



**Birmingham PACES Course
for MRCP (UK) Part 2**

Feedback - May 2014

Birmingham PACES Course for MRCP Part 2

This course was designed to give delegate a head start on revision, with a focus on perfecting examination technique as well as presentation and communication skills. The emphasis during the course was to equip delegates with the correct method and strategy to pass the exam through observation of ones own technique and to amend any faults to ensure a successful exam.

Day one of the course focuses on the clinical examination stations (cardiovascular, respiratory, abdominal, and neurological systems) as well as the new Station 5. After brief lectures covering this new Station and general strategies to pass the exam, delegates are rotated through clinical stations in small groups to facilitate individualised feedback.

Day two of the course focused on History and Communication skills (Stations two and four). With brief lectures given on general aspects of history taking and communication scenarios, after which rotation through the different stations in small groups helps to consolidate a successful technique and approach.

Course Information

Course date:	17th and 18th May 2014
Venue:	Outpatients Department Heartlands Hospital Birmingham, UK
Attendance:	23 Delegates
Aimed at:	Foundation Doctors
Course fee:	£425.00



Course Programme

Day 1

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00 – 09:25 Welcome and lecture – Strategies for passing PACES

09:25 – 10:25 Clinical station 1

10:25 – 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 – 11:40 Clinical station 2

11:40 – 12:40 Clinical station 3

12:40 – 13:40 Lunch

13:40 – 14:40 Clinical station 4

14:40 – 15:40 Clinical station 5

15:40 – 15:55 Coffee Break

15:55 – 17:00 Clinical station 6

Course Programme

Day 2

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00 – 09:35 History taking

09:35 – 10:10 History taking

10:10 – 10:45 History taking

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:35 History taking

11:35 – 12:10 History taking

12:10 – 12:45 History taking

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:05 Communication

14:05 – 14:40 Communication

14:40 – 15:15 Communication

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:05 Communication

16:05 – 16:40 Communication

16:40 – 17:15 Communication

Faculty List

CHIEF COURSE CONVENOR

Dr Nidhi Sagar, MBChB, MRCP (UK)

Specialist Registrar in Gastroenterology

Honorary Research Registrar for the BSPGHAN/Core Liver Transition Project

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Liver Unit

Lecturer, Postgraduate Medical Education; Doctors Academy Group (Intl)

COURSE ORGANISERS

Dr Vandana Sagar, MBChB, MRCP (UK)

Speciality Medical Trainee

Sandwell Hospital, Birmingham

Dr Susanne Kumar, MBBCh, MRCP (UK)

Registrar in Medicine

Lecturer, Postgraduate Medical Education Doctors Academy Group (Intl)

Dr Michael Newnham, MBChB, MSc, MRCP, PGCE

Speciality Registrar in Respiratory Medicine

University Hospital of North Staffordshire

Dr Pradeep Mallisetty, MBBS, MRCP

Speciality Registrar in Acute Medicine

George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

Dr Anna Last, MBChB, BMedSc, MRCP, Diploma Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

Speciality Registrar in Infectious Diseases

Wellcome Trust Clinical PhD Fellow, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Dr Christopher McAloon, MBChB, MRCP, PGCME

Speciality Registrar in Cardiology

Worcester Royal Hospital

Dr Adam Seccombe, MBChB, BSc, MRCP

Speciality Registrar in Acute Medicine

Russells Hall Hospital

Dr Anil Agarwal, MBBS, MD, MRCP (UK), MSc (Health Science)

Consultant in Stroke Medicine

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Dr Ranjna Garg, MBBS, MSc, MRCP, MD

Consultant Physician and Diabetologist

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Faculty List

Dr Moe Thaw Oo, MBBS, MRCP (UK)

Speciality Registrar in Geriatric Medicine and General Internal Medicine
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS

Dr Gordon Moran, MD, PhD, MRCP (UK)

Locum Consultant in Gastroenterology
Midstaffordshire Hospital NHS Trust

Dr Jamie Johnston, MBChB, MRCP (UK)

Speciality Registrar in Respiratory Medicine
New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton

Dr Clare Hughes, MBChB, MRCP (UK)

Speciality Registrar in Geriatric Medicine
City Hospital, Birmingham

Dr Ali Karamat, MBBS, MRCP, MD

Consultant Physician Diabetes & Endocrinology
Solihull Hospital, West Midlands
Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham

Dr Deepa Rattehalli, MBChB, MRCP (UK)

Speciality Registrar in Gastroenterology
Royal Worcestershire Hospital

Dr Ajay Verma, MBChB, BSc (hons), MRCP (UK), Holder SCE (Gastroenterology)

Speciality Registrar in Gastroenterology
Endoscopy Research Registrar; Clinical Research Fellow
Kettering General Hospital

