

Welsh National Surgical Conference Breaking the Status Quo: Innovation in Surgery



Feedback - March 2023

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The annual Welsh National Surgical Conference (WNSC) was a collaboration between the surgical societies of Cardiff University and Swansea University to inspire delegates to pursue a career in surgery. This year's conference, which was the fifth, was held in Swansea. Talks and prizes, as well as certain workshops, were tailored towards the central theme of the conference: 'Innovation in Surgery'.

Delegates listened to talks and participated in hands-on, practical workshops. They also had the opportunity to network with experts in various surgical fields, as well as like-minded peers.

Workshops allowed delegates to gain an insight into the following surgical skills:

- o basic suturing skills.
- o tendon repair.
- o tracheostomy.
- o bowel anastomosis.
- o venous cutdown.
- o vascular anastomosis.
- o emergency procedures.
- o laparoscopy skills.
- o virtual reality simulation.
- o development of a surgical portfolio.

Course Information

Venue:	Swansea University Bay Campus, Swansea
Date:	4th March 2023
Attendance:	46 Delegates
Aimed at:	Medical Students (of all years) Foundation Year Doctors
Conference Fee:	£20.00



Programme

0845-0900	Welcome and Introduction
0900-0945	Innovation in Plastic Surgery (Mr Bragg)
0945-1030	Trauma Surgery to Robotic Surgery (Mr Soliman)
1030-1130	Women in Surgery Panel (Chaired by Ihssen Laid)
1130-1215	3D Printing in Surgery (Prof Whitaker)
1215-1230	Sponsorship Talks

1230-1330 Lunch and Poster Presentations

1330-1400	Innovation Competition Workshops
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1430-1500	Oral Presentations
1500-1550	Workshop 1
1550-1640	Workshop 2
1640-1730	Workshop 3
1730-1800	Prize Giving and Event Close

Speakers:

Mr Faris Soliman, MBBCh, MD, MRCS, PGCert (Med Ed)
Senior Specialist Registrar in General and Colorectal Surgery
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Professor Iain Whitaker, BA (Hons), MA (Cantab), MBBCh, MRCS, PhD, FRCS (Plast)
Honorary Consultant Plastic Surgeon
Welsh Centre for Burns and Plastic Surgery
Surgical Specialty Lead for Health and Care Research Wales
Chair of Plastic Surgery, Swansea University

Mr Thomas Bragg, FRCS (Plast)
Consultant Plastic, Reconstructive and Sarcoma Surgeon
Clinical Lead Sarcoma Multi-Disciplinary Team
All Wales Training Program Director Plastic Surgery
Senior Clinical Tutor, Swansea University
Chair Welsh Sarcoma Cancer Site Group

Workshop tutors:

Dr Alex Teasdale, BSc, MSc, MBBS
Honorary Clinical Tutor in Medicine
Swansea University

Mr Faris Soliman, MBBCh, MD, MRCS, PGCert (Med Ed)
Senior Specialty Registrar in General and Colorectal Surgery
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Mr Gustavo Guida, FRCS (CTh)
Senior Specialty Registrar in Cardiothoracic Surgery
Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol

Professor Ian Pallister, MBBS, MMed Sci (Trauma), FRCS (Tr & Orth), MD
Professor of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery
Swansea University

Mr Thomas Bragg, FRCS (Plast)
Consultant Plastic, Reconstructive and Sarcoma Surgeon
Clinical Lead Sarcoma Multi-Disciplinary Team
All Wales Training Program Director Plastic Surgery
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Organisers:

Miss Tamsin Athalie Nicholson, MSc, MA (Hons)

President of Swansea University Surgical Society

Miss Cheuk Ying Li

President of Cardiff University Surgical Society

Mr Richard Odi

Vice President of Swansea University Surgical Society

Mr Alwin Saji

Vice President of Cardiff University Surgical Society

Miss Hope Henry, BSc (Hons)

Sponsorship Lead

Mr Jasper Cattell

Treasurer

Miss Alice Dullehan, MPharm

Logistics Lead

Mr Jayson Ryoo

Hospitality Lead

Miss Alice Eagles

Competition Lead

Miss Genevieve Wateridge

Marketing Lead

Mr Alex Reynolds

Workshop Lead

Mr Lawrence Quach, MSc, BSc (Hons)

