



**Birmingham PACES Course  
for MRCP (UK) Part 2**

**Feedback - September 2014**

## Birmingham PACES Course for MRCP Part 2

This course was designed to give delegate a head start on revision, with a focus on perfecting examination technique as well as presentation and communication skills. The emphasis during the course was to equip delegates with the correct method and strategy to pass the exam through observation of ones own technique and to amend any faults to ensure a successful exam.

Day one of the course focuses on the clinical examination stations (cardiovascular, respiratory, abdominal, and neurological systems) as well as the new Station 5. After brief lectures covering this new Station and general strategies to pass the exam, delegates are rotated through clinical stations in small groups to facilitate individualised feedback.

Day two of the course focused on History and Communication skills (Stations two and four). With brief lectures given on general aspects of history taking and communication scenarios, after which rotation through the different stations in small groups helps to consolidate a successful technique and approach.

### Course Information

<b>Course date:</b>	<b>27<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Outpatients Department Heartlands Hospital Birmingham, UK</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>31 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>Foundation Doctors</b>
<b>Course fee:</b>	<b>£425.00</b>



# Course Programme

## Day 1

**08:30 – 09:00**      **Registration and Coffee**

**09:00 – 09:25**      **Welcome and lecture – Strategies for passing PACES**

**09:25 – 10:25**      **Clinical station 1**

**10:25 – 10:40**      **Coffee break**

**10:40 – 11:40**      **Clinical station 2**

**11:40 – 12:40**      **Clinical station 3**

**12:40 – 13:40**      **Lunch**

**13:40 – 14:40**      **Clinical station 4**

**14:40 – 15:40**      **Clinical station 5**

**15:40 – 15:55**      **Coffee Break**

**15:55 – 17:00**      **Clinical station 6**

# Course Programme

## Day 2

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00 – 09:35 History taking

09:35 – 10:10 History taking

10:10 – 10:45 History taking

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:35 History taking

11:35 – 12:10 History taking

12:10 – 12:45 History taking

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:05 Communication

14:05 – 14:40 Communication

14:40 – 15:15 Communication

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:05 Communication

16:05 – 16:40 Communication

16:40 – 17:15 Communication



## Faculty List

### CHIEF COURSE CONVENOR

**Dr Nidhi Sagar, MBChB, MRCP (UK)**

Specialist Registrar in Gastroenterology

Honorary Research Registrar for the BSPGHAN/Core Liver Transition Project

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Liver Unit

Lecturer, Postgraduate Medical Education; Doctors Academy Group (Intl)

### COURSE ORGANISERS

**Dr Vandana Sagar, MBChB, MRCP (UK)**

Speciality Medical Trainee

Sandwell Hospital, Birmingham

**Dr Susanne Kumar, MBBCh, MRCP (UK)**

Registrar in Medicine

Lecturer, Postgraduate Medical Education Doctors Academy Group (Intl)

**Dr Michael Newnham, MBChB, MSc, MRCP, PGCE**

Speciality Registrar in Respiratory Medicine

University Hospital of North Staffordshire

**Dr Pradeep Mallisetty, MBBS, MRCP**

Speciality Registrar in Acute Medicine (Special interest in Respiratory)

George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

**Dr Anna Last, MBChB, BMedSc, MRCP, Diploma Tropical Medicine & Hygiene**

(Liverpool School Tropical Medicine)

Speciality Registrar in Infectious Diseases

Wellcome Trust Clinical PhD Fellow, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**Dr Christopher McAloon, MBChB, MRCP, PGCME**

Speciality Registrar in Cardiology

Worcester Royal Hospital

**Dr Adam Seccombe, MBChB, BSc, MRCP**

Speciality Registrar in Acute Medicine

Russells Hall Hospital

**Dr Anil Agarwal, MBBS, MD, MRCP (UK), MSc (Health Science)**

Consultant in Stroke Medicine

Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Essex

**Dr Ranjna Garg, MBBS, MSc, MRCP, MD**

Consultant Physician and Diabetologist

Barnet Hospital, London

## Faculty List

**Dr Moe Thaw Oo, MBBS, MRCP (UK)**

Speciality Registrar in Geriatric Medicine and General Internal Medicine  
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS

**Dr Gordon Moran, MD, PhD, MRCP (UK)**

Locum Consultant Gastroenterology  
Midstaffordshire Hospital NHS Trust

**Dr Jamie Johnston, MBChB, MRCP (UK)**

Speciality Registrar in Respiratory Medicine  
New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton

**Dr Clare Hughes, MBChB, MRCP (UK)**

Speciality Registrar in Geriatric Medicine  
City Hospital, Birmingham

**Dr Ali Karamat, MBBS, MRCP, MD**

Consultant Physician (Diabetes and Endocrinology)  
Solihull Hospital, West Midlands  
Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham

**Dr Deepa Rattehalli, MBChB, MRCP (UK)**

Speciality Registrar in Gastroenterology  
Royal Worcestershire Hospital

**Dr Ajay Verma, MBChB, BSc (hons), MRCP (UK), Holder SCE (Gastroenterology)**

Speciality Registrar in Gastroenterology  
Endoscopy Research Registrar; Clinical Research Fellow  
Kettering General Hospital

**Dr Vinod Venugopal, MBBS, MD (Res), MRCP**

Speciality Registrar in Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology Fellow  
University Hospital Birmingham

**Dr Arun Vellore, MBBS, MRCP**

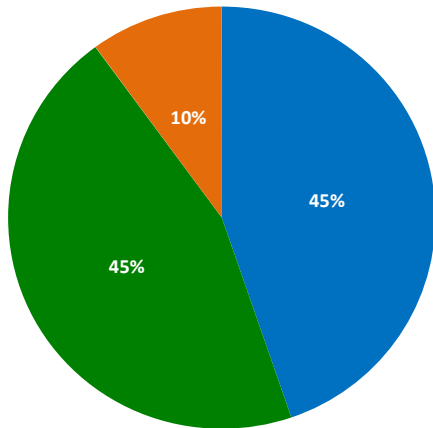
Consultant in Acute and Respiratory Medicine  
Solihull Hospital, Birmingham

**Dr Imdi Rahman, MBChB, MRCP**

Speciality Registrar in Gastroenterology, Endoscopy Research Fellow  
Southampton Hospital University Trust

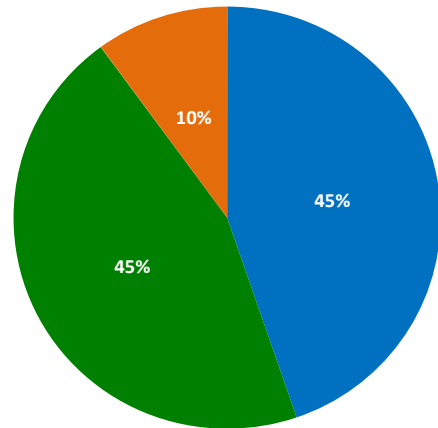
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### Cardiovascular



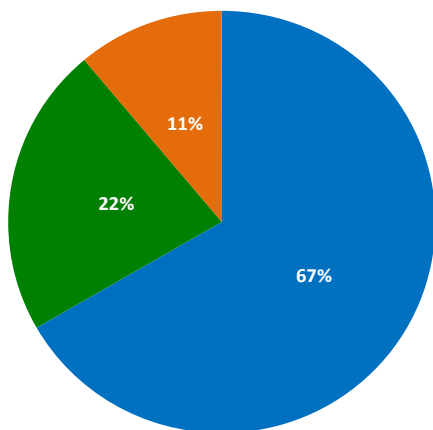
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### Respiratory



