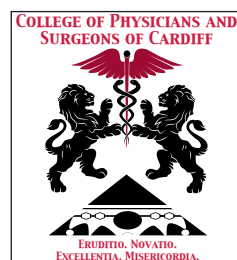


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Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

Feedback - July 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 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd July 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 25th and Sunday 26th July 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.

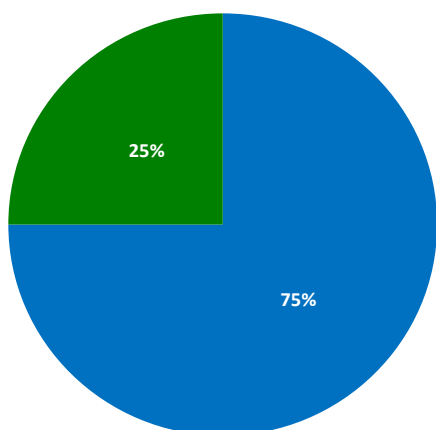
Course Information

Venue:	Education Centre, Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool
Dates:	20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd July 2026 (Online Sessions) 25th and 26th July 2026 (Face-to-Face)
Attendance:	23 Delegates
Aimed at:	ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery
Course Fee:	£685.00



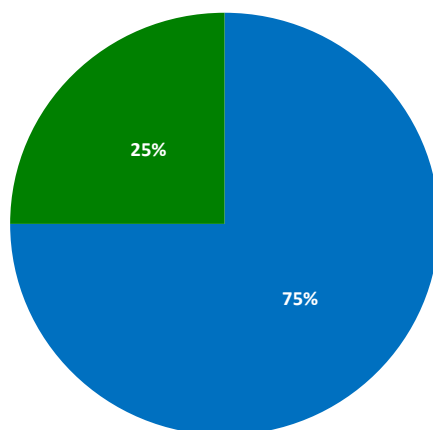
Overall Feedback

Upper GI (Cancer) Surgery (Mr A. Sud)



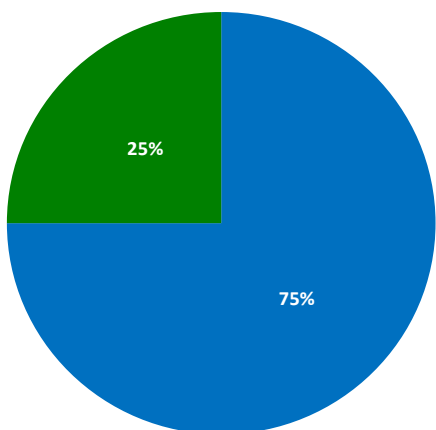
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Endocrine Surgery (Mr N. Houghton)



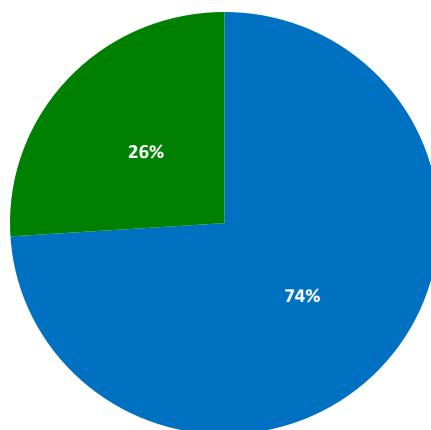
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Colorectal (Cancer) Surgery (Mr J. Lacy-Colson)



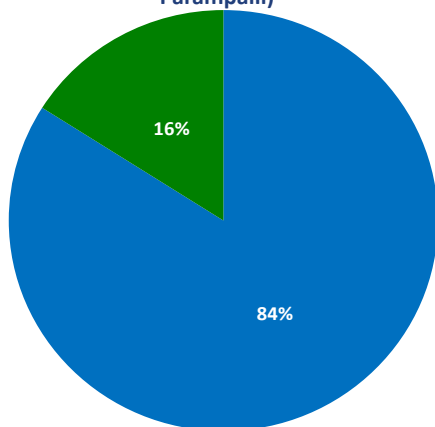
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HPB Surgery (Mr T. Athwal)



