

**Intensive Revision Course
for MRCS Part A Exam**

Feedback - March 2015

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Delivered by faculty from the highly acclaimed and reputed Cardiff MRCS OSCE courses, this course was suitable for candidates appearing for the Intercollegiate MRCS Part A exam with one of the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.

In the MRCS Part A exam, candidates are expected to demonstrate sufficient knowledge and sound understanding of the application of key basic sciences in surgery. This intensive one-day revision course provided the delegates with an overview of essential applied clinical anatomy, basic physiological principles, principles of surgery, and the rationale behind requesting investigations and instituting management for common surgical conditions and emergencies. In addition to interactive lectures and small group teaching, demonstrations of topographic anatomy were made to emphasise functional and clinical anatomy as tested in the exam. The course taking into consideration the recent changes to the curriculum.

Course Information

Course date:	21st March 2015
Venue:	School of Biosciences, Cardiff University, Wales, UK
Attendance:	5 Delegates
Aimed at:	FY1 FY2 CT1 CT2
Course fee:	£145

Delegates that attended this course also received **FREE** online access to MRCS Part A practice exam questions for a six month period at:

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Online access provided immediately upon confirmation of a place.



Course Programme

0830 - 0840	Registration
0840 - 0850	Introduction
0850 - 0920	MCQ / EMQ practice & assessment
0920 - 0950	Brachial plexus, arm, shoulder, scapula, back & rotator cuff
0950 - 1020	Cubital fossa, forearm, flexor retinaculum & hand
1020 - 1040	Management of burns
1040 - 1100	Fundamentals of wound healing
1100 - 1120	Break for Refreshments
1120 - 1135	Neck
1135 - 1150	Scalp & face
1150 - 1210	Mediastinum, heart, lungs & diaphragm
1210 - 1230	Thoracic wall; vascular anatomy of thorax, thorax, head & neck
1230 - 1300	Post-operative management
1300 - 1345	Lunch
1345 - 1400	Local anaesthetics

1400 - 1430 **Tumours of colon & prostate**

1430 - 1500 **Tumours of the thyroid & breast**

1500 - 1520 **Skin cancer including melanoma**

1520 - 1545 **Ulcers & vascular pathology**

1545 - 1600 **Break for Refreshments**

1600 - 1620 **Transpyloric plane, anterior abdominal wall & inguinal region**

1620 - 1645 **Abdominal & pelvic anatomy**

1645 - 1700 **Lumbar & lumbosacral plexus**

1700 - 1730 **Femoral triangle, thigh, popliteal fossa; lower leg, ankle, foot**

1730 - 1815 **Trauma & head injury**

1815 - 1900 **Critical care physiology**

1900 **End of Course**

Faculty

Dr Alan Watson, BSc, PhD

Reader in Anatomy and Neuroanatomist

University of Cardiff

Ms Clare Carpenter, BSc (Anat), MB BCh, MRCS (Eng), MD, FRCS (T&O) Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon

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Consultant Vascular Surgeon

Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Dr Paul Morgan, FRCA

Consultant Intensivist

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

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Professor, Higher Surgical Education

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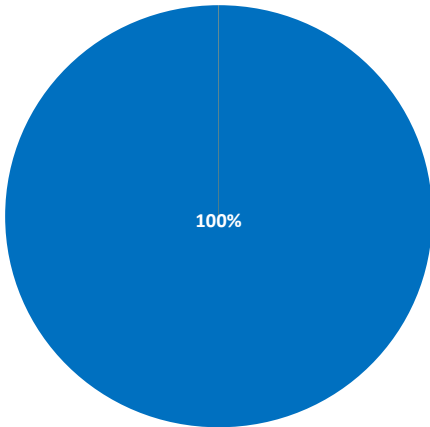
Miss Yan Mei Goh, MBChB, MRCS, PGDip Clin Ed.

