



**At the Crossroads:
Charting Your Path to the
Right Speciality**



Feedback - November 2019

At the Crossroads: Charting Your Path to the Right Speciality

The Singapore Medical Society of the United Kingdom (SMSUK), the Malaysian Medics International United Kingdom (MMIUK) and the Hong Kong Medical Society of the United Kingdom (HKMSUK) were pleased to announce their conference: 'At the Crossroads: Charting Your Path to the Right Speciality'.

The conference aimed to identify an inflection point in a medical student's life – when they must decide which country to practice in and which speciality path to follow.

The societies sought to engage attendees in discourse around such issues through talks, workshops, a forum and a poster competition.

The societies used this opportunity to update attendees on current global health issues and advancements in the medical field. They hoped to inspire medical students to pursue different career paths and be spurred on to impact the medical landscape with their original ideas.

Course Information

Course Date:	9th November 2019
Venue:	Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, Wilkins Building, London Institute of Education, Bloomsbury, London
Attendance:	63 Delegates
Aimed at:	Medical Students; Foundation Year Doctors
Course Fee:	£15.00



Programme

Morning Session

- 0830 – 0900 Registration and Breakfast
- 0900 – 0910 Welcome Address
- 0910 – 0940 Impact of Collaboration on the Quality of Life of Children in Africa -
Professor Alan Fenwick OBE
- 0940 – 1010 Artificial Intelligence in Ophthalmology: Where Are We Now? Where Is Next? –
Dr Daniel Ting
- 1010 – 1040 Academic Surgery Pathway – Dr Calver Pang

1040 – 1050

Break

- 1050 – 1110 Core Training Pathway – Dr Lawrence Nip
- 1110 – 1230 Panel: Where to Work and Why – Dr Chon Lam; Dr Jacqueline Sit

1230 – 1400

Lunch Break and Poster Presentations

Afternoon Session

- 1400 – 1500 **Workshop Session 1**
- Suturing Workshop (Beginner and Intermediate) – Dr Jeremy Chan; Dr Lawrence Nip
 - Obstetrics and Gynaecology Practical Workshop – Dr Nikki Lee
 - Core Medical Training – Dr Katherine Law
 - Why Nephrology? – Dr Rafidah Abdullah
 - CV Tips and Drop-In Clinic – Dr Calver Pang
- 1500 – 1600 **Workshop Session 2**
- Suturing Workshop (Beginner and Intermediate) – Dr Jeremy Chan; Dr Lawrence Nip
 - Obstetrics and Gynaecology Practical Workshop – Dr Nikki Lee
 - Academic Foundation Programme – Dr En Lin Goh
 - A&E – Dr Phoebe Leung
 - CV Tips and Drop-In Clinic – Dr Calver Pang
- 1600 – 1700 **Workshop Session 3**
- Suturing Workshop (Beginner and Intermediate) – Dr Jeremy Chan; Dr Lawrence Nip
 - Developments in Breast Surgery – Dr Yan Zhiyan
 - Core Surgical Training – Mr Sebastian Ho
 - A&E – Dr Phoebe Leung
 - The Diverse and Exciting Opportunities in Paediatrics – Dr Audrey Soo
- 1700 – 1730 Poster Prize Presentation and Closing

Faculty

Speakers

Professor Alan Fenwick

Emeritus Professor

Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Daniel Ting

Cataract and Comprehensive Ophthalmology Consultant

Singapore National Eye Centre, Singapore

Dr Calver Pang

PhD Student

Division of Surgery and Interventional Science, University College London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Lawrence Nip

Core Surgical Trainee

University College London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Chon Lam

Foundation Year 1 Doctor

University College London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Jacqueline Sit

Paediatric Registrar ST5

Kingston Hospital, London, United Kingdom

Dr Jeremy Chan

Core Surgical Trainee

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, Coventry, United Kingdom

Dr Rucira Ooi

Foundation Year 1 Doctor

NHS Wales, United Kingdom

Dr Nikki Lee

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Registrar

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Dr Rafidah Abdullah

Consultant Physician/Nephrologist at Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Hospital, Pahang, Malaysia

MSc Student at King's College London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Katherine Law

