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**Cardiff DOHNS Course:
Focused Communication Skills
for DOHNS OSCE / MRCS (ENT)**



Feedback - October 2020

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This half-day course allowed the delegate to prepare for the communication skills component of the DOHNS MRCS Part B (OSCE) / MRCS (ENT) examination in a focused and friendly setting. Each delegate received one-to-one tuition, which enabled him or her to identify areas of weakness within this field and to improve upon these.

This one-to-one tuition was particularly relevant for those with limited experience in the UK hospital setting and those who had not done all of their training in the UK. It allowed the delegate to develop an insight into and to prepare for the communication skills that are tested in the examination, which are based on standard doctor-patient interaction within a clinical setting. This included information giving, information gathering, history taking, breaking bad news, and consent.

Delivered by surgeons and advanced linguistic specialists, the teaching session focused more on the literary and linguistic aspects, British phrases, colloquial terminologies, mannerisms, and interpersonal skills - all within the context of the DOHNS exam.

Course Information

Course Date:	16th and 18th October 2020
Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Frazer Building, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff
Attendance:	7 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the DOHNS OSCE / MRCS (ENT) Examination
Course Fee:	£150.00



Programme

16th October 2020 (1430 - 1930 hours)

1430 - 1435 Registration

1440 - 1540 Consenting for Procedures and Operations (6 rotations)

1540 - 1640 Information Gathering (6 rotations)

1640 - 1740 Information Giving (6 rotations)

Areas and topics covered in the 1st session: Facial Nerve Palsy, Acoustic Neuroma, Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, Cleft Palate, Pharyngeal Pouch, Epistaxis, Anosmia, Dizziness, BPPV, Tonsillitis, Quinsey, FESS, Grommet Insertion, Septoplasty, Myringoplasty.

1740 - 1750

Break and Refreshments

1750 - 1850 Breaking Bad News (6 rotations)

Areas and topics covered in the 2nd session: Thyroid Cancer, Submandibular and Parotid Pathologies, Laryngeal Cancer, Carcinoma of the Tongue, Chloesteatoma, Dead Ear.

1850 - 1910 Guidance on Patient Communication Skills - Literary and Linguistic Aspects, British Phrases, Colloquial Terminologies, Mannerisms and Interpersonal Skills.

1910 - 1930 Tips for Scoring in Communication Skills Stations

1930 End of Course

Programme

18th October 2020 (0830-1330 hours)

0830 - 0835 Registration

0840 - 0940 Consenting for Procedures and Operations (6 rotations)

0940 - 1040 Information Gathering (6 rotations)

1040 - 1140 Information Giving (6 rotations)

Areas and topics covered in the 1st session: Facial Nerve Palsy, Acoustic Neuroma, Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, Cleft Palate, Pharyngeal Pouch, Epistaxis, Anosmia, Dizziness, BPPV, Tonsillitis, Quincke, FESS, Grommet Insertion, Septoplasty, Myringoplasty.

1140 - 1150

Break and Refreshments

1150 - 1250 Breaking Bad News (6 rotations)

Areas and topics covered in the 2nd session: Thyroid Cancer, Submandibular and Parotid Pathologies, Laryngeal Cancer, Carcinoma of the Tongue, Chloesteatoma, Dead Ear.

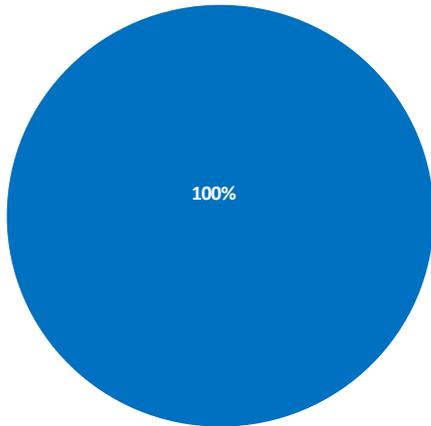
1250 - 1310 Guidance on Patient Communication Skills - Literary and Linguistic Aspects, British Phrases, Colloquial Terminologies, Mannerisms and Interpersonal Skills.

