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FRCS (General Surgery) Section 2 Preparation and Viva Course

Feedback - April 2021

FRCS (General Surgery) Section 2 Preparation and Viva Course

This intensive two-day revision course was designed to help candidates prepare for the Intercollegiate FRCS Examination in General Surgery. The course, delivered by an experienced group of senior consultants, used a combination of interactive discussions, case-based lectures and vivas in all areas (general, subspecialty, trauma and critical care, academic and basic sciences) to provide the delegates with a focused revision of pertinent topics for the exam. Statistics relevant to the exam were also covered.

Learning Style:

- o Interactive discussion and pertinent lectures.
- o Updates on current advances in all sub-specialities.
- o Academic vivas.
- o Basic science vivas.
- o General vivas.
- o Subspecialty vivas.
- o Trauma and critical care vivas.
- o Clinical images and pathology images for discussion.
- o Emphasis will be laid on all participants to answer questions. Each participant will be given time to hone their discussion and presentation skills with an examiner.
- o All the declared subspecialties will be covered – Upper GI, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, colorectal, endocrine, breast, vascular and transplantation.

Course Information

Venue:	Online Via Zoom
Date:	10th and 11th April 2021
Attendance:	45 Delegates
Aimed at:	ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery
Course Fee:	£125.00

Learning Outcomes:

- o On completion of this course the candidate should be confident in their preparation for the Section 2 of the examination.
- o The candidate should be able to present and discuss cases, concepts and principles as in an examination situation.
- o Learn correct discussion and presentation techniques.



Programme

Day 1

Saturday 10th April 2021

0815 - 0830 Introduction and Format of the Exam

0830 - 0930 Endocrine Surgery

0930 - 1030 Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery

1030 - 1045

Break

1045 - 1145 Breast Surgery

1145 - 1230 Vascular Surgery

1230 - 1300

Break for Lunch

1300 - 1445 Colorectal Surgery

1445 - 1545 HPB Surgery (Part 1)

1545 - 1600

Break

1600 - 1700 Critical Care for Surgeons

1700 - 1715

Break

1715 - 1800 Trauma Surgery

1800 - 1845 Transplant Surgery

1845 - 1930 HPB Surgery (Part 2)

Programme

Day 2

Sunday 11th April 2021

0800 - 0900 Statistics and Reading a Paper

0900 - 0915 Format for the Day

0915 - 1045 General Viva

1045 - 1100

Break

1100 - 1230 Trauma and Critical Care Viva

1230 - 1315

Break for Lunch

1315 - 1445 Speciality Viva

1445 - 1500

Break

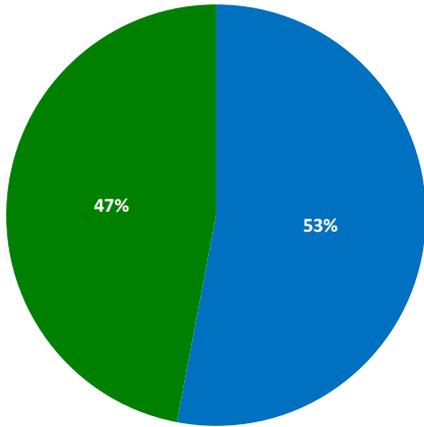
1500 - 1530 Delegates Read Academic Paper

1530 - 1630 Academic Viva

1630 - 1700 Q&A Session and Close

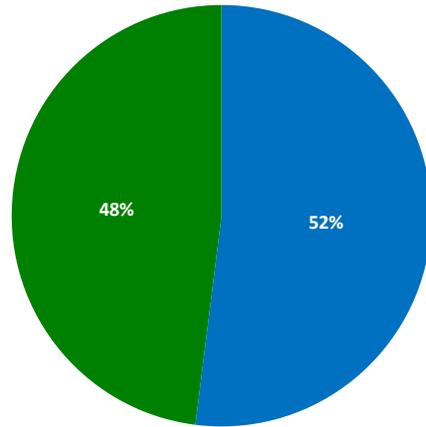
Overall Feedback

How was the content of the course?



