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Feedback - November 2019

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Medical school interviews are highly competitive and may be a daunting experience. Each year, nearly 10 times as many students apply to medical schools than the number of available places.

This one-day intensive course was designed to equip applicants with an understanding and awareness of a variety of fundamental areas which are often broached in medical school interviews (both MMI and panel interviews). It encouraged attendees to excel at interview, providing a sound basis to be successful in the interviews for the most competitive medical schools and to help them obtain a place in the medical school of their first choice.

The course offered attendees the opportunity to interact with doctors of various levels (junior doctors, registrars and consultants) and to gain an appreciation of what a doctor really does. There was also a session dedicated to interacting with current medical students from several medical schools and engaging in a discussion in a Q&A format. This knowledge can be taken into the interview, enabling applicants to show an awareness of the cardinal components required to become a doctor, including clinical knowledge, competence, decision making, compassion, confidentiality and ethics.

Course Information

Course Date:	2nd November 2019
Venue:	School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Attendance:	15 Delegates
Aimed at:	Students Preparing for Medical School Interviews
Course Fee:	£145.00



Course Programme

- 0845 - 0900 Registration
- 0900 - 0915 Structure of Mini Medical Interviews
- 0915 - 0930 Structure of Panel Interviews
- 0930 - 0945 What do the Medical Schools and Interviewers Expect of You?
- 0945 - 1000 Significance of Expression, Body Language and Positive Projection
- 1000 - 1030 Review of Personal Statement and Questions to Anticipate

1000 - 1030

Rotating Refreshment Break

- 1030 - 1230 Generic Interview Session (paired or small group rotations)
- o Current Issues Facing the NHS
 - o Moral and Ethical Reasoning
 - o Teamwork and Leadership
 - o Decision Making and Professionalism
 - o Group Work for PBL, CBL and TBL
 - o Genetics in Medicine
 - o Current Advances in Medicine

1230 - 1305

Lunch

- 1310 - 1330 Structure of the NHS and its Hierarchy
- 1330 - 1350 Good Clinical Practice, Confidentiality and Medical Ethics
- 1350 - 1410 Care and Compassion when Dealing with Vulnerable Patients
- 1415 - 1645 One-to-One Interview Sessions: Personalised Interview Experience Tailored to One's University Choices
- o Data Interpretation
 - o Data Analysis
 - o Problem Solving
 - o Interpersonal and Communication Skills
 - o Motivation to Medicine
 - o Breaking Bad News
 - o Panel Interviews (for selected applicants)

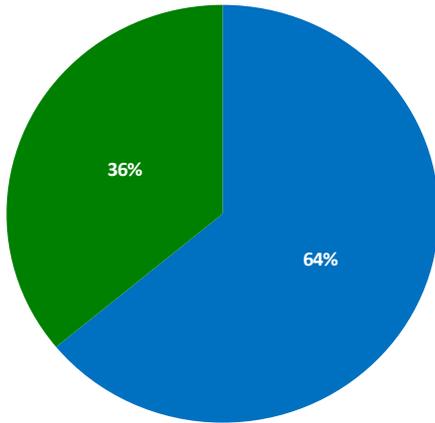
1530 - 1645

Rotating Refreshment Break

- 1645 - 1700 Review and Feedback
- 1700 - 1715 Any Questions and Close

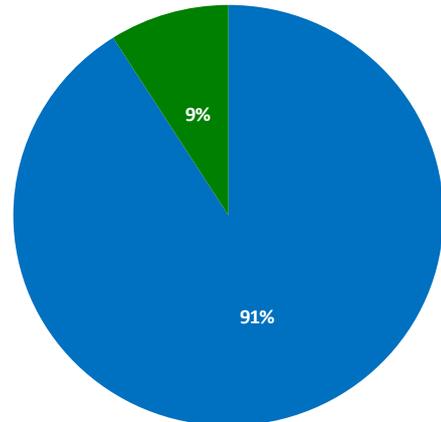
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



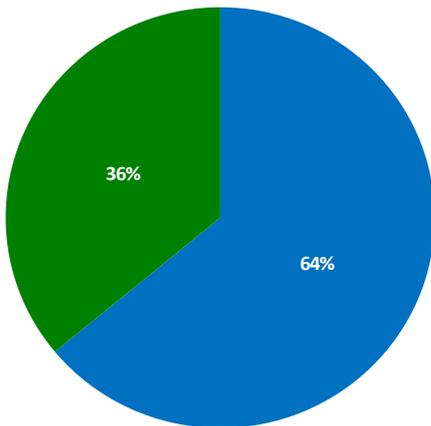
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