1310 - 1330 Tips for Scoring in Communication Skills Stations

1330 End of Course

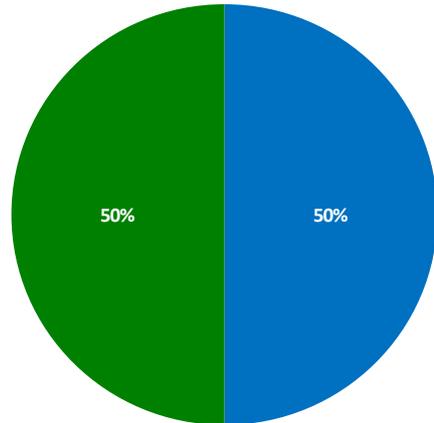
Overall Feedback

Did the session help you to improve your overall communication skills pertinent to the exam?



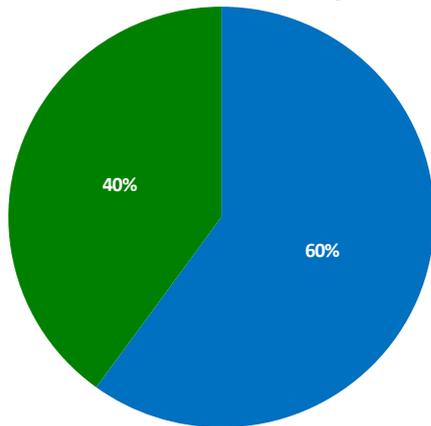
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

Do you now feel more confident in breaking bad news in an exam setting?



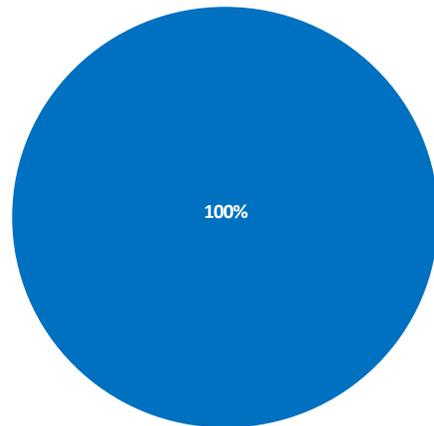
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

Do you now feel more confident in obtaining consent in an exam setting?



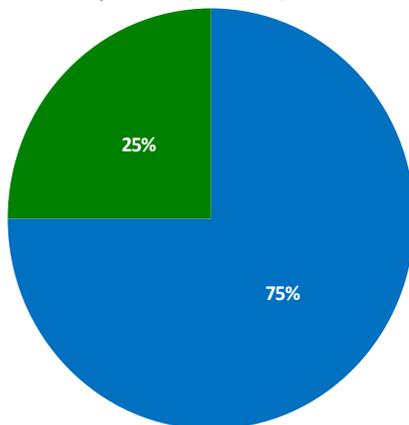
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

Do you now feel more confident in taking history in an exam setting?



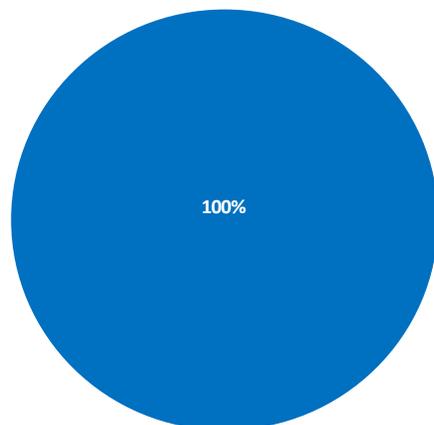
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

Did the session help you to consider your body language when communicating with patients (or actors)?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

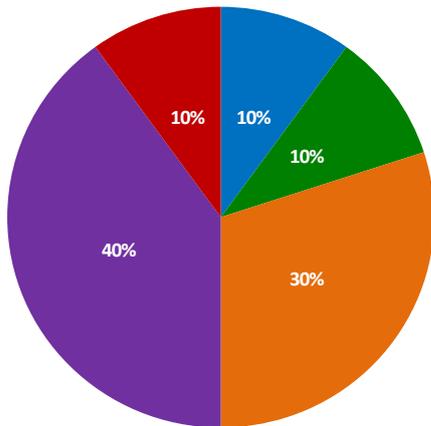
Did the session encourage you to use appropriate words and phrases when communicating with patients (or actors)?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

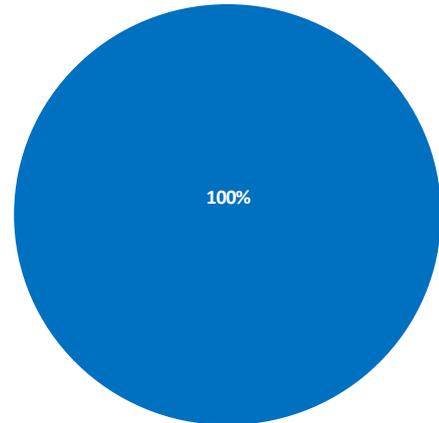
Overall Feedback

How would you rate your confidence in sitting the communication component of the exam before the session?



