

**Final Preparation for  
MRCS Part A**

**Feedback - January 2017**

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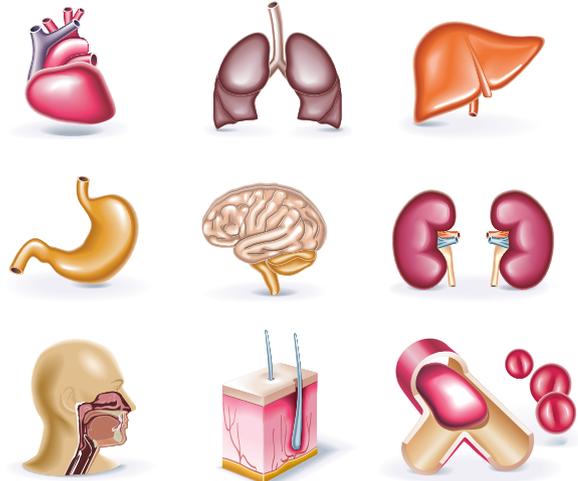
This intensive one-day course was specifically designed for candidates appearing for the exam on 12th January 2016. Led by Professor Stuart Enoch, the Convenor of the renowned Cardiff MRCS OSCE courses. The course was intended for candidates who had prepared thoroughly beforehand and were keen to revise for the whole of the examination syllabus in one day. There were no lectures with the entire day focussing on discussion of the SBA and EMQ questions and answers which are most important and likely to feature in the exam. The sessions highlighted the main areas and led the candidate through the core topics in Applied Basic Sciences and Principles of Surgery in general (Clinical Problem Solving). The one day course was calculated to be the equivalent of 30 hours individual revision.

The course, amongst others, covered the following areas:

- Applied surgical anatomy.
- General physiological principles.
- System specific physiology.
- General principles of pathology.
- System specific pathology.
- Principles of surgery in general.
- All surgical specialties.

### Course Information

<b>Course date:</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Education Centre South, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>13 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>Anyone looking to take the MRCS Part A Exam.</b>
<b>Course fee:</b>	<b>£145.00</b>



## Course Programme

0830 – 0840	Registration
0840 – 0850	Introduction
0850 – 0920	Revision and recap of Anatomy of 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)
<b>1100 – 1120</b>	<b>Break for refreshments</b>
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 & reconstruction)
1220 – 1300	Basic Physiology of Wound Healing, Local Anaesthetics, Tourniquet and Principles of Surgery

**1300 – 1330**

**Lunch**

## Course Programme

<b>1340 – 1355</b>	Basic Cardiorespiratory Physiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology
<b>1355 – 1410</b>	Basic Endocrine and Renal Physiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology
<b>1410 – 1430</b>	Basic Neurophysiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology
<b>1430 – 1500</b>	Revision and recap of Anatomy of the Abdomen and Pelvis
<b>1500 – 1540</b>	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**

<b>1600 – 1630</b>	Revision and recap of Anatomy of the Lower Limb and Sacral Plexus
<b>1630 – 1700</b>	Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Lower Limb Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery. (This session includes nerve injuries, fractures, soft tissue injuries & reconstruction)
<b>1700 – 1730</b>	Essential Statistics for MRCS
<b>1730 – 1800</b>	Essential Microbiology for MRCS
<b>1800 – 1830</b>	How to Maximise Capitalising Your Existing Knowledge in the Exam
<b>1830</b>	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

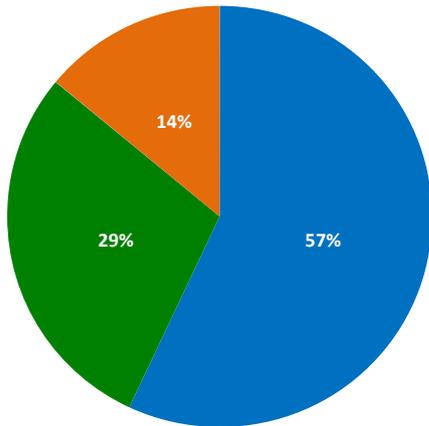
**Miss Yan Mei Goh, MBChB, MRCS, PGDip Clin Ed.**

