

Graf Ultrasound Course: Two-Day Basic Course

for the Diagnosis and Management of Dysplasia of the Infant Hip



Feedback - November 2025

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This well-established and hugely popular course, previously run in Dorchester for 25 years as the West Dorset Hip Course, was led by Professor Reinhard Graf, Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Graz, Austria. The course comprised of a large number of experienced consultant faculty and aimed to provide the participants with a thorough understanding of the role of ultrasound in the diagnosis and management of Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (previously known as Congenital Dislocation of the Hip). The course covered the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to perform and interpret infant hip ultrasound examination, and the management based on the ultrasound findings. Aspects such as choice of equipment and setting up an ultrasound service were also covered.

Course Information

Course Date: 24th, 26th and 27th November 2025

Venue: Theoretical Component Held via Zoom (24th November 2025)

Practical Component Held at the Tower Hotel, St. Katharine's Way, London (26th and 27th November 2025)

Attendance: 15 Delegates

Aimed at: Midwives;
Obstetric Nurses;
Orthopaedic Surgeons;
Paediatricians;
Paediatric Surgeons;
Physiotherapists;
Radiographers;
Radiologists;
Sonographers;
Speciality Nurses;
Speciality Registrars and Trainees in any of the above disciplines;
Surgical or Advanced Care Practitioners.

Course Fee: £485.00



Programme

24th November 2025

0915 - 0920 Login to Zoom

0920 - 0930 Welcome and Introduction

0930 - 1010 Lecture 1 - Checklist 1: Anatomical Identification

1010 - 1030 Lecture 2 - Checklist 2: Usability Check

1030 - 1045 Questions and Group Practice

1045 - 1100 Break

1100 - 1145 Lecture 3 - Graf Types: Description/Eyeballing

1145 - 1230 Lecture 4 - Measurement and Classification

1230 - 1240 Questions

1230 - 1330 Lunch Break

1335 - 1345 Scanning Technique

1345 - 1420 Lecture 5 - Tilting Errors and Pitfalls

1420 - 1425 Questions

1425 - 1500 Lecture 6 - Treatment According to US Classification

1500 - 1515 Break

1515 - 1545 Lecture 7 - Clinical/Selective/Universal Screening

1545 - 1615 Lecture 8 - Why the Graf Method

1615 - 1620 Questions

1620 - 1630 Summary and Close

1630 End of Day 1

Programme

26th and 27th November 2025

0900 - 0915 Registration and Coffee

0915 Welcome and Introduction

0915 - 0945 Workshop 1: Anatomical Identification

0945 - 1015 Workshop 2: Usability Check

1015 - 1030 Scanning Demonstration

1030 - 1230 Small Group Sessions (with Refreshment Break)

1230 - 1330 Lunch (phantom station available for practice)

1330 - 1345 Workshop 3: Types of Hip

1345 - 1400 Workshop 4: Measurement and Classification

1400 - 1415 Workshop 5: Tilting Errors

1415 - 1445 Refreshment Break

1445 - 1615 Small Group Sessions

1615 - 1630 Reporting and Audit

1630 - 1700 Final Points and Questions

1700 End of Course

Faculty

Dr Ailbhe Tarrant, MB, MBChB, FFRCSI

Consultant Paediatric Radiologist
CHI at Temple Street and Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

Ms Anita Tuohy

Clinical Specialist Radiographer
Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe, Ireland

Ms Claudia Maizen, MD, FRCS (T&O)

Consultant Orthopaedic Paediatric Surgeon
Barts Health NHS Trust, London, UK

Ms Helen McDonald

Clinical Specialist Sonographer
University Hospital Waterford, Waterford, Ireland
DDH Co-Ordinator – National Clinical Programme for Children

Mr Joseph O’Beirne, MBBCh, FRCSI, FRCS (Edin)

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
University Hospital Waterford, Waterford, Ireland

