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# The Christie - Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

Feedback - January 2024

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The highly popular Christie-Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course was conducted as a hybrid course divided into two components, as outlined below. Delegates could choose to attend the full course (which was recommended) or only the face-to-face component of the course.

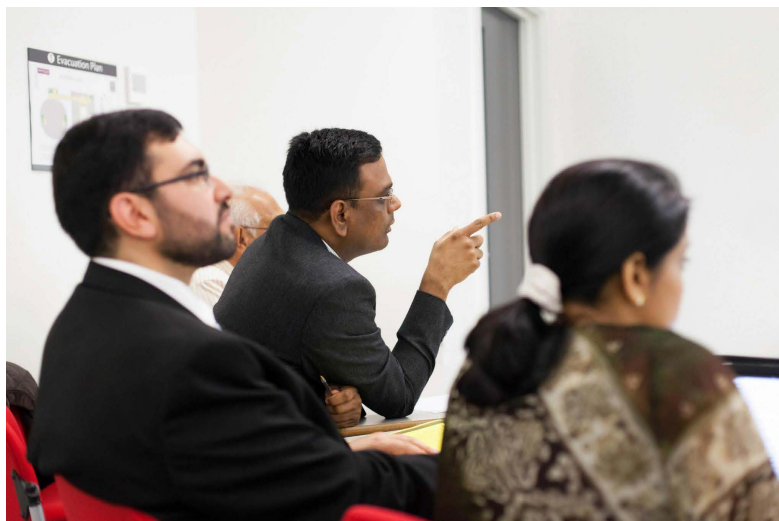
There were six evenings of interactive discussions held via Zoom before the face-to-face component. These took place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. These sessions covered the following core topics in the FRCS syllabus (JCIE): Breast Surgery, Benign Upper GI Surgery, Malignant Upper GI Surgery, Benign Lower GI Surgery, Malignant Lower GI Surgery, HPB Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, Transplant Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care, and Statistics.

The face-to-face component of the course was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at The Christie Hospital in Manchester. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January, there were focused vivas in General Surgery, in the delegate's selected subspeciality, academic surgery (reading a paper/basic science/statistics), and trauma and critical care. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, there were patient-focused clinical examination on real patients, as well as discussion on radiology and pathology. There were no lectures during the face-to-face component of the course, and the entire weekend was dedicated to vivas, discussions, and clinical examination of patients.

The highlights of this course included a high tutor-to-delegate ratio, coverage of all essential and high-yield theory, updates on current advances in all sub-specialities, vivas in all areas as in the exam, and clinical examination of patients.

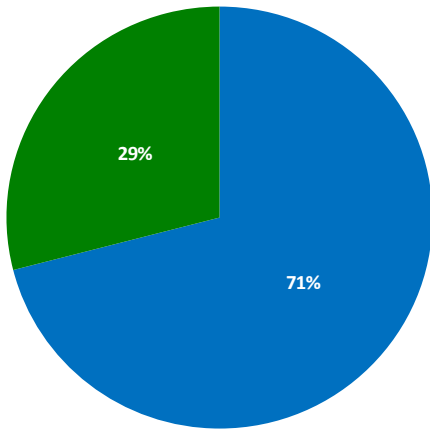
### Course Information

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Christie Hospital, Manchester</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>22 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b>	<b>£580.00</b>



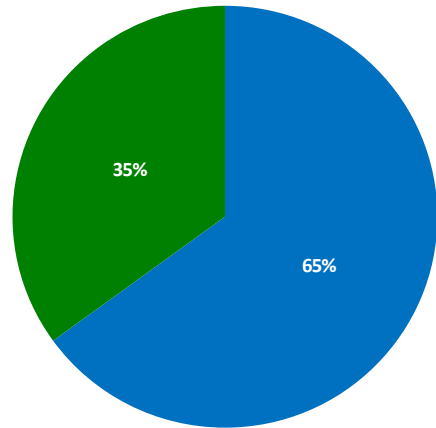
# Overall Feedback

General Viva



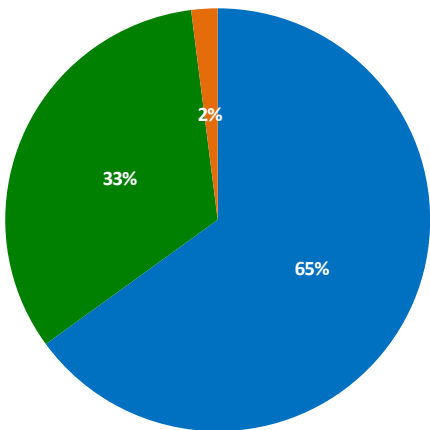
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Trauma and Critical Care Viva



