

**Cardiff MRCS Course:
Final Preparation for MRCS A**



Feedback - January 2020

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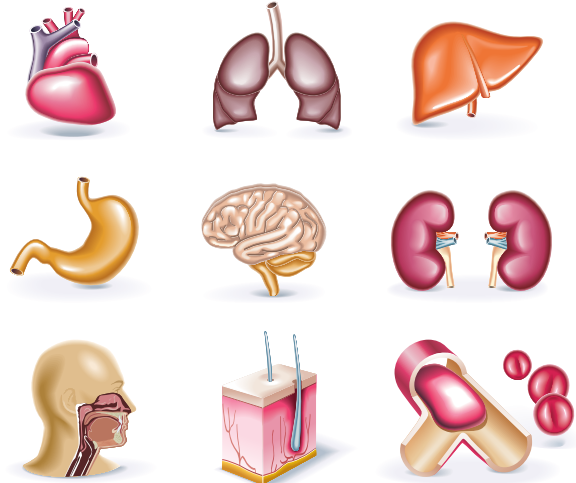
This intensive, one-day course was specifically designed for candidates appearing for the exam on 14th January 2020. Led by Professor Stuart Enoch, the Convenor of the renowned Cardiff MRCS OSCE courses, this course was suitable for candidates who had completed adequate prior revision and wished to brush-up on the entire exam syllabus in one day.

There were not any lectures. Rather, the entire day instead focused on 'rapid fire' discussion of the SBA and EMQ questions and answers that were most likely to appear in the exam. The sessions only highlighted the 'must know' areas and took the candidate through the core topics in Applied Basic Sciences (ABS) and Principles of Surgery in General (PoSG). The course took into consideration the changes to the exam introduced in January 2017 (180 ABS questions and 120 PoSG questions) and the additional emphasis on ABS, particularly anatomy.

This one-day course was calculated to be worth an average of 30 hours of individual revision.

Course Information

Course Date:	4th January 2020
Venue:	School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Attendance:	17 Delegates
Aimed at:	FY1; FY2; CT1; CT2; ST1; ST2; SHO; Trust Grade; Staff Grade; Clinical Fellow
Course Fee:	£155.00



Course Programme

0815 – 0830	Registration
0830 – 0920	Revision and Recap of Anatomy of Skull, Head, Scalp and Face
0920 – 0940	Revision and Recap of Anatomy of Neck
0940 – 1010	Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Head and Neck. (This session will include pertinent topics in Neurosurgery, ENT Surgery and Maxillofacial Surgery.)
1010 – 1025	Essentials in Burns
1025 – 1045	Revision and Recap of Anatomy of Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart and Lung
1045 – 1100	Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Thorax. (This session will include pertinent topics in Cardiothoracic Surgery and Upper GI Surgery.)
1100 – 1120	Break for Refreshments
1120 – 1150	Revision and Recap of Anatomy of the Upper Limb and Brachial Plexus
1150 – 1220	Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Upper Limb Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery. (This session includes nerve injuries, fractures, soft tissue injuries and reconstruction.)
1220 – 1300	Basic Physiology of Wound Healing, Local Anaesthetics, Tourniquet and Principles of Surgery
1300 – 1340	Lunch
1340 – 1355	Basic Cardiorespiratory Physiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology

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1355 – 1410	Basic Endocrine and Renal Physiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology
1410 – 1430	Basic Neurophysiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology
1430 – 1500	Revision and Recap of Anatomy of the Abdomen and Pelvis
1500 – 1540	Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Abdomen and Pelvis. (This session will include pertinent topics in General Surgery, HPB Surgery, Upper GI Surgery, Vascular Surgery and Urology.)
1540 – 1600	Break for Refreshments
1600 – 1630	Revision and Recap of Anatomy of the Lower Limb and Sacral Plexus
1630 – 1700	Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Lower Limb Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery. (This session includes nerve injuries, fractures, soft tissue injuries and reconstruction.)
1700 – 1730	Clinically Applied Statistics
1730 – 1800	Clinical Microbiology and Antibiotics
1800 – 1830	Clinically Applied Genetics and Embryology
1830 – 1900	Tips and Suggestions for Answering in the Exam
1900	End of Course