Speciality Registrar in Clinical Gerontology and General Internal Medicine

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Dr En Lin Goh

Core Surgical Trainee

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Dr Sebastian Ho

Core Surgical Trainee

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Faculty

Dr Yan Zhiyan

Consultant Surgeon

Breast Department at KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore

Dr Audrey Soo

Paediatric Neurologist

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Dr Phoebe Leung

Higher Trainee in Emergency Medicine

Homerton University Hospital, London, United Kingdom

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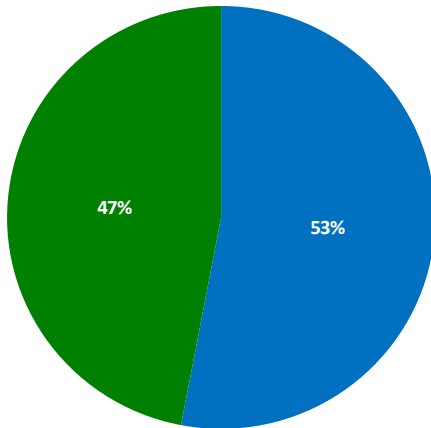
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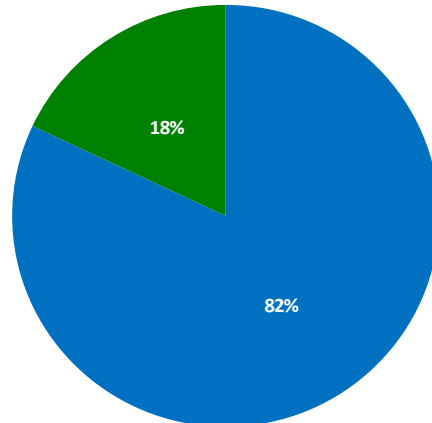
Overall Feedback

How was the content of the conference?



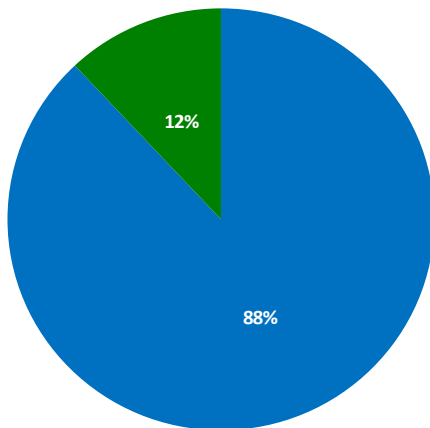
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the speakers?



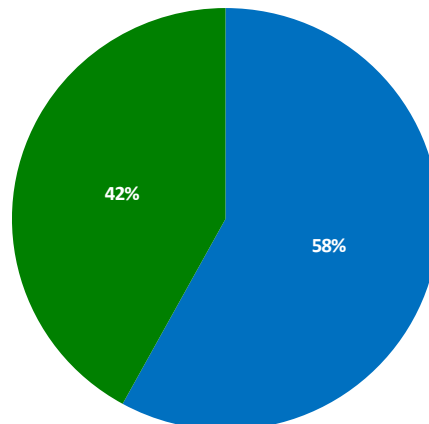
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Impact of Collaboration on the Quality of Life of Children in Africa - Professor Alan Fenwick OBE



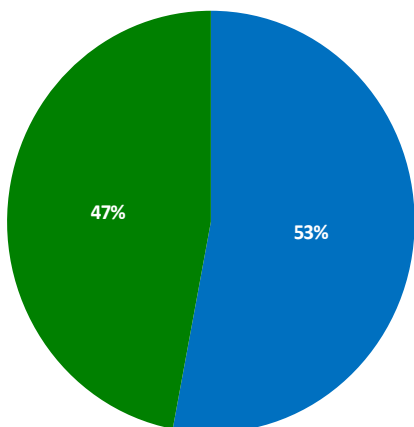
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Artificial Intelligence in Ophthalmology: Where Are We Now? Where Is Next? - Dr Daniel Ting



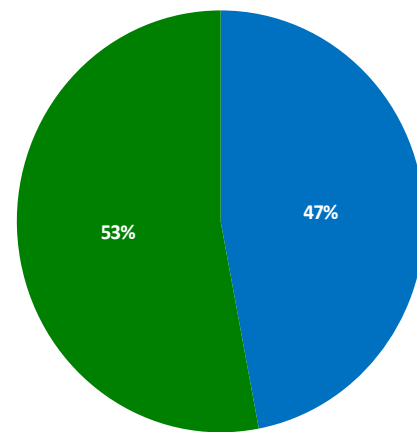
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Academic Surgery Pathway - Dr Calver Pang



