



National Student Ophthalmology Conference 2022

Feedback - April 2022

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This one-day event was a collaboration between the Medical Schools of Plymouth University, Exeter University, Liverpool University, Newcastle University, Birmingham University and Southampton University.

The conference included a range of specialist talks which discussed key clinical knowledge, public health issues, and a career in ophthalmology. There were also oral and poster presentations, as well as a Q&A session with ophthalmologists. It provided a unique opportunity for delegates to learn more about and demonstrate an interest in the ever-evolving specialty of ophthalmology as a career choice.

Course Information

Venue:	Virtual Conference via Zoom
Date:	23rd April 2022
Attendance:	58 Delegates
Aimed at:	Medical Students; Foundation Year Doctors; Any Individual with an Interest in Ophthalmology
Fee:	Free



Programme

- 0830 - 0845 Registration and Introduction
- 0845 - 0930 Speaker: Orbis + ophthalmology in developing countries
Mr Larry Benjamin
- 0930 - 1015 Speaker: Public health: rebuilding community trust
Dr Poorna Gunasekera
- 1015 - 1100 Speaker: 'The general disruption within Eye Casualty during the pandemic, adaptations, and post-COVID-19 recovery
Dr Karishma Parmar

1100 - 1110

Break

- 1115 - 1200 Speaker: Academic ophthalmology + journey into academic ophthalmology
Dr Sohaib Rufai
- 1200 - 1245 Speaker: How to get into ophthalmology
Dr Adam Bharmal
- 1245 - 1300 Sponsor Presentation

1300 - 1345

Lunch

- 1350 - 1435 Speaker: Innovations in glaucoma surgery
Mr Imran Masood
- 1435 - 1520 Speaker: What do we do in vitreoretinal surgery
Miss Achini Makuloluwa
- 1520 - 1605 Innovations in Cornea and Anterior Segment
Mr Salman Sadiq

1605 - 1615

Break

- 1615 - 1625 Introduction of Oral Presentations
- 1625 - 1745 Oral poster presentations
- 1745 - 1800 Closing Remarks and Awards

Speakers

Miss Achini Makuloluwa, MBChB, MRes, FRCOphth

Specialist Registrar in Ophthalmology
Moorfields Eye Hospital, London

Dr Adam Bharmal, BSc, MBBS

Specialty Trainee in Ophthalmology
University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Chris Way, MSc, MBChB

Resident Medical Officer
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Brisbane, Australia

Mr Imran Masood, BSc, MBChB, MRCS(Ed), FRCOphth

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon
Birmingham and Midlands Eye Centre, Birmingham

Mr Larry Benjamin, FRCS(Ed), FRCOphth, DO

Consultant Ophthalmologist
Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent
President of the Ophthalmic Section, Royal Society of Medicine
Honorary President, Moorfields Association

Dr Poorna Gunasekera, MBBS, MSc, FHEA

Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Health
University of Plymouth

Dr Salman Naveed Sadiq, MBBS, FRCOphth

Specialty Trainee in Ophthalmology
Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle

Dr Sohaib Rufai, BMBS, BMedSc, MRes

NIHR Doctoral Fellow and Specialist Registrar in Ophthalmology
Great Ormond Street Hospital and The University of Leicester Ulverscroft Eye Unit
The Royal College of Ophthalmologists Training Representative, East Midlands

Honorary Panel – Patrons

Miss Eva Gajdosova, MD

Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmologist
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

Mr Imran Masood, BSc, MBChB, MRCS(Ed), FRCOphth

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon
Birmingham and Midlands Eye Centre, Birmingham

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University of Plymouth
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Fifth Year Medical Student
University of Plymouth
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Mr Faisal Al-Reefy

Fifth Year Medical Student
University of Liverpool
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Mr Benjamin Bailey

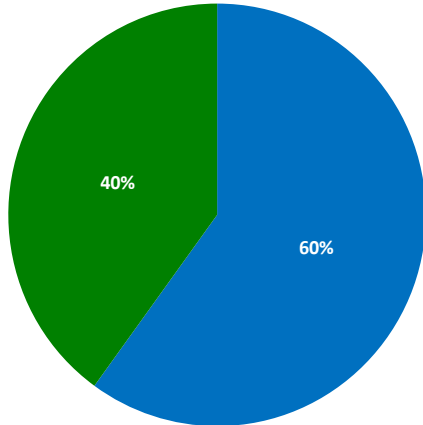
Third Year Medical Student
University of Exeter
Conference Charity Officer
University of Exeter Conference Representative

Mr Tomasz Skowron

Second Year Medical student
University of Exeter
Conference Representative

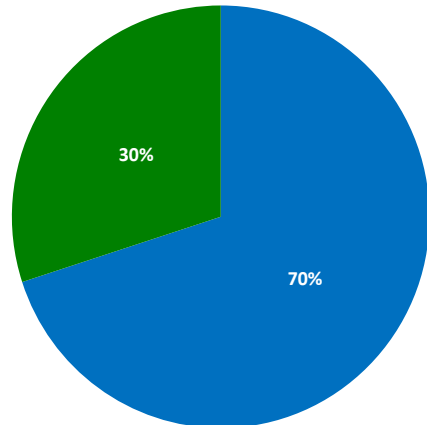
Overall Feedback

How was the content of the conference?