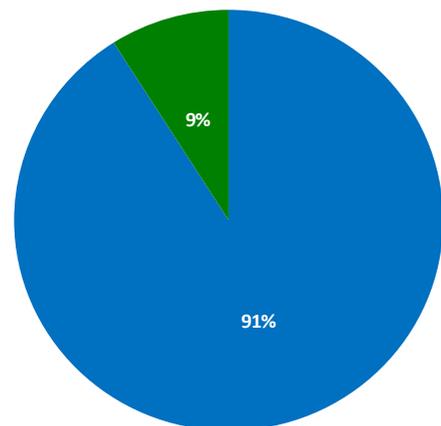
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Did the course meet your objectives?



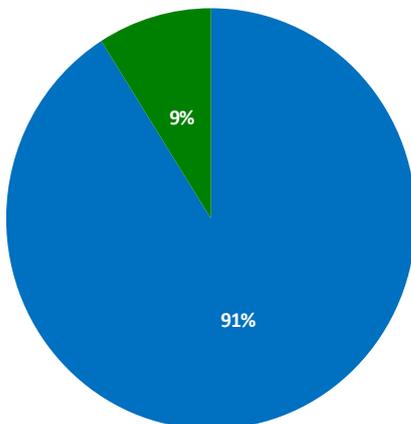
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Did the course help you to improve your overall interview skills?



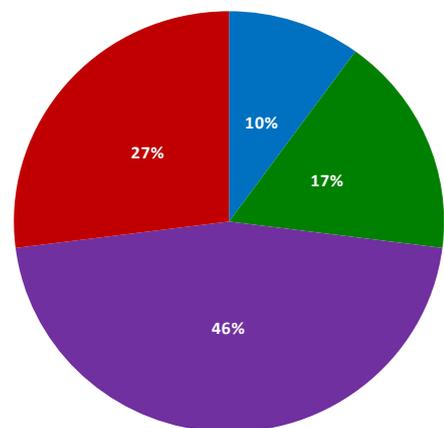
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Do you feel more confident in approaching prospective interviews as a result of having attended the course?



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

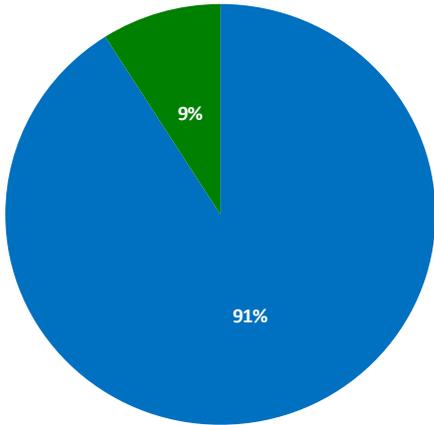
How would you rate your confidence in being interviewed before the course?



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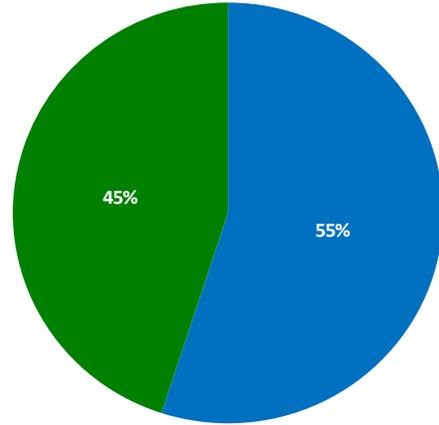
Overall Teaching Feedback

How would you rate your confidence in being interviewed after the course?



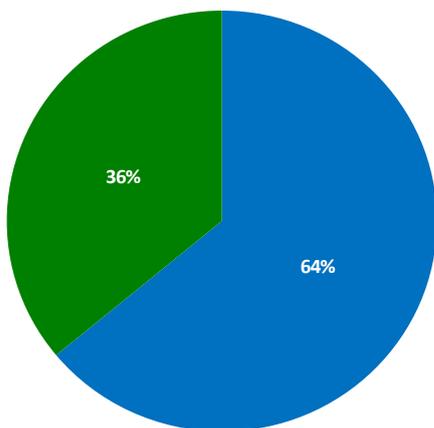
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Structure of Mini Medical Interviews - Mr Aarj Elahi