Dr Konstantinos Chlapoutakis

Clinical Radiologist
Vioapeikonisi Imaging Lab, Greece

Ms Louise Duffy, BSc, MSc

Clinical Specialist Sonographer
Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

Dr Sally Scott, FRCR

Retired Consultant Radiologist
National Hip Ultrasound Screening Committee

Mr Sattar Alshryda, MBChB, MRCS, MRCSEd, FRCS (Eng), FRCSEd(T&O), PhD

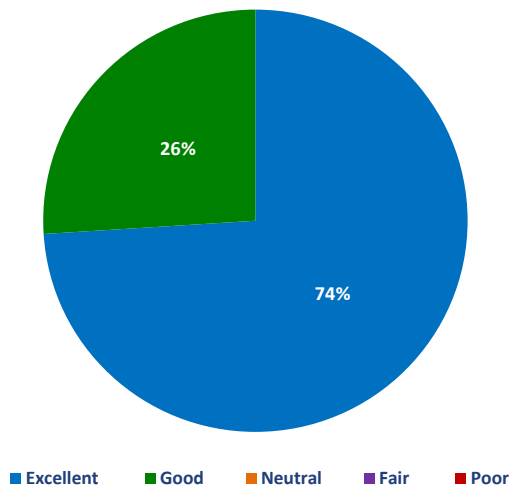
Consultant Trauma and Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Al Jalila Children’s Speciality Hospital, Dubai, UAE

Dr Thara Persaud, BSc, MBBS, FRCR, RCSI

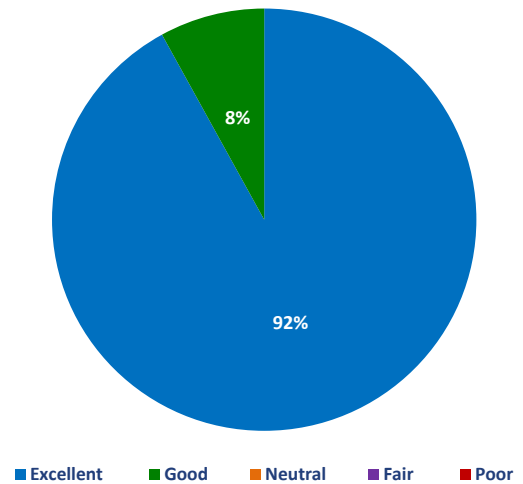
Consultant Paediatric Radiologist
CHI at Tallaght, Dublin, Ireland

Overall Feedback

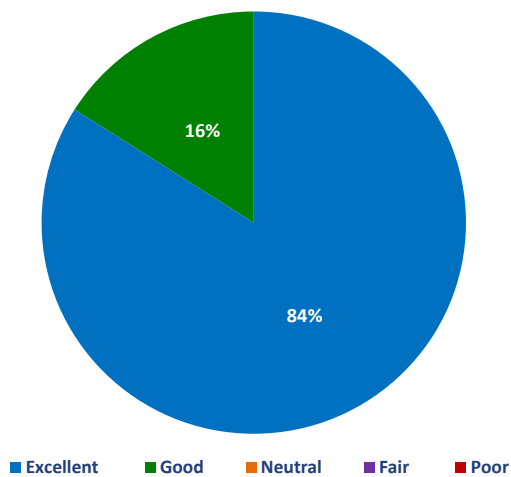
How was the clarity of the lectures?