Dr Vinod Venugopal, MBBS, MD (Res), MRCP

Speciality Registrar in Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology Fellow
University Hospital Birmingham

Dr Arun Vellore, MBBS, MRCP

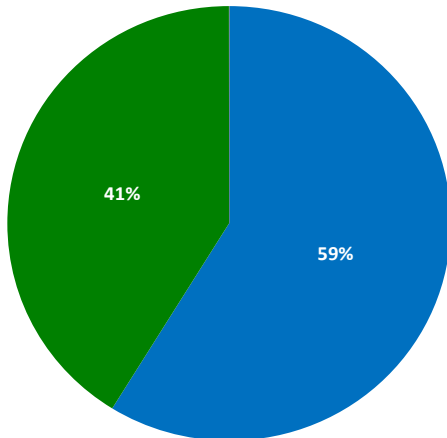
Consultant in Acute and Respiratory Medicine
Solihull Hospital, Birmingham

Dr Imdi Rahman, MBChB, MRCP

Speciality Registrar in Gastroenterology, Endoscopy Research Fellow
Southampton Hospital University Trust

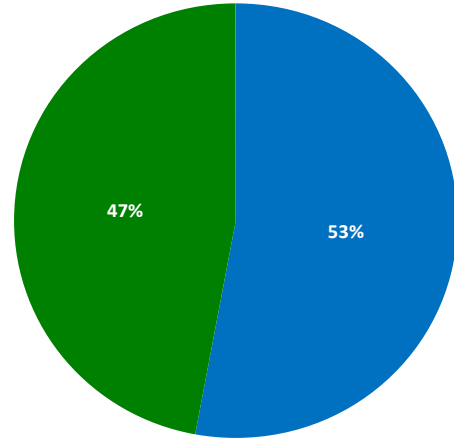
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Cardiovascular



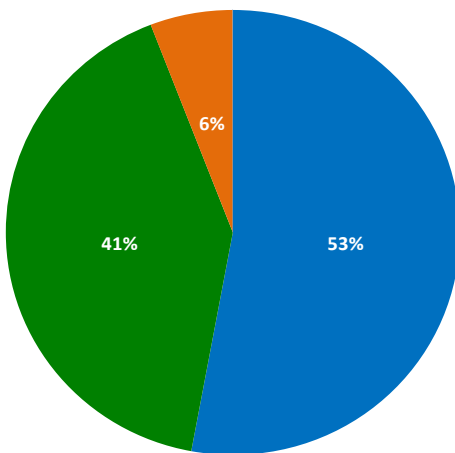
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Respiratory



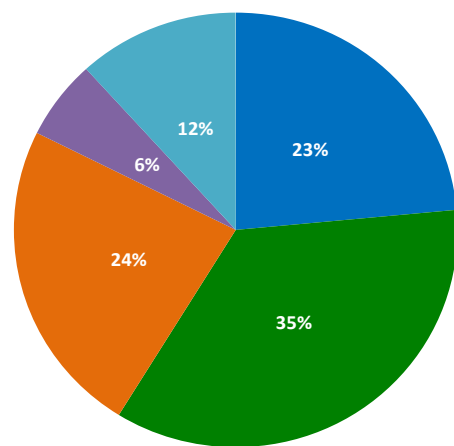
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Abdomen



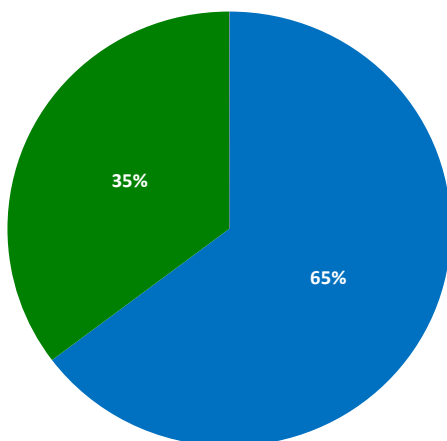
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Neurology



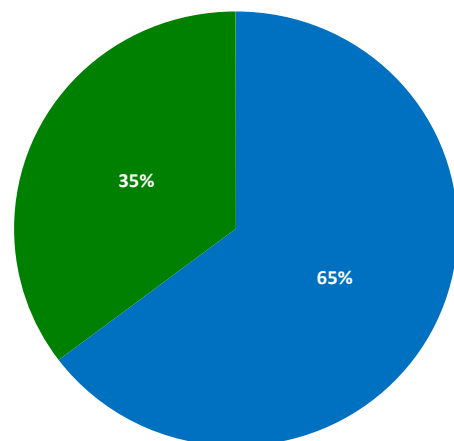
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Station 5