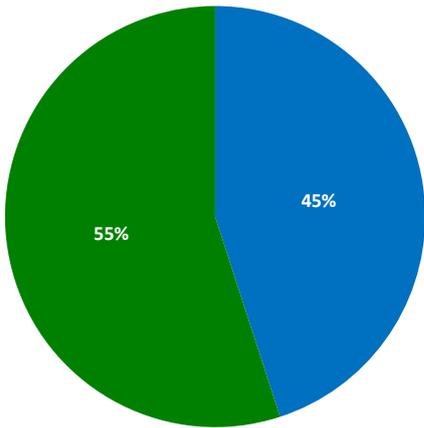
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



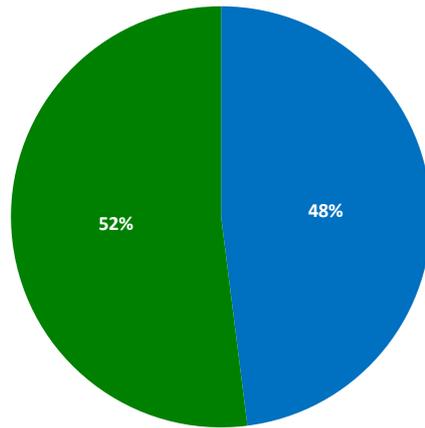
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How was the clarity of the presentations?



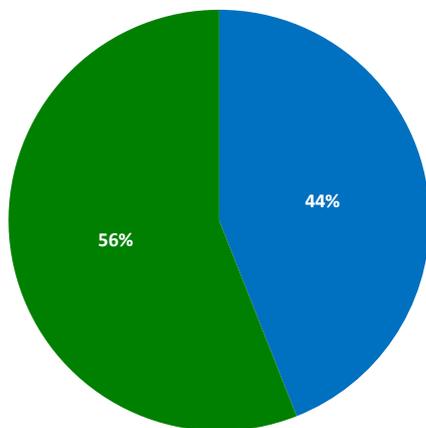
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How would you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?



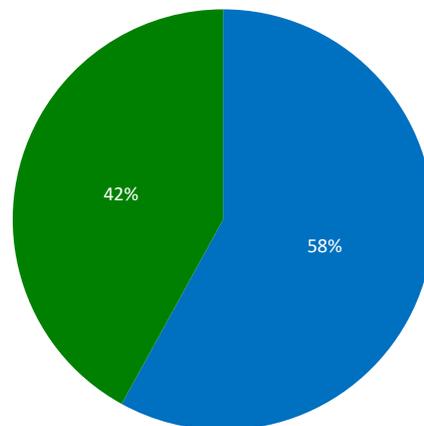
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Introduction and Format of the Exam



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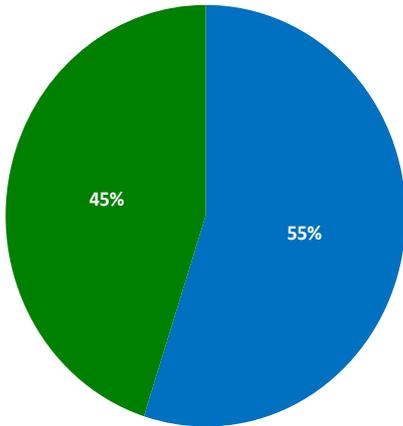
Endocrine Surgery



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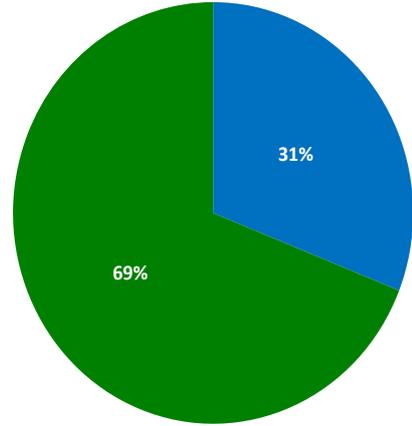
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Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery



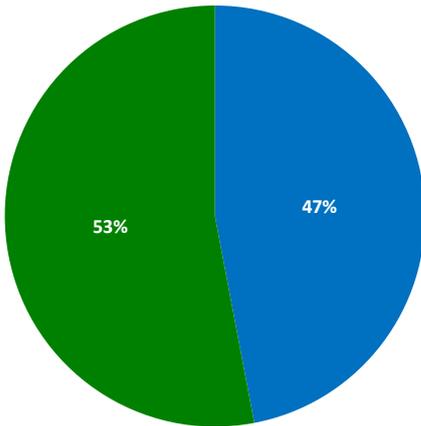
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Breast Surgery



