

**FRCS (General Surgery) Exit
Exam Preparation Course**

Feedback - January 2013

FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam Preparation Course

This intensive three-day revision course is designed to help candidates prepare for the Intercollegiate FRCS Examination in General Surgery. Delivered by an experienced group of senior consultants, the course used a combination of direct vivas, interactive discussions, and patients with signs and symptoms to provide the candidate with a focused revision of pertinent topics.

We are pleased to inform you that the 4th Christie FRCS Exit Revision Course in General Surgery was a great success and provided a positive experience for candidates, patients, teaching faculty and the organisers. Through the three days all sub-specialities in General Surgery were covered. In addition to providing key knowledge the unique feature of this course, our one-to-one vivas like in the exam, really put delegate on the spot and tested their knowledge and skills to prepare them for the exam.

We would like to thank all those that taught on the course from Manchester and beyond to provide delegates with inestimable tips and suggestions. A particular mention must go to our esteemed tutor Mr Pradip Datta that conducted most of the interactive teaching. This course follows in the footsteps of his highly acclaimed Caithness FRCS course in Wick, Scotland, that he conducted for over 20 years.

All candidates felt the course was a resounding success with very useful information and tips provided. This is demonstrated by the feedback presented in this document and the continued success of the course.



Course Information

Course date:	11 th - 13 th January 2013
Venue:	Christie Hospital Manchester, UK
Attendance:	15 Delegates
Aimed at:	- Consultants - Speciality Trainees - Registrar Level Doctors

(ST5 or above/ST3 or above in General Surgery)

Strongly advised for trainees that have completed Section 1 (SBA & EMI Component) of the exam, or are thinking of doing it soon.

Course fee: £650.00

Objectives of Course:

- Upon completion a delegate should be confident in their preparation for the oral and clinical parts of Section 2 of the exam.
- A delegate should be able to present and discuss clinical cases as in an exam situation.
- A delegate should of learned correct exam technique to further their preparation.

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The college awards 18 CPD points for attendance at this course.

Course Programme

Day 1

- 0830** **Registration in Auditorium**
- 0905** **Format of the FRCS Section 2. Tips on how to succeed**
Miss Sarah O'Dwyer Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Christie
- 0915** **Examination techniques - 10 commandments**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital
- 0930** **Upper Gastrointestinal tract**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital

1045 **Refreshment break**

- 1115** **Oncology including palliation**
Dr Mike Braun Consultant in Medical Oncology, The Christie

1300 **Lunch**

- 1345** **Colorectal, anal cancer and pseudomyxoma peritonei**
Mr Malcolm Wilson
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Christie
- Mr Paul Fulford
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Christie

1515 **Refreshment break**

- 1545** **Vascular surgery**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital
- 1730** **Close of Day 1**

Course Programme

Day 3

0900 **Hepatobiliary, pancreas and spleen**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital

1015 **Thyroid and endocrines**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital

1100 **Refreshment break**

1130 **Non malignant lower GI & breast conditions**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital

1300 **Lunch**

1345 **Scenario based critical care**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital

1530 **Basic urology, head & neck and skin conditions**
Mr Pradip Datta Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Caithness General Hospital

1700 **Evaluations and close**

Faculty

Mr Chelliah Selvasekar, MD, FRCS

Course Convener
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Mr Pradip Datta, MBE, MS, FRCSEd

Chair of Faculty and Principal Course Tutor
Honorary Consultant Surgeon
Caithness General Hospital, Wick, Scotland

Dr Mike Braun, MBChB, MRCP, PhD

Consultant in Medical Oncology
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Miss Caroline Bruce, FRCS

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Leighton

Mr Tunde Campbell, MBBS, FWACS, FRCSEd (Gen Surg)

Consultant Transplant Surgeon
Central Manchester University Hospitals

Mr Sumohan Chatterjee, MBBS FRCS (CSIG London) FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Breast Surgeon
Salford Royal Hospital

Dr Dulantha Da Silva, MRCS

Clinical Fellow in Surgery
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Mr Stuart Enoch, PhD, MRCSEd, MRCS (Eng)