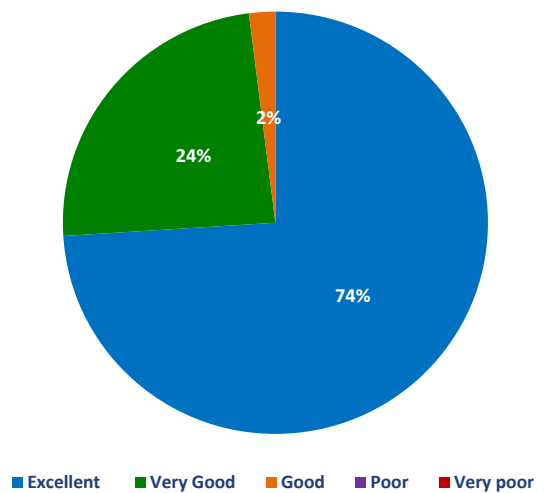
How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



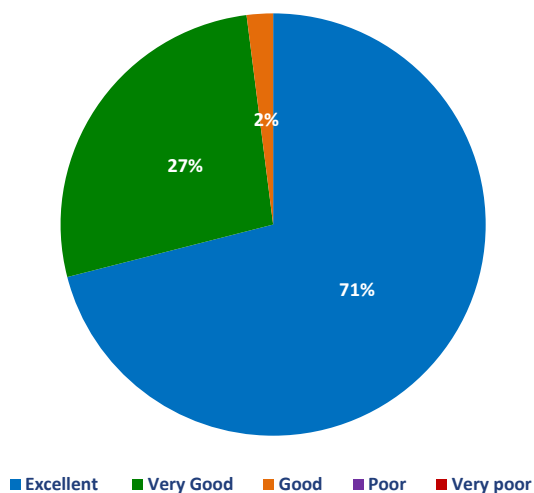
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your career?



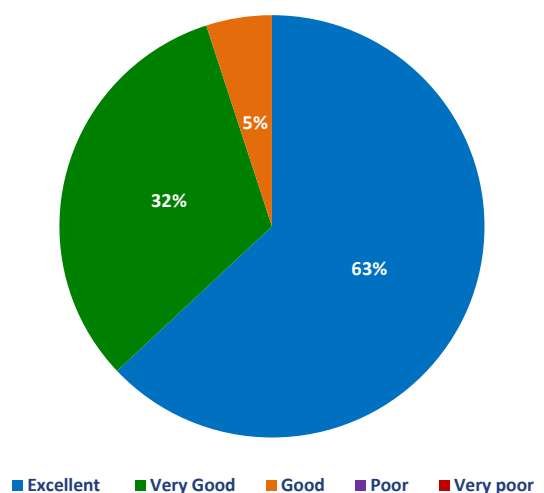
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Checklist 2: Usability Check

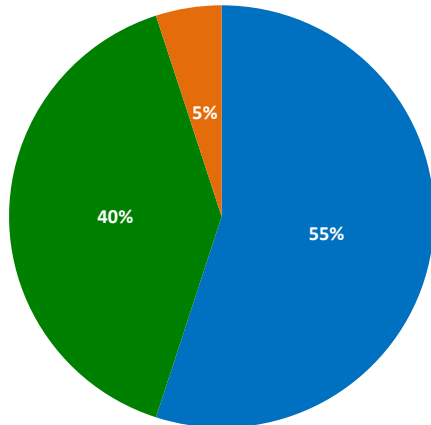


Graf Types: Description/Eyeballing



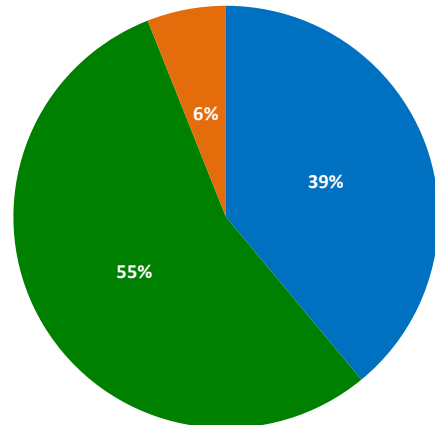
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Measurement and Classification