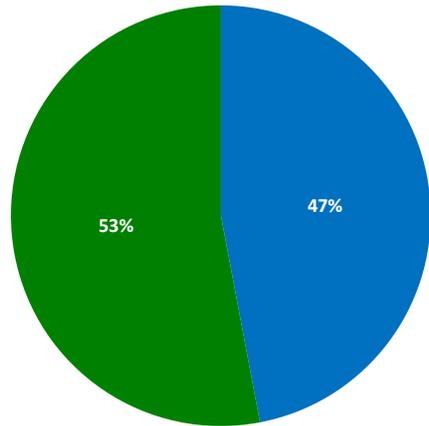
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Vascular Surgery



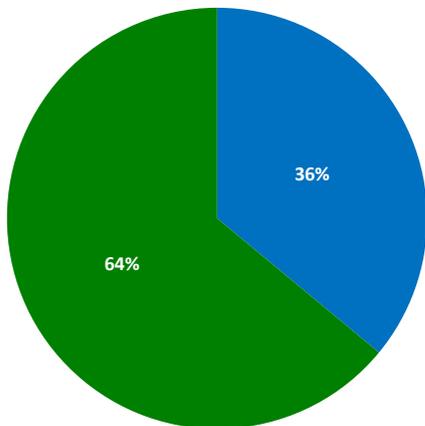
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Colorectal Surgery



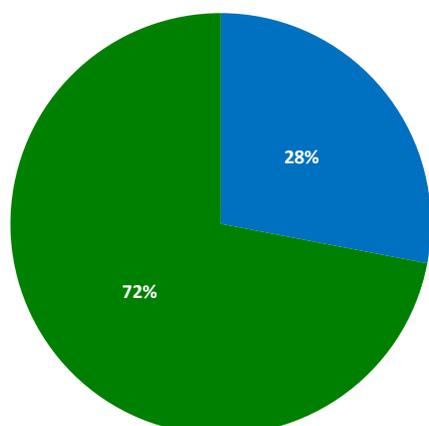
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HPB Surgery (Part 1)



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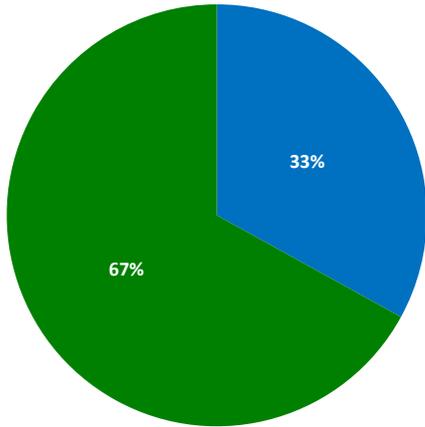
Critical Care for Surgeons



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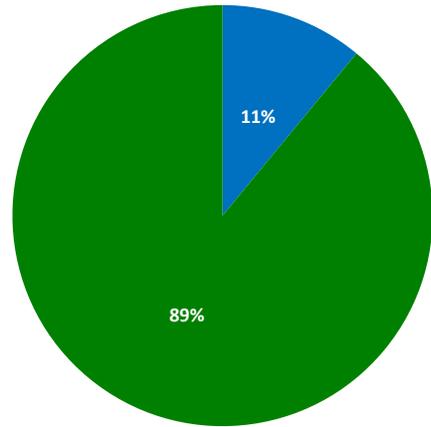
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Trauma Surgery



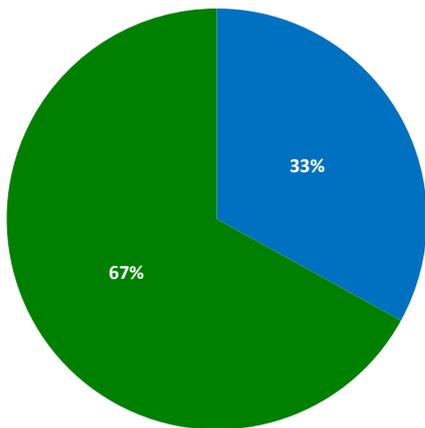
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Transplant Surgery



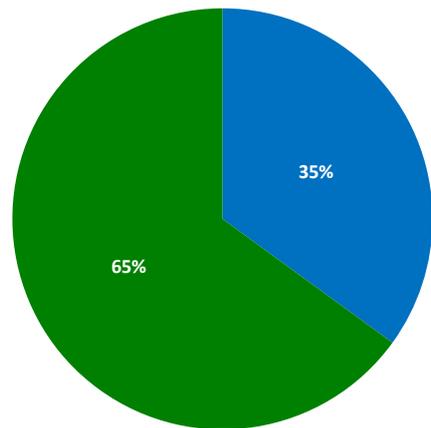
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HPB Surgery (Part 2)



