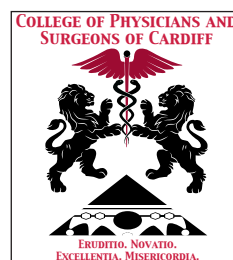


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Feedback - January 2026

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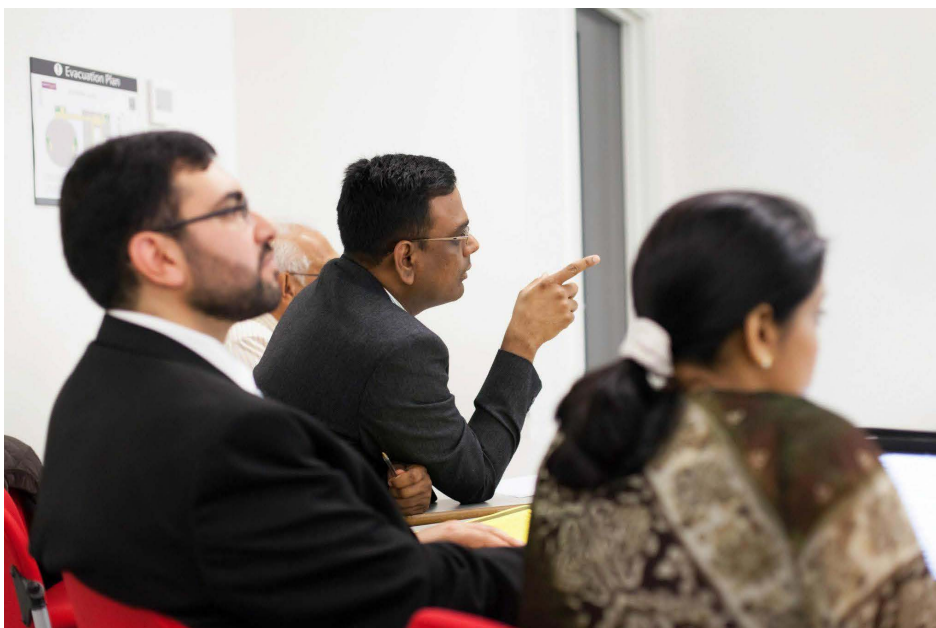
This highly-popular six-day course was conducted as a hybrid course divided into two distinct components, as outlined below. Delegates could choose to attend the full course (which was recommended), the face-to-face component only, or the theoretical (online) component only.

There were four evenings of focused, didactic discussions held via Zoom before the face-to-face-component. These took place on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th January 2026. These sessions, which were conducted by consultants in the relevant specialities and higher surgical academics, covered the following core topics in the FRCS (Gen Surg) 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, and Critical Care.

The face-to-face component of the course took place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2026 at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool. On Saturday 17th January, focused vivas in general surgery, declared sub-specialities, trauma and critical care, and academic surgery (i.e., critique of a paper, statistics, and basic sciences) were conducted. On Sunday 18th January, patient-focused clinical examination and discussions on radiology and pathology were held. A mock exam, which assessed delegates in various areas tested in the exam, also took place, and delegates will receive formal, written feedback on their performance shortly after the course. There were no lectures during the face-to-face component of the course, and the entire weekend was dedicated to mock vivas facilitated by consultants.

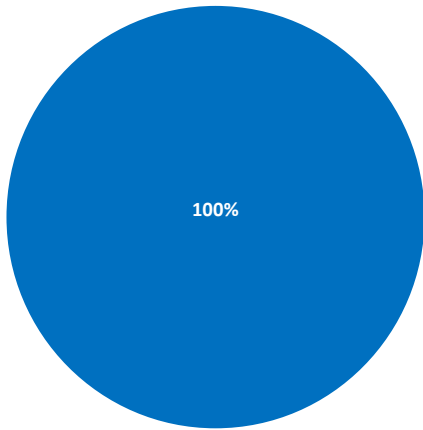
Course Information

Venue:	Education Centre, Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool
Dates:	12th, 13th, 14th and 15th January 2026 (Online Sessions) 17th and 18th January 2026 (Face-to-Face)
Attendance:	28 Delegates
Aimed at:	ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery
Course Fee:	£685.00