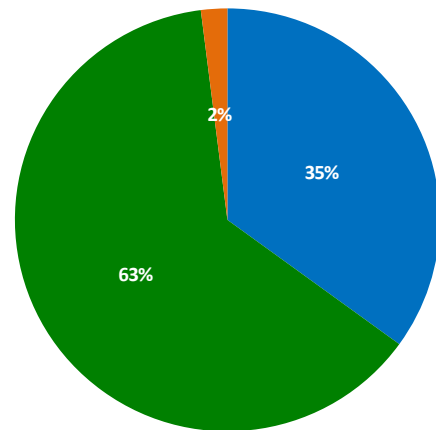
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Subspecialty Viva



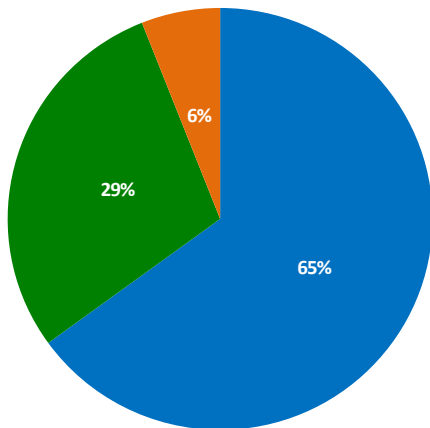
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Academic Viva



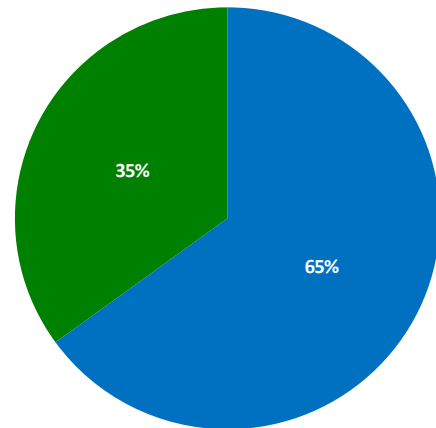
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Mock Viva



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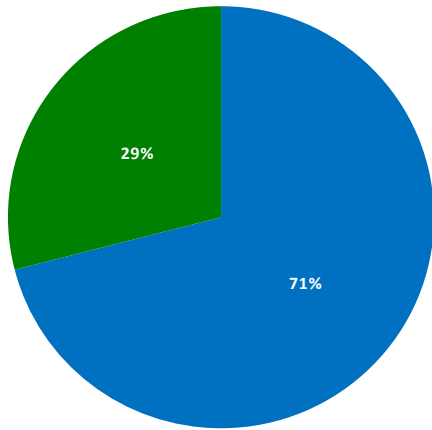
Clinical Examination



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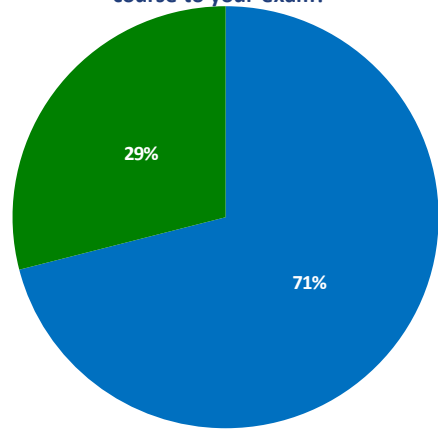
# Overall Feedback

How was the content of the course?



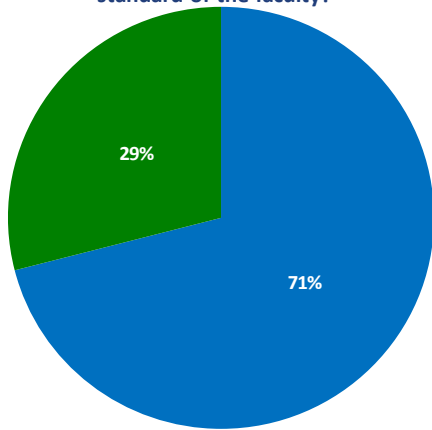
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How would you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?