PhD Research Fellow - Imperial College London

Specialist Registrar in General Surgery - Oxford Deanery

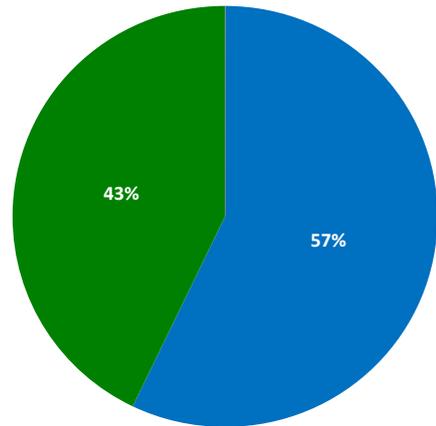
# Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



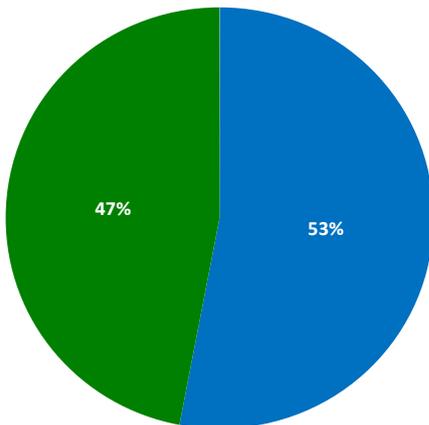
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How were the clarity of lectures?



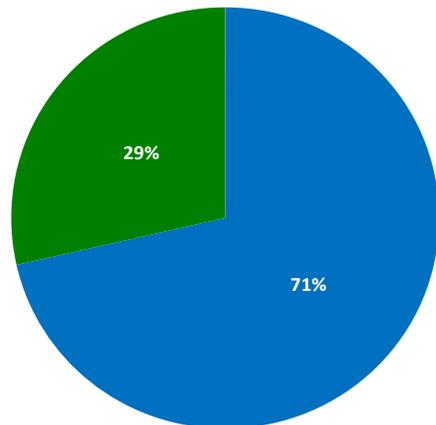
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If you have done the exam, how was the relevance of the course to your exam?



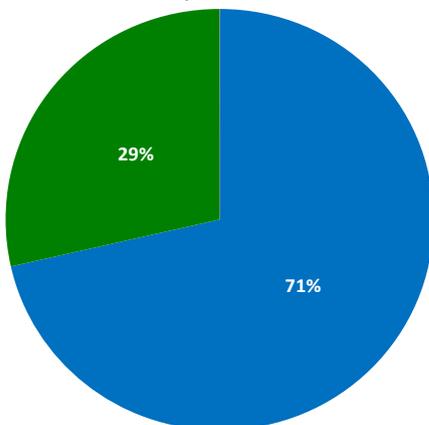
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the lectures?



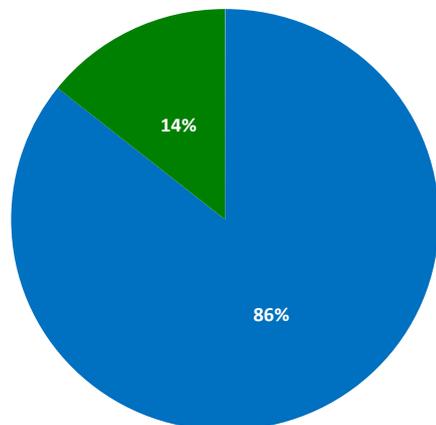
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Revision and recap of Anatomy of Head, Scalp and Face



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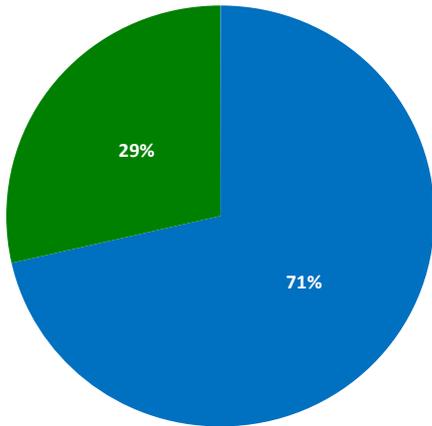
Revision and recap of Anatomy of Neck



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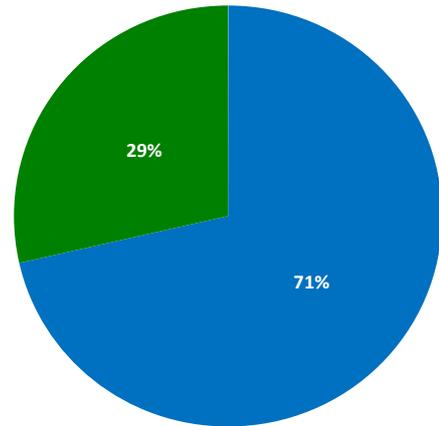
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Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Head and Neck.