Programme Director
Doctors Academy Group (Intl), Cardiff

Mr Paul Fulford FRCS

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Mr Magdi Hanafy, MB BCH (Hons), FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Vascular & Paediatric Surgeon
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Leighton

Faculty

Dr Vidya Kasipandian, FRCA FFICM

Consultant in Critical Care and Anaesthesia
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Mr Arif Khan, FRCSEd, FRCS

Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Leighton

Mr Gopal Mahadev, MRCS AFRCS FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Breast Surgeon
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Leighton

Miss Sarah O'Dwyer, MD, FRCS

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Mr Andrew Renehan, PhD, FRCS, FDS

Clinical Senior Lecturer – University of Manchester
Honorary Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

Mr Abdus Samee, MS, FRCS, MD, FRCSEd (Gen Surg)

Registrar in General Surgery
University Hospital of North Staffordshire

Mr Siba Senapati, MS, FRCS, FRCS (Gen)

Upper GI Surgeon
Salford Royal Hospital

Mr Venkat Srinivasan, FRCS (Ed) FRCS (ORL)

Consultant ENT/Thyroid Surgeon
Wirral University Teaching Hospital

Mr Roop Tandon, FRCS

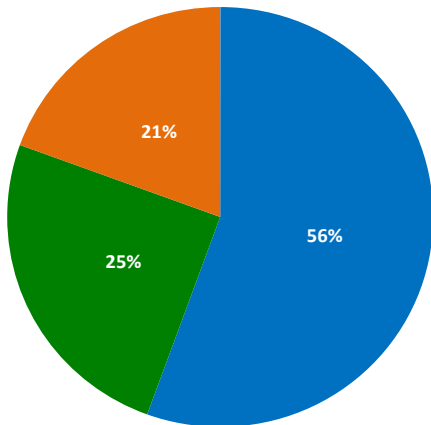
Hon. Consultant, The Christie Hospital, Manchester
Retired Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Surgical Skills Tutor – Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Mr Malcolm Wilson, MD, FRCS

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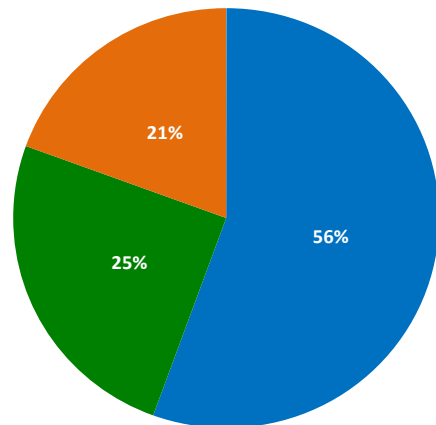
Overall Teaching Feedback

Brachial Plexus, Shoulder and Arm



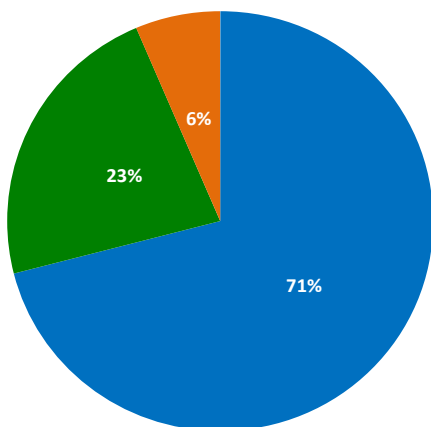
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Forearm and Hand



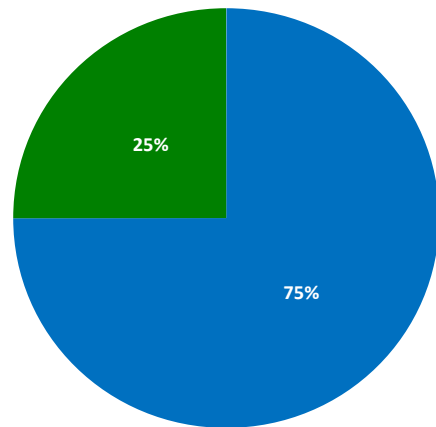
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Pelvis



