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This intensive one-day revision course covered the clinical examination and communication components of the MRCS Part B exam with special emphasis on clinical consultation skills. The course aimed to consolidate the trainee's understanding of the clinical consultation skills component of the exam, and aid the trainee's ability to perform clinical examinations efficiently and present the findings to the examiner in a systematic yet concise manner. The forenoon session covered all important clinical examinations that are tested in the exam and the afternoon session was dedicated to structured interviews, communication skills workstations and practical skills. Eight patient-centred clinical scenarios were used to reflect the situations experienced in everyday practice; these scenarios were in line with what is commonly tested in the exam. A total of 25 candidates attended this course and their feedback is collated in the subsequent pages.

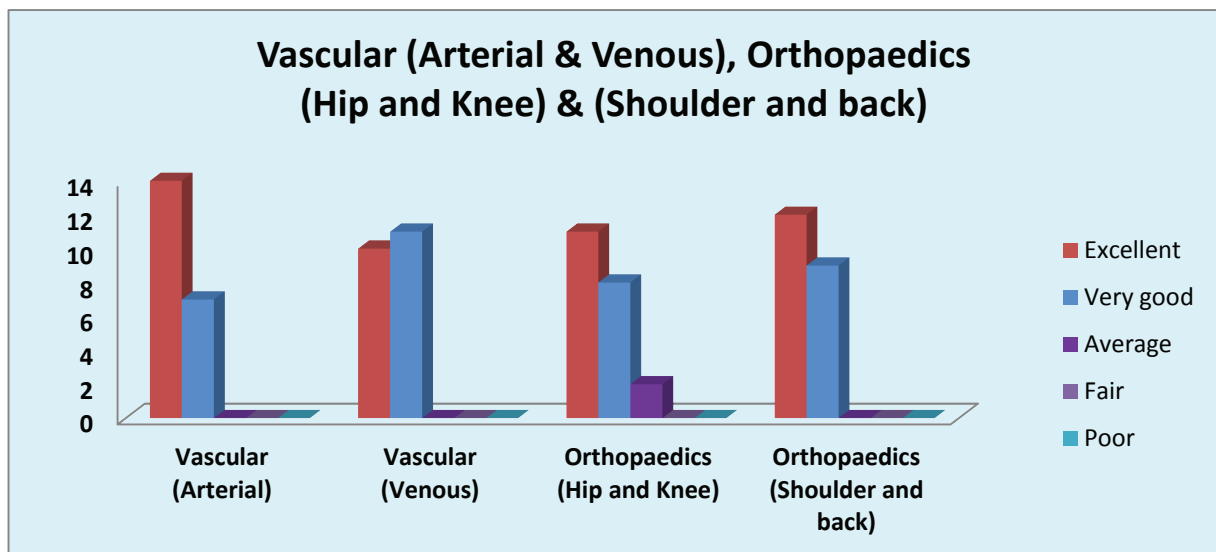
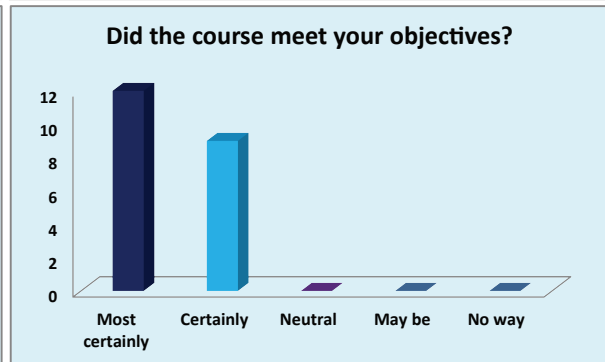
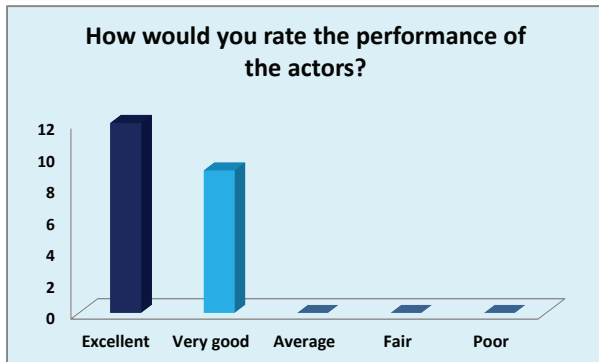
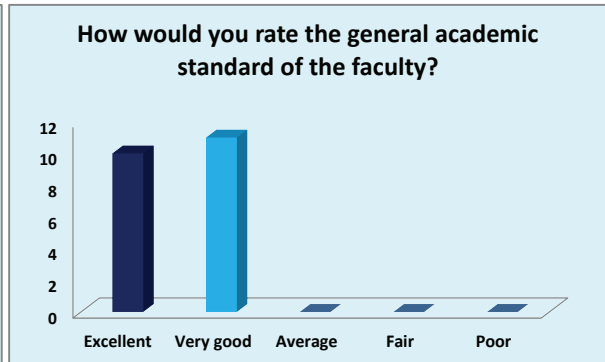
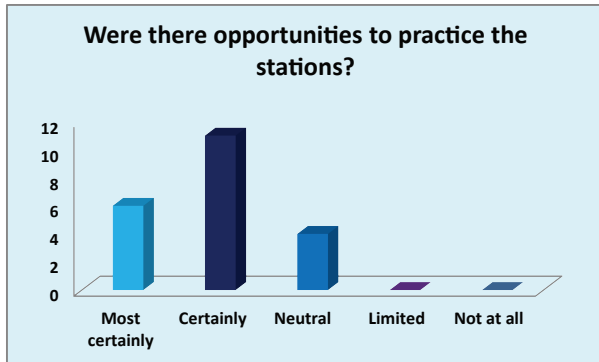
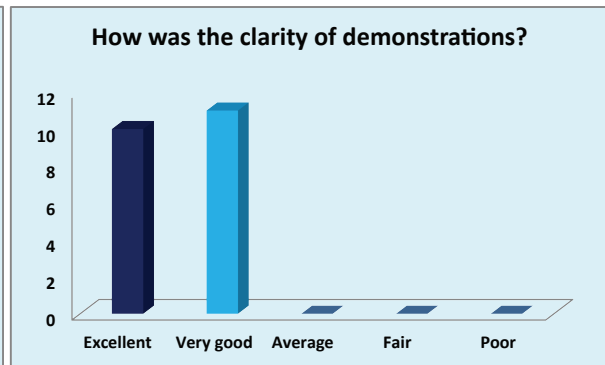
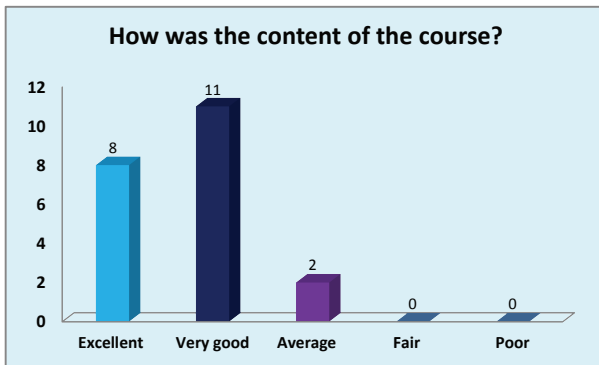
### **Clinical Examination Topics:**

