery



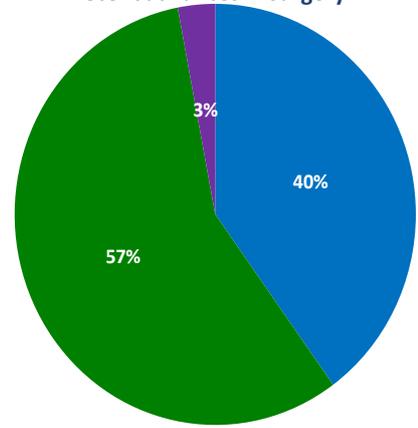
■ Strongly disagree ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Neither agree/disagree ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Strongly agree

The conference improved my knowledge of the UK Foundation Programme application process



■ Strongly disagree ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Neither agree/disagree ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Strongly agree

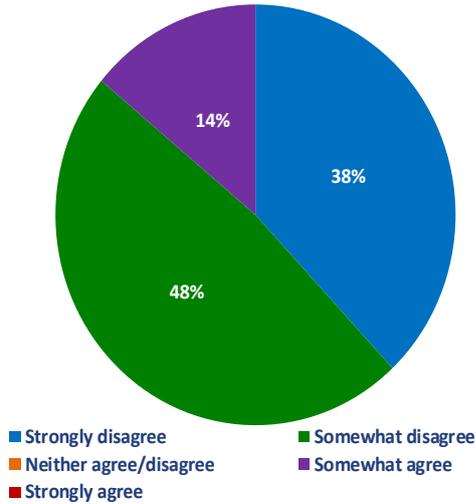
The conference improved my knowledge of recent advances in surgery



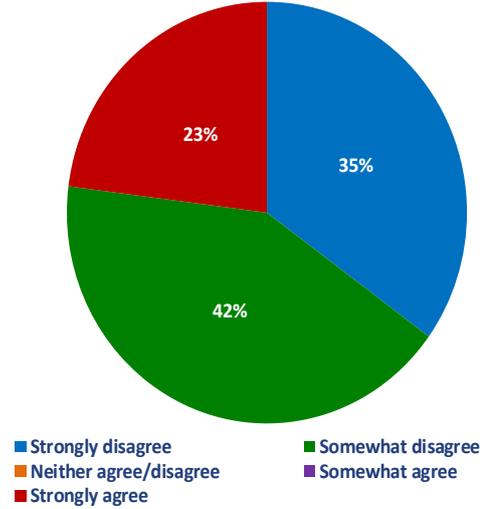
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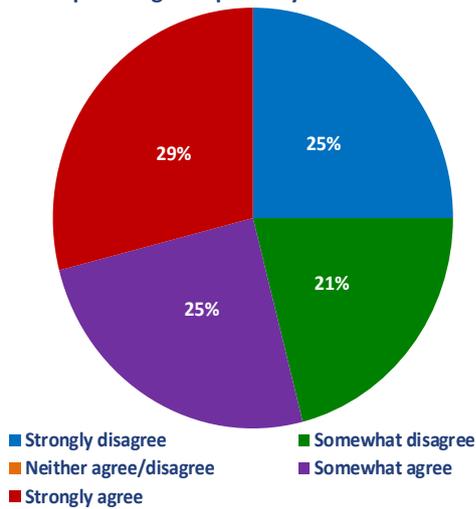
The conference increased my awareness of diversity and equality in surgery



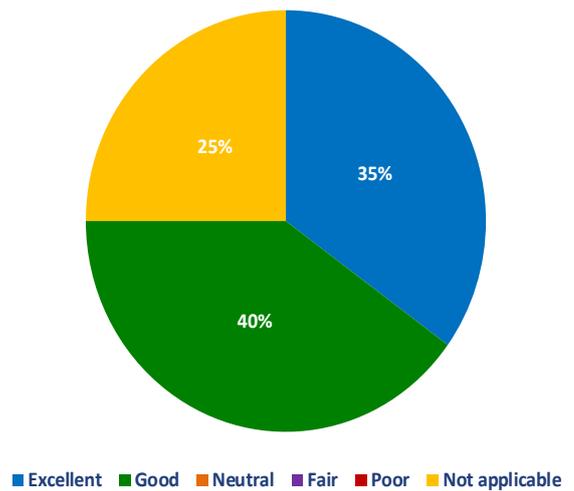
The conference has improved my knowledge of the speciality I wish to pursue