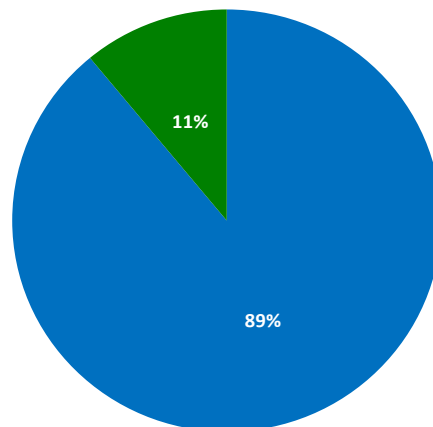
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Upper GI (Benign) Surgery (Mr U. Parampalli)



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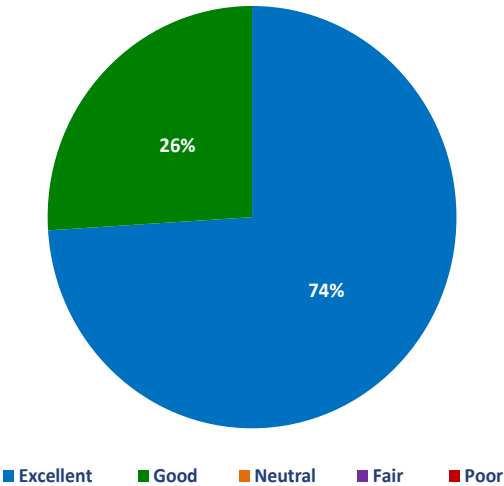
Breast Surgery (Ms J. Morgan)



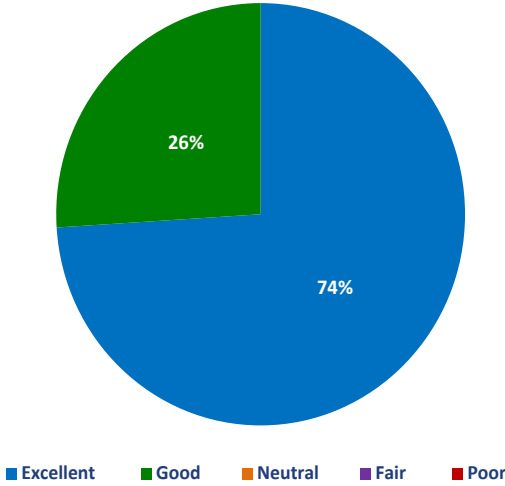
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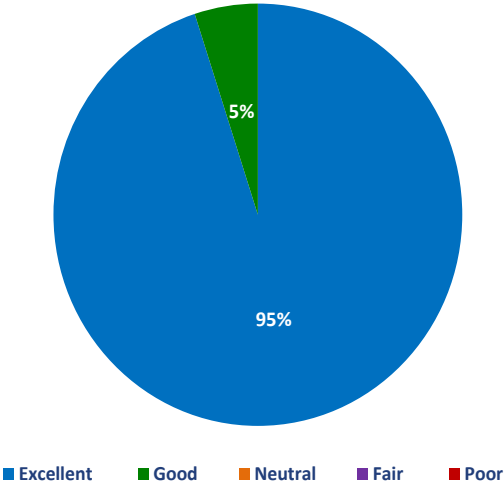
Colorectal (Benign) Surgery (Mr S. Arya)



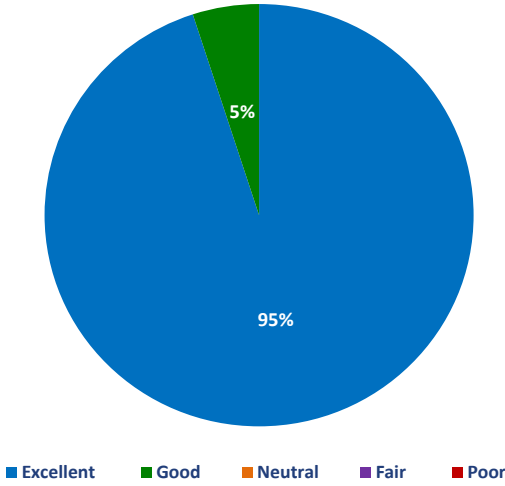
Transplant Surgery (Mr K. Patel)