Workshop Lead

Miss Samantha King, BA (Hons)

Workshop Lead

Miss Tabitha Jones

Workshop Lead

Miss Shum Yuet Au-Yeung

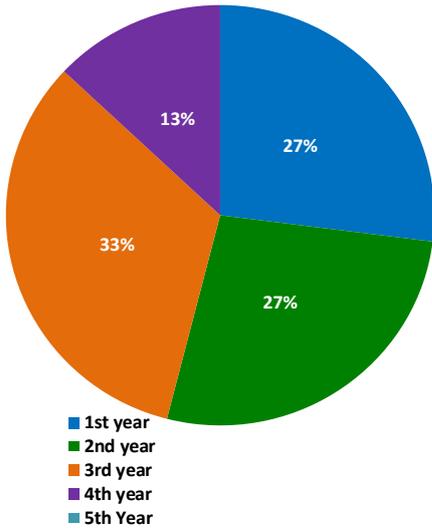
Workshop Lead

Miss Sanya Trikha

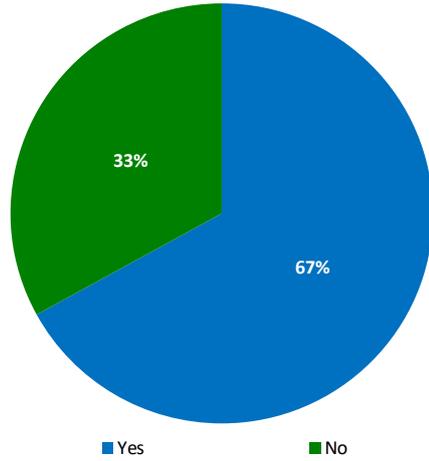
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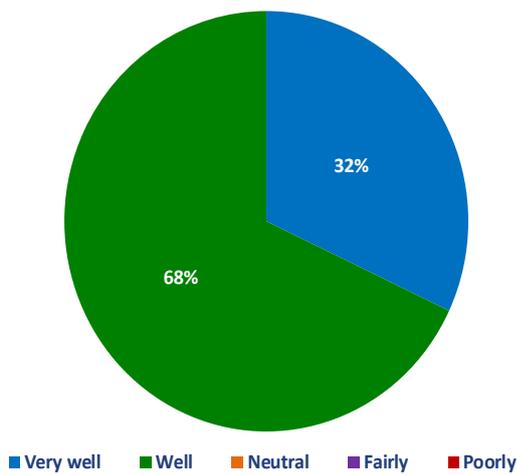
In which year of Medical School are you?



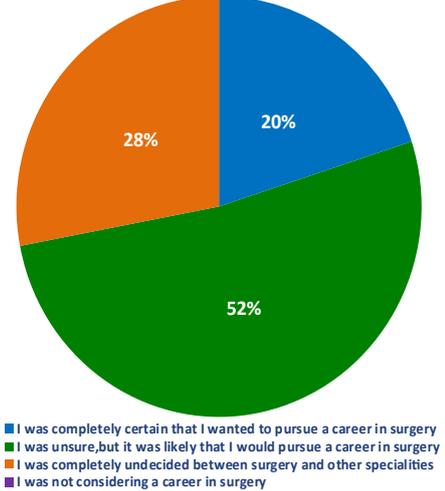
Are you enrolled on a graduate-entry programme?



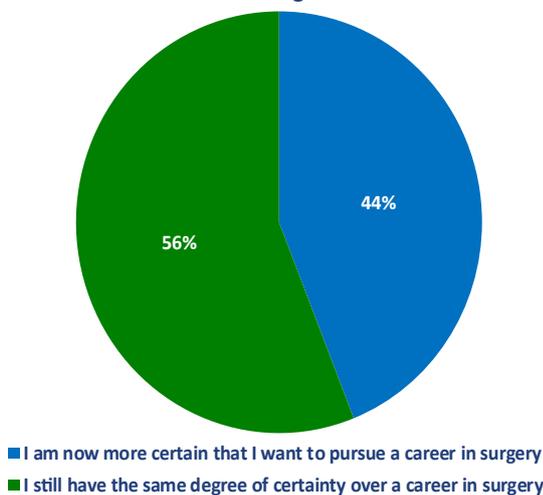
How well did you feel the conference reflected its theme (Breaking the Status Quo: Innovation in Surgery)?



