



**Cardiff DOHNS Course:  
Focused Communication Skills  
for DOHNS OSCE / MRCS (ENT)**



**Feedback - February 2020**

## Cardiff DOHNS Course: Focused Communication Skills for DOHNS OSCE / MRCS (ENT)

This half-day course allowed the delegate to prepare for the communication skills component of the DOHNS MRCS Part B (OSCE) / MRCS (ENT) examination in a focused and friendly setting. Each delegate received one-to-one tuition, which enabled him or her to identify areas of weakness within this field and to improve upon these.

This one-to-one tuition was particularly relevant for those with limited experience in the UK hospital setting and those who had not done all of their training in the UK. It allowed the delegate to develop an insight into and to prepare for the communication skills that are tested in the examination, which are based on standard doctor-patient interaction within a clinical setting. This included information giving, information gathering, history taking, breaking bad news, and consent.

Delivered by surgeons and advanced linguistic specialists, the teaching session focused more on the literary and linguistic aspects, British phrases, colloquial terminologies, mannerisms, and interpersonal skills - all within the context of the DOHNS exam.

### Course Information

<b>Course Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Doctors Academy Centre, Cardiff, United Kingdom</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>11 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>Candidates Preparing for the DOHNS OSCE / MRCS (ENT) Examination</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b>	<b>£150.00</b>



# Programme

21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

1430 - 1435	Registration
1440 - 1540	Consenting for Procedures and Operations (6 rotations)
1540 - 1640	Information Gathering (6 rotations)
1640 - 1740	Information Giving (6 rotations)

*Areas and topics covered in the 1<sup>st</sup> session: Facial Nerve Palsy, Acoustic Neuroma, Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, Cleft Palate, Pharyngeal Pouch, Epistaxis, Anosmia, Dizziness, BPPV, Tonsillitis, Quinsey, FESS, Grommet Insertion, Septoplasty, Myringoplasty.*

## 1740 - 1750 Break and Refreshments

1750 - 1850	Breaking Bad News (6 rotations)
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*Areas and topics covered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session: Thyroid Cancer, Submandibular and Parotid Pathologies, Laryngeal Cancer, Carcinoma of the Tongue, Chloesteatoma, Dead Ear.*

1850 - 1910	Guidance on Patient Communication Skills - Literary and Linguistic Aspects, British Phrases, Colloquial Terminologies, Mannerisms and Interpersonal Skills.
1910 - 1930	Tips for Scoring in Communication Skills Stations
1930	<b>End of Course</b>

# Programme

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

0830 - 0835	Registration
0840 - 0940	Consenting for Procedures and Operations (6 rotations)
0940 - 1040	Information Gathering (6 rotations)
1040 - 1140	Information Giving (6 rotations)

*Areas and topics covered in the 1st session: Facial Nerve Palsy, Acoustic Neuroma, Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, Cleft Palate, Pharyngeal Pouch, Epistaxis, Anosmia, Dizziness, BPPV, Tonsillitis, Quinsey, FESS, Grommet Insertion, Septoplasty, Myringoplasty.*

## 1140 - 1150 Break and Refreshments

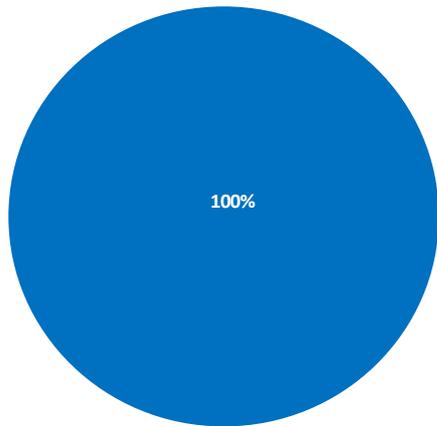
1150 - 1250	Breaking Bad News (6 rotations)
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*Areas and topics covered in the 2nd session: Thyroid Cancer, Submandibular and Parotid Pathologies, Laryngeal Cancer, Carcinoma of the Tongue, Chloesteatoma, Dead Ear.*

1250 - 1310	Guidance on Patient Communication Skills - Literary and Linguistic Aspects, British Phrases, Colloquial Terminologies, Mannerisms and Interpersonal Skills.
1310 - 1330	Tips for Scoring in Communication Skills Stations
1330	<b>End of Course</b>

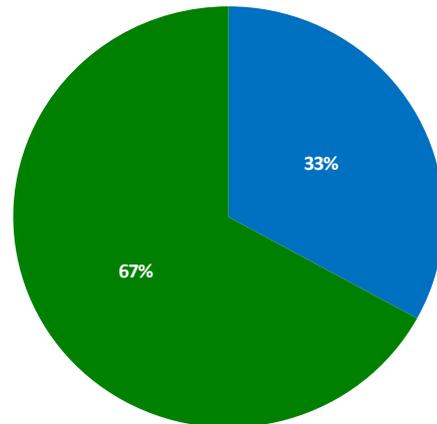
# Overall Teaching Feedback

Did the session help you to improve your overall communication skills pertinent to the exam?