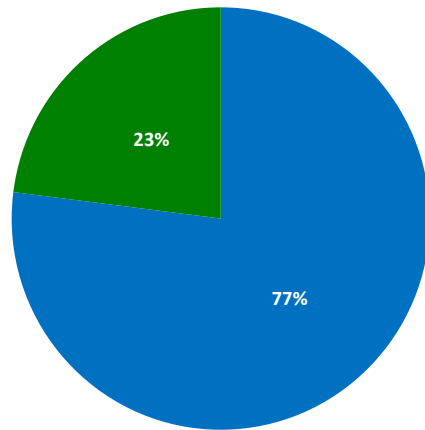
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Colorectal (Cancer) Surgery (Mr J. Lacy-Colson)



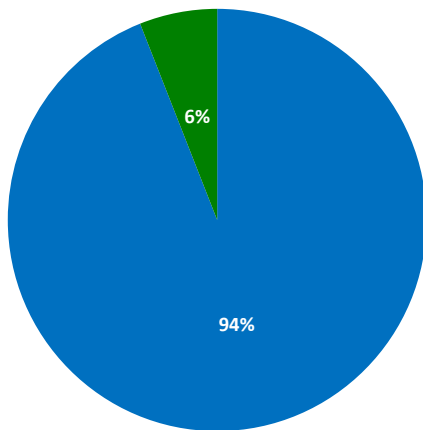
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UGI (Cancer) Surgery (Mr A. Sud)



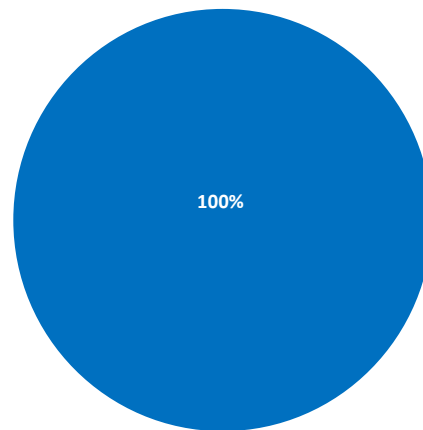
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HPB Surgery (Mr T.J. Athwal)



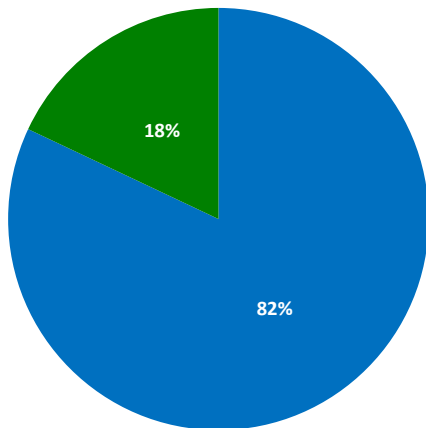
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Colorectal (Benign) Surgery (Mr J. Lacy-Colson)



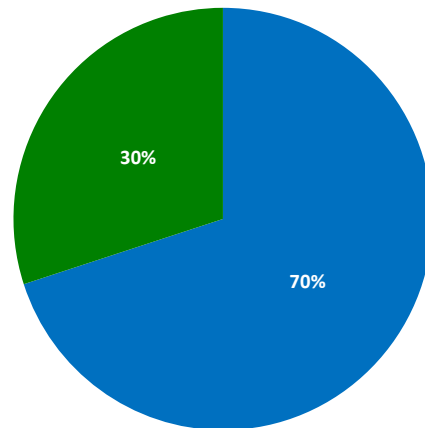
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Endocrine Surgery (Mr N. Houghton)



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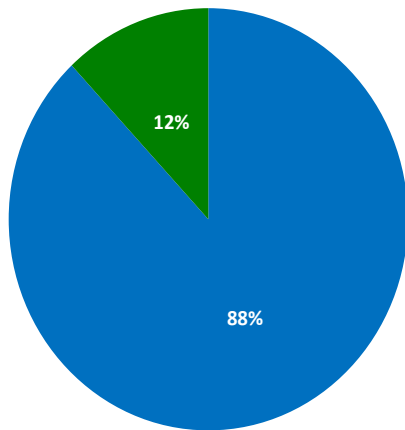
Breast Surgery (Miss J. Morgan)