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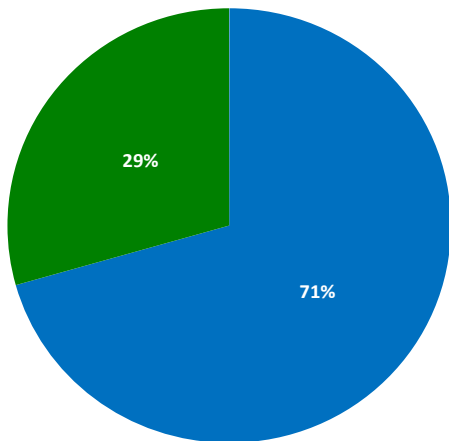
History



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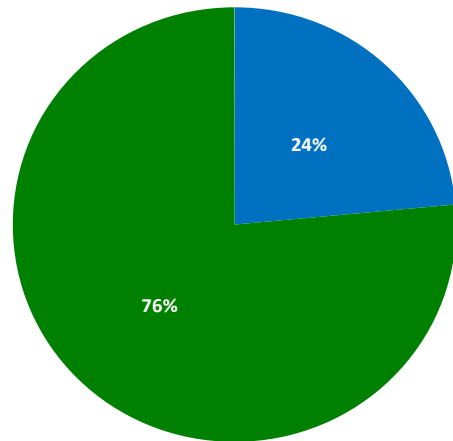
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Communication



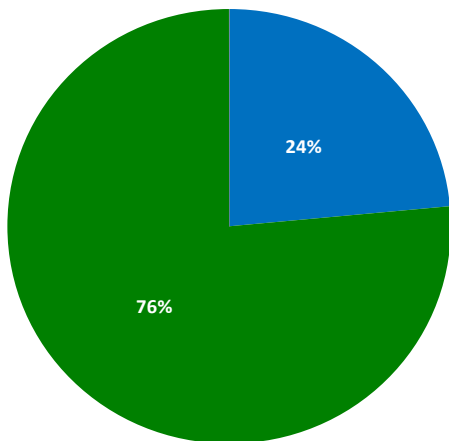
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How would you rate the overall quality of teaching you received?



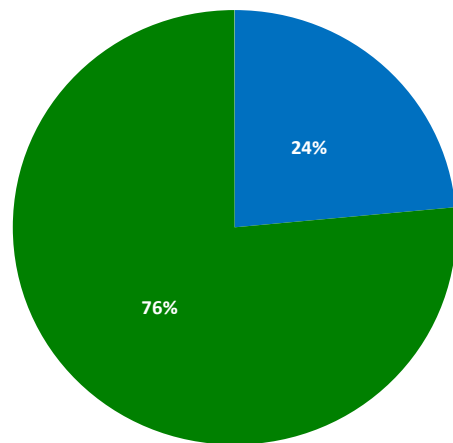
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How would you rate the selection of patients?



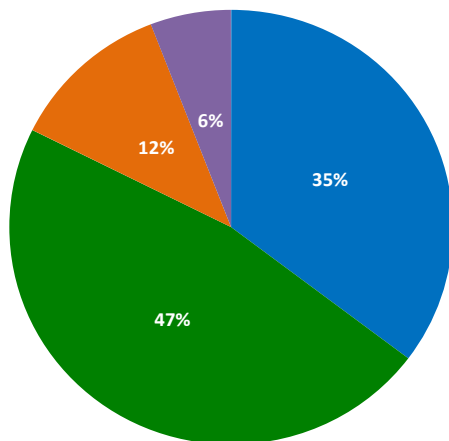
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How was the content of the course?



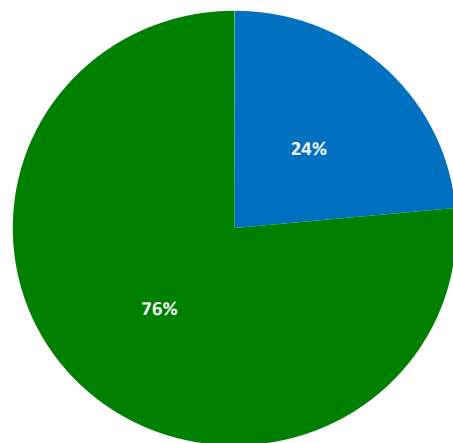
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Did you get sufficient opportunity to practice in every station?



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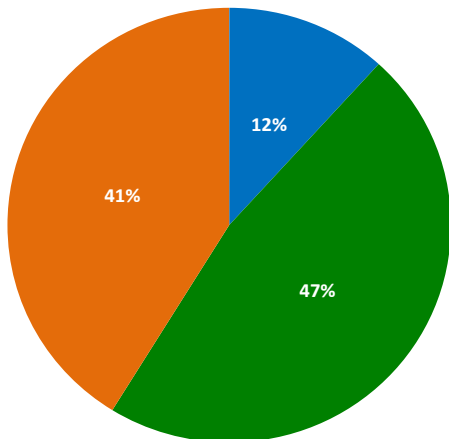
How would you rate the general academic standard of the faculty?