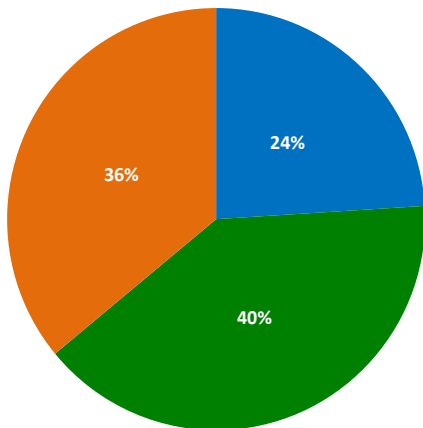
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the speakers?



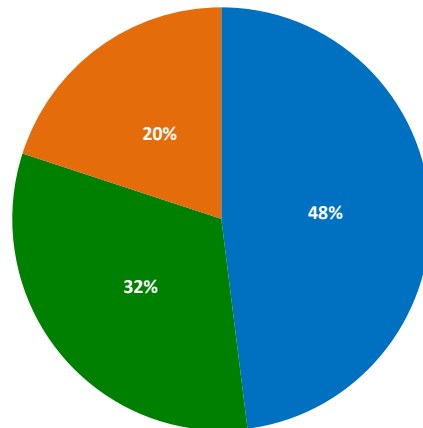
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Do you feel the poster presentations were beneficial?



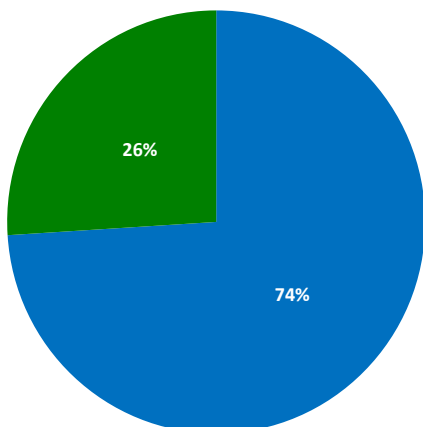
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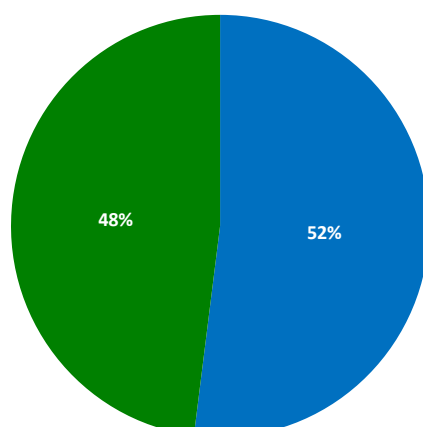
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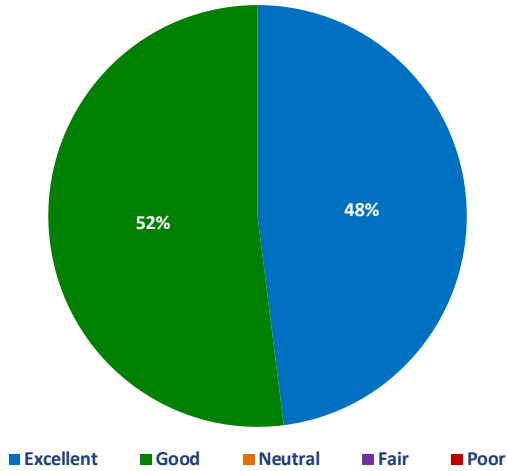
Speaker: Public health: rebuilding community trust - Dr Poorna Gunasekera