PhD Research Fellow - Imperial College London

Specialist Registrar in General Surgery - Oxford Deanery

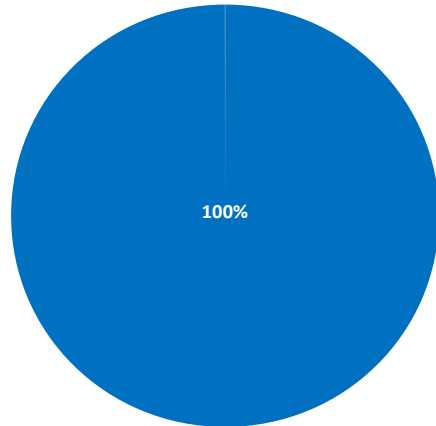
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Brachial Plexus, Arm, Shoulder



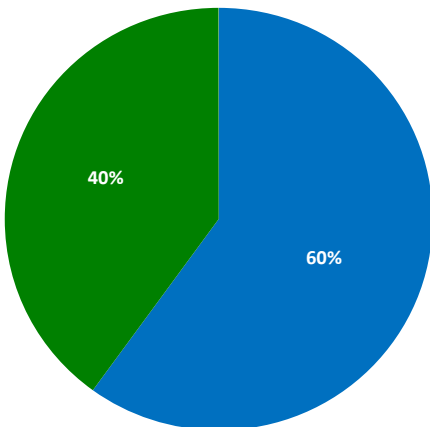
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Cubital Fossa, Forearm, Hand



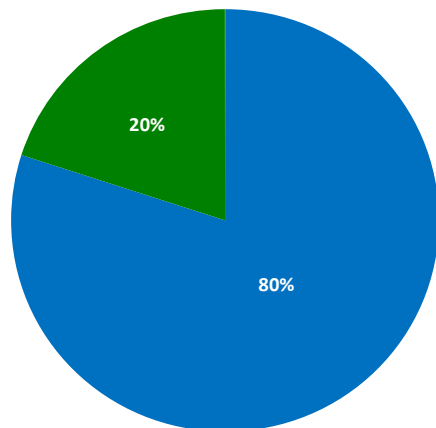
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Head and Neck



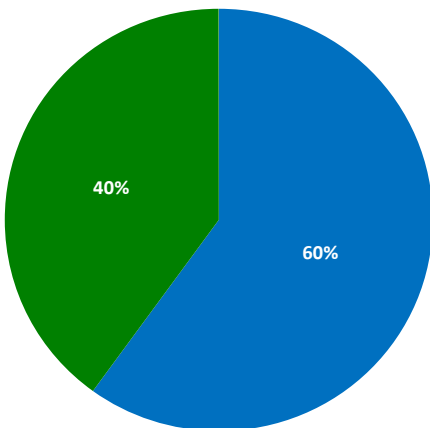
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Mediastinum and Diaphragm



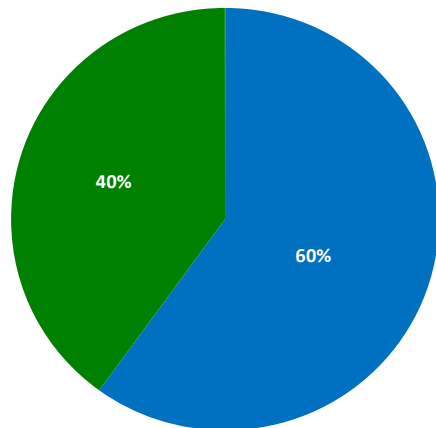
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Vascular Anatomy



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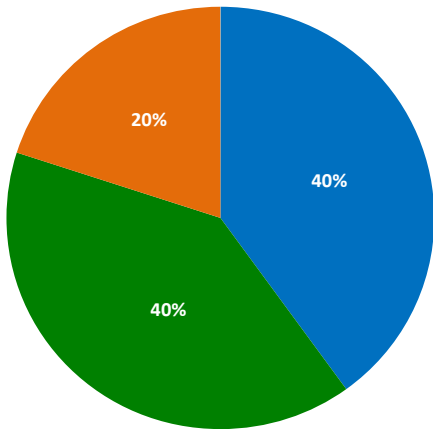
Anterior Abdominal Wall