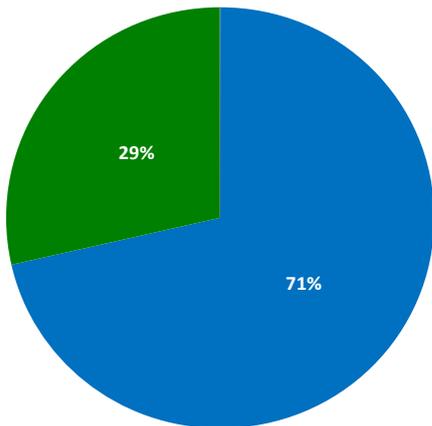
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Essentials in Burns



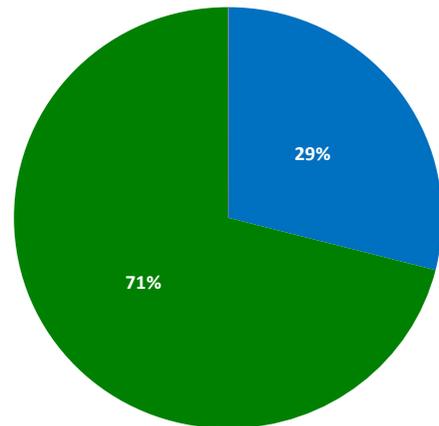
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Revision and recap of Anatomy of Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart and Lung



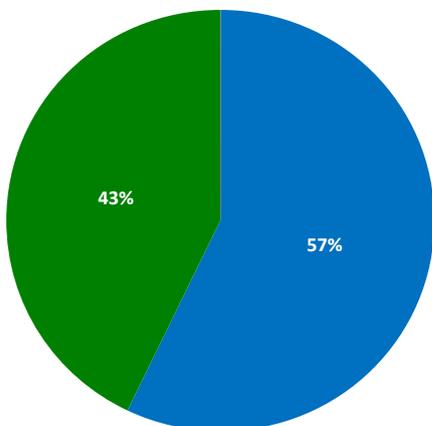
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Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Thorax.



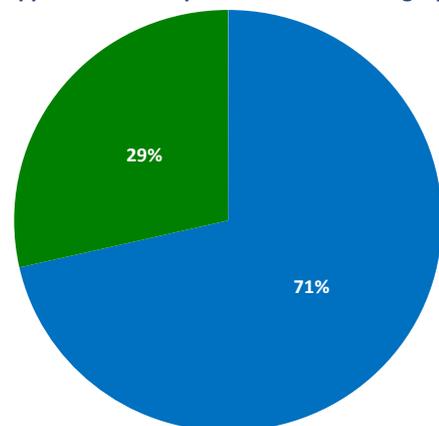
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Revision and recap of Anatomy of the Upper Limb and Brachial Plexus



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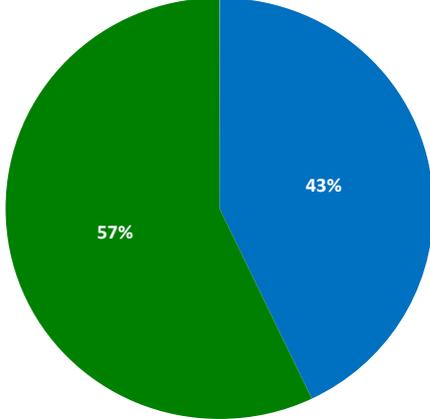
Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Upper Limb Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery.



