

**5th Practice Course for Clinical &
Viva Examination in FRCS
(General Surgery)**

Feedback - May 2014

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This intensive course was aimed at senior trainees in General Surgery appearing for the Intercollegiate Speciality Board exam in summer/autumn of 2014. The course, delivered by an experienced group of senior consultants, used the exact exam-settings and patients with signs and symptoms to simulate the real exam.

As in the exam, the course was designed to include structured, patient-based and scenario-based interviews on clinical topics in all aspects of General Surgery.

Every candidate received:

1. A clinical examination comprising of two sessions of short cases (30 mins for each session).
2. Three oral examinations in General Surgery and Sub-speciality (30 mins), Emergency Surgery with Critical Care (30 mins) and Academic aspects (20 mins).

The candidate to examiner ratio was exactly the same as in the exam.

Course Information

Course date:	10th May 2014
Venue:	Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant, Wales, UK
Attendance:	16 Delegates
Aimed at:	ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery

Eligibility Criteria:

Strongly advised for trainees who have completed the Section 1 (SBA and EMI component) of the exam or contemplating to do so soon.

Course fee: £295.00



Course Programme

	Group A	Group B
0700 - 0730	Paper reading	
0830 - 0900	Academic viva	Paper reading Patients arrive
0900 - 0930		Academic viva Patients arrive
0930 - 1000	Consultants meet patients	
1000 - 1035	General clinical	
1035 - 1105		General clinical
1110 - 1140	Speciality clinical	
1145 - 1215		Speciality clinical
1230 - 1300	Lunch	
1330 - 1400	General/Speciality viva	
1405 - 1435		General/Speciality viva
1445 - 1515	Critical care viva	
1520 - 1550		Critical care viva
1600 - 1630	Feedback session	

Faculty List

Mr Bilal Al-Sarireh FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon
Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Mr Jonathan Barry MCh FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgeon
Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Miss Tamsin Boyce FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon
Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport

Mr T V Chandrasekaran FRCS(Gen Surg)

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Mr Kevin Conway MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant General & Vascular Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Miss Eleri Davies FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Mr Mark Davies MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)

Laparoscopic and Colorectal Surgeon
Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Mr. Xavier Escofet FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant General & Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Mr Kelvin Gomez MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon
Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny

Faculty List

Prof. Puthucode Haray MS, DNB, FRCS

Consultant Laparoscopic and Colorectal Surgeon
Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil

Mr James Horwood FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Mr James Manson MD FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant General & Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon
Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Mr Gary Osborn FRCS (Gen Surg)

Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon Fellow
Morrison Hospital, Swansea

Mr John Pollitt FRCS(Gen Surg)

Consultant General, Endocrine and Paediatric Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Mr Michael Rucker FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant General & Vascular Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Mr Parin Shah MD FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Laparoscopic and Colorectal Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Miss Joy Singh MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Laparoscopic and Colorectal Surgeon
West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen

Mr Guy Shinglar FRCS (Gen Surg)

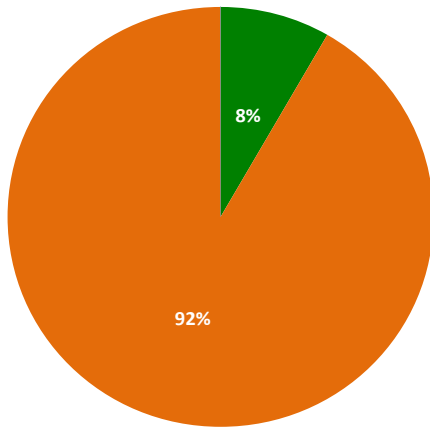
Clinical Fellow
Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend

Mr Gethin Williams MD FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Laparoscopic and Colorectal Surgeon
Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport

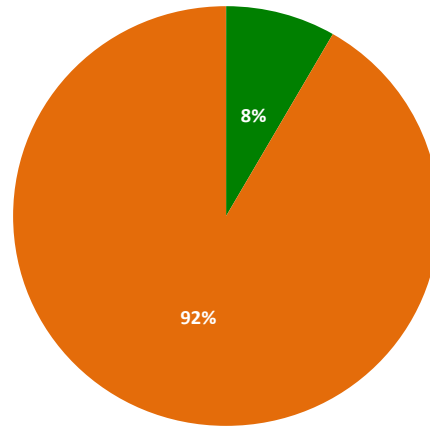
Overall Teaching Feedback

How would you rate the academic challenge of the GENERAL PAPER in the academic viva?



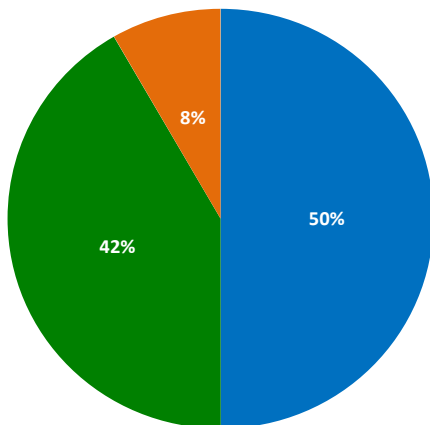
■ Very hard ■ Hard ■ Reasonable ■ Easy ■ Very Easy

How would you rate the academic challenge of the SPECIALITY PAPER in the academic viva?