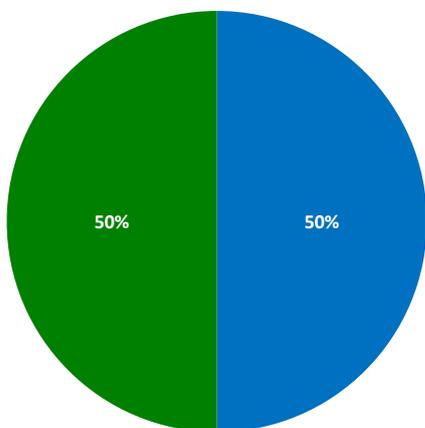
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Statistics and Reading a Paper



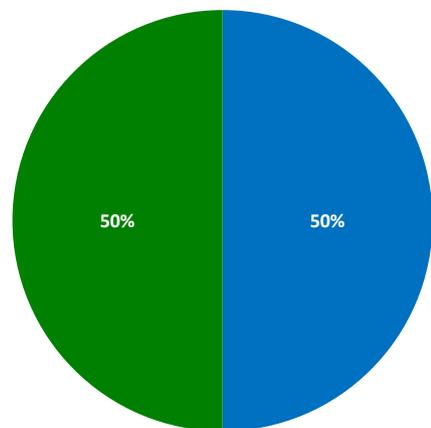
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General Viva



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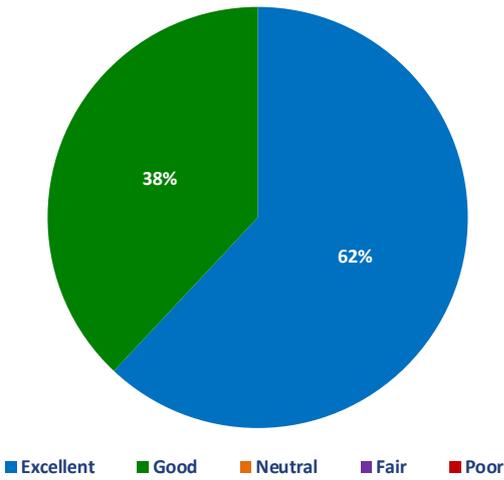
Trauma and Critical Care Viva



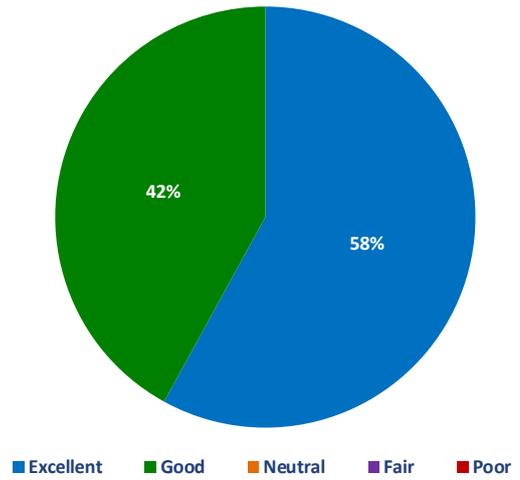
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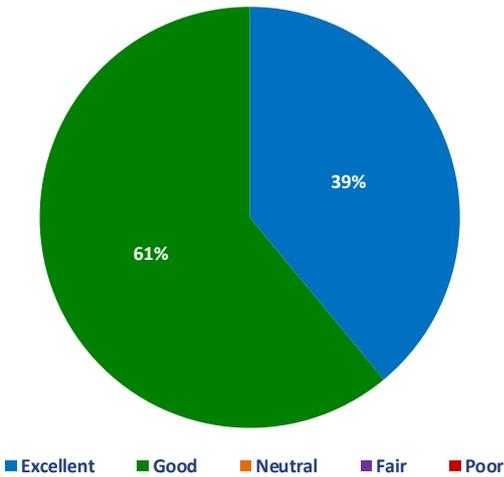
Speciality Viva