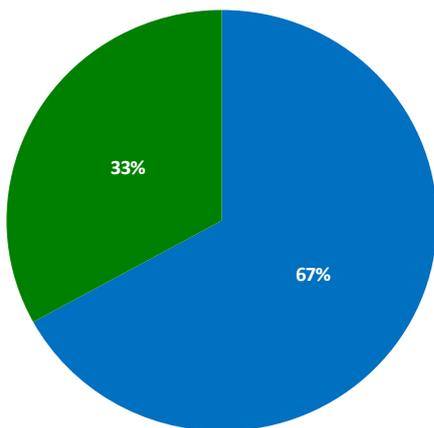
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Do you now feel more confident in breaking bad news in an exam setting?



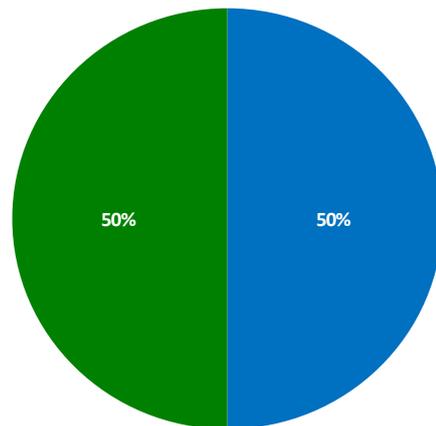
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A small amount ■ Not at all

Do you now feel more confident in obtaining consent in an exam setting?



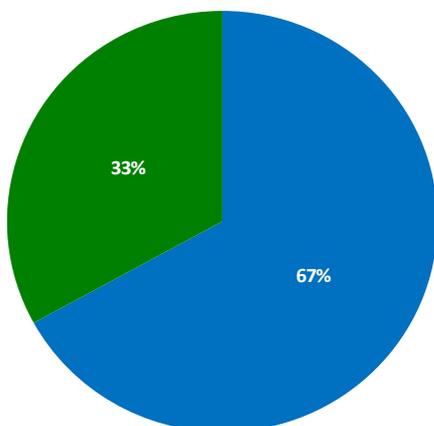
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Do you now feel more confident in taking history in an exam setting?



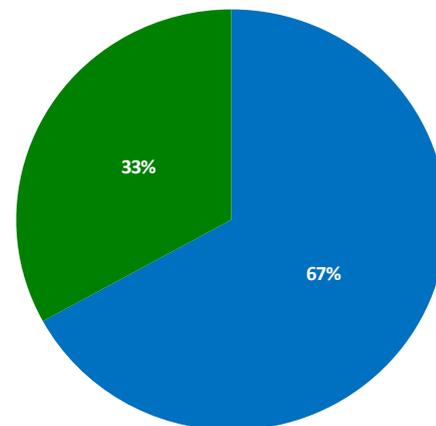
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Did the session help you to consider your body language when communicating with patients (or actors)?



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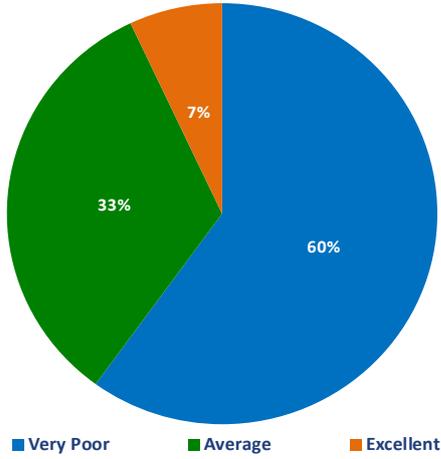
Did the session encourage you to use appropriate words and phrases when communicating with patients (or actors)?