Faculty

Dr Alan Watson, BSc, PhD

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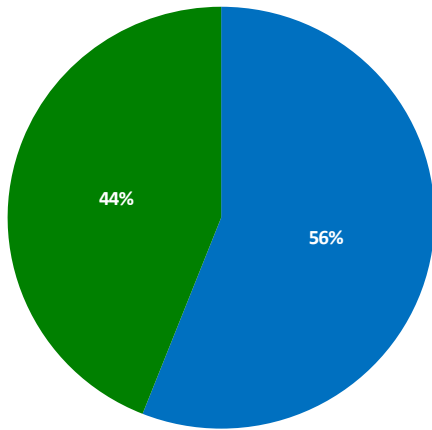
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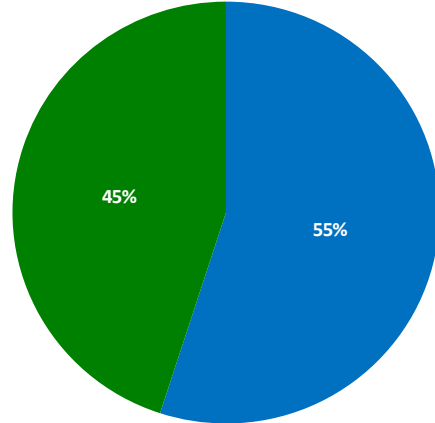
Overall Teaching Feedback

How would you rate the topics covered at the course?



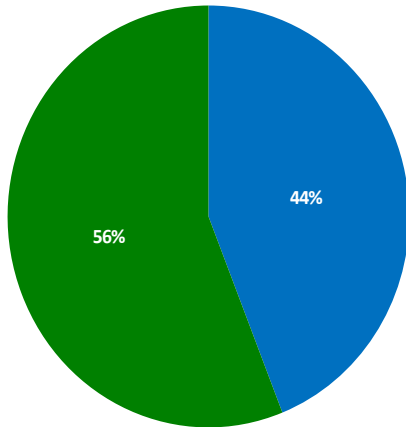
■ Excellent ■ Very good ■ Good ■ Not good ■ Poor

Did you gain an understanding of which topics are important for the exam and which areas to focus on?



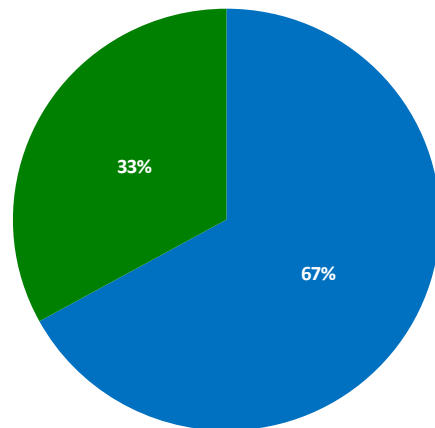
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

How would you rate the mock questions and answers that were discussed at the course?



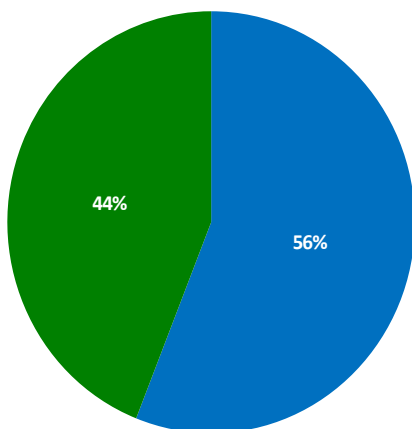
■ Very relevant ■ Relevant ■ Neutral ■ Little bit relevant ■ Irrelevant

How would you rate the academic standard of the lecturer?



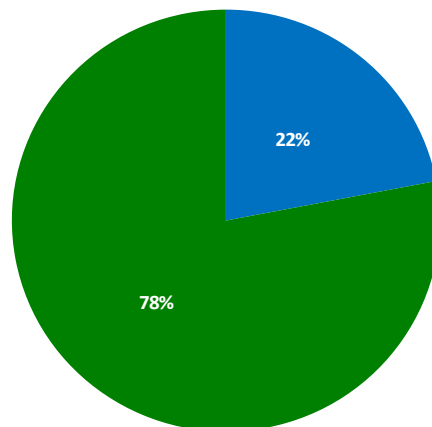
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Do you feel that the course helped you to be better prepared for the exam?