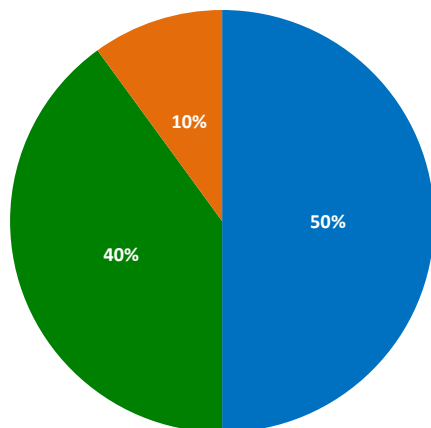
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Scanning Technique (video)



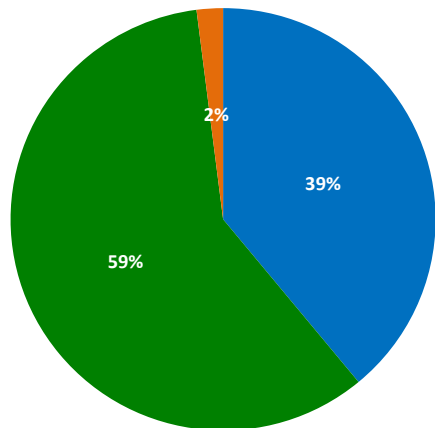
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Tilting Errors and Pitfalls



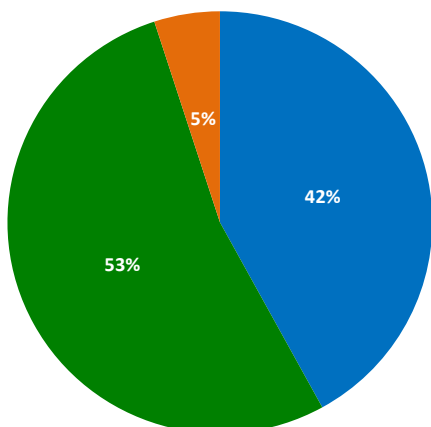
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Treatment According to US Classification



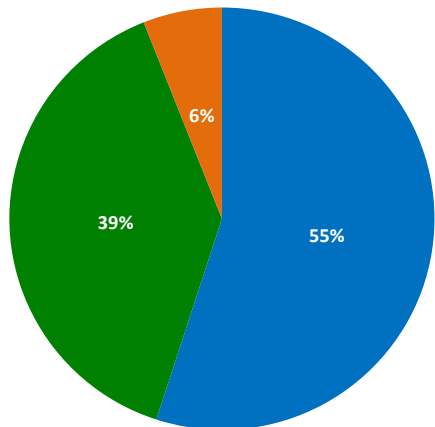
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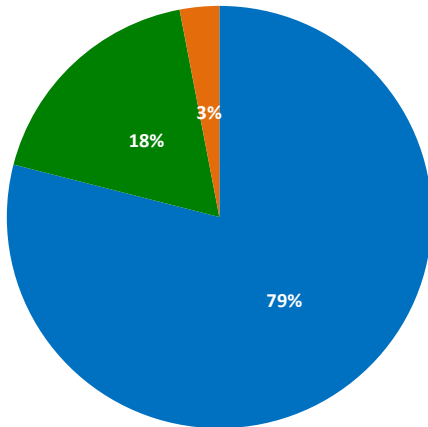
Why the Graf Method?



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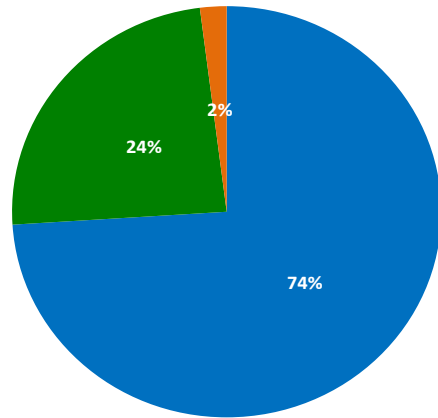
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Anatomical Definitions