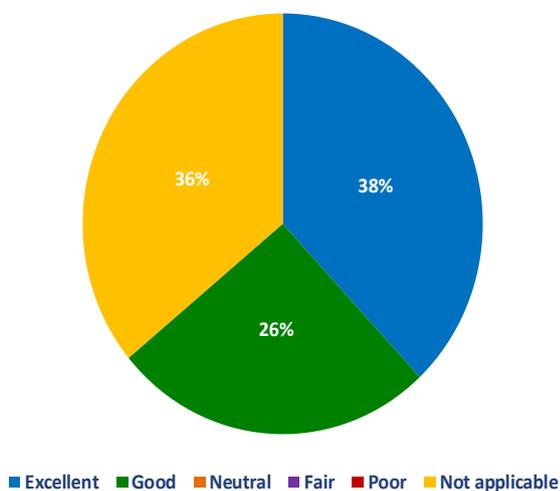
The conference has increased my confidence in pursuing the speciality indicated above



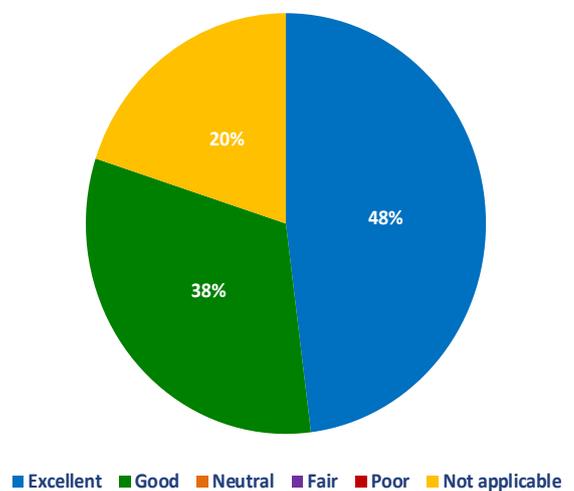
"Neurosurgery" - Mr Alistair Jenkins



"Urology/robotics" - Mr John McGrath

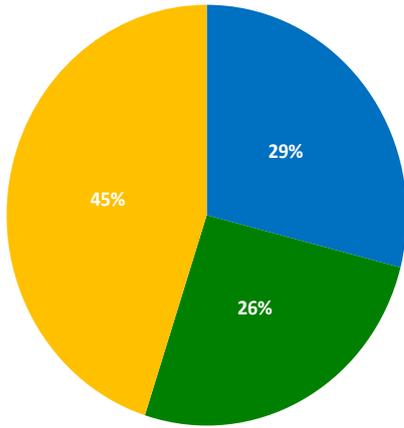


"Cardiothoracic Surgery" - Mr Kamran Baig



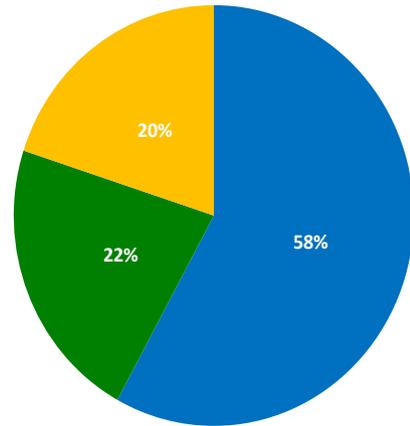
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"Transplant Surgery" - Prof Steve Wigmore



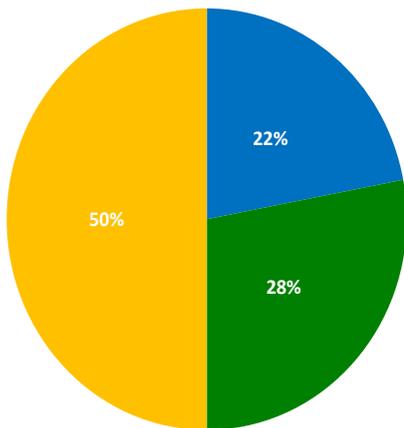
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"Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery" - Prof Vikram Devaraj



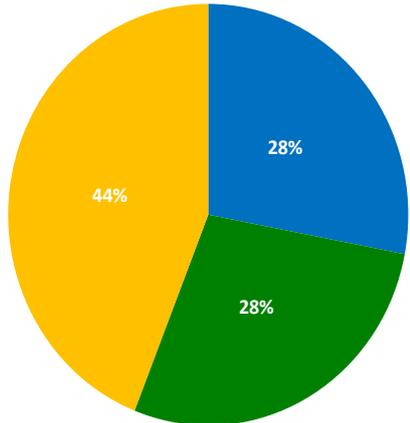
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"ENT Surgery" - Prof Nirmal Kumar