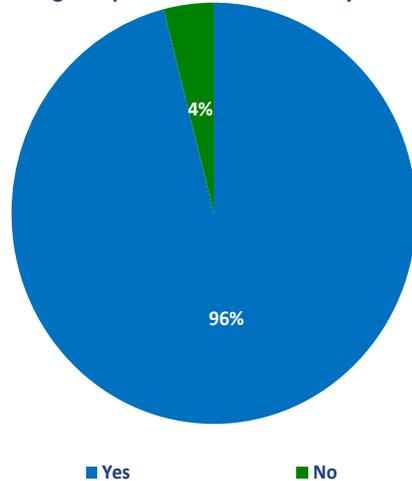
Before attending the conference, how certain were you that you wanted to pursue a career in surgery?



After having attended the conference, has this changed?

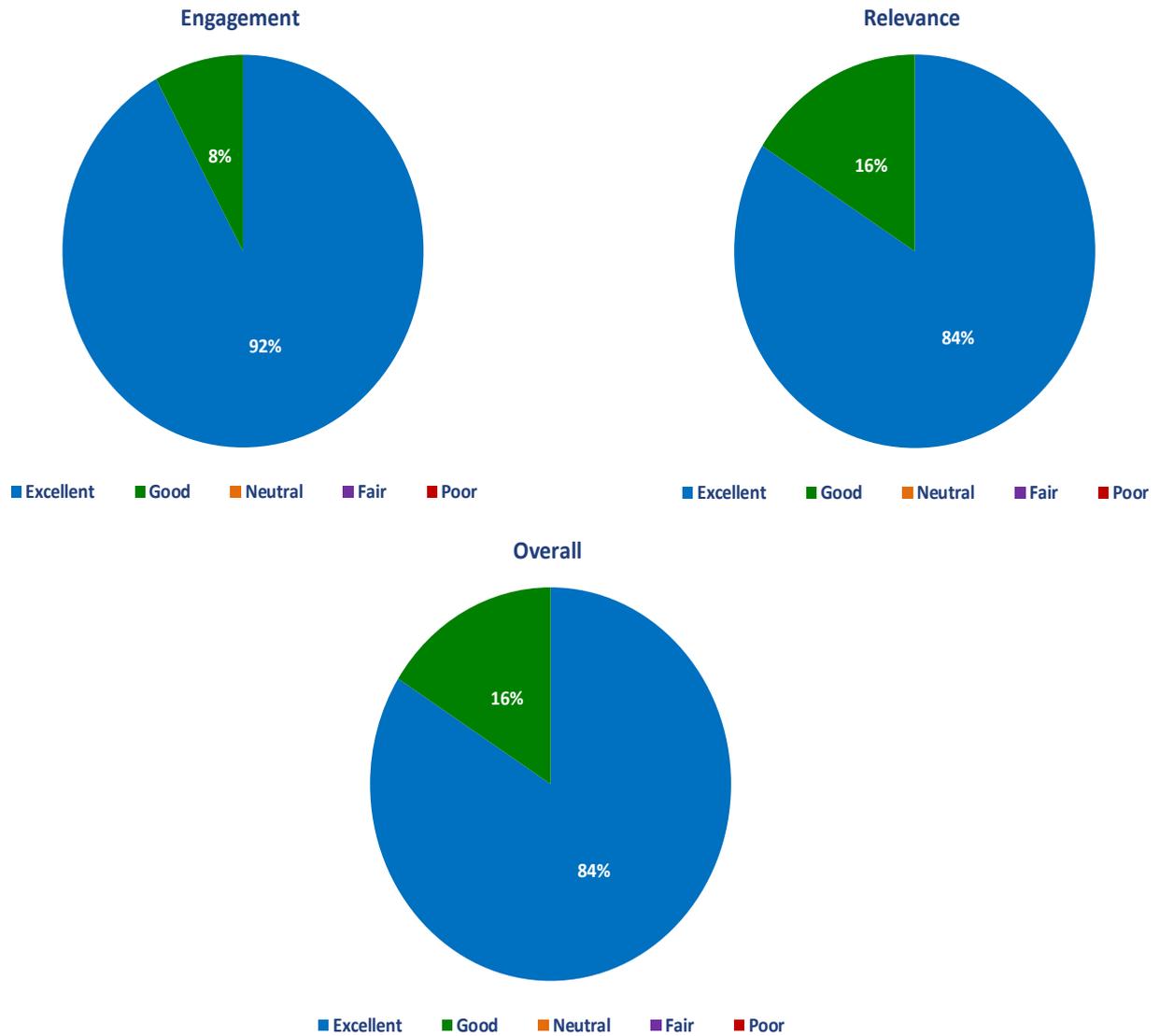


