

**Intensive Revision Course
for MRCS Part A Exam**

Feedback - March 2014

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Delivered by faculty from the highly acclaimed and reputed Cardiff MRCS OSCE courses, this course was suitable for candidates appearing for the Intercollegiate MRCS Part A exam with one of the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.

In the MRCS Part A exam, candidates are expected to demonstrate sufficient knowledge and sound understanding of the application of key basic sciences in surgery. This intensive one-day revision course provided the delegates with an overview of essential applied clinical anatomy, basic physiological principles, principles of surgery, and the rationale behind requesting investigations and instituting management for common surgical conditions and emergencies. In addition to interactive lectures and small group teaching, demonstrations of topographic anatomy were made to emphasise functional and clinical anatomy as tested in the exam. The course taking into consideration the recent changes to the curriculum.

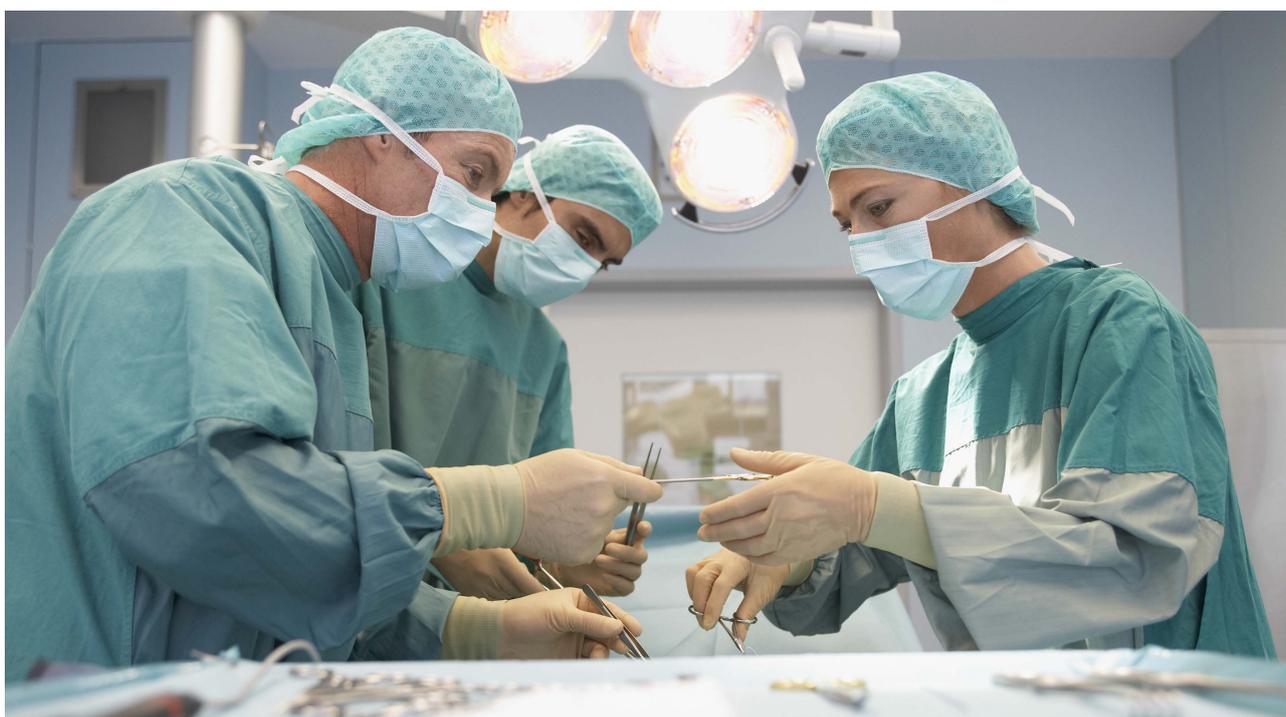
Course Information

Course date:	29th March 2014
Venue:	Education Centre, Christie Hospital, Manchester
Attendance:	10 Delegates
Aimed at:	FY1 FY2 CT1 CT2
Course fee:	£145

Delegates that attended this course also received **FREE** online access to MRCS Part A practice exam questions for a six month period at:

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Course Programme

0830 - 0840	Registration
0840 – 0850	Introduction
0850 – 0920	Pre-course assessment
0920 - 0950	Brachial plexus, arm, shoulder, scapula, back, rotator cuff and cubital fossa
0950 - 1020	Cubital fossa, forearm, flexor retinaculum and hand
1020 - 1040	Management of burns
1040 - 1100	Fundamentals of wound healing

1100 - 1120 Break for refreshments

1120 - 1135	Neck
1135 - 1150	Scalp and face
1150 - 1210	Mediastinum, Heart, Lungs and Diaphragm
1210 - 1230	Thoracic wall; Vascular anatomy of thorax, head and neck and thorax
1230 - 1300	Post-operative management

1300 - 1345 Lunch

1345 - 1400	Local anaesthetics
1400 - 1430	Tumours of colon and prostate
1430 - 1500	Tumour of thyroid and breast
1500 - 1520	Skin Cancers
1520 - 1545	Ulcers and Vascular Pathology

1545 - 1600 Break for refreshments

Course Programme

1600 - 1620	Transpyloric plane, anterior abdominal wall and inguinal region
1620 - 1645	Abdominal and pelvic anatomy
1645 - 1700	Lumbar and lumbosacral plexus
1700 - 1730	Femoral triangle, thigh, popliteal fossa; Lower leg, ankle and foot
1730 - 1815	Trauma and head injury
1815 - 1900	Critical care physiology
1900	End of Course

Faculty

Dr Alan Watson, BSc, PhD

Reader in Anatomy and Neuroanatomist

University of Cardiff

Ms Clare Carpenter, BSc (Anat), MB BCh, MRCS (Eng), MD, FRCS (T&O) Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Mr Edmund Leung, DMedSci, MRCS, FRCS

Consultant General Surgeon

Hereford County Hospital

Mr Kevin Conway, MB BCh, MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Vascular Surgeon

Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Dr Paul Morgan, FRCA

Consultant Intensivist

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Professor Stuart Enoch, MBBS, MRCSEd, MRCS (Eng), PGCert (Med Sci), PhD

Professor, Higher Surgical Education

Doctors Academy

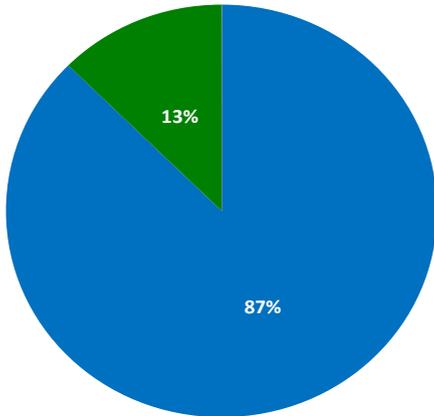
Miss Yan Mei Goh, MBChB, MRCS, PGDip Clin Ed.

PhD Research Fellow - Imperial College London

Specialist Registrar in General Surgery - Oxford Deanery

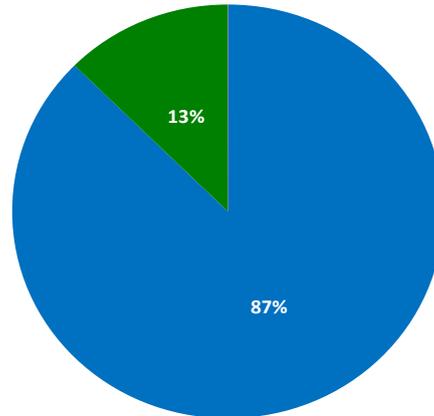
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



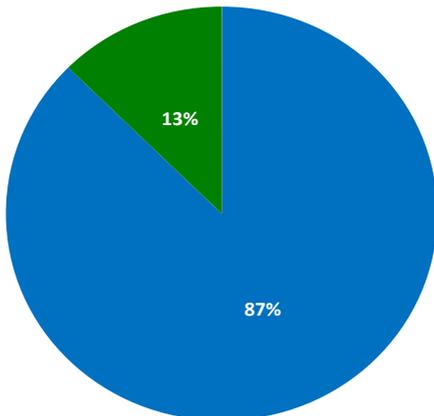
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How was the clarity of presentations?