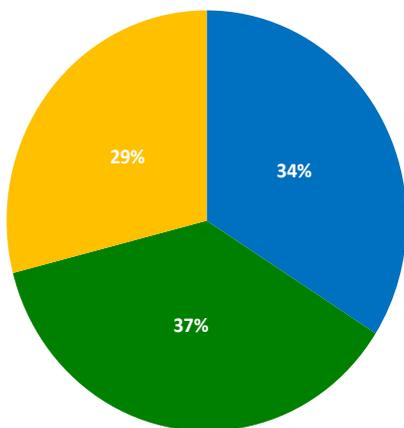
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"Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery" - Mr Austen Smith



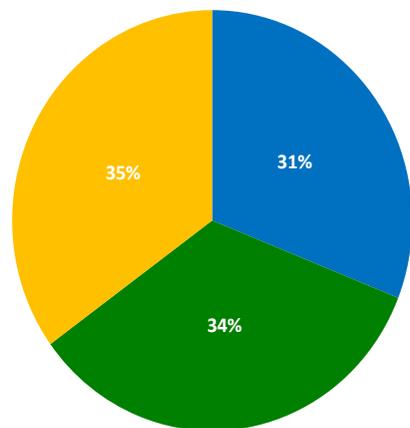
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"Paediatric Surgery" - Miss Kate Cross



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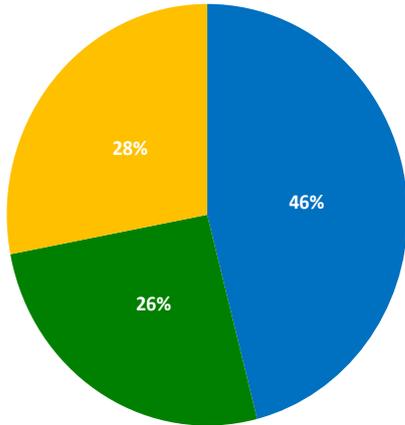
"Trauma & Orthopaedics" - Mr James Tomlinson



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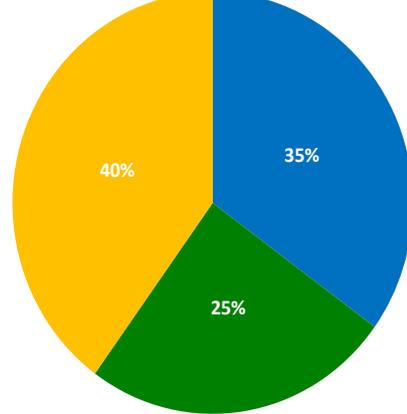
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"General Surgery" - Miss Gill Tierney



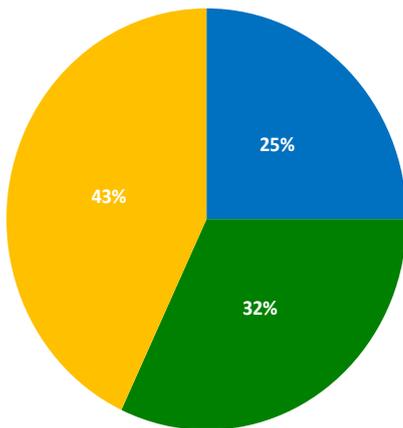
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"Diversity in Surgery" - Miss Rantimi Ayodele



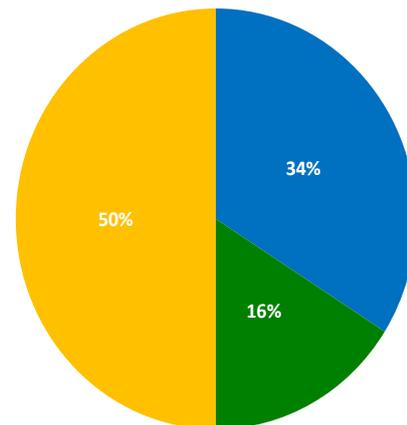
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"Global Surgery" - Prof Kokila Lakhoo



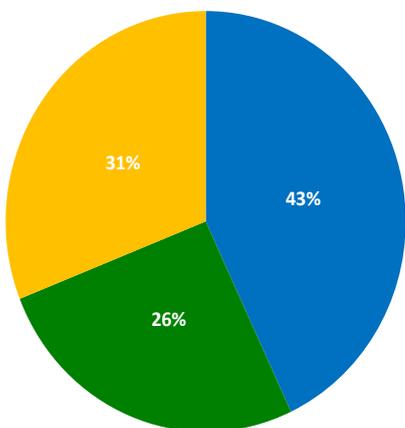
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"Training abroad/ pathway: US" - Miss Shilpa Murthy