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

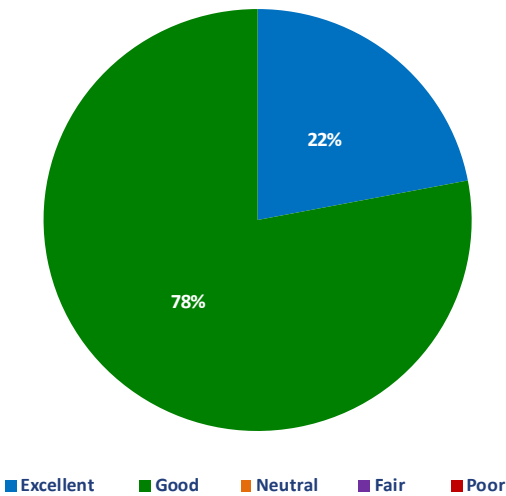
How were the facilities and venue?



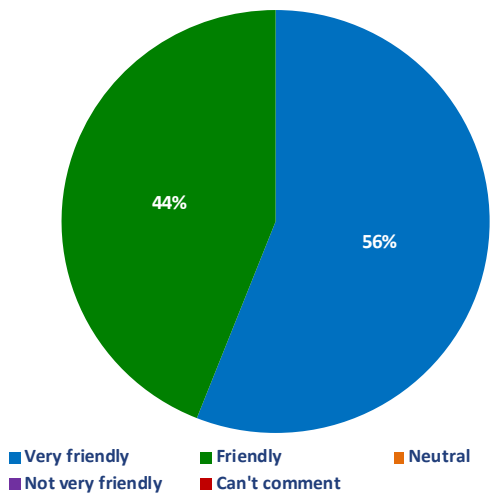
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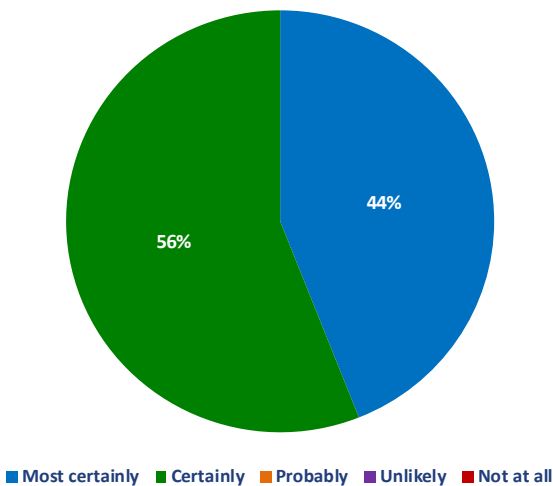
How were the refreshments and lunch?



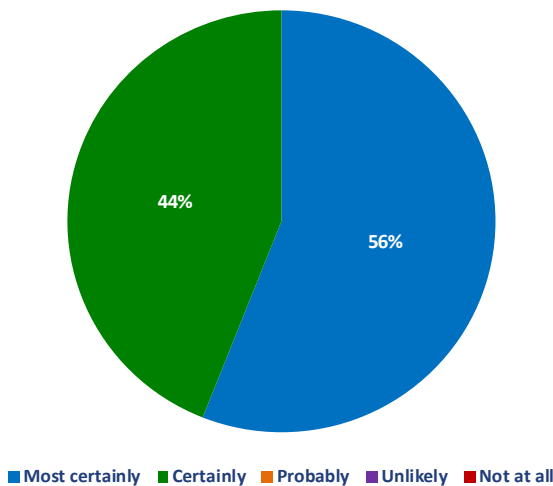
How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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



Individual Comments

It was very good.

AP

Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, United Kingdom

The organisation was good. It was an intense day.

HW

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Lots of information was provided at a good pace and the teaching was excellent.

CM

Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust, United Kingdom

This was an exceptional course and the teaching was excellent. The tutor was very friendly to communicate with and was very helpful.

AC

Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol, United Kingdom



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