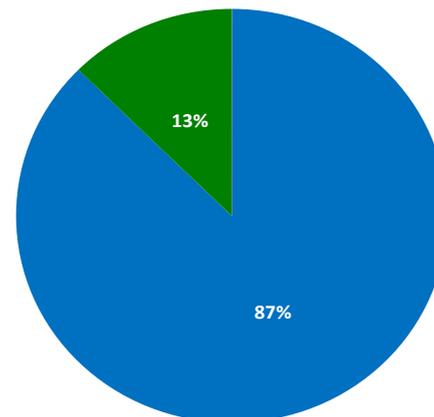
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How do you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?



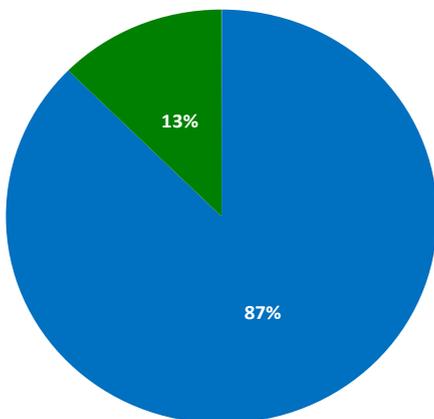
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the lectures?



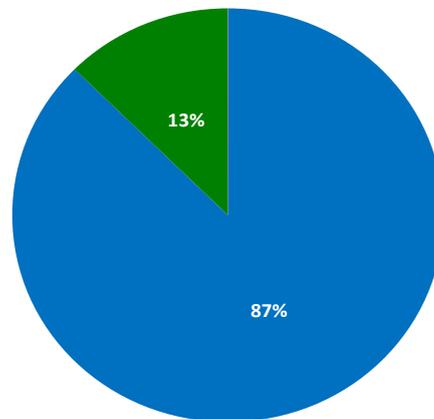
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Brachial plexus, Arm, Shoulder, Scapula and Back



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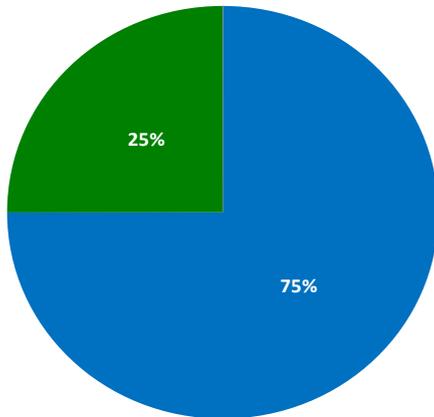
Cubital Fossa, Forearm and Hand



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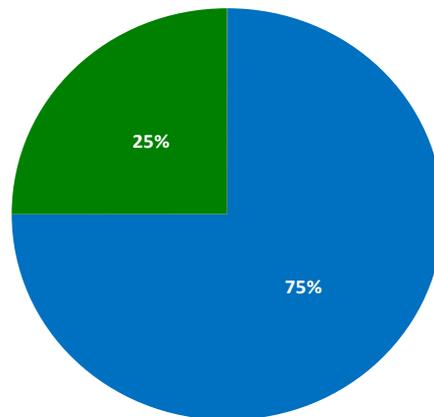
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Management of Burns



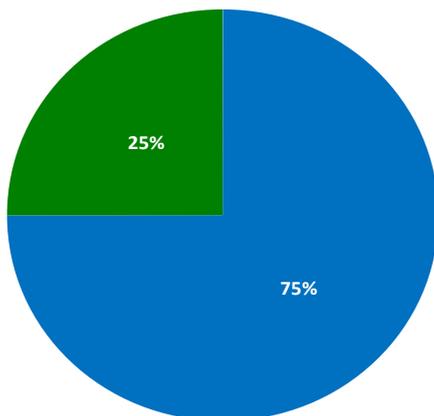
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Fundamentals of Wound Healing



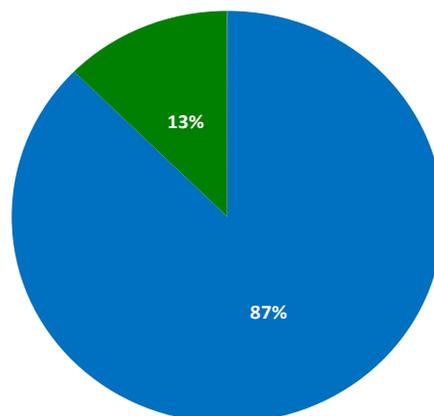
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Neck