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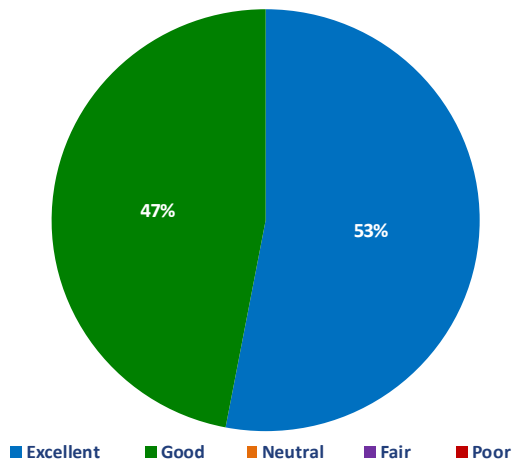
Core Training Pathway - Dr Lawrence Nip



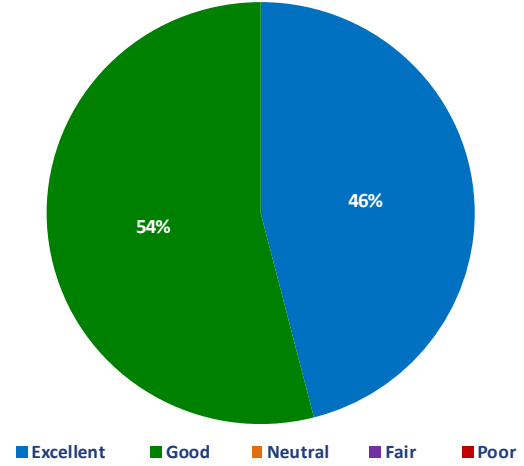
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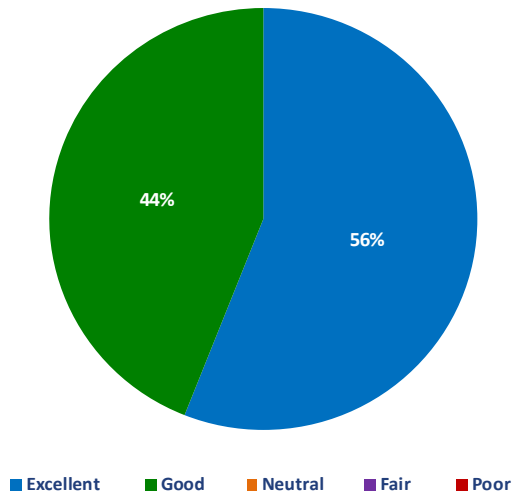
Panel: Where to Work and Why - Dr Chon Meng Lam, Mr Muhammad Ashraf Yusoff, Dr Rafidah Abdullah and Dr Chan Ning Lee



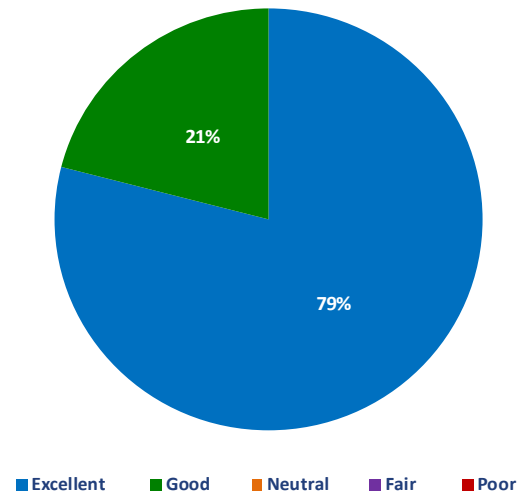
Suturing Workshop - Dr Jeremy Chan, Dr Lawrence Nip, Dr Rucira Ooi and Dr Chon Meng Lam



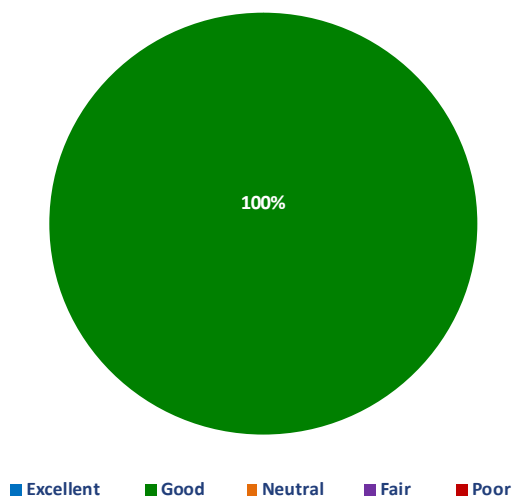
Obstetrics and Gynaecology Practical Workshop - Dr Nikki Lee