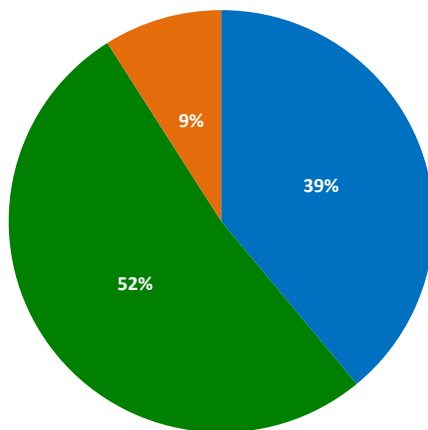
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Useability Check



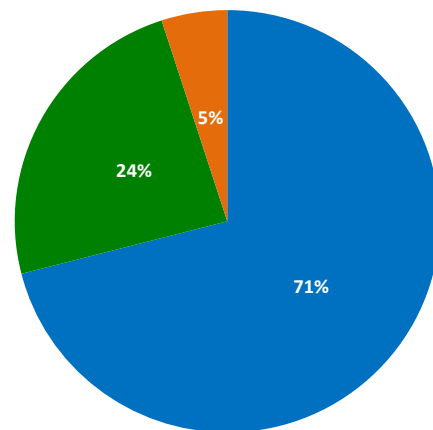
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Phantom Hip Scanning



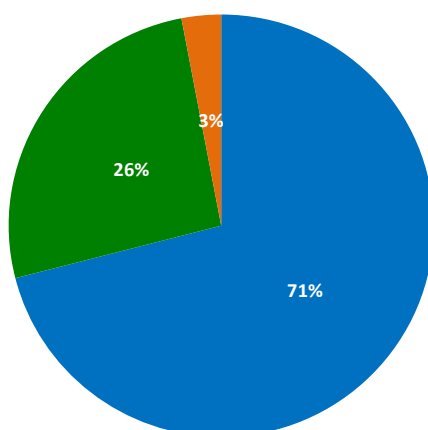
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Types of Hip



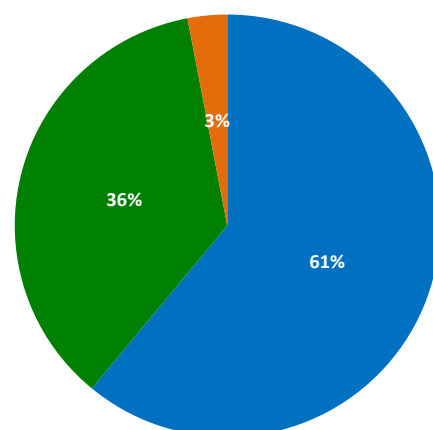
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Measurement and Classification



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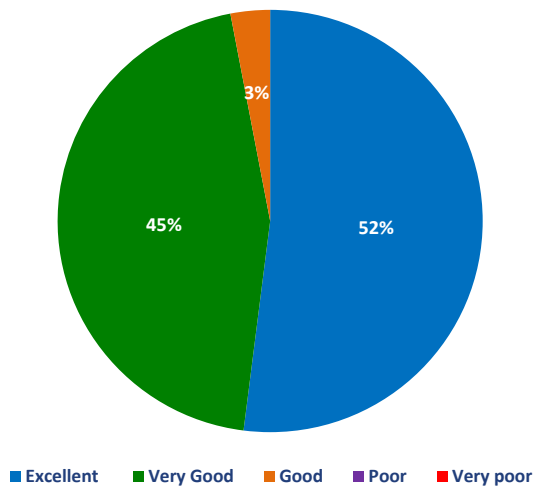
Tilting Errors