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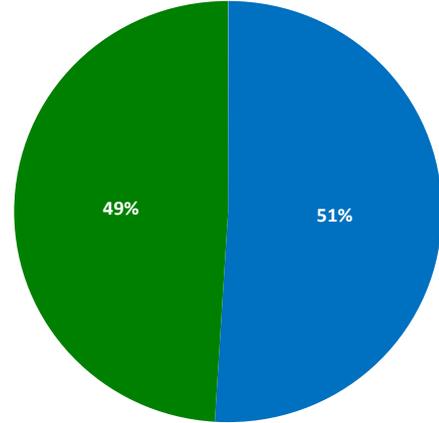
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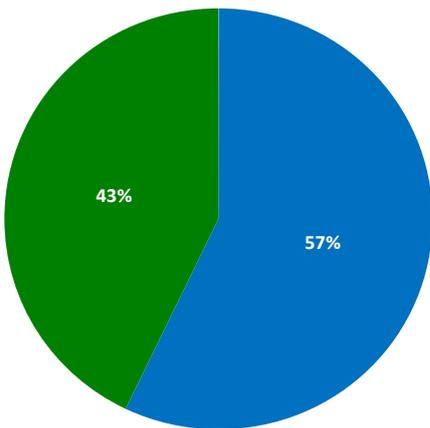
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Basic Cardiorespiratory Physiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology



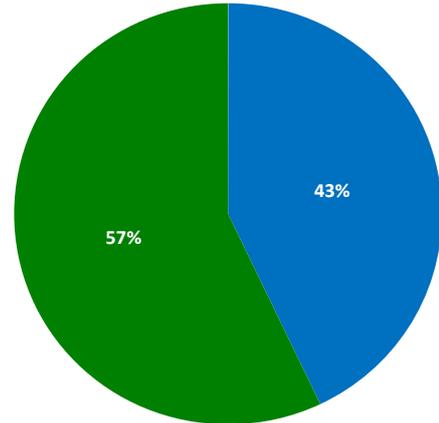
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Malignant Melanoma



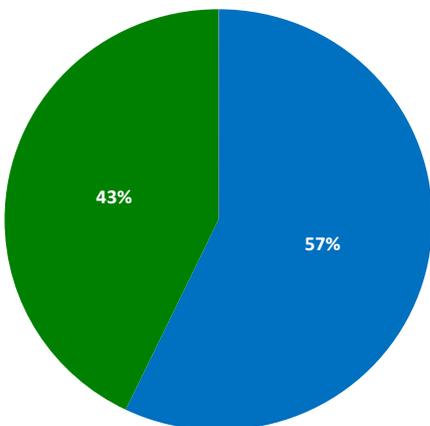
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Basic Neurophysiology, Applied Surgical Sciences, and relevant Pathology



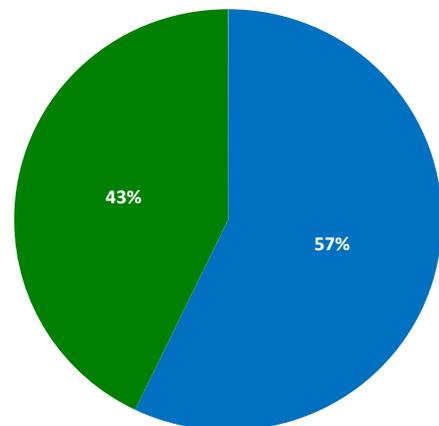
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Revision and recap of Anatomy of the Abdomen and Pelvis



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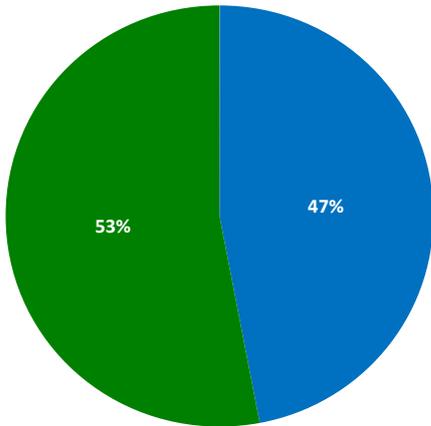
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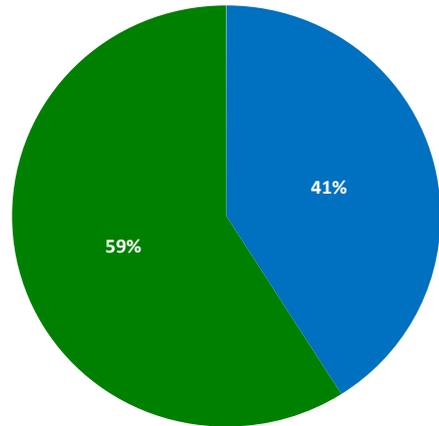
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Revision and recap of Anatomy of the Lower Limb and Sacral Plexus



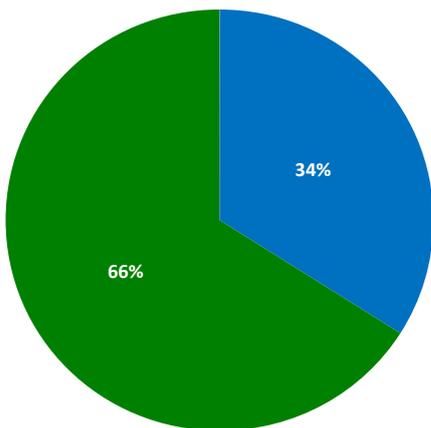
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Surgical Pathology and Clinical Scenarios in Lower Limb Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery.



