

Advanced Graf Ultrasound Course

for the Diagnosis and Management of Dysplasia of the Infant Hip



Feedback - September 2026

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for the Diagnosis and Management of Developmental Dysplasia of the Infant Hip

This Advanced course, previously run in Dorchester as the West Dorset Hip Update Course, was led by Professor Reinhard Graf, Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Graz, Austria.

Aims & Objectives:

- o To ensure that participants are competent and confident in the technique of hip sonography.
- o To address any pertinent technical or knowledge-related issues that participants are encountering.
- o To discuss in greater depth the clinical and ultrasonic management of children with Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (previously known as Congenital Dislocation of the Hip) including new developments.

Course Information

Course Date:	7th and 11th September 2026
Venue:	Theoretical Component Held via Zoom (7th September 2026) Practical Component Held at Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland (11th September 2026)
Attendance:	6 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:	£325.00



Programme (7th September 2026)

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 (11th September 2026)

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

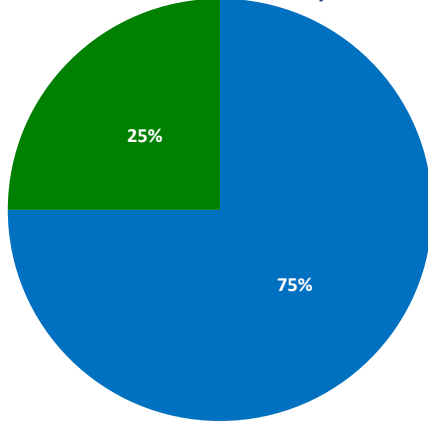
1615 - 1630 Reporting and Audit

1630 - 1700 Final Points and Questions

1700 End of Course

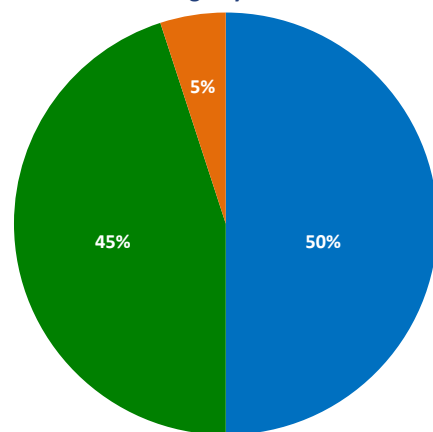
Overall Feedback

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



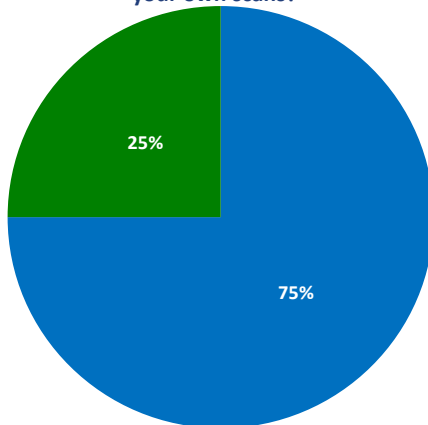
■ Excellent ■ Very Good ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Poor

How useful did you find the homework discussed during Day 2 of the course?



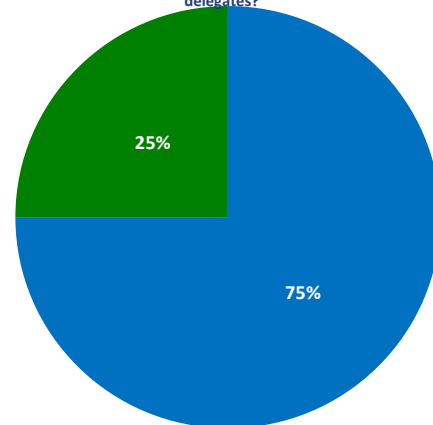
■ Extremely Useful ■ Very Useful ■ Useful
■ Somewhat Useful ■ Not Useful At All

How beneficial did you find the discussion of your own scans?