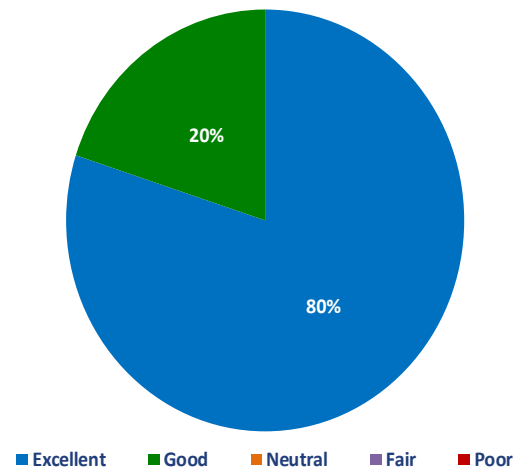
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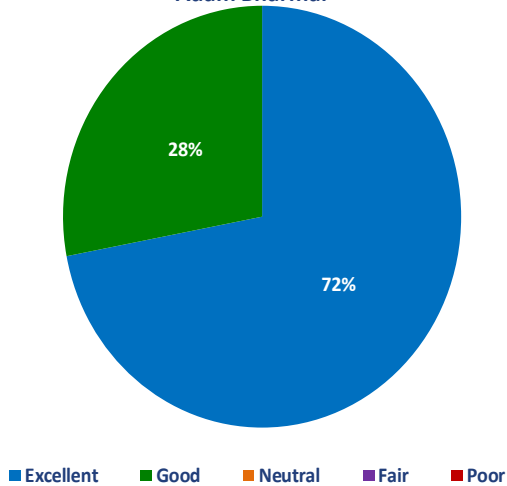
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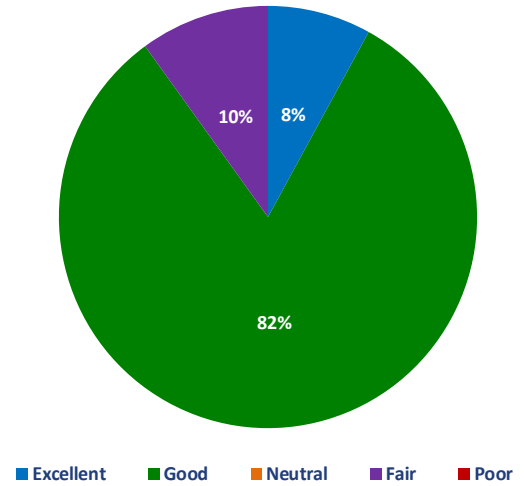
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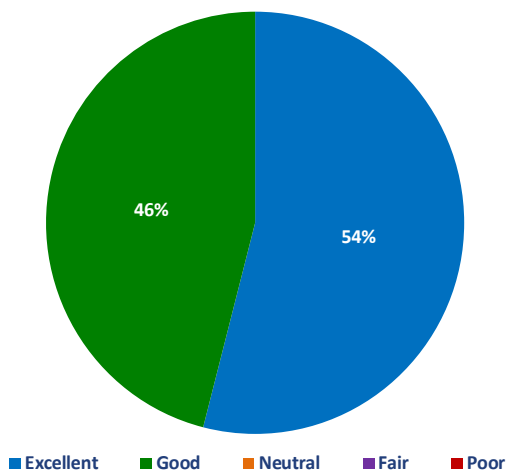
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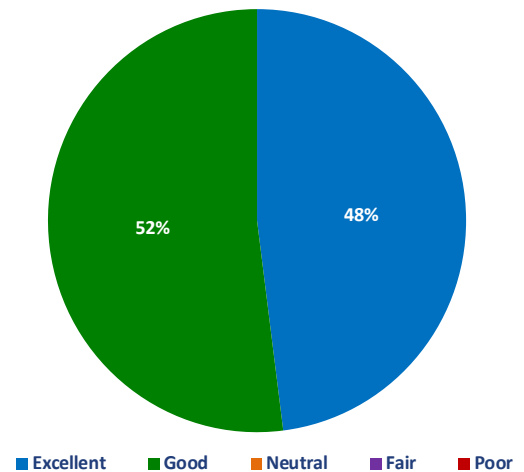
Sponsor Presentation