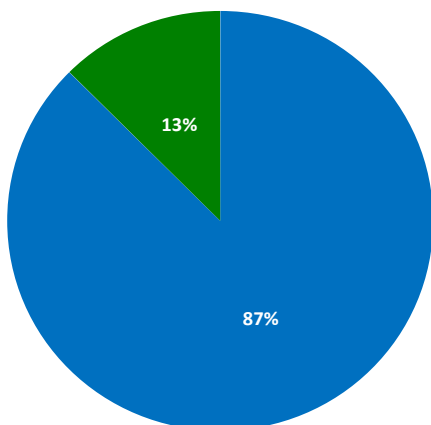
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Hip and Thigh



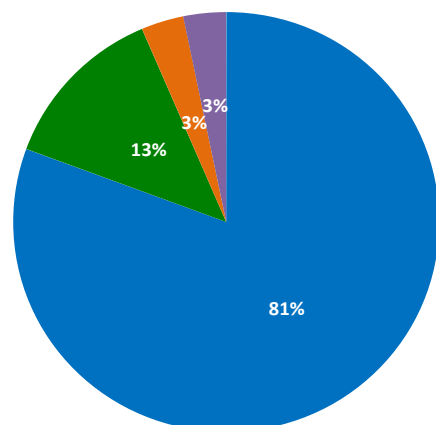
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Leg and Ankle



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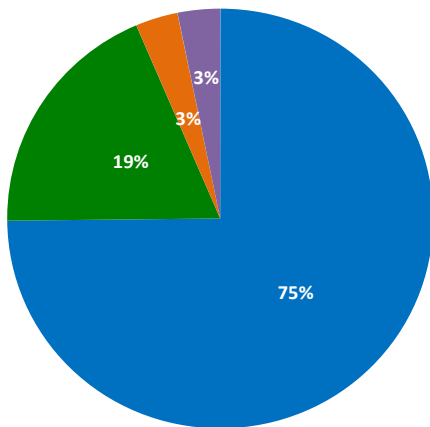
Thorax and Thoracic Wall



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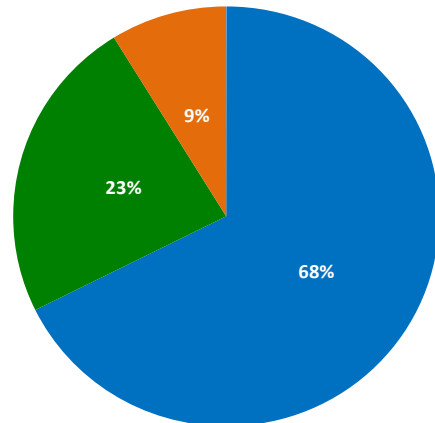
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Heart and Lung



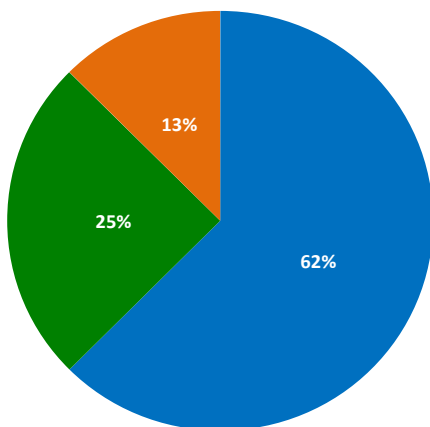
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Abdomen (Anterior Abdominal Wall/Inguinal)



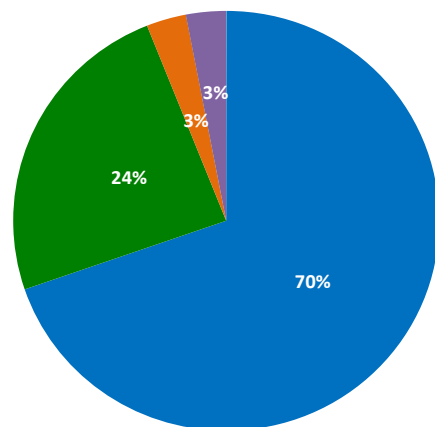
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Abdomen (Hollow Viscera and Colon)