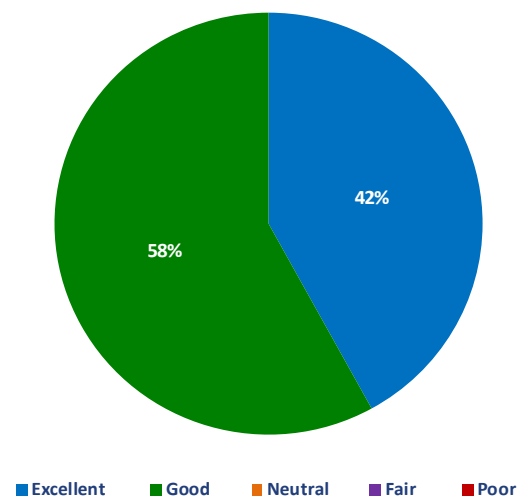
Core Medical Training - Dr Katherine Law



Why Nephrology? - Dr Rafidah Abdullah

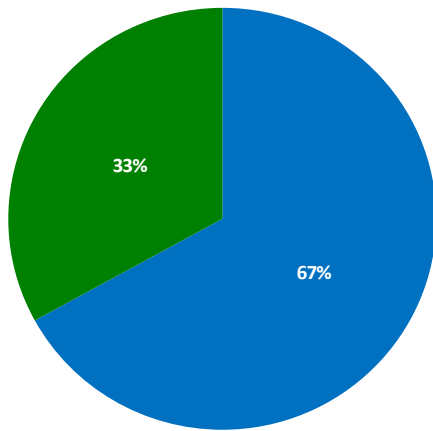


CV Tips and Drop-In Clinic - Dr Calver Pang



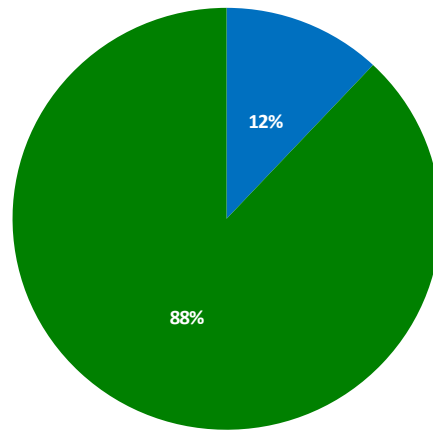
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Core Surgical Training - Mr Sebastian Ho



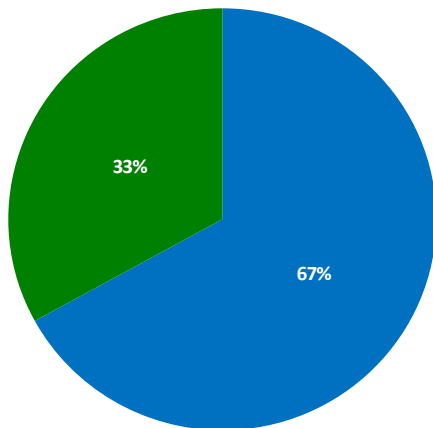
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A&E - Dr Phoebe Leung