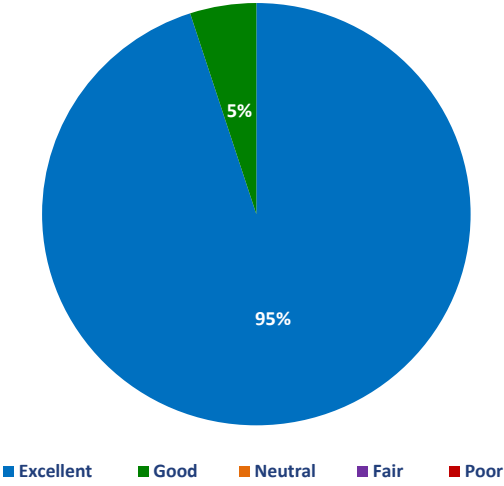
General Viva



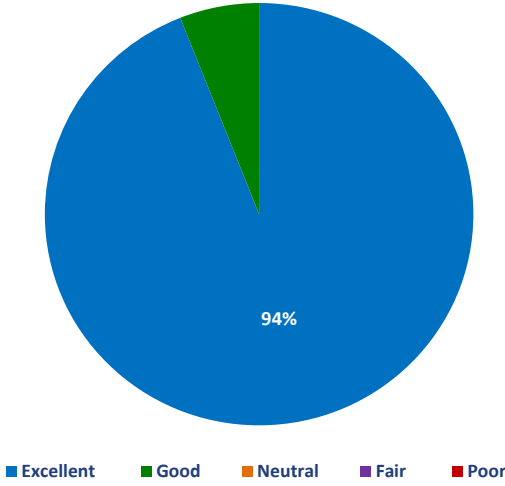
Trauma and Critical Care Viva



Sub-Specialty Viva

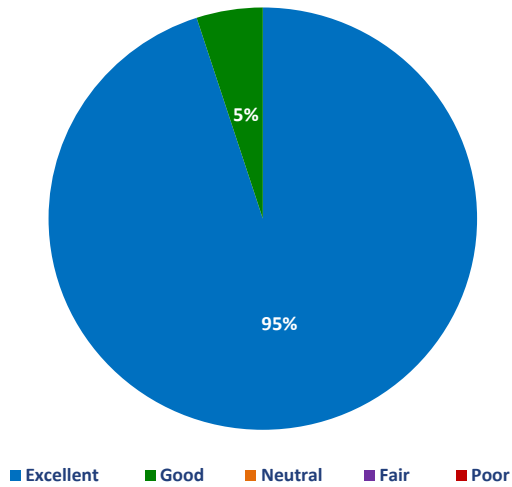


Academic Viva

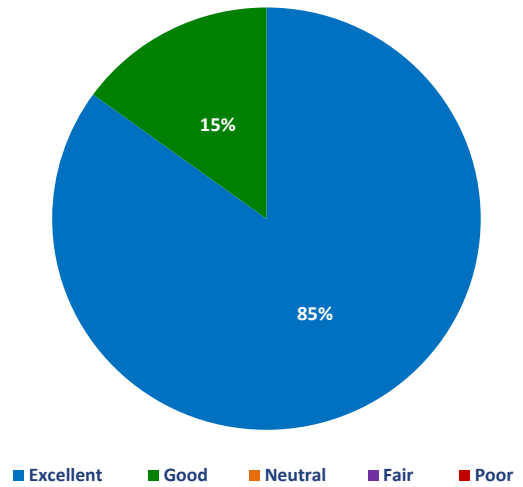


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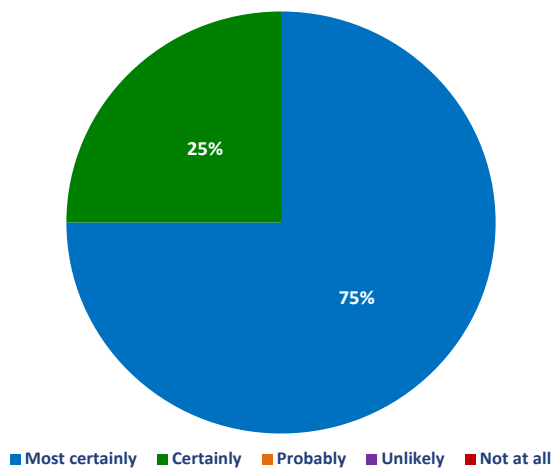
Full Mock Viva (33 Cases)