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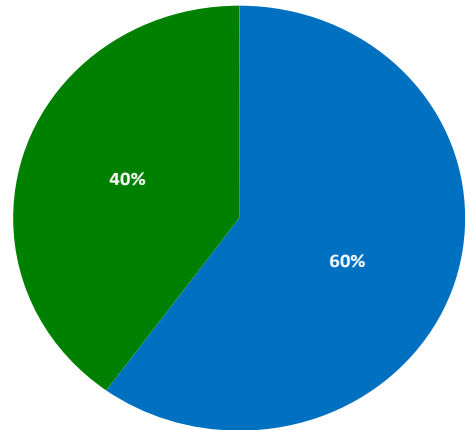
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Abdominal Anatomy



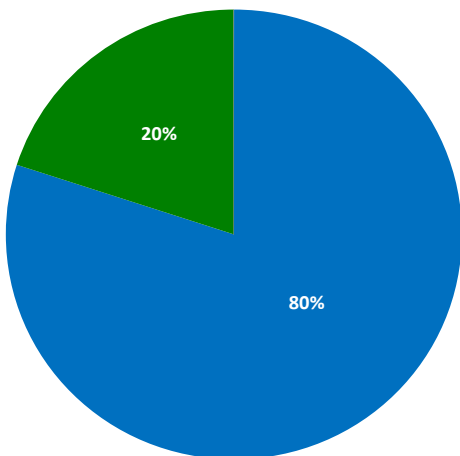
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Lumbar and Lumbosacral Plexus



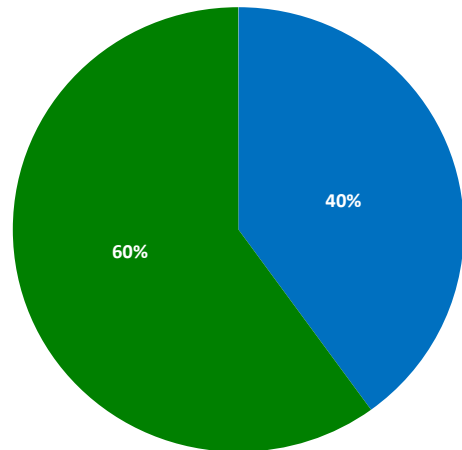
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Femoral Triangle, Thigh, Popliteal Fossa



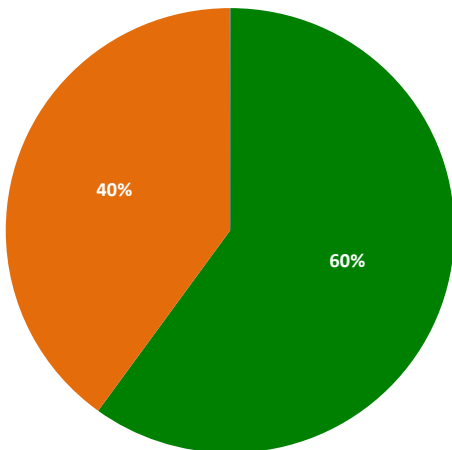
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Lower Leg, Ankle and Foot



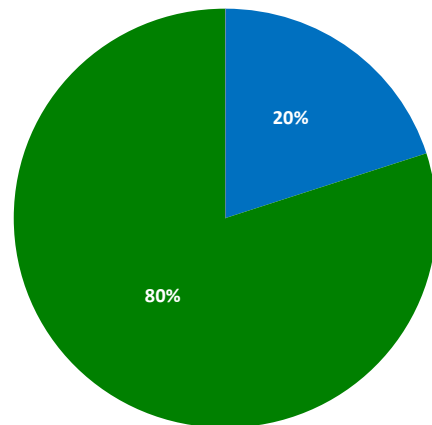
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Colorectal Cancer and Resections