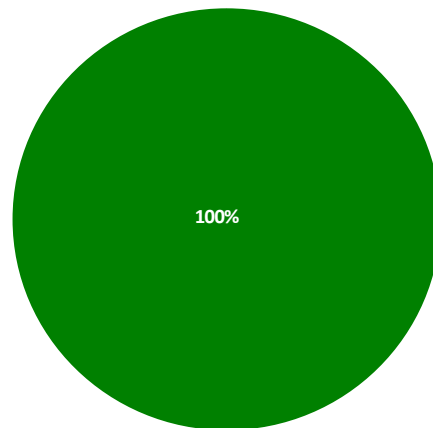
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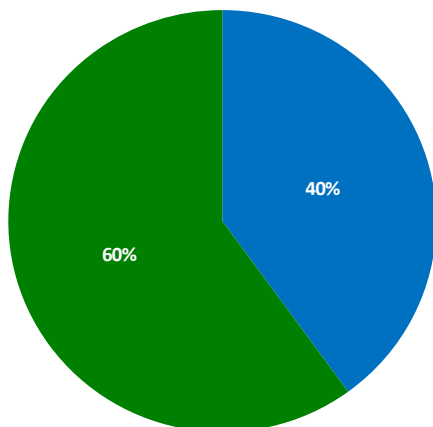
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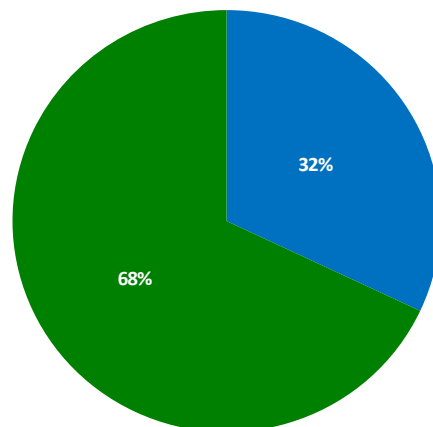
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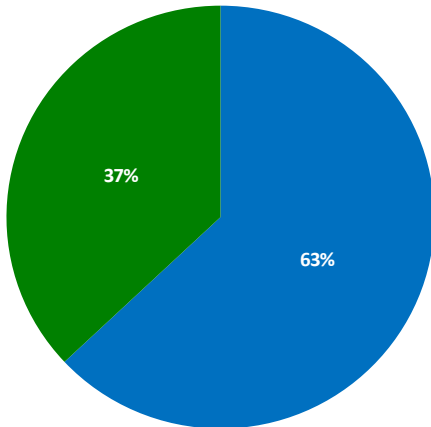
How were the refreshments and lunch?



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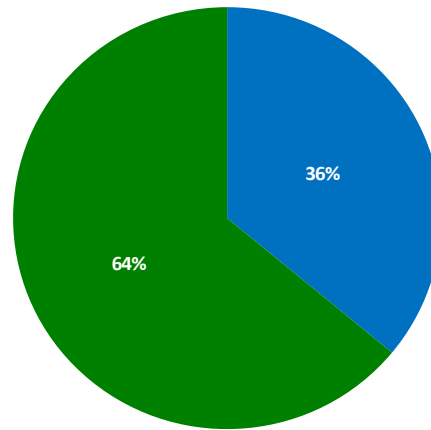
Overall Feedback

How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



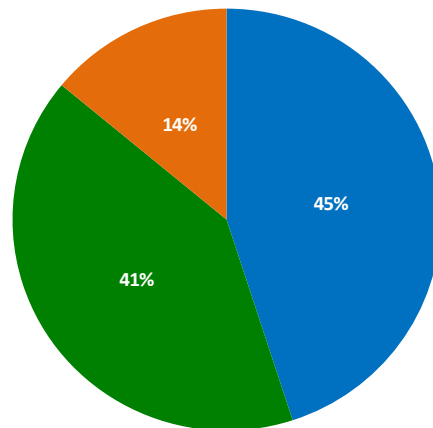
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral
■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this conference to a friend?



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

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



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

Individual Comments

It was good.

BT

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

It was well organised.

GN

University College London School of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

This was a well-organised event covering many specialities and various aspects of CV building. Having the opportunity to network with the speakers and medical students was great. I would suggest increasing the strictness of the timings for the speakers to avoid delays. Overall, I loved it.

JT

Queen's University Belfast School of Medicine, Belfast, United Kingdom

It made me realise that self-initiative is an important part of trying to find the speciality that best suits you.

AC

Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom

It was very well organised.

JM

Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, United Kingdom

This was a very well-organised conference.

AN

UCL Medical School, London, United Kingdom

The conference provided me with the opportunity to have a feel for different specialities.

CT

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

The guest speakers were of a great quality. I will return if the guest speakers maintain their quality.

CP

University of Birmingham College of Medical and Dental Sciences, United Kingdom

Good.

CC

St. George's University of London, London, United Kingdom

Individual Comments

It was all excellent. Well done.

KF

St. George's University of London, London, United Kingdom

It was very useful, especially when highlighting career pathways.

PL

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

Amazing.

WW

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

It was a good conference overall. It was relevant in terms of finding the right career pathway as a medical student.

EY

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

The conference was relevant as it provided future guidance, as well as being both clear and well presented.

FT

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

As a first year student, it wasn't particularly relevant. However, it gave me a good idea of what to do going forwards.

DW

King's College London GKT School of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

The conference established clear objectives; the talks were both relevant and inspiring.

JN

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

It was well organised overall, and it provided useful information on future training opportunities.

HQ

University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, Cambridge, United Kingdom

The general organisation was good.

GN

University College London School of Medicine, London, United Kingdom



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