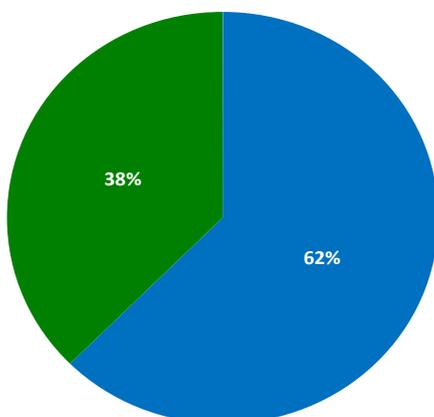
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Scalp and Face



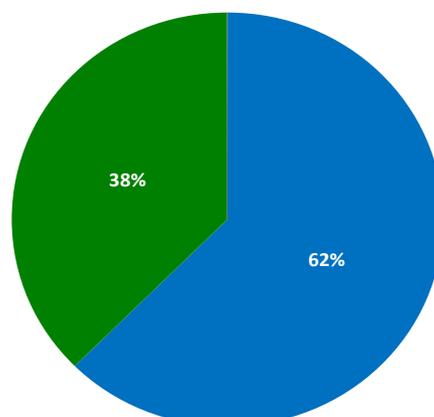
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Mediastinum, Heart, Lungs and Diaphragm



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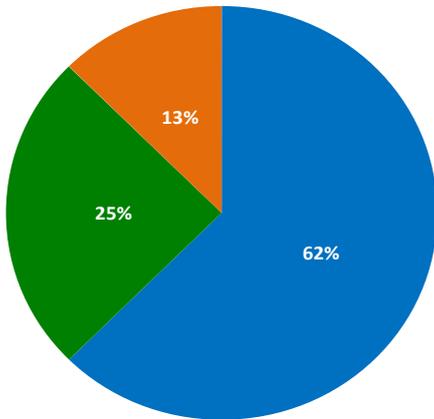
Thoracic Wall



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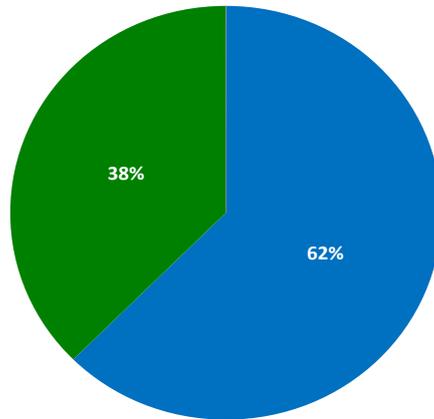
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Vascular Anatomy



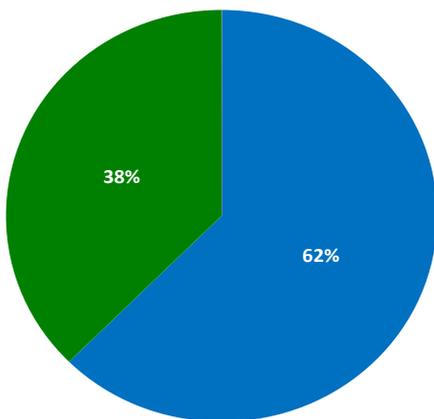
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Basics of Skin Grafting and Flaps



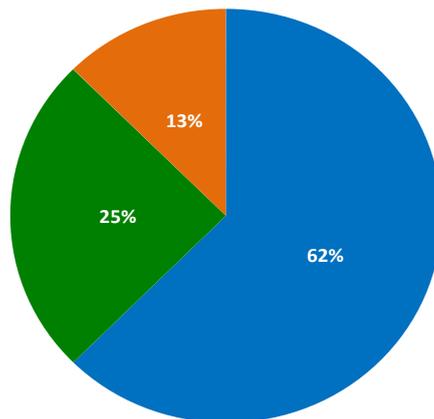
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Local Anaesthetics