Did the programme reflect speakers from surgical specialities that interest you?

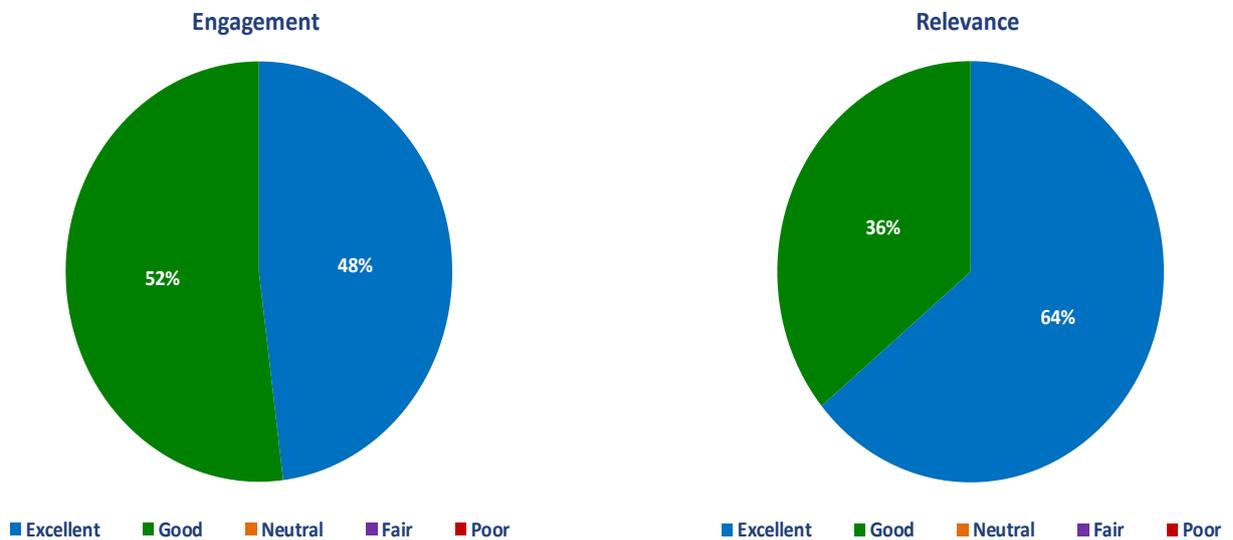


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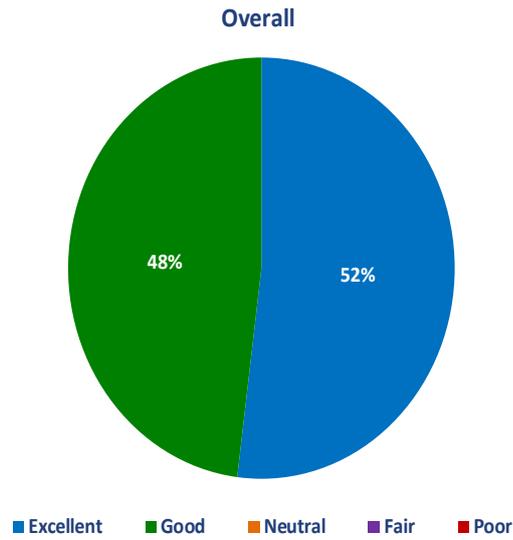
Please provide your feedback on Mr Bragg's session on 'Innovation in Plastic Surgery'