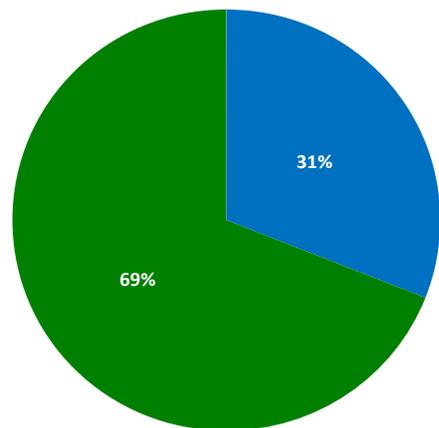
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Essential Statistics for MRCS



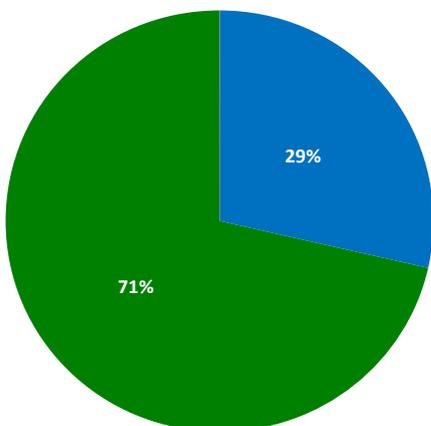
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Essential Microbiology for MRCS



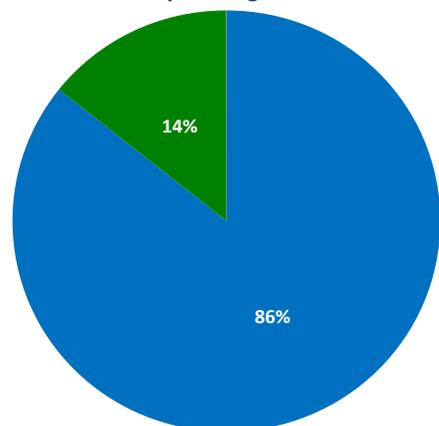
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Testicular Tumour



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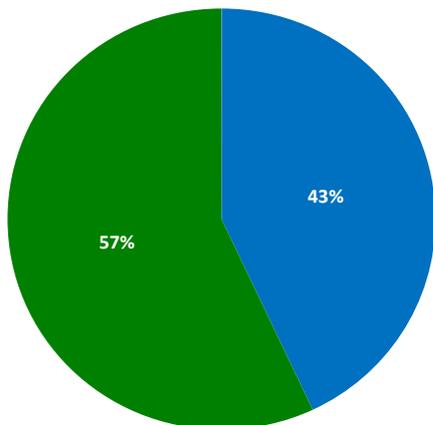
How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



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

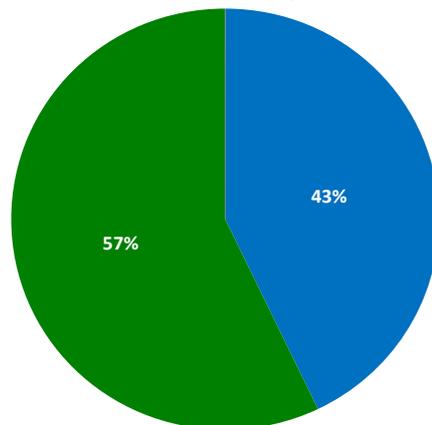
## Overall Teaching Feedback

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

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



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

## Individual Comments

Very good.

**TH**  
*Mayo General Hospital*

Very good.

**MW**  
*Milton Keynes General Hospital, Milton Keynes*

Most topics covered. Well organised Delivery of the lectures was outstanding.

**MM**  
*University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff*

Overall the course was good - good quality of lectures and presentation.

**JR**  
*Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford*



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*Manchester, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017*

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