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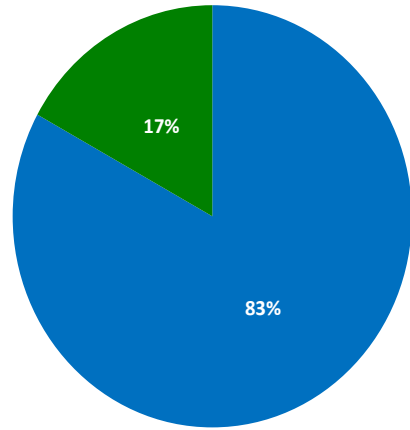
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Critical Care for Surgeons (Dr T. Evans)



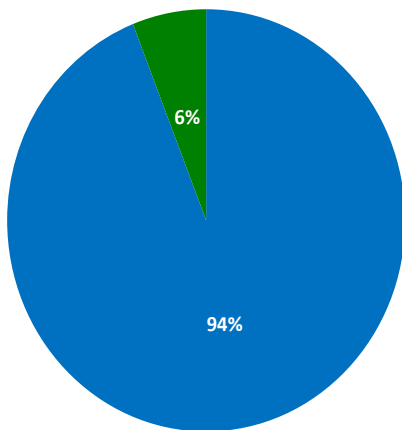
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Transplant Surgery (Mr K. Patel)



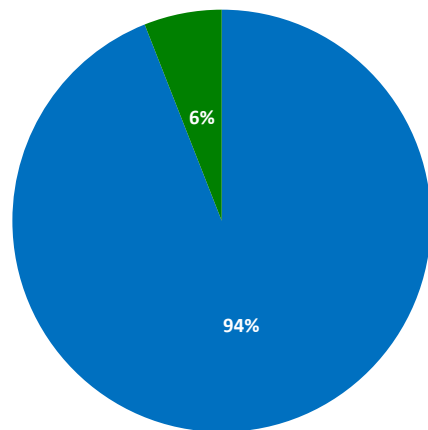
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General Viva



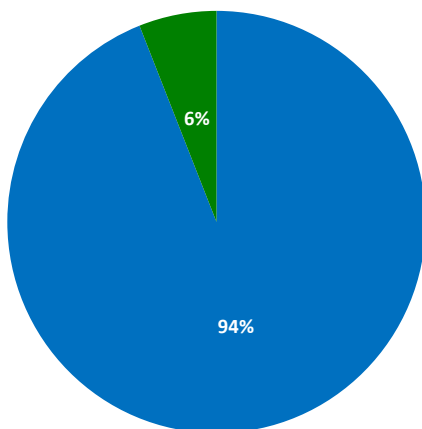
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Trauma and Critical Care Viva



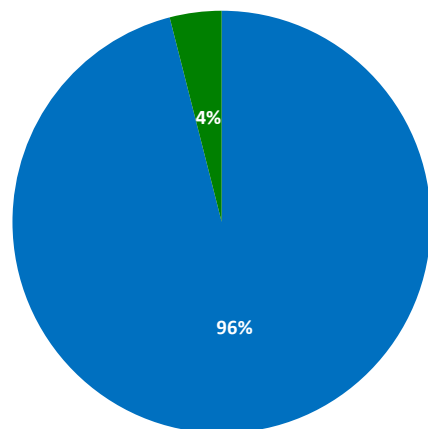
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Sub-Specialty Viva



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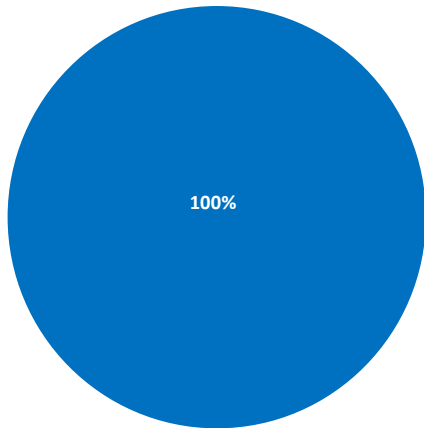
Academic Viva



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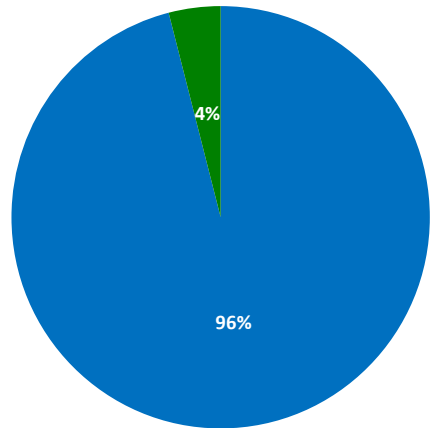
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Mock Viva