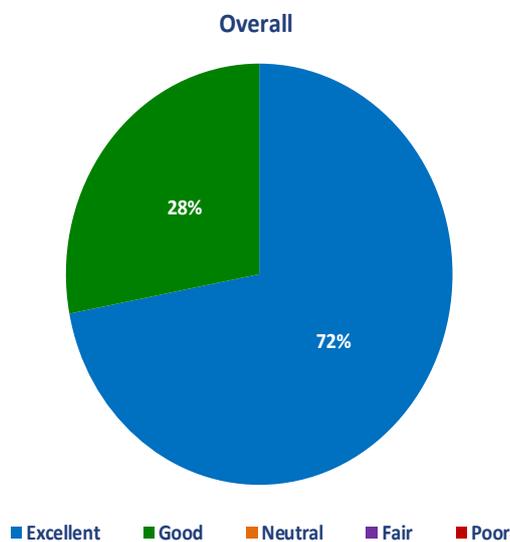
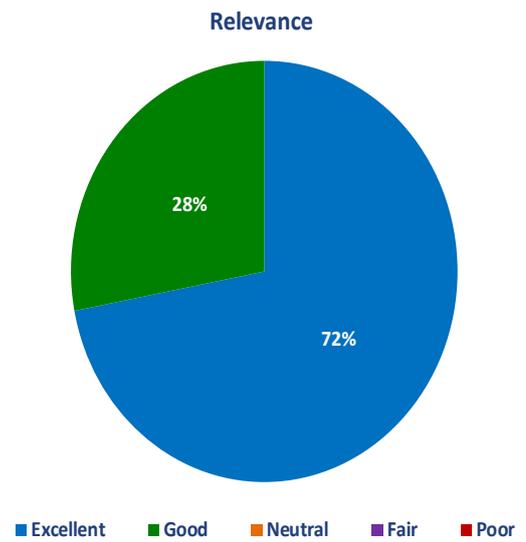
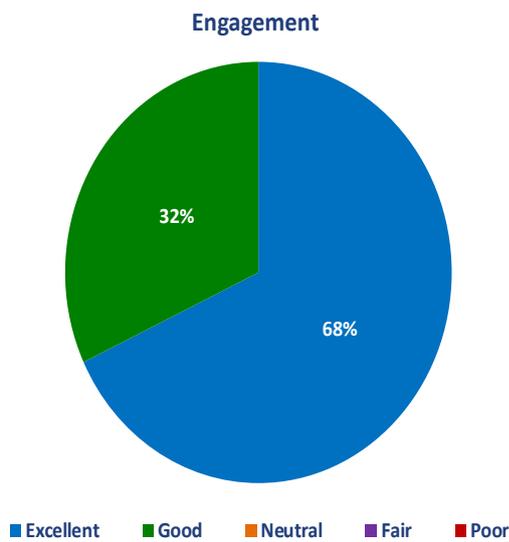
Please provide your feedback on Mr Soliman's session on 'Trauma Surgery to Robotic Surgery'



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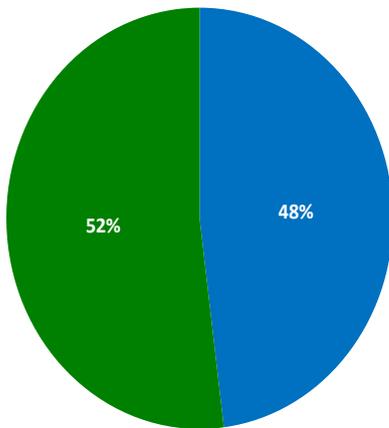
Please provide your feedback on Professor Pallister's session on 'Trauma Simulation'.



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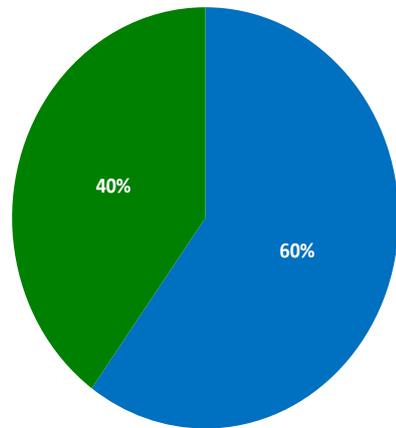
Please provide your feedback on the 'Women in Surgery Panel Discussion'.