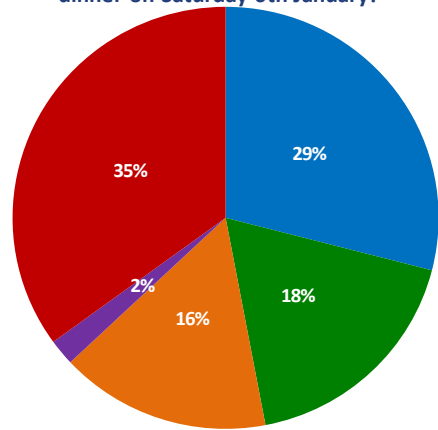
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the faculty?



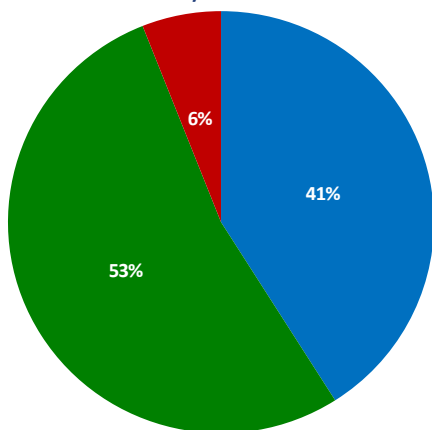
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If you attended, did you enjoy the course dinner on Saturday 6th January?



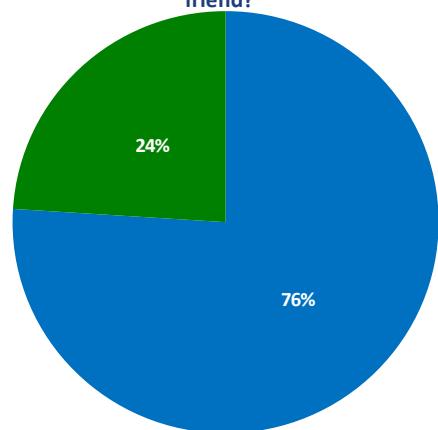
■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend

If you attended, did you find the preparatory session on how to structure your viva answers useful?



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really

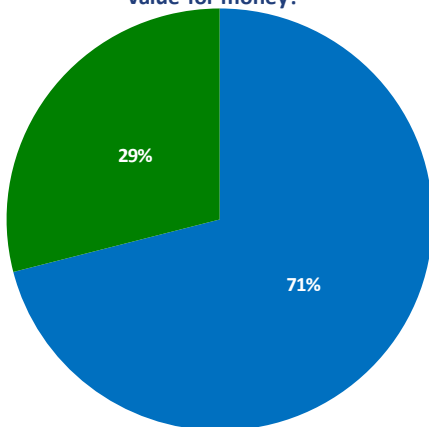
Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really

## Overall Feedback

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



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really

## Individual Comments

Very satisfied with overall experience in the course. Many thanks for all your hard efforts.

**MA**  
*Milton Keynes General Hospital, UK*

Impressive.

**AM**  
*St James's University Hospital, Leeds, UK*

Well organised.

**YS**  
*Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, UK*

Excellent, well organised.

**RC**  
*Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Fpundation Trust, UK*

Fabulous course.

**NS**  
*Leighton Hospital, Crewe, UK*

Excellent organisation of the face to face component. Gave us a taste of what to expect in the real exam and how to get prepared for the exam day.

**AM**  
*Queen's Hospital, Romford, UK*

Very good course.

**AA**  
*Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, UK*

I am planning to write my exam in May 2024. I feel by attending this course I know how to prepare and wat to prepare for examination.

**MI**  
*Tipperary University Hospital, Clonmel, Ireland, UK*

Really very useful thank yoh.

**JC**  
*University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, UK*

Excellent.

**PC**  
*Royal London Hospital, England, UK*

Course was nicely organised, it covered the important and relevant topics. Helped us understand how the exam would be conducted.

**MB**  
*Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol, UK*



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