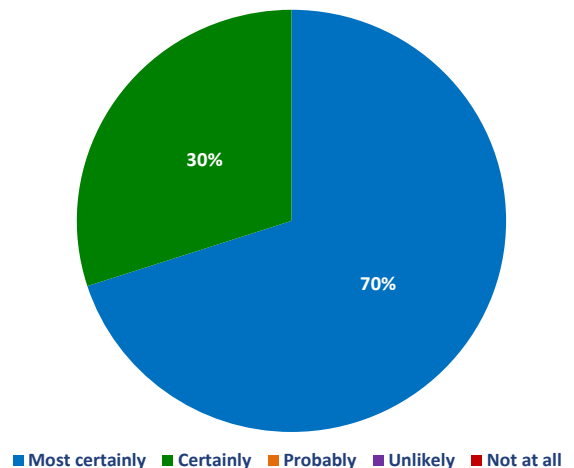
Clinical Examination



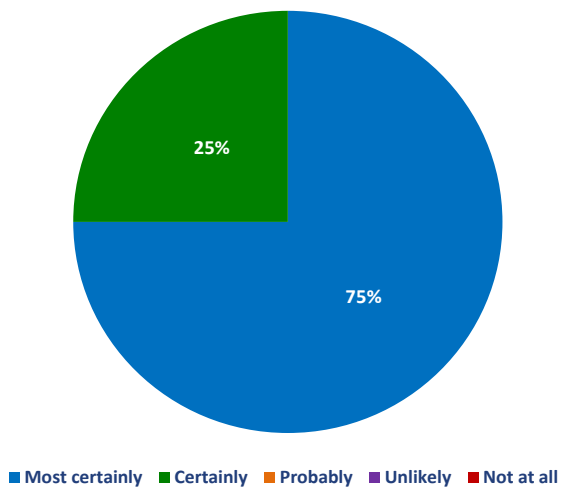
Would you recommend this course to a friend?



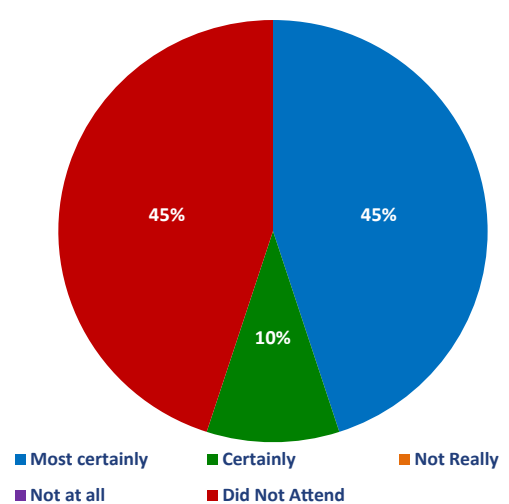
Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



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



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



Individual Comments

Well organised and high quality course.

RC

Very well organised, very relevant and incredibly helpful in preparation.

SH

The course was exceptionally well-organised and the teaching was of a very high standard. The presentations were clear and engaging, and the content felt highly relevant to my exam preparation. Overall, it was an excellent experience that has significantly boosted my confidence.

HT

Excellent course. Really impressed by the range of topics covered.

FR

Well-organised course covering most aspects of the exam satisfactorily.

PC

Very good and concise for the needs of the exam.

FC

Excellent and highly relevant course.

JS

Excellent Faculty. Well organised.

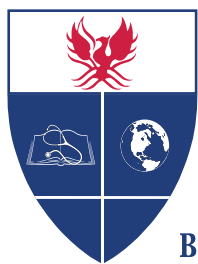
JR

Fantastic, thank you very much.

PP

Excellent organisation. Very good use of time with extensive breadth of the curriculum covered. Would recommend this to trainees wishing to establish where they are in terms of revision to highlight weak areas.

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