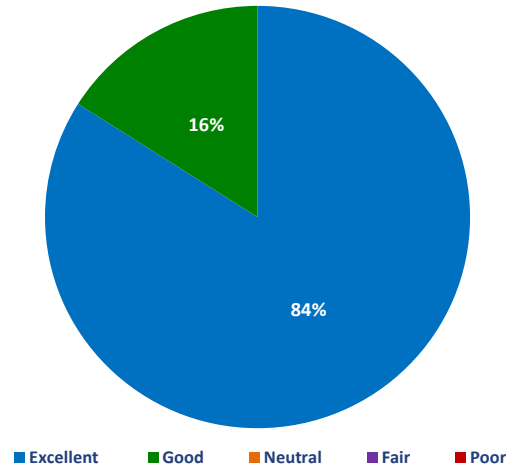
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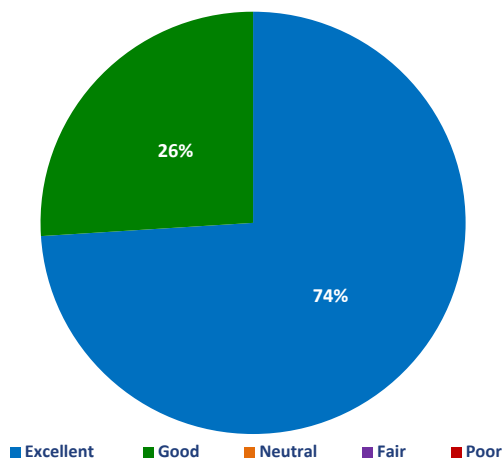
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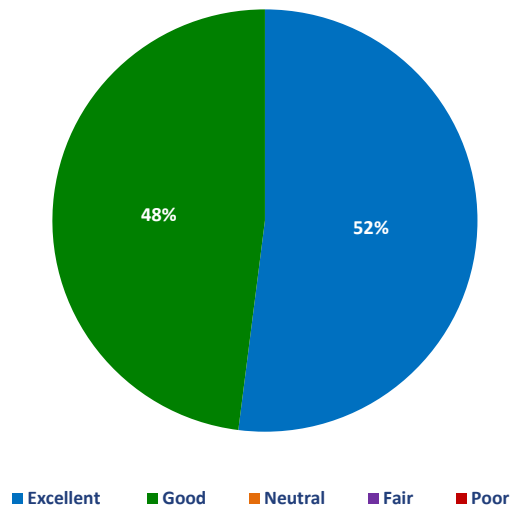
How would you rate the appropriateness of Zoom for the delivery of Day 1 of this course?



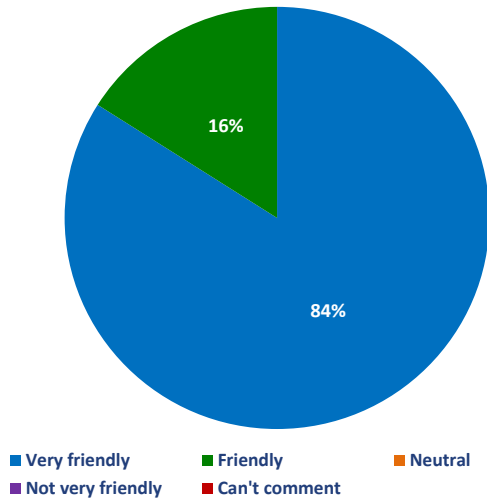
How were the facilities and venue for Day 2 of this course?



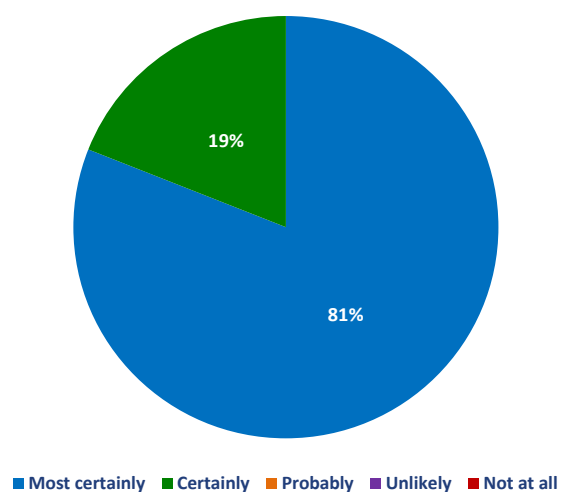
How were the refreshments and lunch?