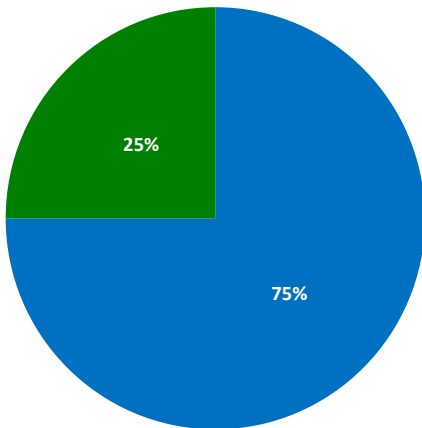
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Clinical Examination



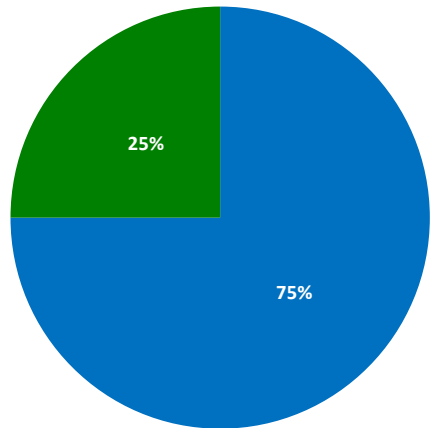
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



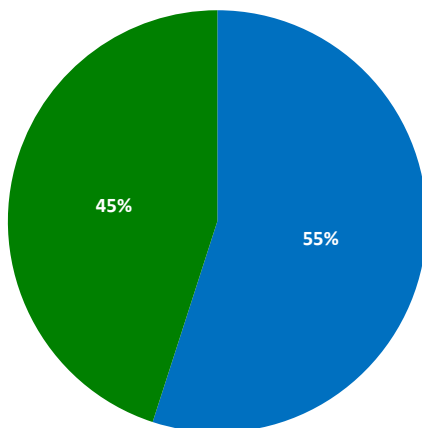
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Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



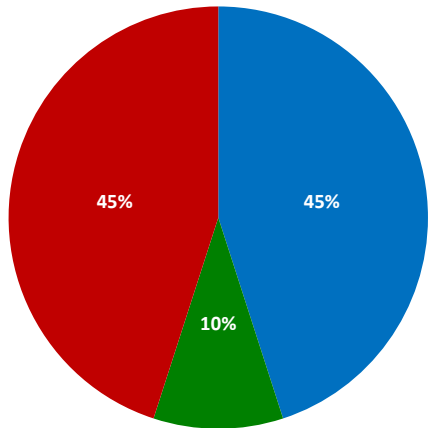
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Did this course meet your learning objectives and help you to prepare for the exam?



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

If you attended, did you enjoy the course dinner on Saturday evening?



■ Most certainly ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend ■ Certainly ■ Not At All

Individual Comments

Excellent. Quality. Really beneficial.

BN
Ulster Hospital, Dundonald

It was a very helpful 2 day face to face course which definitely helps in exam prep.

MS
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Well structured course, excellent time discipline, well experienced faculty. helped me organise my revision for the next few weeks before the exam.

MM
Wexham Park Hospital, Slough

The course was very well organised, clearly delivered, and highly relevant to focused exam preparation.

RA
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS, United Kingdom

Really excellently organised course with an incredibly useful and unique viva opportunity.

TG
Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom Europe

Well organised course. Lots of revision of important core principles, worth every penny.

FS
Southmead Hospital, Bristol

Good organisation of course content both online and in person.

DB
Northern Health and Social Care Trust, United Kingdom Europe

Fantastic course at a very competitive price. Would recommend.

NF
Royal Surrey County Hospital, United Kingdom

Well structured course and to the point. faculty approachable and experienced.

MM
Wexham Park Hospital, Slough

The online sessions were well run. I preferred the sessions where they were scenario based and then provided the background knowledge according to the scenario.

EO
Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle Upon Tyne

Well structured, efficient course and amazing value. supportive staff.

MM
Wexham Park Hospital, Slough



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