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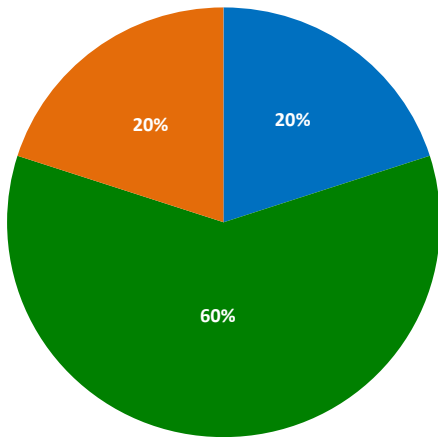
Fundamentals of Wound Healing



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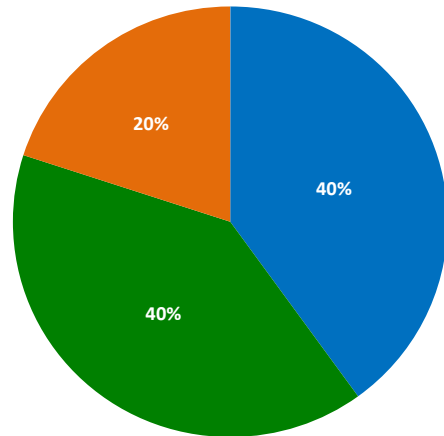
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Post-operative Complications



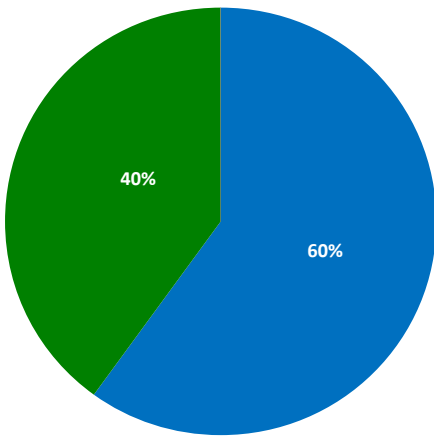
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General Surgical Pathology



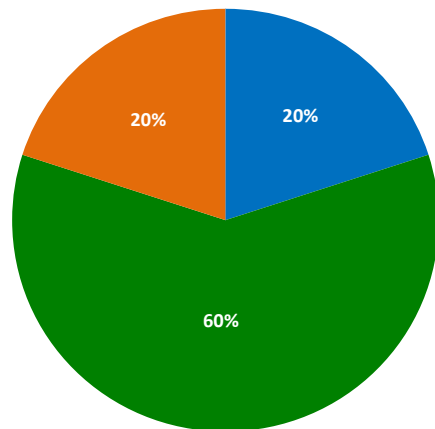
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Skin Cancers



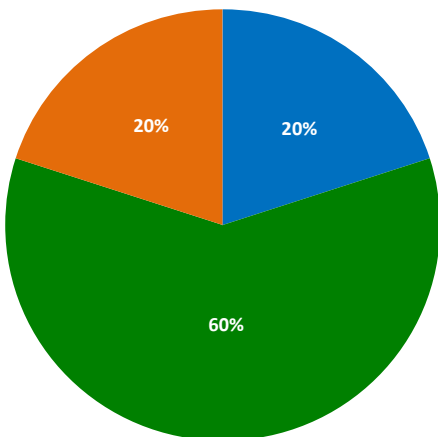
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Ulcers and Vascular Pathology



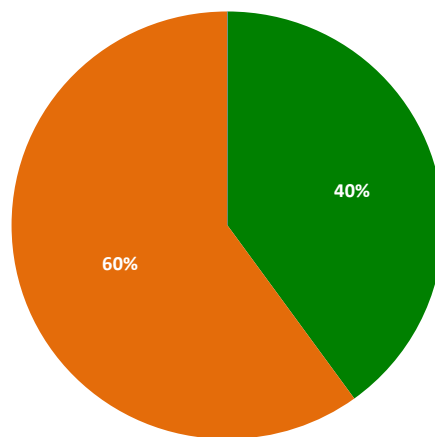
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Trauma and Head Injury