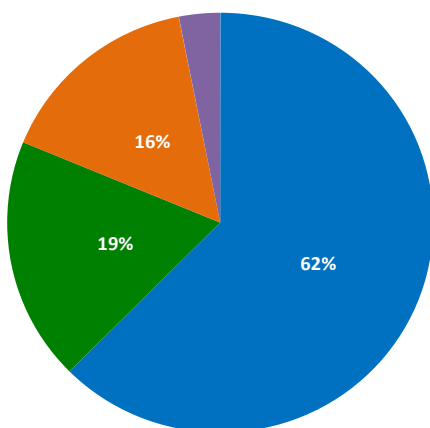
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Abdomen (Oesophagus & Upper GI)



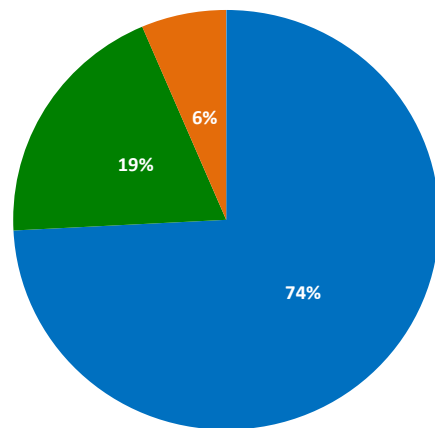
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Kidney and Adrenal



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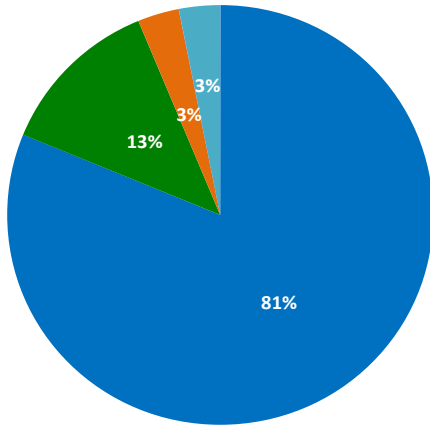
Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas & Spleen



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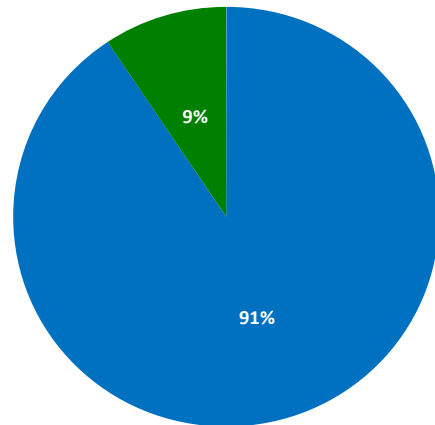
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Head and Base of Skull



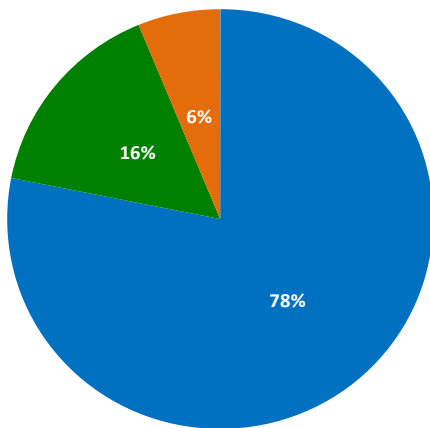
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Neck



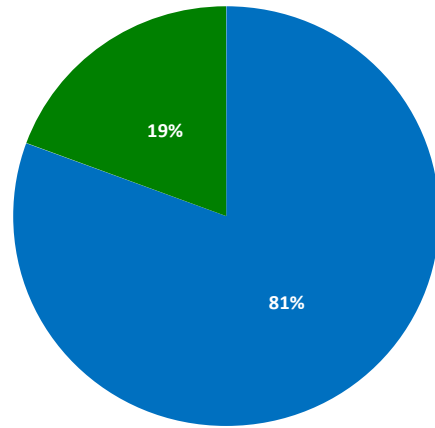
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Vascular