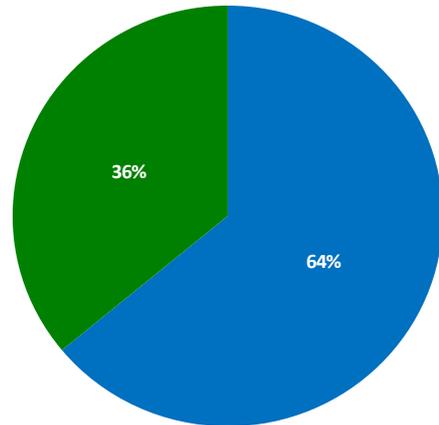
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Structure of Panel Interviews - Dr Hannah Cornwall



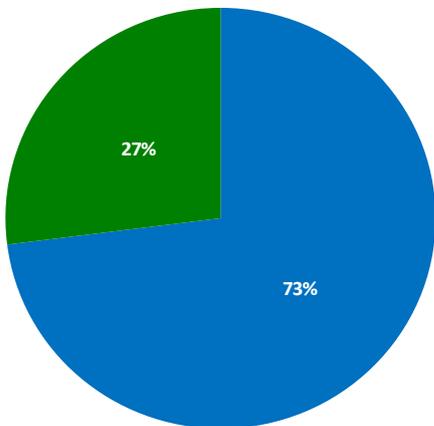
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What Do Medical Schools and Interviewers Expect of You? - Miss Izzy Murray



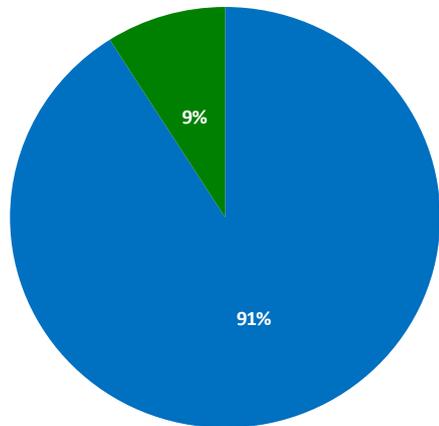
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Significance of Expression, Body Language and Positive Projection - Miss Rebecca Williams



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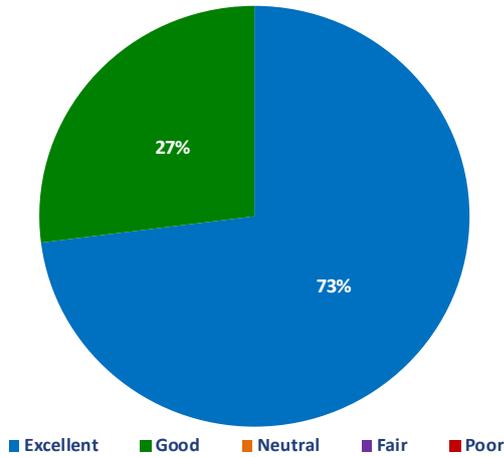
Review of Personal Statement



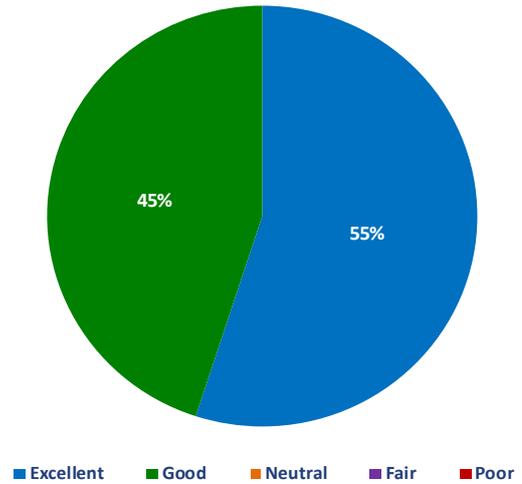
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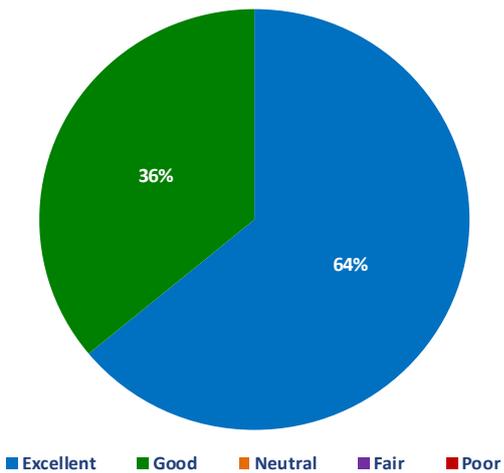
Group Interviews (including stations on the NHS, Ethics, Social Media, Decision Making, Professionalism, and Science)