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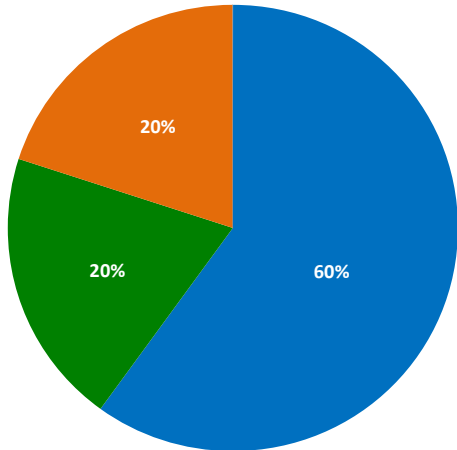
Critical Care Physiology



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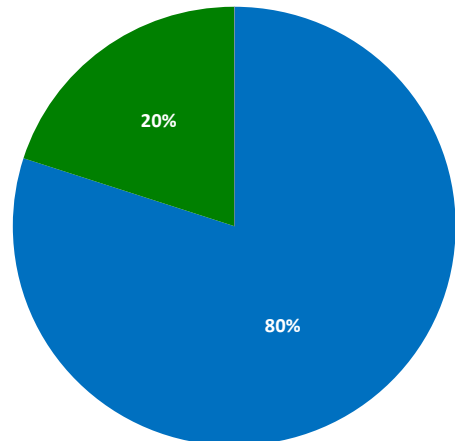
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How was the content of the course?



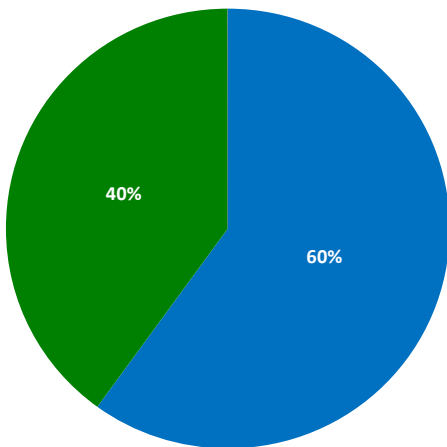
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How were the clarity of presentations?



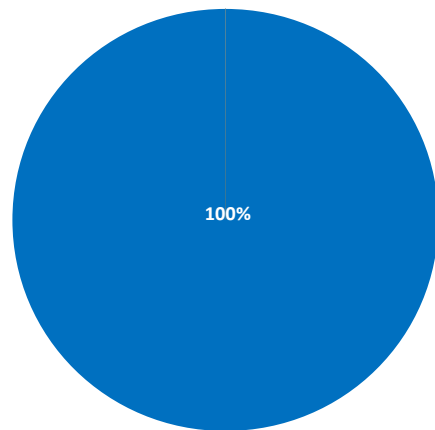
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How would you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?



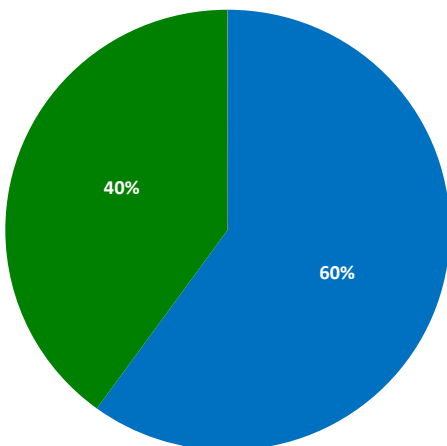
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How would you rate the knowledge and academic standard of the lecturer?