Engagement



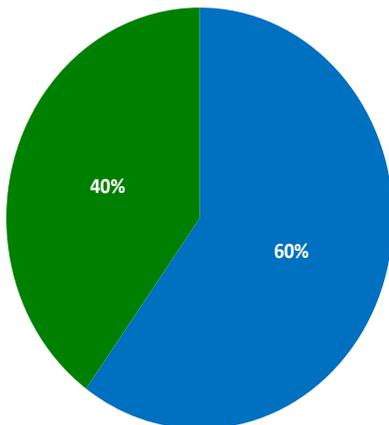
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Relevance



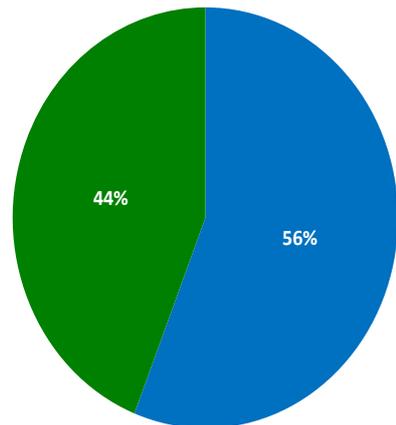
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How well did the session cover relevant content for both male and female delegates?



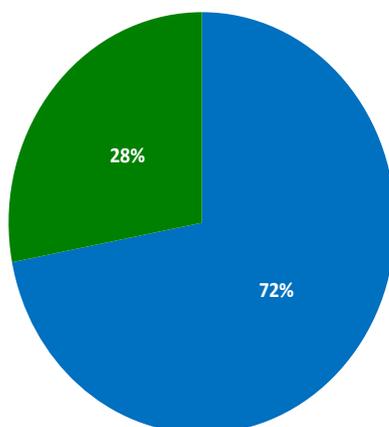
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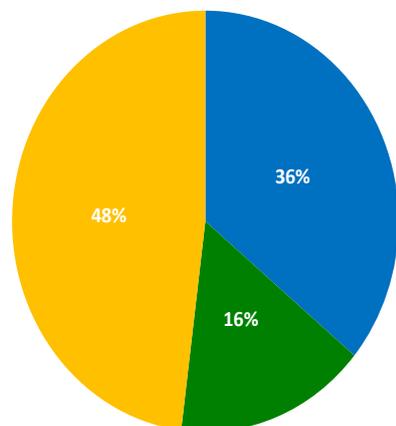
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How would you rate the selection of workshops available at the conference?



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Fair ■ Poor

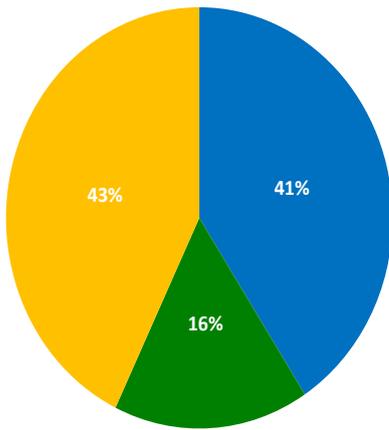
Basic suturing skills



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Fair ■ Poor ■ NA

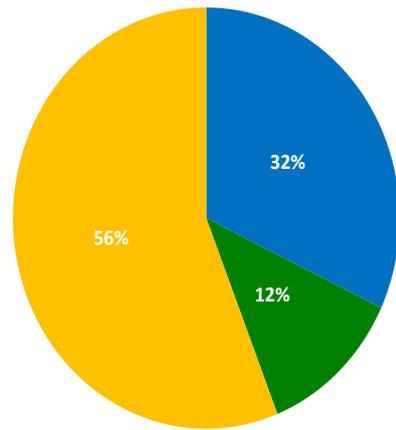
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Tendon repair



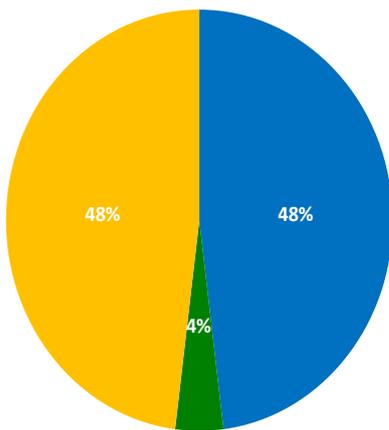
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Tracheostomy