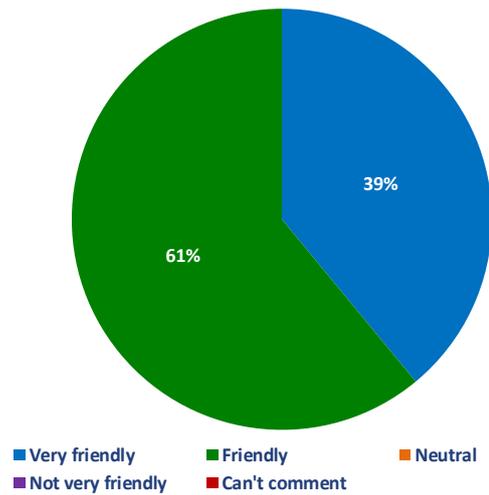
Academic Viva



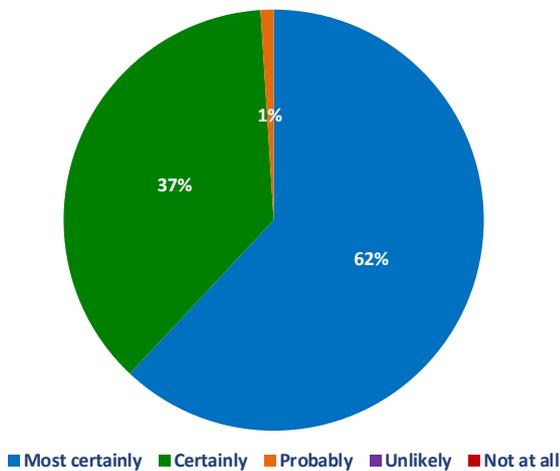
How would you rate the appropriateness of Zoom for the delivery of this talk?



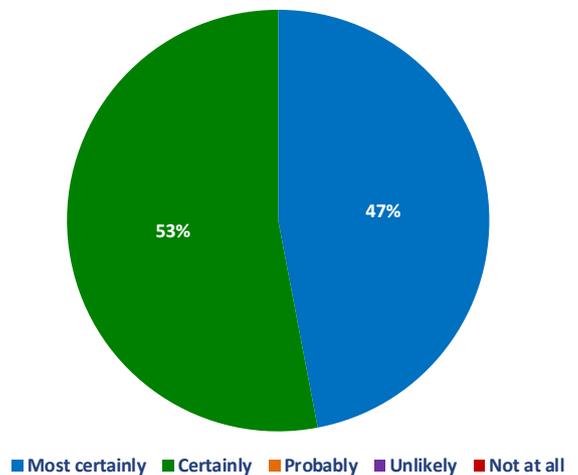
How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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



Individual Comments

Its been a brilliant course.

WC
Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Scotland, United Kingdom

Good.

MH
NGH, Ireland

Good.

VA
William Harvey Hospital, England, United Kingdom

2 day course is about right.

MA
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Really good.

GA
Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, United Kingdom

Excellent.

SD
Imperial College NHS Trust, United Kingdom

Very organized and excellent additional material.

RB
Cheltenham General Hospital, Cheltenham, United Kingdom

Very useful for preparing for the exam. I think the timing of 6 weeks before the exam is good as it allows me chance to work on the issues identified during the course.

VP
Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Doncaster, United Kingdom

I benefited a lot from the course.

MA
Hamad General Hospital, Doha, Qatar

Very good, useful sessions. Many thanks.

NH
Whittington Hospital, London, United Kingdom

Individual Comments

Excellent.

SK

Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Very well run course. Excellent value for money and convenient on zoom. I would definitely recommend having a zoom version after the pandemic. The second day was excellent. Very useful to get viva practice with consultants and see others do it and get feedback. Thanks for organising this course.

HS

North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester, United Kingdom

Good course.

RR

Sligo University Hospital, Sligo, Ireland

Excellent course, very relevant and highly recommended.

MM

Dumfries and Galloway NHS, United Kingdom

Good course, value for money.

MA

Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Really professional and trainee focused.

AS

The Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool, United Kingdom



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Courses (a selection):

Undergraduate:

- Final Year Medicine and Surgical Revision Courses
- Training the Clinical Anatomy Trainer
- Clinical Anatomy as Applied to Trauma and Emergency Medicine
- Surgical Anatomy of Important Operative Procedures
- Future Surgeons: Key Skills (RCSEd delivered)
- Structured Introduction to Surgical Skills

Postgraduate:

- MRCS Part A
- MRCEM Part A
- MRCS Part B OSCE
- DOHNS: Intensive Revision & OSCE
- Intercollegiate Basic Surgical Skills (RCSEd delivered)
- MRCP PACES Part 2
- FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam
- Cadaveric Ultrasound-Guided Musculoskeletal Intervention Course
- Ultrasound-Assisted Botulinum Toxin Injection for Neuromuscular Disorders
- Live Advanced Laparoscopic Colorectal Course



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