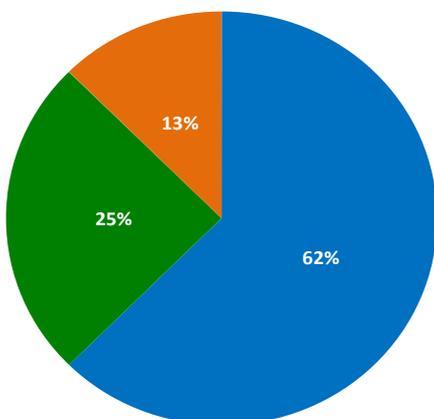
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Surgical Emergency



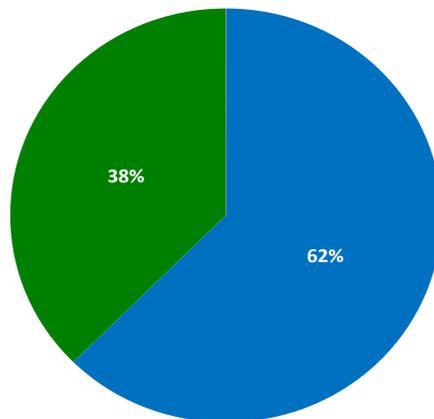
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Skin Cancers



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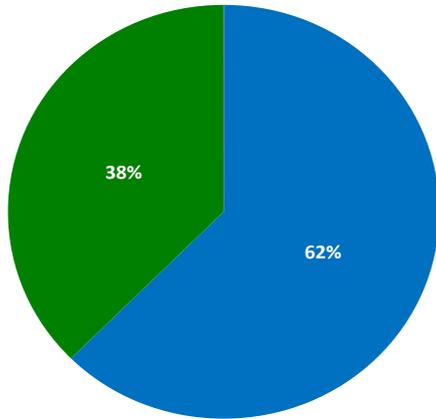
Ulcers and Vascular Pathology



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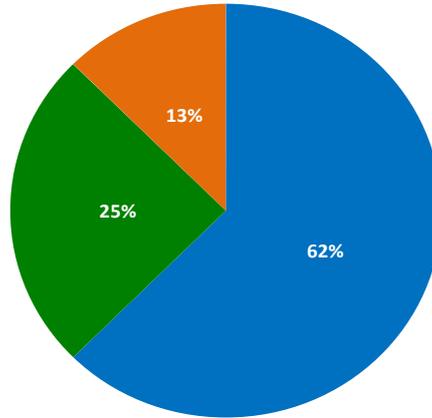
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Anterior Abdominal Wall/Inguinal Region



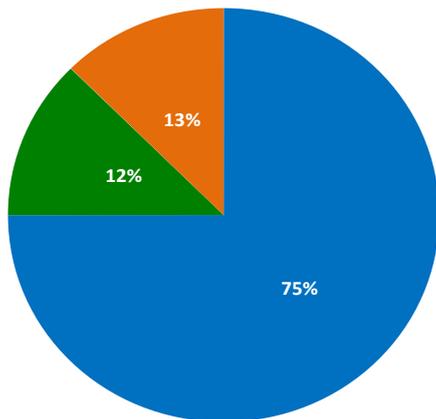
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Abdominal and Pelvic Anatomy



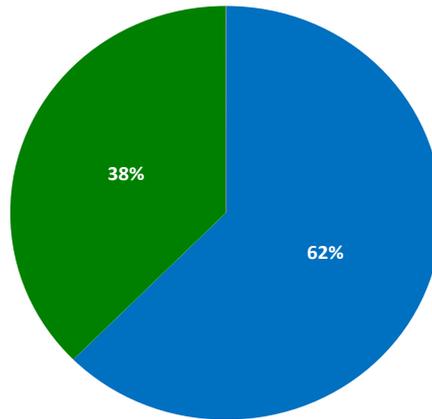
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Lumbar and Lumbosacral Plexus



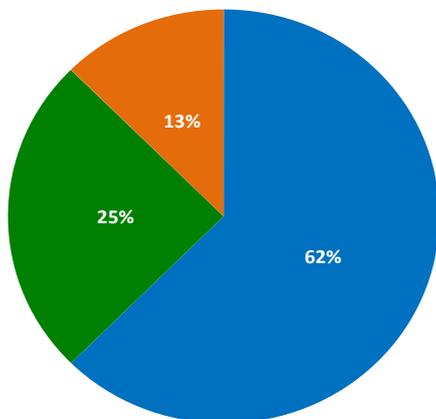
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Femoral Triangle, Thigh and Popliteal Fossa