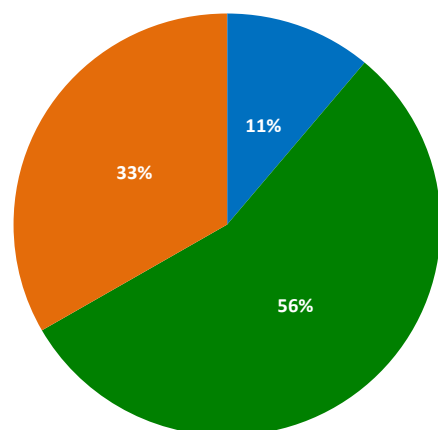
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### Abdomen



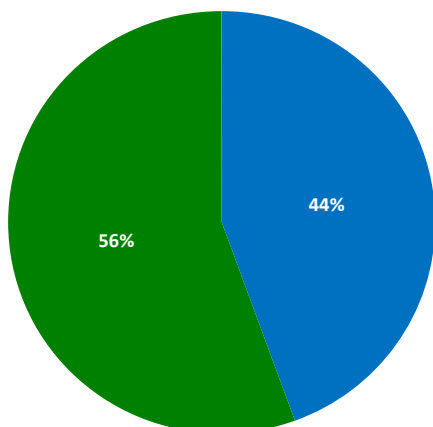
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### Neurology



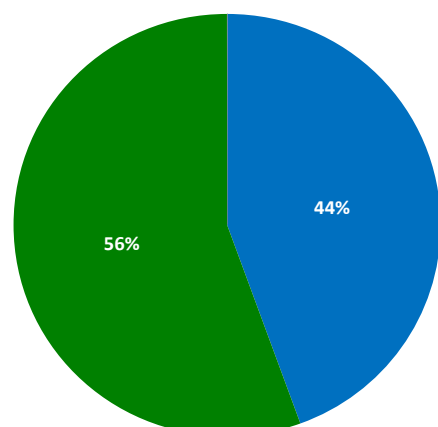
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### Station 5



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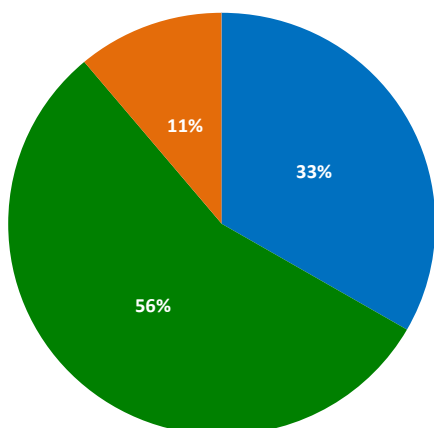
### History



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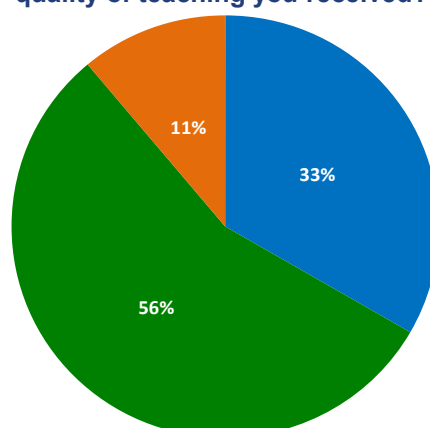
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Communication



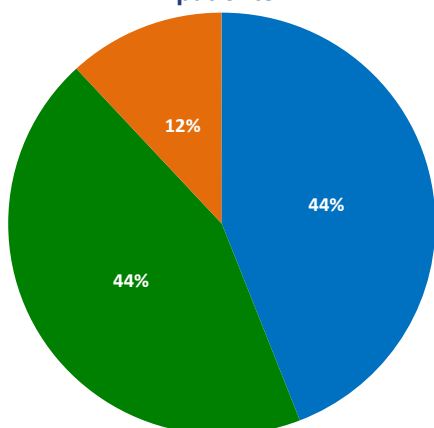
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How would you rate the overall quality of teaching you received?