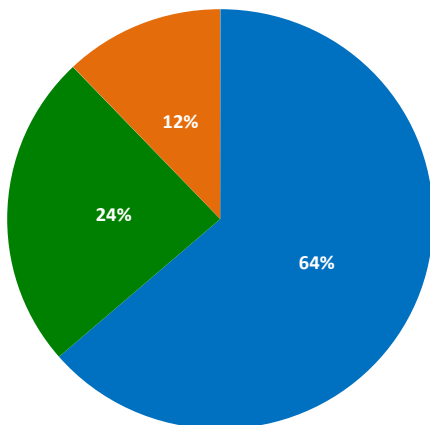
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Back and Spine



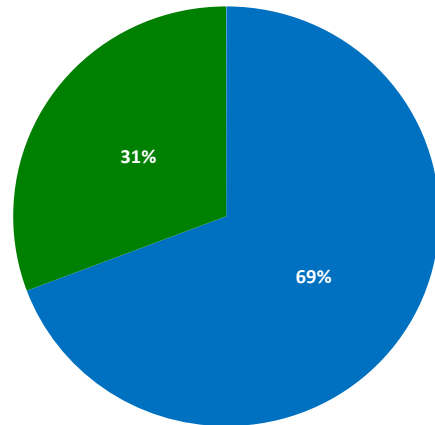
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Pelvis and Perineum



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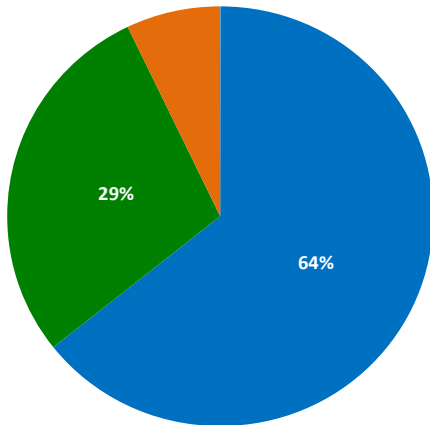
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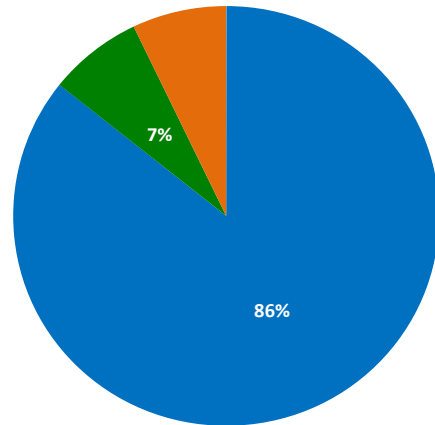
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Examination Techniques - 10 Commandments



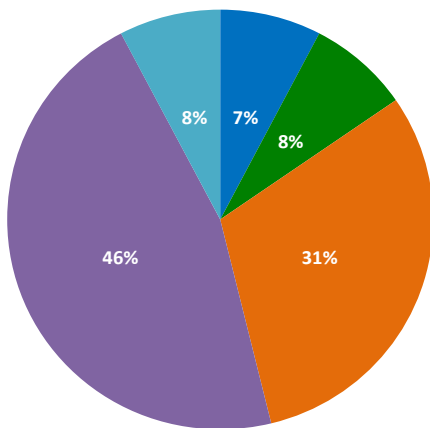
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

Upper Gastrointestinal Tract



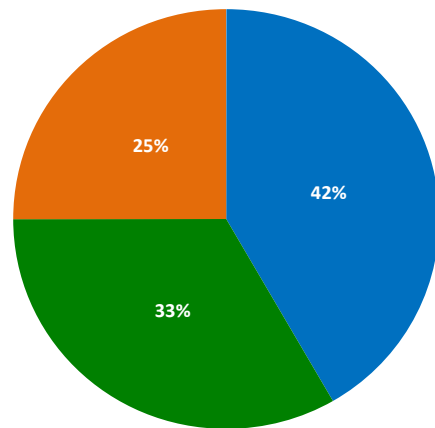
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Oncology