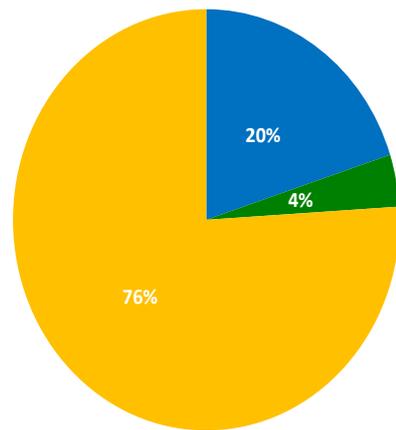
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Bowel Anastomosis



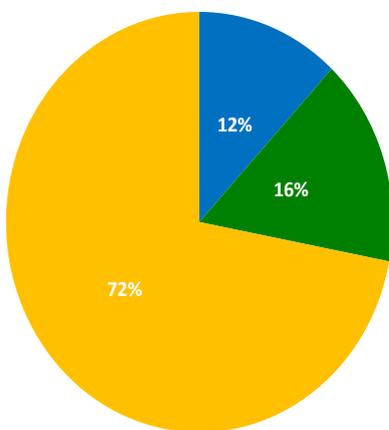
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Venous Cutdown



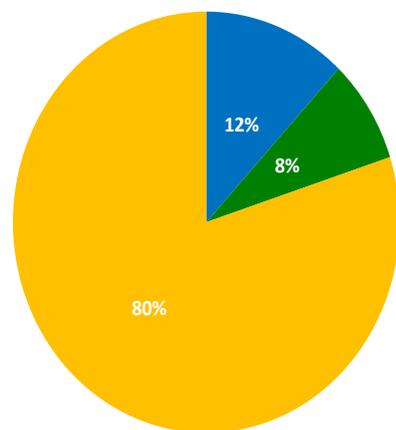
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Vascular Anastomosis



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Fair ■ Poor ■ NA

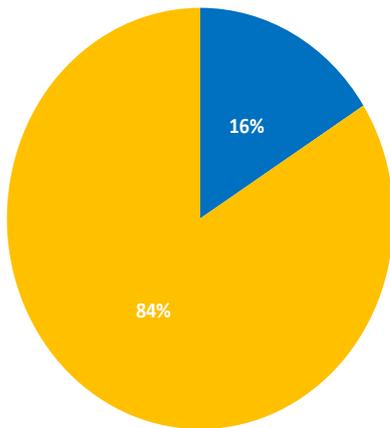
Laparoscopy Skills



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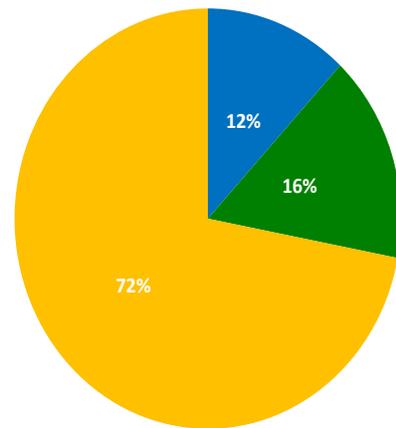
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Virtual Reality Simulation



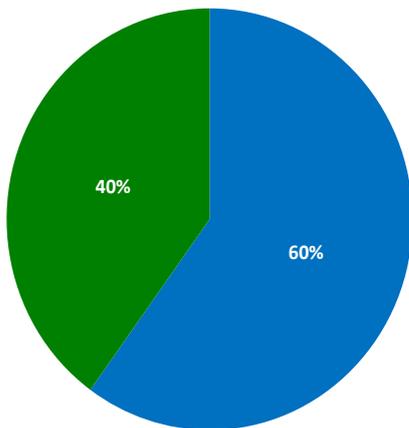
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Surgical Portfolio



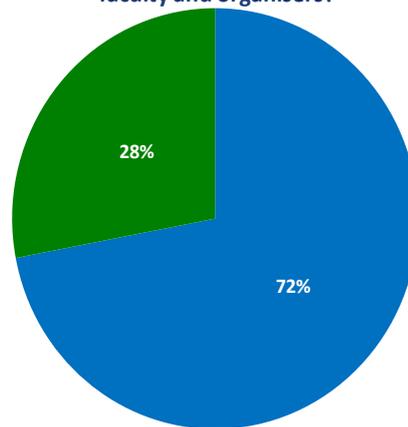
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How were the facilities and venue?