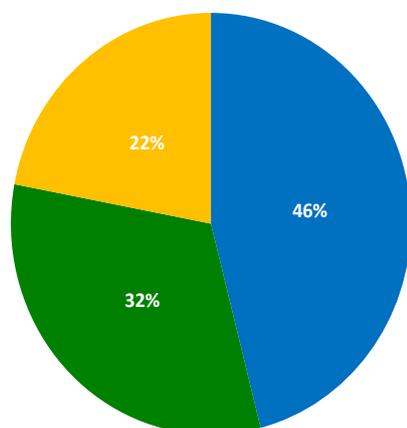
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"Women in surgery" - Miss Scarlett McNally Prof Farah Bhatti



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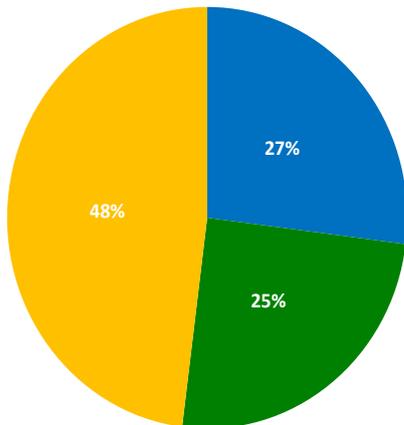
"Portfolio Building" - Ms Katie Chan, Miss Esther Platt



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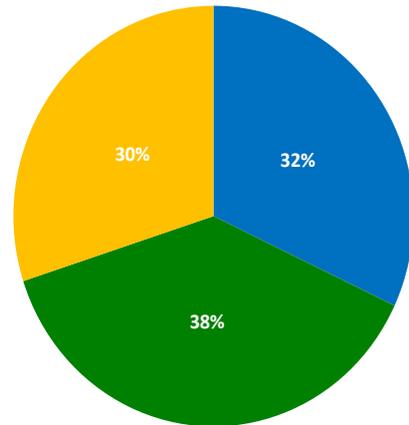
Overall Feedback

"Training abroad/pathway: UK" - Mrs Tricia Campbell



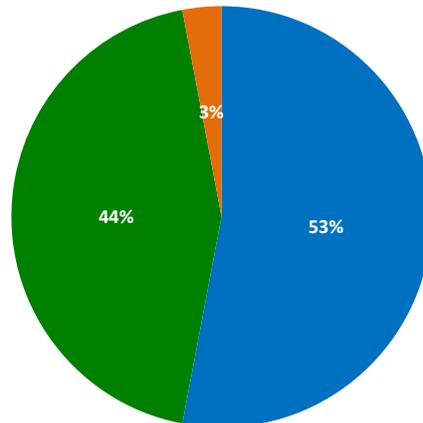
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"The Future of Surgery" - Prof Farah Bhatti, Miss Scarlett McNally



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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

Individual Comments

Very well organized, easy user interface as well.

Very useful and helpful organisation. The teaching materials were informative and interesting.

The conference was organised really well, with lots of options, which was particularly brilliant for an online conference. The speakers were brilliant.

It was amazing. It is my first experience. I am so grateful to Exeter university and doctors academy for providing me this opportunity. Thank you!

The setup of the conference was perfect very easy user-friendly. Well done for the organization.

The conference was well organised and professional. The speakers were very passionate, with a wide range of career representation. Talks were appropriate for my level, but remained aspirational and went beyond curriculum expectations.

Very well organised and projected. I learnt a lot about new techniques and gained a lot of information which was crucial since due to the pandemic classes are getting less and less practical and more focused on self-learning. Thank you.

Very well put together.

I would like to specialise in paediatrics and paediatric orthopaedic surgery is something I consider so this conference was highly beneficial in giving me an insight into my future interest.

The platform used (v meets) worked really well. There was a massive amount of variety in the talks which was fantastic because it represented the variety of different surgical specialties there are. Very well organised and ran smoothly.

The conference was very well organised, the platform was good and the speakers were very knowledgeable.

Very well organized.

The setup of the whole conference was great and easily accessible. Well done!

I think it is the most well-organised virtual conference I attended with and excellent platform used. The speakers were high profile with great expertise and good quality presentations. The conference has directed me on how to start building my portfolio for a surgical career.

Very well organised, the online format was particularly good.

it was useful to have a more detailed insight into the specialities from what we have seen in pre-clinical years. it was also good to hear about the application processes and what would be useful to do beforehand.

Individual Comments

The talks I went to were great and really inspiring! I also like the program you used to make it seem more like an in-person conference.

This was the first time when I attended this type of conference and I really enjoyed it. It showed a small piece of every field of surgery, what you can expect in that speciality and what challenges they face. Also it was very inspiring to read more about one or another thing since I am an international student so you do several things differently in my country.

It was a very insightful look into the world of surgery.

I really liked all the talks, they were really interesting.

Very professional and a good system.

Very well run. Enjoyed format.

It was a very interesting and informative conference.

Great organisation and teaching.



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- FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam
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