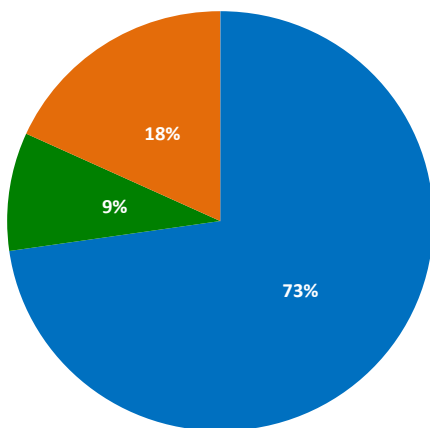
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Colorectal Anal Cancer & Pseudomyxoma Peritonei



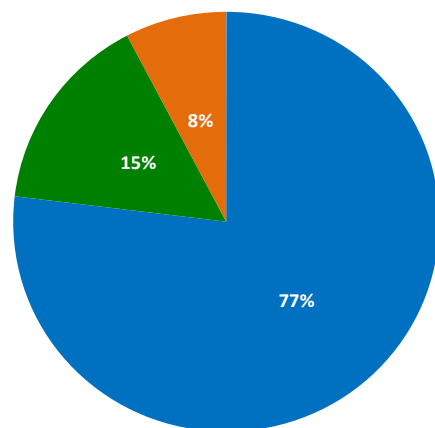
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Vascular Surgery



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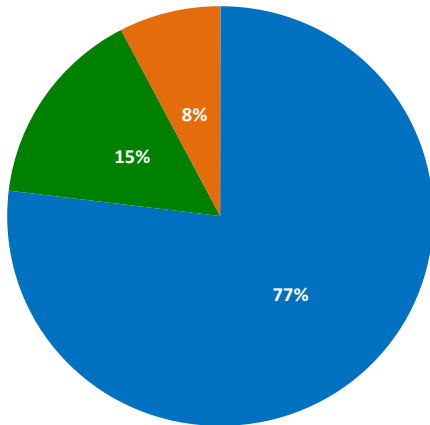
Trauma & Emergency Surgery



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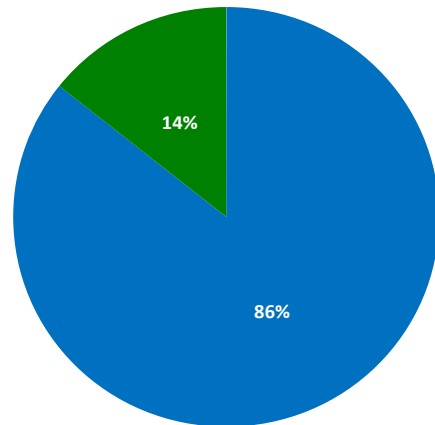
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Critical Care



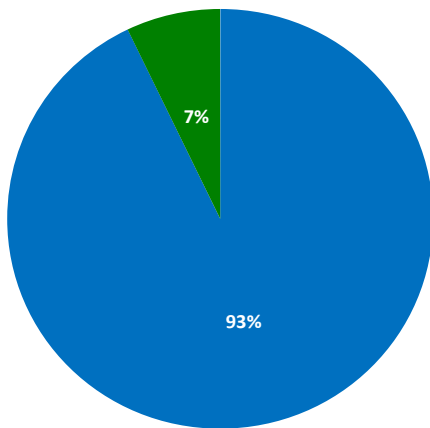
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Academic Viva



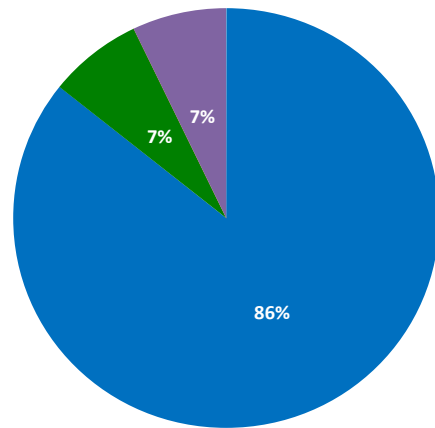
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Clinical Case Presentation