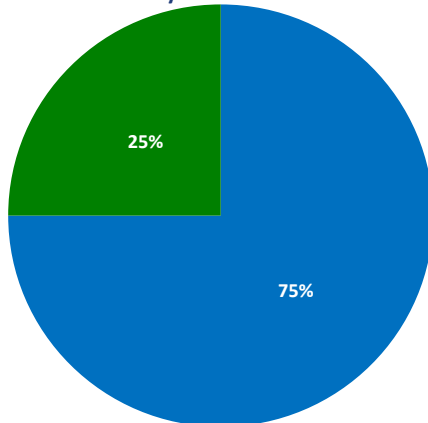
■ Extremely Beneficial ■ Very Beneficial
■ Beneficial ■ Somewhat Beneficial
■ Not Beneficial At All

Did you enhance your understanding of the Graf method by going through your own scans and the scans of the other delegates?



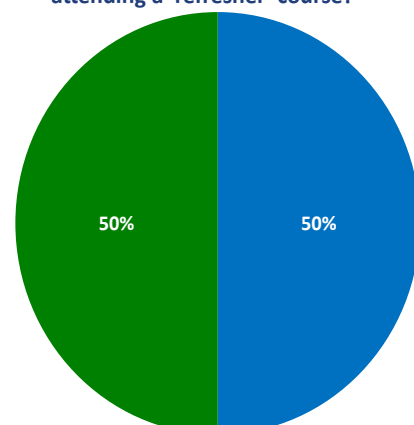
■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not At All

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



■ Extremely Beneficial ■ Very Beneficial
■ Beneficial ■ Somewhat Beneficial
■ Not Beneficial At All

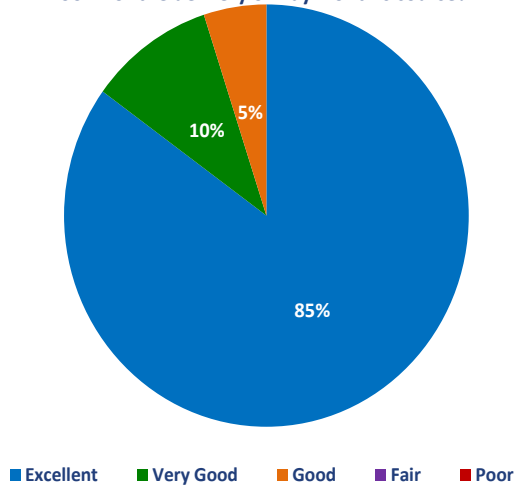
When do you feel you would benefit from attending a 'refresher' course?



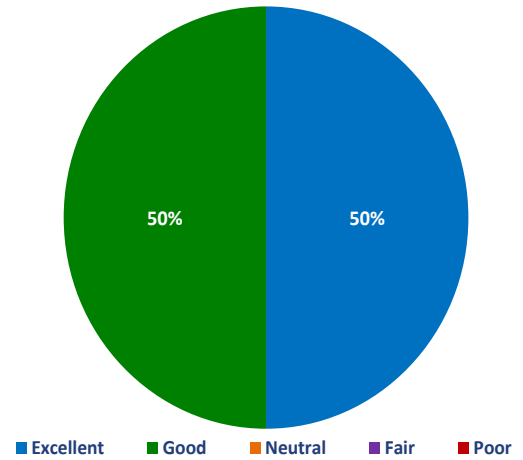
■ After 2 years
■ After 3 years
■ After 5 years

Overall Feedback

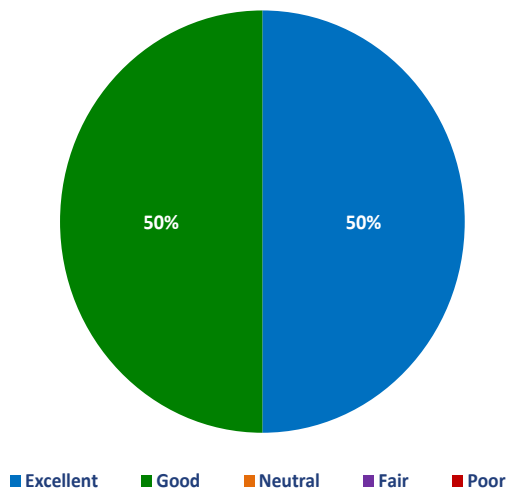
How would you rate the appropriateness of Zoom for the delivery of Day 1 of this course?