How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?

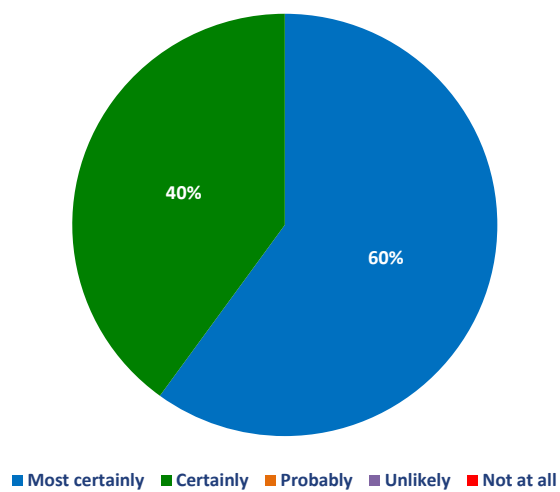


Would you recommend this course to a friend?



Overall Feedback

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



Individual Comments

This will be very helpful as we implement a new hip scanning service locally. The teaching was very good and organised.

LF

The Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall

The teaching and demonstration were all excellent. A big thank to the organisers for keeping Graf method/technique and classification alive.

AO

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, United Kingdom

Organised. Good use of repetition. Beneficial for scanning baby hips correctly within my dept.

RW

Newham General Hospital, London

Before starting the course I wondered why it would take two whole days to complete, but after attending and being able to fully recite the anatomy checklist and useability checklist plus feeling confident with grading the hip types - I see why! All lectures were delivered by people who were knowledgeable and approachable. If there was something that I was unsure about my questions were answered well and the lecturers made sure I understood. I had done some hip scanning already with my mentor but the course really cemented the practical and theoretical components so that I now feel confident to complete baby hip examinations on my own. The course is essential if you want to be able to scan baby hips confidently and competently. The only negative is using zoom for day 1 as I do struggle to concentrate on a computer screen all day but this helped make the course more accessible as I did not need to find extra childcare to travel.

EM

University Hospitals Sussex - St Richards Hospital, Chichester

I found the group work incredibly useful and felt the teaching was done in a way that made me feel relaxed and able to learn and ask questions as I needed. As a midwife sonographer this will be a very new technique but I feel the course has prepared us well for this.

ML

The Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall

Very informative and has aided my practice.

EM

Basildon University Hospital, Basildon

Very good in depth and relevant course. Good structure of course and good one to one teaching.

HM

University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton-on-Tees

Individual Comments

An excellent course which ensures you understand everything you need to do to obtain accurate images and diagnosis for baby hip scanning. Lovely friendly staff.

IW

University hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

It was really very impressive.

CO

Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust, United Kingdom

Very professional and excellent detailed explanation.

JM

University Hospitals of Leicester NHS, United Kingdom

Teaching was excellent with knowledgeable tutors, they were all passionate about what they are teaching which really rubs off! Organisation was good. I am an Orthopedic Surgeon with a special interest in Paediatric Orthopaedics and I found this relevant to my career.

OA

Doctors Hospital

It was a great two day course. I enjoyed it, lovely team and it has really helped with my knowledge.

SS

Great Western Hospital, Swindon

It has helped my understanding and practical application to scanning baby hips a great deal.

DV

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead

Very well organised, well taught course. As a sonographer, this course has been quite informative and helpful.

NK

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

The course was extremely valuable and exceeded my expectations. As a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, the ability to accurately perform and interpret hip ultrasound for DDH is essential to my daily practice. This course provided clear, structured, and practical guidance that immediately improved my confidence and technical skills.

VK

Schneider Children's Medical Center



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