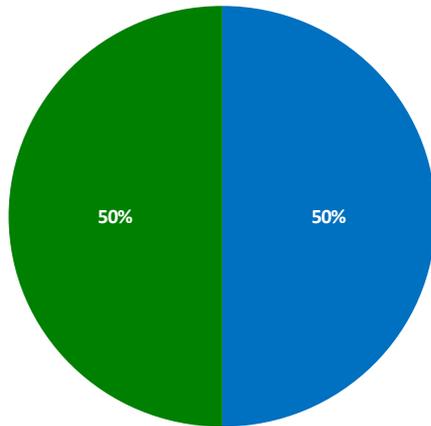
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

How would you rate your confidence in sitting the communication component of the exam after the session?



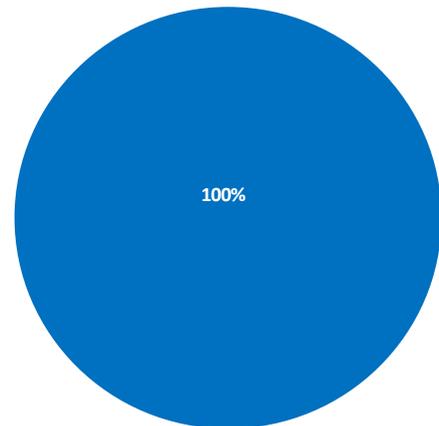
■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Average ■ Fair ■ Very poor

How were the facilities and venue?



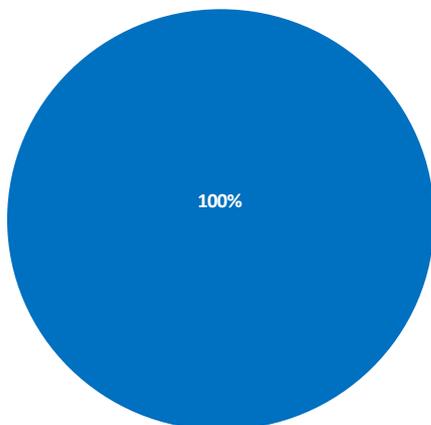
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



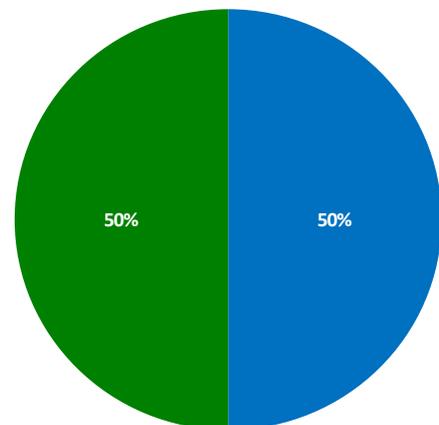
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral
■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this session to a friend?



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

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



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

Individual Comments

5 star, very helpful organisers, perfect timing before exam, good arrangement despite covid. Good/prompt correspondence via email.

HK

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital

The session was excellent for me ,teachers are fully oriented ,they gave us the weak points and I did well in the exam .Thank you very much Highly recommended .

AA

Alforat Teaching Hospital

I am glad that I attended this course. It was realistic as to the exam expectations. It has helped me a lot on the day. Because I qualified abroad not having sat an OSCE type exam before I did not know what to expect. If I fail, it's not going to be by much and for sure I will pass next time. But then, there is a good chance that I will pass.

AP

William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, United Kingdom

I was initially a bit nervous at there being such a small group size, however this ended up being beneficial as there was a lot of opportunity for practice and feedback. It was really helpful to practice the scenarios, observe colleagues, and also have the opportunity to discuss communication feedback as well as knowledge aspects relevant to the exam.

RS

Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland , United Kingdom



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