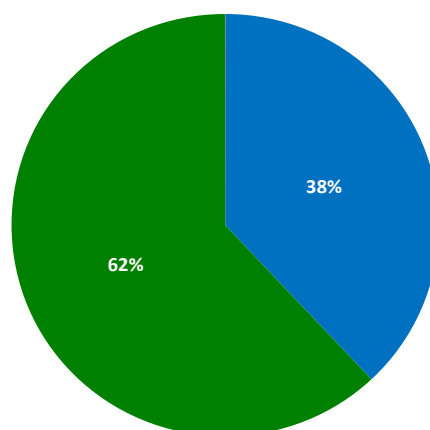
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How would you rate the selection of patients?



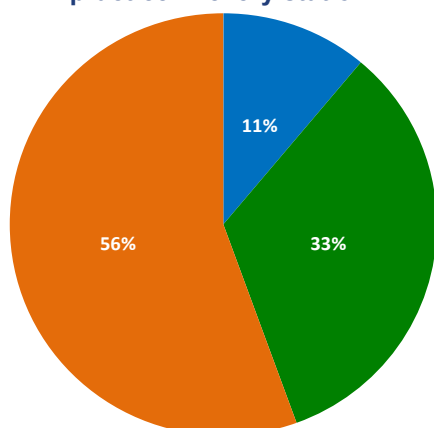
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How was the content of the course?



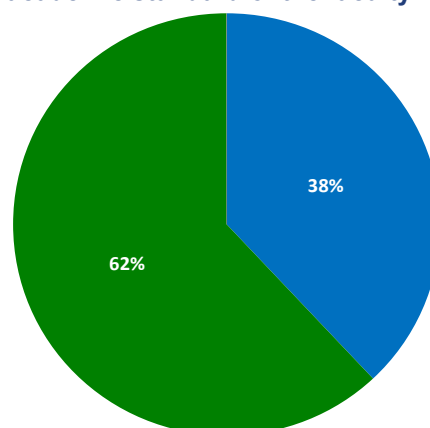
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Did you get sufficient opportunity to practice in every station?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Limited ■ Not at all

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

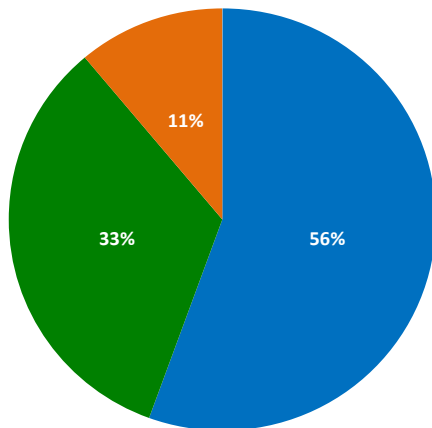


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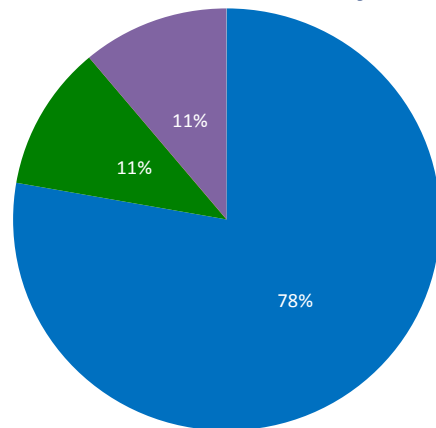
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How would you rate the performance of the actors?



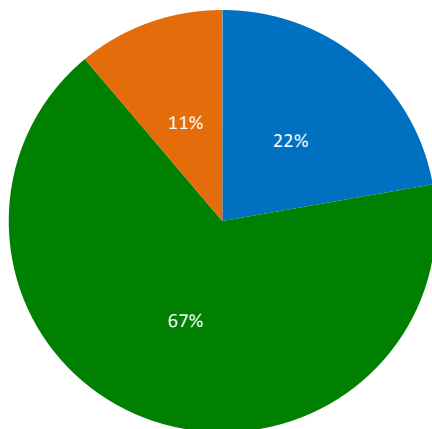
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How would you rate the general friendliness of the faculty?