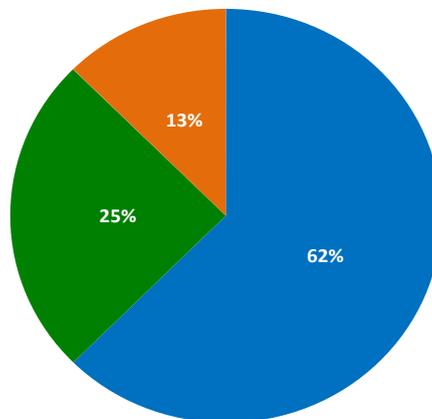
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Lower Leg, Ankle and Foot



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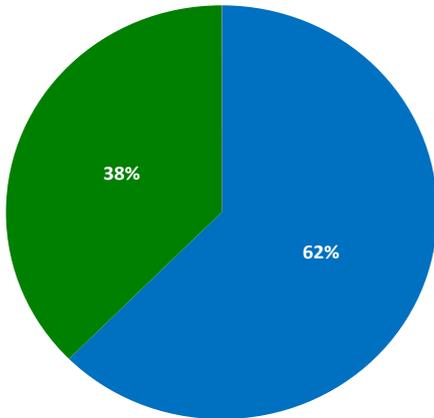
Trauma and Head Injury



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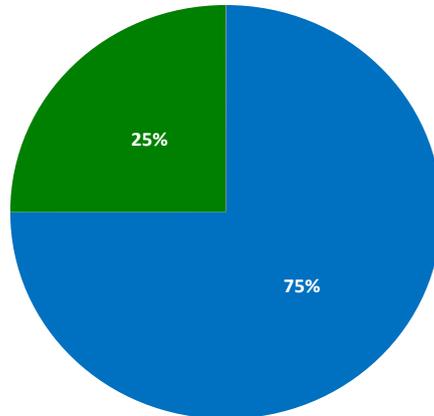
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SIRS/Shock



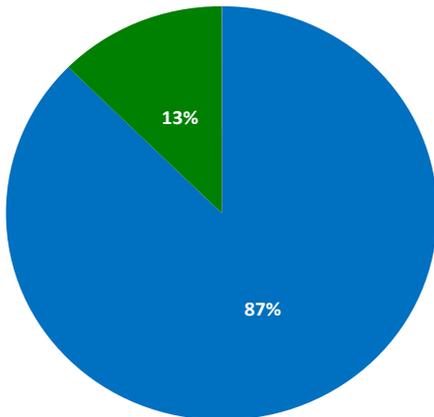
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



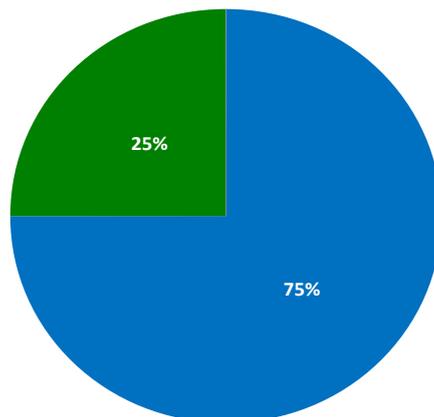
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral
■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

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



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

Individual Comments

Thoroughly enjoyable cramming day, taught very well and interactivity being key.

Dr Zaid Ali
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, UK

Excellent would have liked another day.

Dr Sarah-louise McAnelly
Fairfield General Hospital, Bury, UK

FANTASTIC COURSE!

Dr Nisarg Mehta
Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral

Generally very impressed with whole course, value for money, and accessibility to resources after the course.

Dr Hannah Freeman
Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, UK

Excellent, particularly the lecturer. Expensive course however I think given we have access to the material afterwards its not too bad.

Dr Kieran Montgomery
Gartnavel General Hospital, Glasgow, UK

The course was very relevant, keep up the good work!

Dr Adrien Carle
UCL Mont-Godinne, Belgium

Excellent course.

Aeione Carmel



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