Candidates were divided into small groups and they went through the following clinical examinations on simulated patient/volunteers:

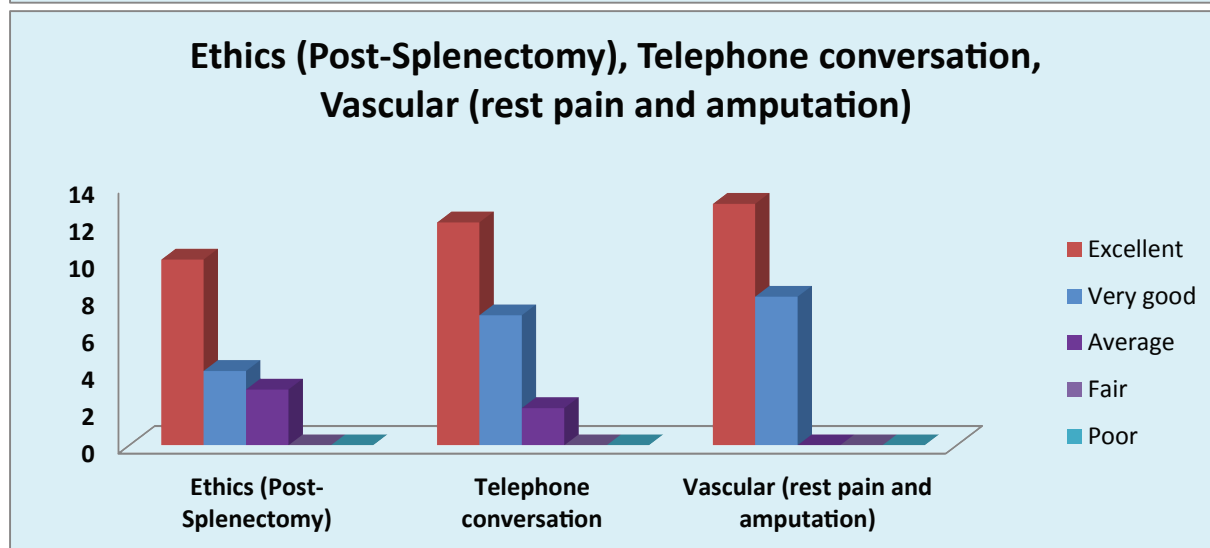
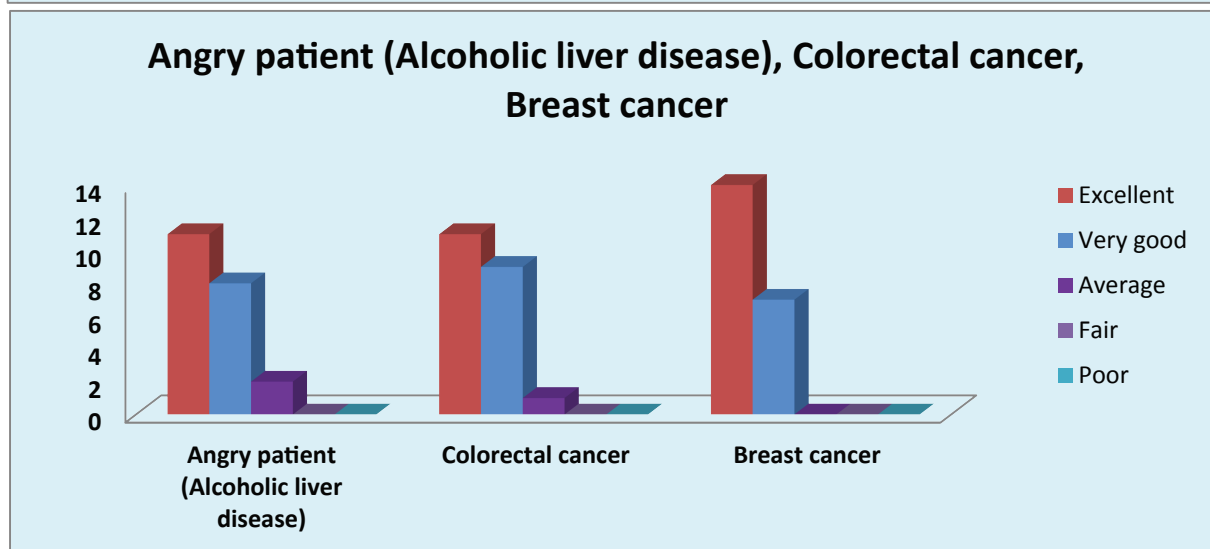
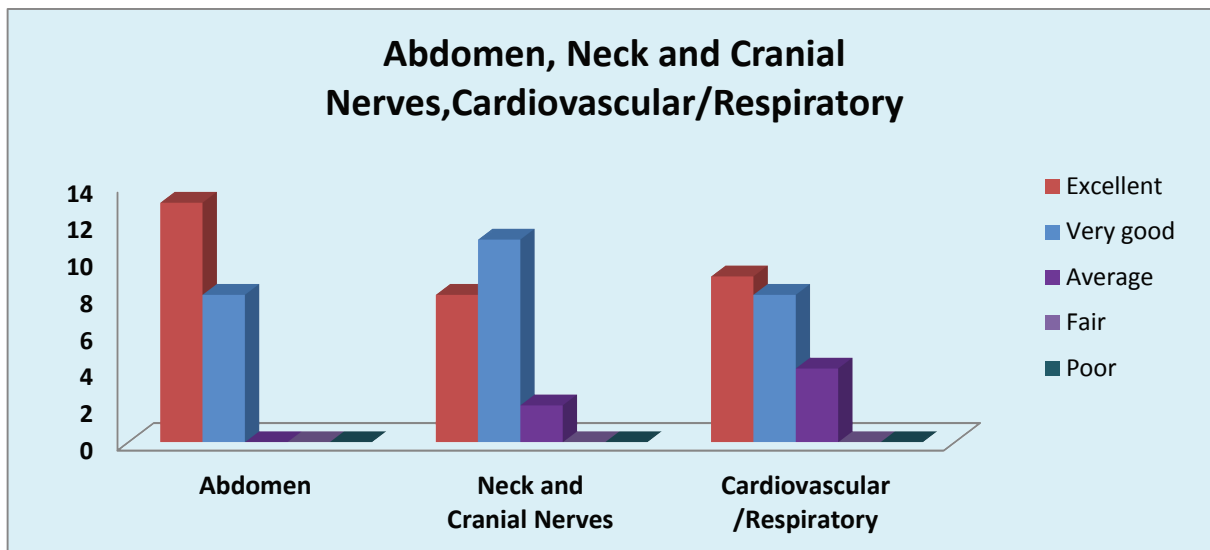
Examination of abdomen and abdominal organs  
Examination of inguinal hernia and scrotal swellings  
Examination of varicose veins and leg ulcers  
Examination of peripheral arterial disease  
Examination of breast and breast lumps  
Examination of hip, knee, shoulder and back Examination of cranial nerves  
Examination of Cardio-respiratory System  
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*Clinical Consultation Skills:* These stations consisted of, amongst others, information giving and information gathering, challenging situation/patient, difficult consultation, breaking bad news, explaining a diagnosis or discussing management options, consent in surgery and telephone communication.