Speaker: Innovations in glaucoma surgery - Mr Imran Masood

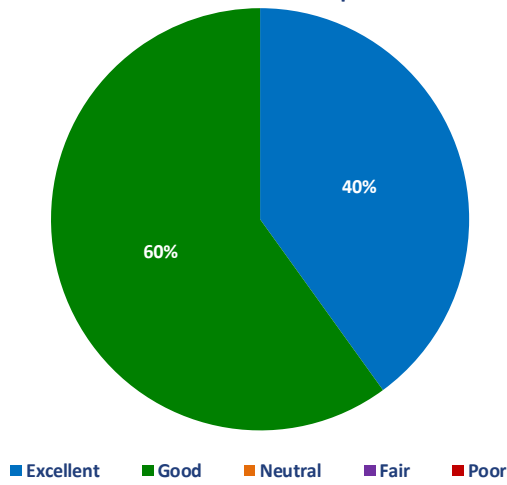


Speaker: What do we do in vitreoretinal surgery - Miss Achini Makuloluwa

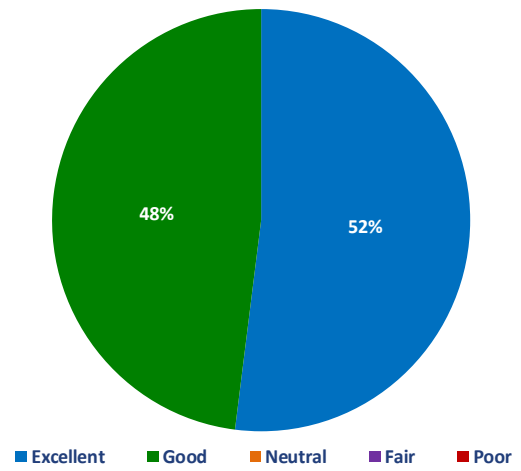


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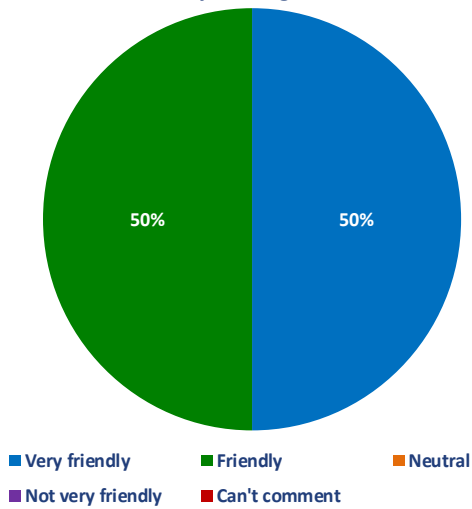
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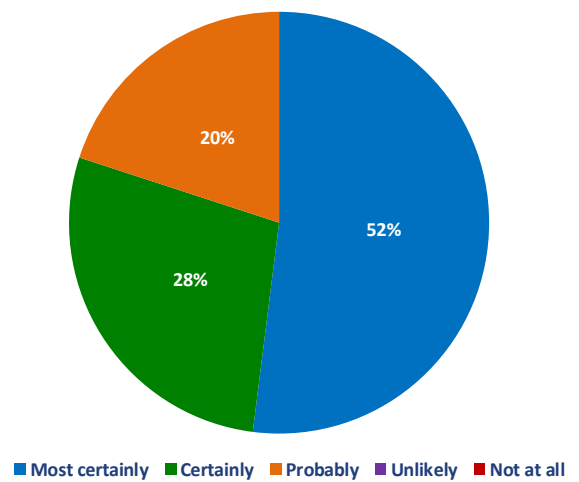
How would you rate the appropriateness
zoom for the delivery of this conference?



How was the general friendliness of the
faculty and organisers?



Would you recommend this conference to a
friend?



Individual Comments

Great teaching, I found the 'how to get into ophthalmology talk very useful for medical students, to give us an idea of what we need for our portfolio.

MV

University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

Very well organised, great variety of speakers and presentations.

TS

Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK

Very professional.

AB

Cardiff Medical School, Cardiff, UK

Very thorough with a range of content.

MF

King's College London, London, UK

Really good and useful.

AS

NSECH

Great conference, enjoyable and informative even for a Med student.

SM

University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

I think overall the conference was run with a high level of professionalism.

MB

Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, UK

Very informative conference and a good learning curve.

HG

University of Plymouth, Plymouth, UK

Very professional and insightful.

XL

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Great presentation.

AG

Sandwell General Hospital, England, UK

Individual Comments

Very impressed by the conference. It was a very professional event. The organisers seemed lovely and the schedule was followed as presented in the pre-conference letter. The speakers alongside their presentations have been brilliant and the information they've shared with us will most certainly prove useful in the remaining of my medical training.

DP

Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Romania

Extremely relevant, I learnt a lot and feel I know a lot more about ophthalmology.

EA

University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

Well organised conference with a good breadth of topics covered.

SM

University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

The conference was genuinely amazing, far exceed all expectations and very glad I attended. It was very useful and would recommended it next year.

AR

Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Very informational, I learned quite a few new knowledge of the eyes and gain much better insight into the field of ophthalmology. I will definitely recommend this to my friends who wants to be an ophthalmologist as well.

GY

St George's University of London

Really impressed overall!

NG

Brighton & Sussex Medical School, Brighton, UK

Really well rounded intro to ophthalmology for students. Nice platform to be able to present work as well.

DH

Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Very insightful and gave a good idea as to what to expect when applying to ophthalmology.

AS

University of Dundee, Dundee, UK

Individual Comments

Overall a good first Conference. The talks were varied and excellently presented. Relevant in particular was how to get in to ophthalmology due to being a student.

IB

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Good standard of teaching although slightly above my level of study as a 4th medical student. However, a great way to gain further insight.

HG

University of Plymouth, Plymouth, UK

I think it was a great informative conference.

AG

Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster, UK



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