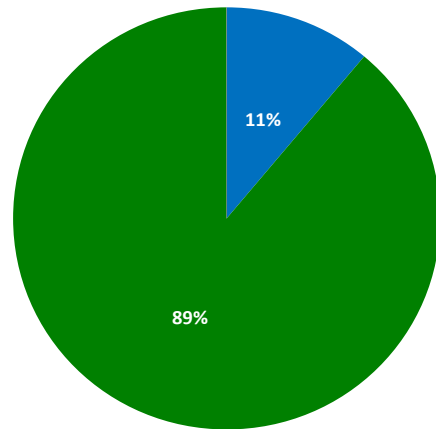
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Indifferent ■ Rude

Did the course meet your objectives?



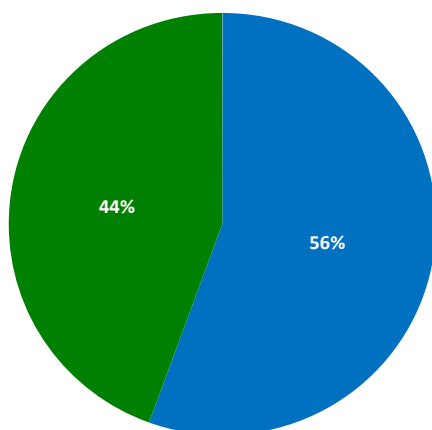
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ May be ■ No way

How were the facilities and venue?



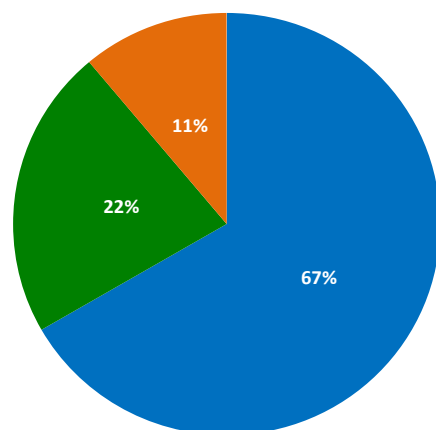
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



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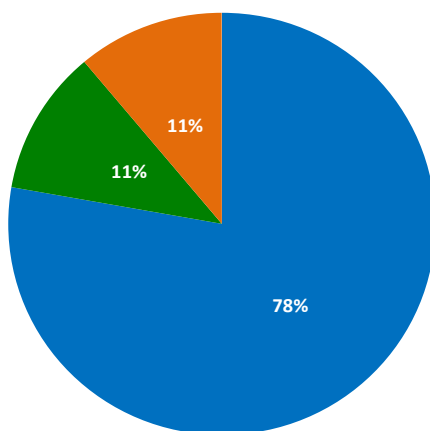
Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ May be ■ Don't think so

## Overall Course Feedback to the Questions

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



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

## Individual Comments

Very good!

**ZN**  
***Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham***

Well organised, and good variety of clinical cases.

**JP**  
***Ninewells Hospital, Dundee***

Highly organised, smoothly run, very helpful in preparing for the exam.

**AE**  
***City Hospital, Birmingham***

Enjoyed the course. Very well organised.

**AA**  
***Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Blackpool***

I thought it was very good value for money with good selection of cases. I would have preferred more time on clinical examination / station 5, (and less time on communication/history taking) as this is the hardest to practice outside of work.

**HM**  
***Sandwell General Hospital, West Bromwich***

Very well organised given the fact that it is a 2 day course. Cases were good, especially respiratory and abdomen. Feedback was always given at the end of the station which was very useful.

**AM**  
***Solihull Hospital, Solihull***

Good - for some stations there were 6 students and only 5 patients which meant I could not do a neurology exam and in others where there were two examiners I wonder if it would be better to split the group so that we can examine more patients, but overall very good and definitely good value for money.

**DL**  
***South Tyneside District Hospital, South Shields***

Satisfactory.

**AO**  
***King's Mill Hospital, Sutton in Ashfield***



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