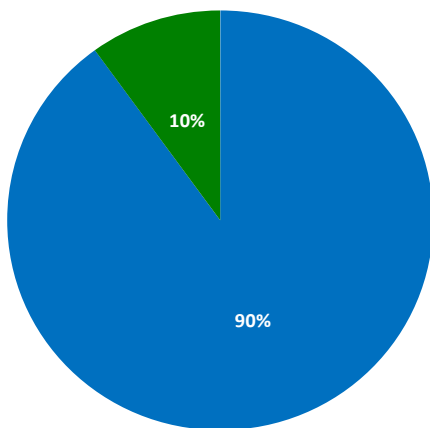
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Hepatobiliary, Pancreas and Spleen



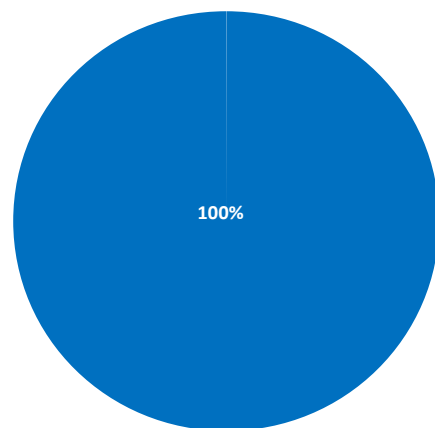
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Thyroid and Endocrines



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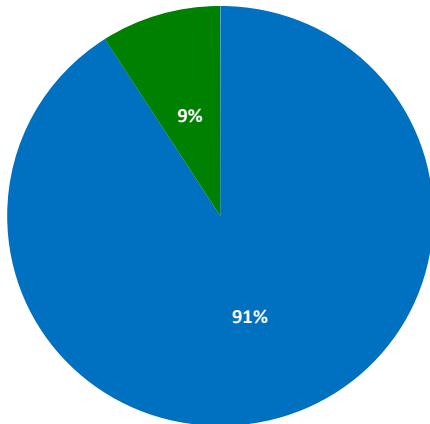
Non malignant Lower GI & Breast Conditions



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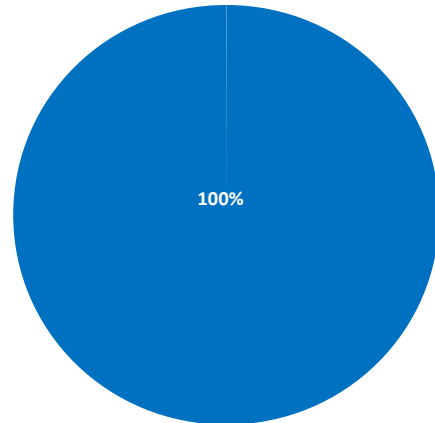
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Scenario Based Critical Care



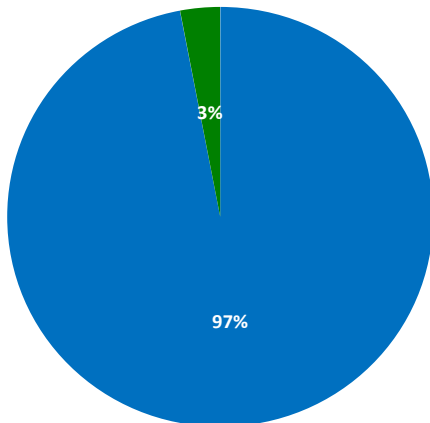
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Basic Urology, Head & Neck and Skin Conditions



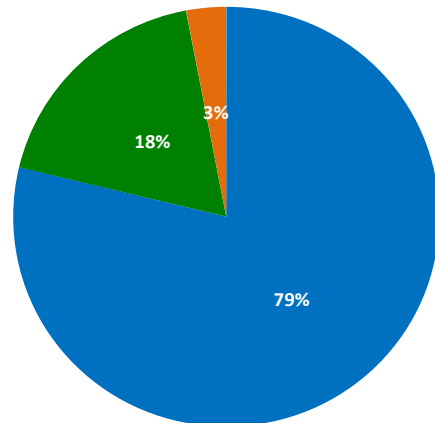
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Most probably ■ Maybe ■ No way

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



■ Most certainly ■ Probably ■ Yes, I think so ■ No way



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