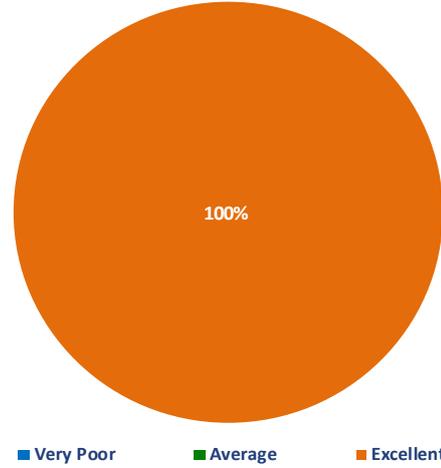
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# Overall Teaching Feedback

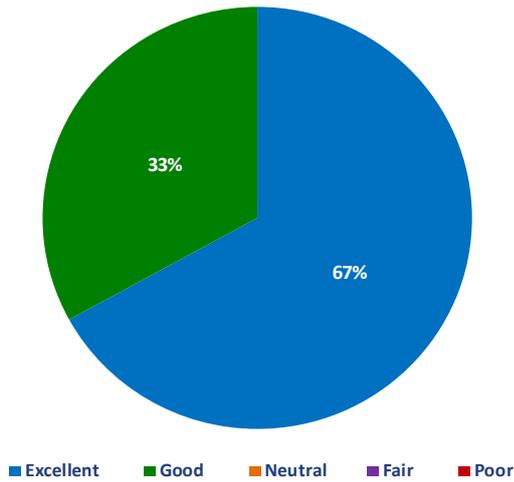
How would you rate your confidence in sitting the communication component of the exam before the session?



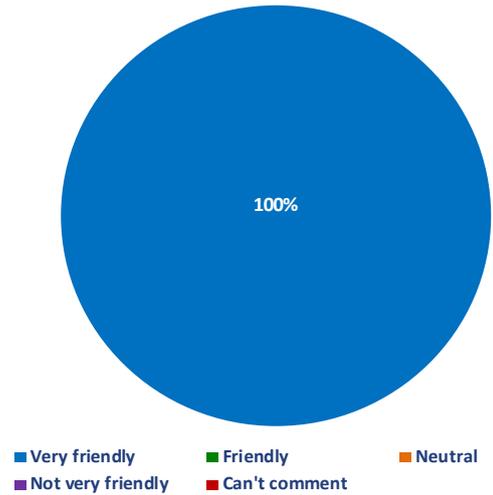
How would you rate your confidence in sitting the communication component of the exam after the session?



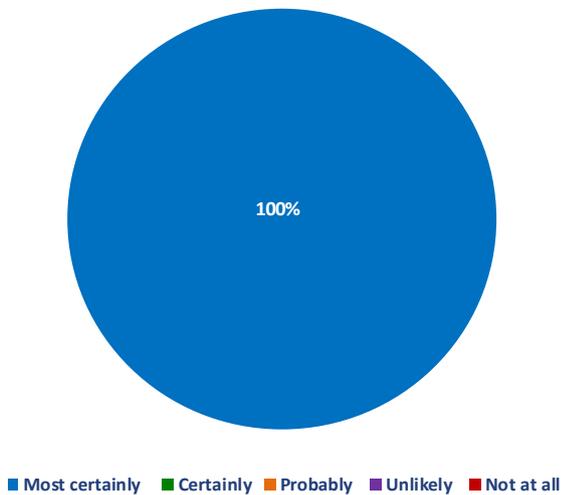
How were the facilities and venue?



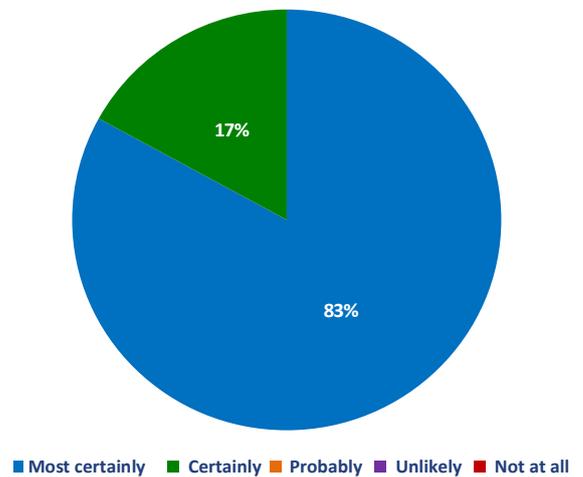
How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



Would you recommend this session to a friend?



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



## Individual Comments

It was very helpful and customised.

**PW**

***Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester, United Kingdom***

It was very good and informative.

**MA**

***Saham Hospital, Saham, Oman***

It was really great to learn about how to go forward with communication skills, which was different from the way we thought it to be. It certainly helped a lot and increased my confidence before appearing for the exam.

**MK**

***Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad, India***



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