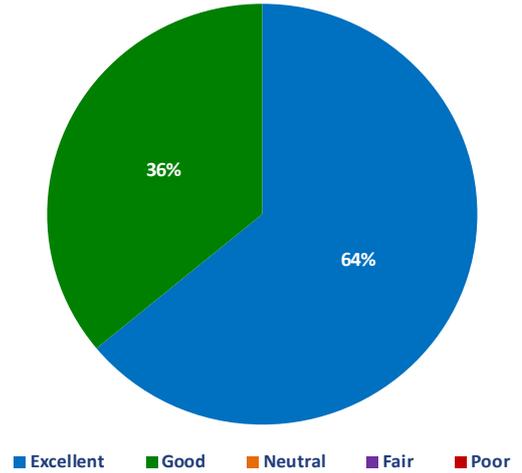
Structure of the NHS - Dr En Lin Goh



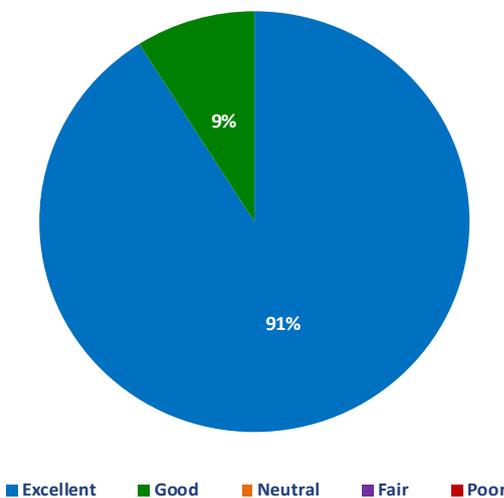
Good Clinical Practice, Confidentiality and Medical Ethics - Dr Rucira Ooi



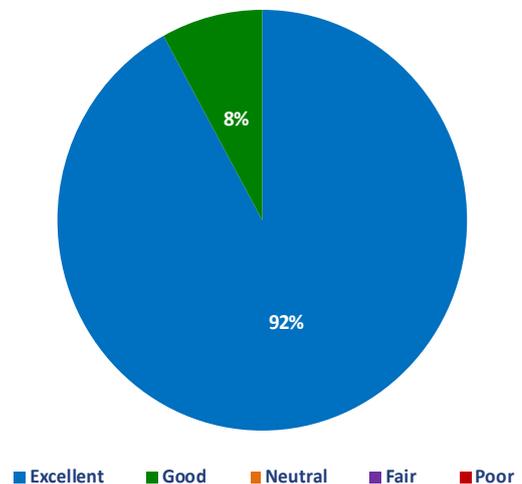
Care and Compassion When Dealing With Vulnerable Patients - Dr Ashley Majoe



One-to-One Interviews

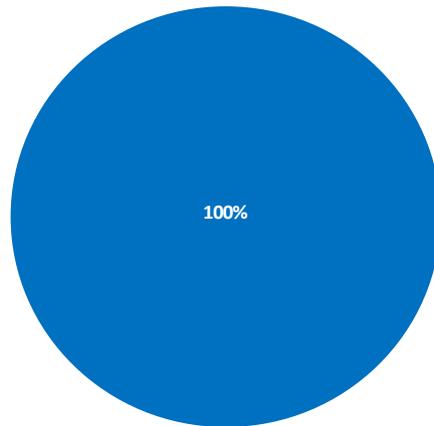


How was the friendliness of the tutors and organisers?



Overall Teaching Feedback

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

Individual Comments

The course met my expectations. I learnt a lot of valuable information and skills for the interview.

MK

Cardiff University, Cardiff, United Kingdom

The course was very professional and well-informed.

JM

Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen, United Kingdom

It was very good.

ER

The Castle School Sixth Form, Bristol, United Kingdom

It was very important.

IP

Ysgol Gyfun y Strade, Llanelli, United Kingdom

The course was very useful.

SS

St Michael's School, Llanelli, United Kingdom

It was very good.

RV

St Michael's School, Llanelli, United Kingdom

The course was absolutely fantastic! I would not change a thing.

RJ

The Cardiff Academy, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Overall, it was a well organised course. The tutors were friendly and supportive. It allowed me to obtain a better understanding of what is expected of you in a medical interview.

OR

Ysgol Gyfun y Strade, Llanelli, United Kingdom

The course was very good and was an eye-opener. Thanks to all the organisers and tutors for their time and effort.

TR

Cathedral Sixth Form College, Bristol, United Kingdom



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