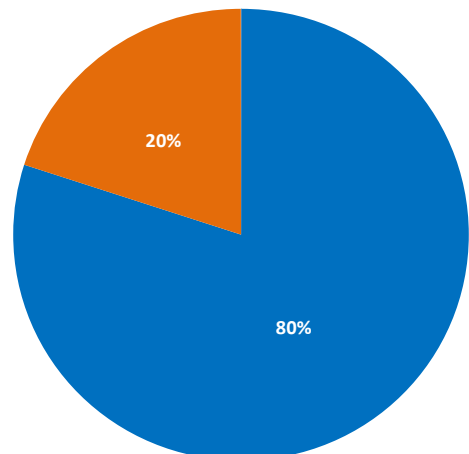
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How were the facilities and the venue?



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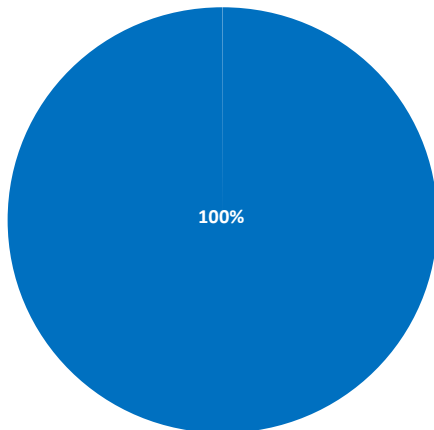
How were the refreshments and lunch?



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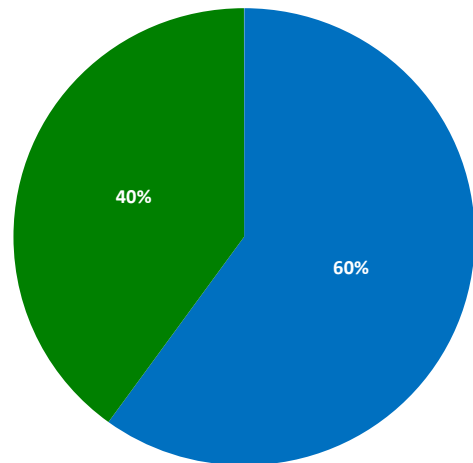
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



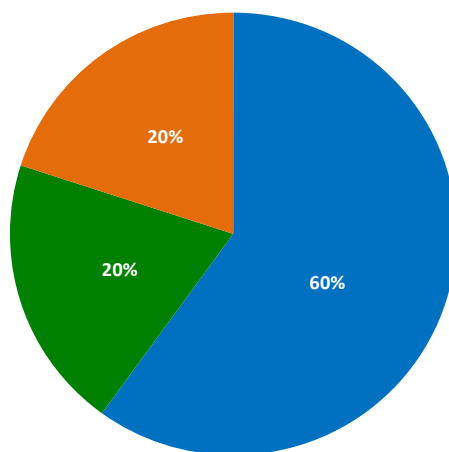
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral
■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

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



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

Individual Comments

This course was so spot on for me! I've been struggling to pass the exams for a while and the course covered all the relevant topics and techniques for answering questions. Just one tutor taught throughout the whole day! and he did brilliantly (don't know how he managed to fit so much knowledge in one head! :-)). And it was a full on day (felt like studying the whole of med school in one day!) but definitely worth it. I am confident that all I have gained from the course will be very useful for passing the exams this time around. The cost of it was barely nothing compared to the benefits of it and thanks to ASiT and doctors academy for allowing us to apply for discounts. I definitely will recommend the course to anyone just starting out so they can ace the exam first time or to anyone who's struggled it with like I have so they can get on and pass it with the teaching and directions given.

Dr Olusola Olafimihan
Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull

Fantastic value for money, excellent content despite being intense it is well worth it for general overview and update of revision required.

Miss Alice Laura Baldwin
Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

Well organised. good knowledge subject matter.

Ms Hina Azeem
Alexandra Hospital, Redditch

Good course. I would have liked some more teaching on common general physiology topics.

Dr Abiola Olufunke Opeodu
Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham

Very friendly.

Dr Mairead Christine Kelly
Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow



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