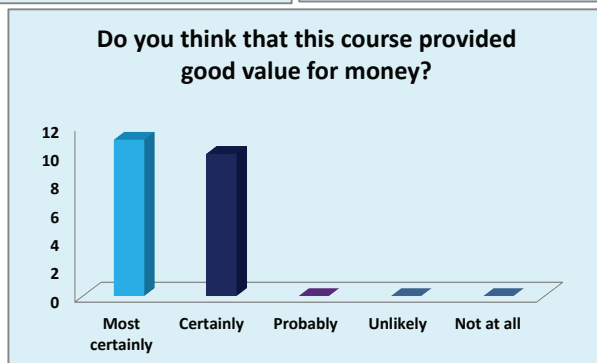
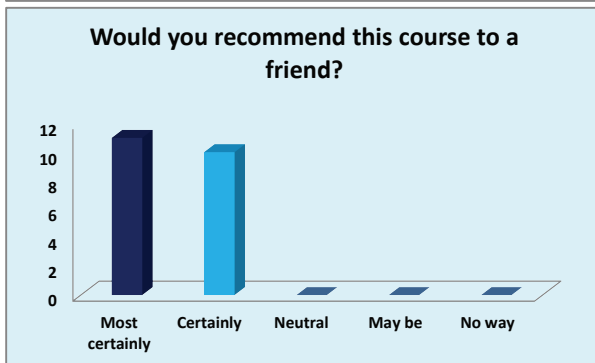
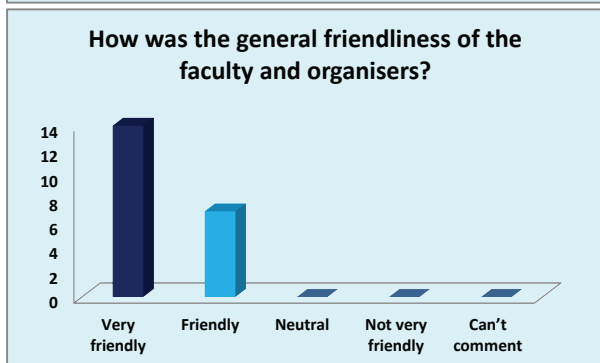
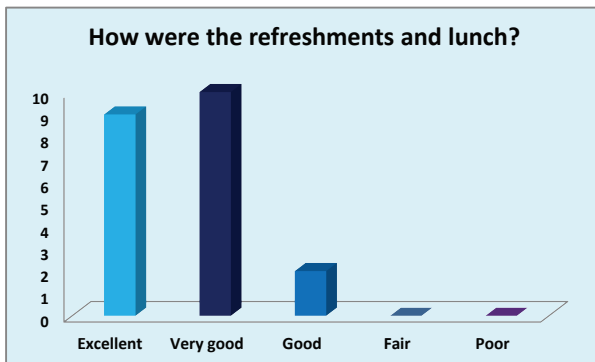
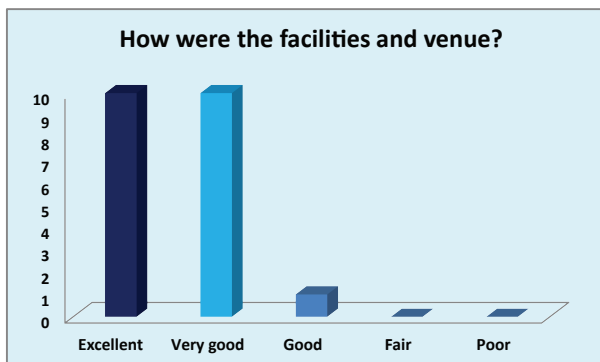
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# Comments