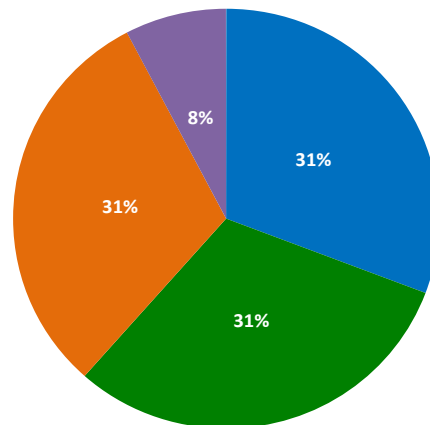
■ Very hard ■ Hard ■ Reasonable ■ Easy ■ Very Easy

How useful was the mock academic viva?



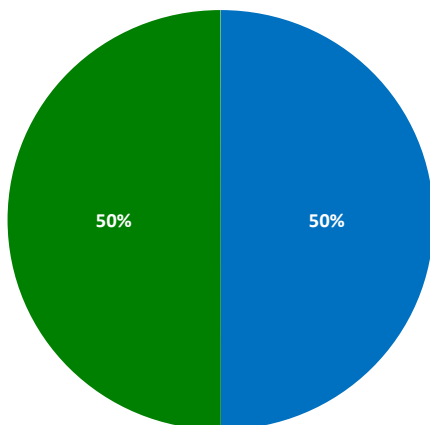
■ Very useful ■ Useful ■ Neutral ■ Limited usefulness ■ Useless

How would you rate the selection of patients?



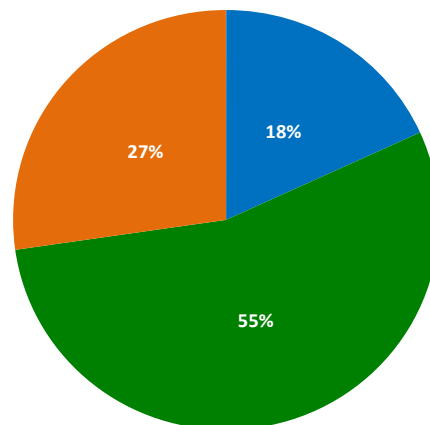
■ Excellent ■ Very Good ■ Neutral ■ Fair ■ Poor

How useful was the clinical viva?



■ Very useful ■ Useful ■ Neutral ■ Limited usefulness ■ Useless

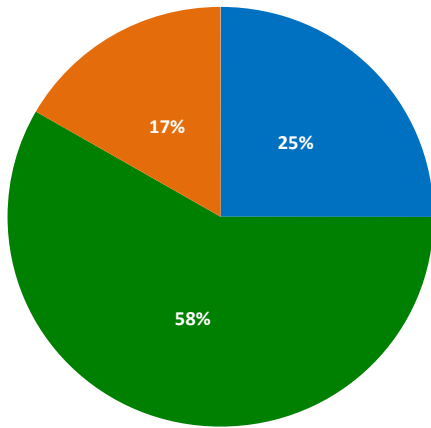
Did you get sufficient time to examine in every station?



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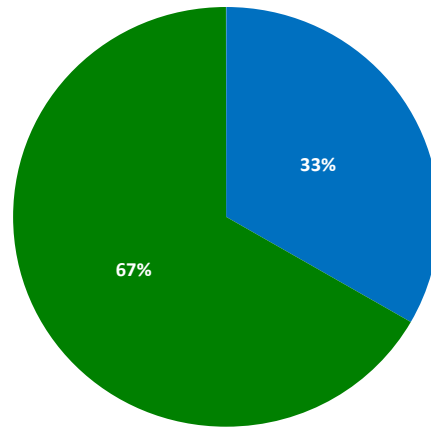
Overall Teaching Feedback

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



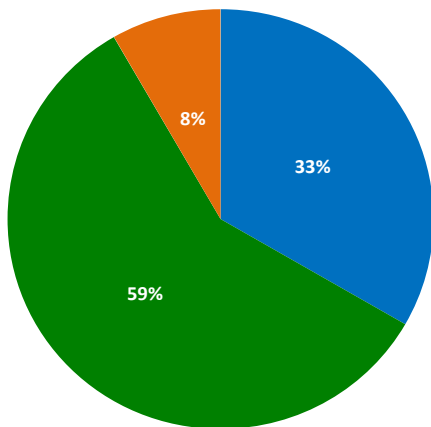
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How would you rate the general friendliness of the faculty?