■ Excellent ■ Very good ■ Average ■ Fair ■ Poor

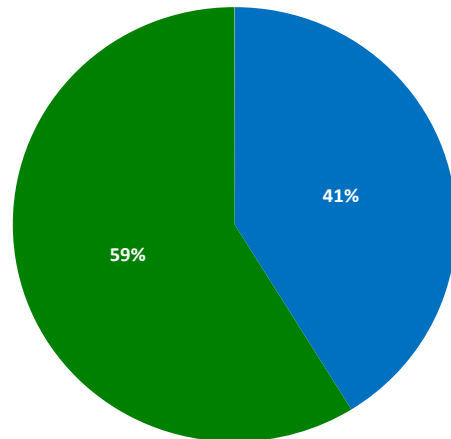
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How would you rate the performance of the actors?



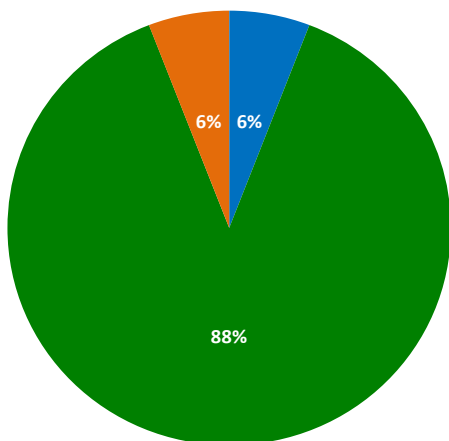
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How would you rate the general friendliness of the faculty?



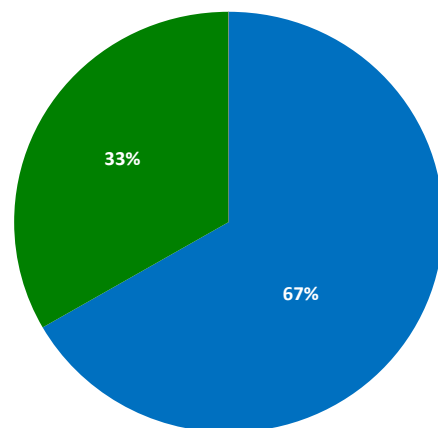
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Indifferent ■ Rude

Did the course meet your objectives?



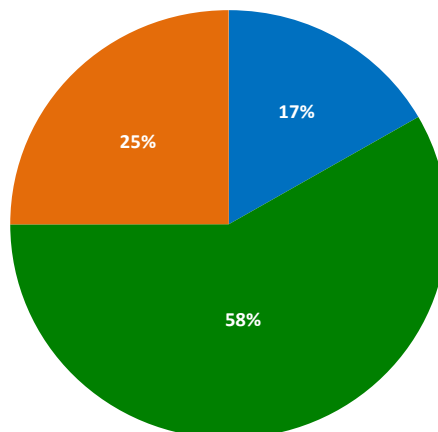
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ No way

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

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



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

Individual Comments

Well run course. Good mix of exam practice & chance to see a variety of signs. Faculty all knowledgeable with most having relatively recent experience of sitting PACES which I felt was of benefit.

FH

Forth Valley Royal Hospital, UK

Useful course. Good teaching.

AA

Sree Krishna Hospital, Kerala, India

Good to actually get hands on experience with examining/ taking history from patients Sometimes felt like people at station not critiquing enough. Better to be critical here and learn than in the exam The group I was put in were people who had not booked the exam or started revising so I felt I couldn't learn much from other members of the group and would prefer a group of all local trainees if possible.

JP

Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham, UK

I am planning to do PACES in Sept'14 and would like to redo this course before my exam.

IH

Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge, UK

Good.

SB

Good Hope District General Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, UK

Excellent.

JM

St James's University Hospital, Leeds, UK

A second neurology station would help. Everyone worst station. Better feedback and teaching on neurology. Perhaps enlist the services of a neurologist.

FA

Queen Elizabeth Birmingham Hospital, UK

Good selection of cases and well organized, ideally will be great to give more feedback after exams to assess more.

UA

New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, UK

Very good.

MA

DHQ Hospital, Pakistan

Individual Comments

Extremely useful course with plenty of chance to practice. Excellent range of patients for examination. Thank you.

KW

Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, UK

Examiners on cardiovascular, respiratory and Station5 were particularly helpful.

KD

Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham, UK

Overall it is a good course for the money spent.

MZ

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury, UK

Good exposure to exam format.

AH

Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham, UK



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