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Relevant clinical examinations discussed. Best stations had example examination followed by chance to practice.

**Dr. Steven Coates**  
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Special thanks to the actors and actresses.

**Dr. Khaled Mohamed Saad**  
Cairo University Students Hospital

Excellent session - succinct and very relevant to exam.

**Dr. Yan Li Goh**  
Royal Preston Hospital, Preston

Good organisation and teaching. Let us hope it helps with our exams!

**Dr. Caroline Cheesman**  
Frenchay Hospital, Bristol

Very useful.

**Dr. Rekha Jaisarie**  
Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester

Very usefull course. Good organization and friendly faculty.

**Dr. Musab Mohammed**  
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Was excellent to perform clinical examination in every station.

**Dr. Liudmila Selezneva**  
Krasnoyarsk Regional Hospital, Neurosurgical Department

Good faculty members and very friendly teaching.

**Dr. Mohammad Tabrez Hussain**  
Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil



# Comments

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I have been to another course but this is certainly a lot better given the quality of the faculty. I mean most tutors were exceptional.

**Dr. Naji Zubia**  
Misurata Cancer Centre, Misurata, Libya

Well organised day. Covered a lot of aspects for the exam.

**Dr. Nikki Green**  
George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

Well run. Very good.

**Dr. William Groom**  
Northampton General Hospital, Northampton

Very good.

**Dr. Gian Battista Bottini**  
Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow

Good tips and insiders 'dos and don'ts'.

**Dr. Elizabeth Li**  
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury

Very well organised course.

**Dr. Asma Shumaila Khan**  
York Hospital, York

Excellent.

**Dr. Ihsaan Al-Hadad**  
Northampton General Hospital, Northampton

Good.

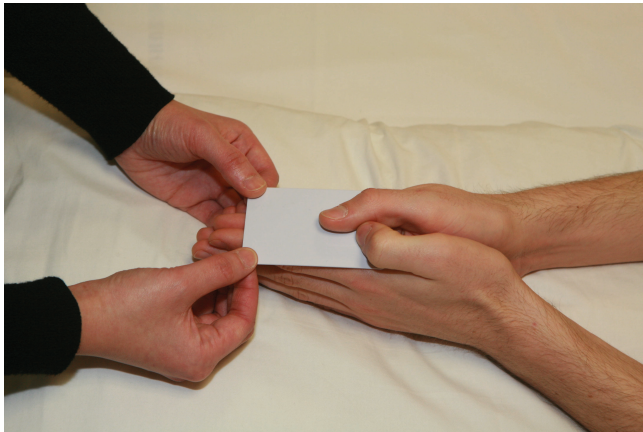
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