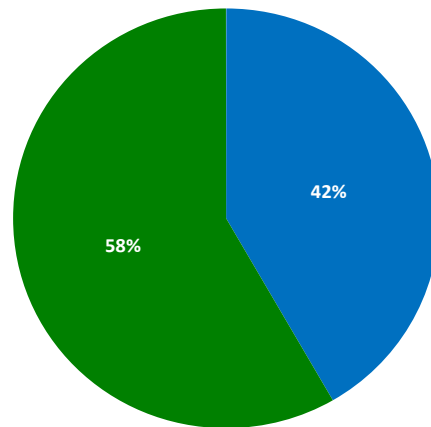
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Indifferent ■ Rude

Did the course meet your objectives?



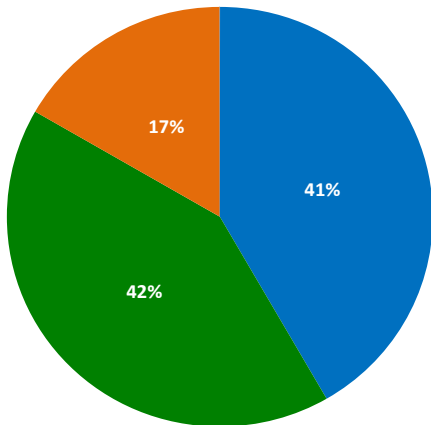
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

How would you rate the overall mock exam experience?



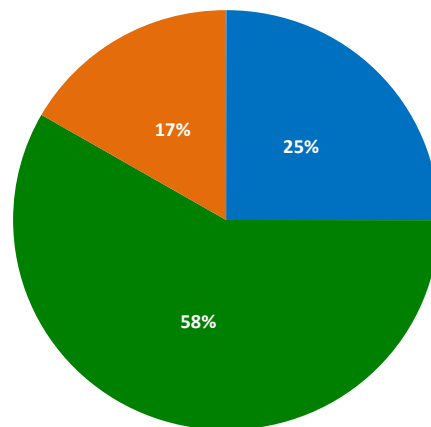
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Do you feel that the course provided you with an objective assessment of your strengths and weaknesses?



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

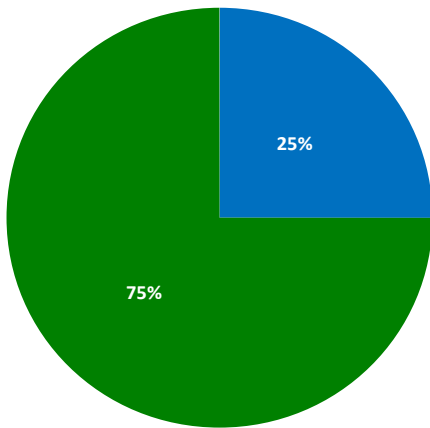
Do you feel that you are more prepared to sit the exam after attending this course?



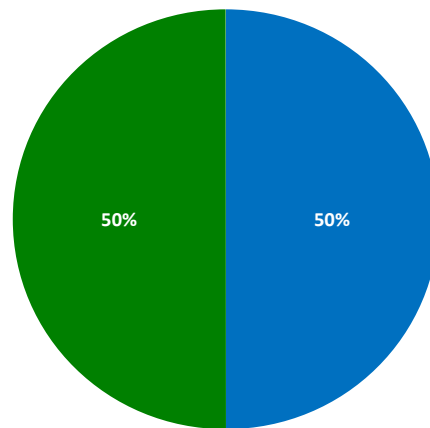
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Overall Teaching Feedback

How useful was the clinical examination component?

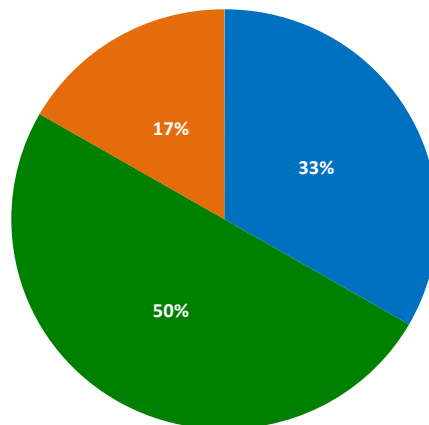


Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Very useful ■ Useful ■ Neutral ■ Limited usefulness ■ Useless ■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

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



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

Individual Comments

Very informative.

SC

Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, UK

Very well organised. Good feedbacks.

FD

Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke, UK

Well organised, good structure to vivas. It was clear that faculty were experienced in conducting FRCS examinations and feedback was appropriate.

DM

Yeovil District Hospital, Yeovil

The course was focused on mock exam practice with essential feedback which we receive in exam only as a pass or fail. The feedback in the course was useful.

YK

Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield

Excellent.

SE

Southend Hospital, Westcliff-on-Sea

Good.

SR

Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham

Good course. Excellent faculty and stimulating course.

SY

Northern General Hospital, Sheffield

Useful.

IM

Scarborough General Hospital, Scarborough

Good.

JA

Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow



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