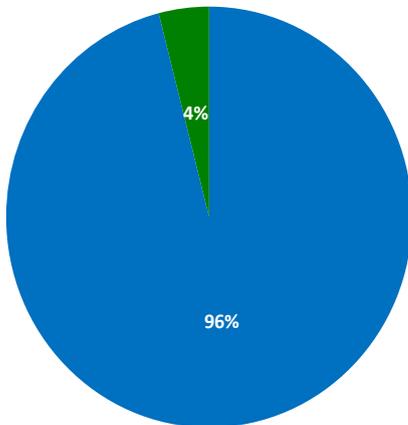
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



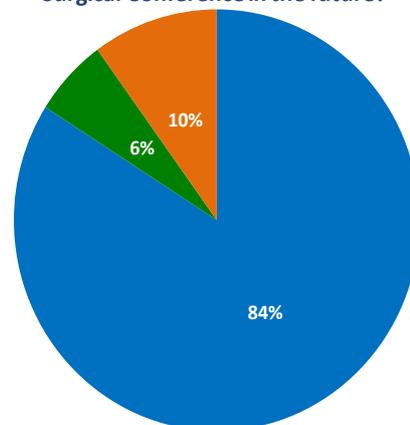
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Do you feel that the conference provided good value for money?



■ Yes ■ No

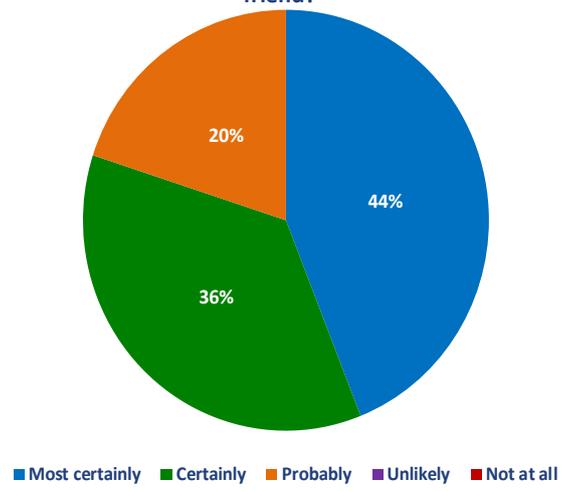
Would you attend another Welsh National Surgical Conference in the future?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Maybe

Overall Feedback

Would you recommend this conference to a friend?



Individual Comments

Interesting thanks.

EN
Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, UK

Great conference.

LM
Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, UK

The teaching was really good with enough time in each workshop.

TR
Swansea University Medical School, Swansea, UK

Really well put together, great lectures. Enjoyed the day.

EF
Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, UK

Great conference. Good workshops. Good organisation.

HP
Swansea University, Swansea, UK

Very professional.

YA
Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, UK

Very good workshops.

AH
Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

I enjoyed the conference and selection of speakers. Perhaps another speaker to detail the future of surgery a bit would be interesting.

DK
Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

It was a lot more student targeted than I was expecting but that really helped with my engagement and enjoyment of the conference.

LG
Swansea University Medical School, Swansea, UK

Individual Comments

I thought the conference was very informative and very interesting. There were many workshops to choose from and speakers were very useful and engaging.

AM
Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

Overall I think the organisation and overall content of the conference was good and definitely really insightful.

SG
Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and teaching given, and found that they helped a great deal in demystifying the process of getting involved in research and how to get into surgical training. The conference appeared to run very smoothly.

SJ
Swansea University, Swansea, UK

Great conference, with very relevant information delivered by extremely knowledgeable people.

BB
Swansea University Medical School, Swansea, UK

It was an excellent conference.

ZS
Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

It is a wonderful experience for me. Would certainly attend it next year.

SK
Glangwili General Hospital, Carmarthen, UK



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