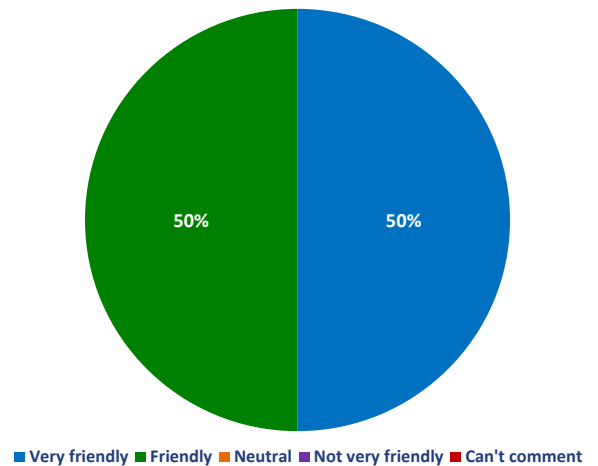
How were the facilities and venue for Day 2 of the course?



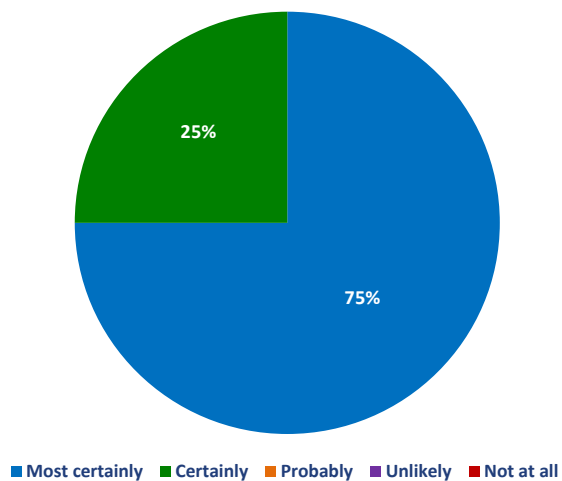
How were the refreshments and lunch?



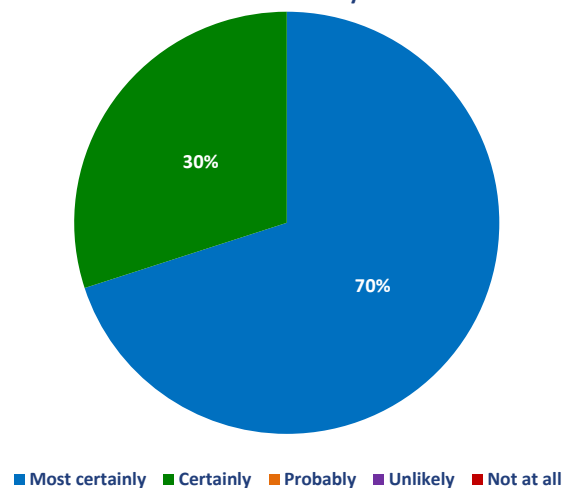
How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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



Individual Comments

Really liked going through the scans with the radiologists and talking to other Sonographers regarding their practice. The course left me with lots to improve on in clinical practice.

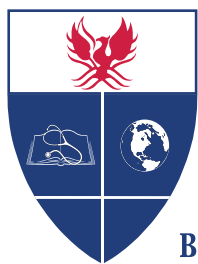
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The enthusiasm of the lecturers and their depth and delivery of their knowledge was very engaging (particularly Ailbhe). I was very comfortable on the Friday with the way the groups were set up for the Image review. I found this to be a very helpful exercise.

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Going through case studies from the images we submitted was most beneficial.

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