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# The Christie - Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

Feedback - July 2023

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## The Christie - Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

The highly popular Christie-Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course was conducted as a hybrid course divided into two components, as outlined below. Delegates were able to choose to attend the full course (which was recommended) or only the face-to-face component of the course.

There were six evenings of interactive discussions held via Zoom before the face-to-face component. These took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. These sessions covered the following core topics in the FRCS syllabus (JCIE): Breast Surgery, Benign Upper GI Surgery, Malignant Upper GI Surgery, Benign Lower GI Surgery, Malignant Lower GI Surgery, HPB Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, Transplant Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care, and Statistics.

The face-to-face component of the course was held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at The Christie Hospital in Manchester. On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, focused on vivas in General Surgery, in the delegate's selected subspeciality, academic surgery (reading a paper/basic science/statistics), and trauma and critical care. On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July contained patient-focused clinical examination on real patients, as well as discussion on radiology and pathology. There were no lectures during the face-to-face component of the course, and the entire weekend will be dedicated to vivas, discussions, and clinical examination of patients.

The highlights of this course included a high tutor-to-delegate ratio, coverage of all essential and high-yield theory, updates on current advances in all sub-specialities, vivas in all areas as in the exam, and clinical examination of patients.

### Course Information

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Christie Hospital, Manchester</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023; Online Sessions 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023; Christie Hospital, Manchester</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>22 Delegates</b>
<b>Aimed at:</b>	<b>ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b>	<b>£580.00</b>



# Programme

6<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1815-1830	Welcome and Introduction	Mr Wild
1830-2000	Upper GI Surgery (Malignant)	Mr Chaparala

**2000-2030 Break**

2030-2200	Colorectal Surgery (Benign)	Mr Rajaganesh
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## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1830-2005	Upper GI Surgery (Benign)	Mr Menon
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**2005-2020 Break**

2020-2200	Breast Surgery	Ms Jafferbhoy
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## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1830-2005	HPB Surgery (I)	Mr Deshpande
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**2005-2020 Break**

2020-2200	HPB Surgery (II)	Mr Deshpande
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## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1830-2005	Colorectal Surgery (Malignant) Mr Sutton
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**2005-2020 Break**

2020-2130	Critical Care for Surgeons Dr Al-Kadhimi
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## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1815-1930	Transplant Surgery Mr Singh
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**1930-1940 Break**

1940-2040	Vascular Surgery Mr Rajagopalan
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**2040-2050 Break**

2050-2150	Trauma Surgery Mr Ng
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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1830-2005 Endocrine Surgery Mr Houghton

**2005-2015 Break**

2015-2115 Statistics for Surgeons Mr Deshpande

**2115-2130 Break**

2130-2155 Tips for Candidates Mr El-Tweri

2155-2200 Close of Course Mr Wild

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## 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (Face-to-Face Component)

0840 - 0850 Arrival and Registration

0850 - 0900 Introduction to the Day and Housekeeping

0900 - 0920 Format for the Weekend and Allocation of Delegates to Stations

0920 - 1050 General Viva [60 minute viva + 30 minute feedback]

**1050 - 1110 Break**

1115 - 1245 Trauma and Critical Care Viva [60 minute viva + 30 minute feedback]

**1245 - 1330 Lunch**

1340 - 1520 Subspeciality Viva [60 minutes viva + 30 minute feedback]

**1520 - 1540 Break**

1545 - 1715 Academic Viva (30 minutes to read paper; 30 minutes viva; 30 minutes discussion)

1715 - 1730 Summary and Close

1830 - 2030 Course Dinner

# Programme

## 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (Face-to-Face Component)

0840 - 0850 Registration

0850 - 0900 Allocation of Delegates to Stations

0900 - 1020 Mock Viva

**1020 - 1040 Break**

1040 - 1200 Mock Viva

**1200 - 1245 Lunch**

1250 - 1430 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)

**1430 - 1450 Break**

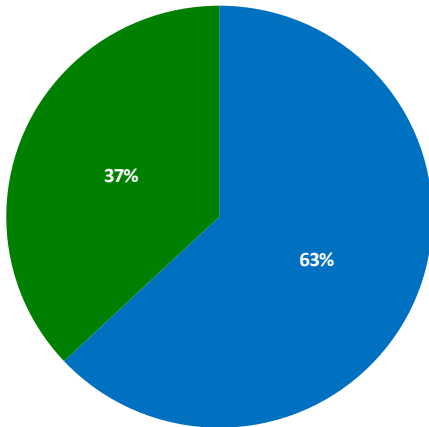
1450 - 1630 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)

1635 - 1650 Summary and Tips for Exam Success

1650 - 1700 End of Course

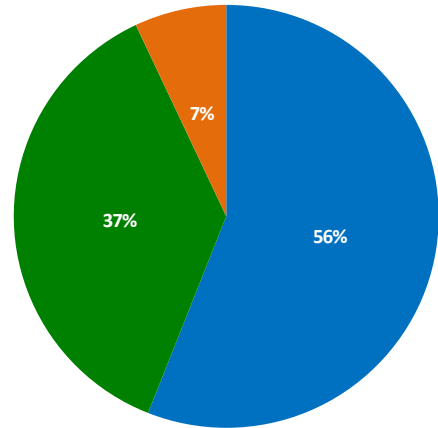
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Mr Chaparala (Upper GI Surgery – Malignant)



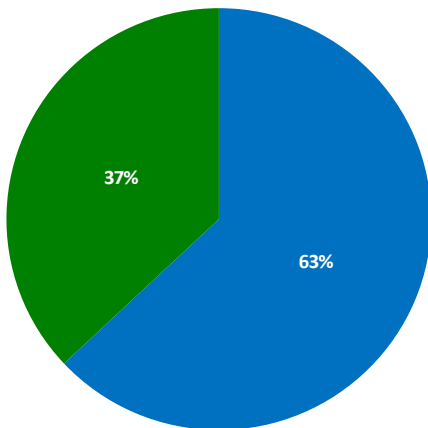
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Mr Raganesh (Colorectal Surgery – Benign)



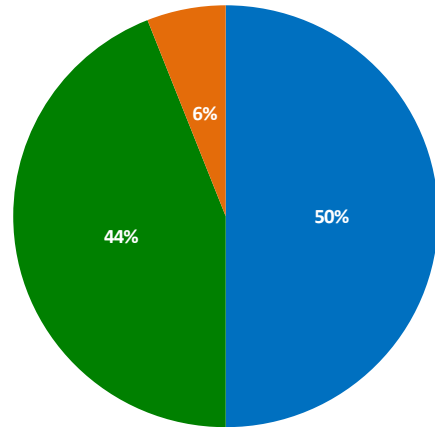
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Mr Menon (Upper GI Surgery – Benign)



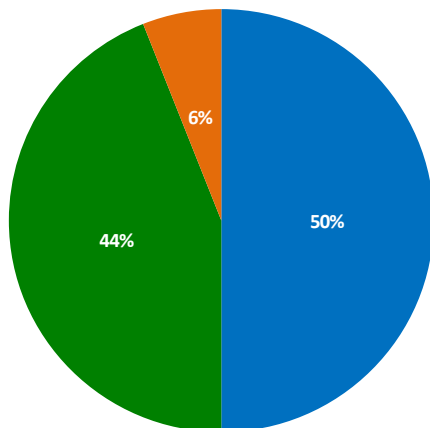
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Ms Jafferbhoy (Breast Surgery)



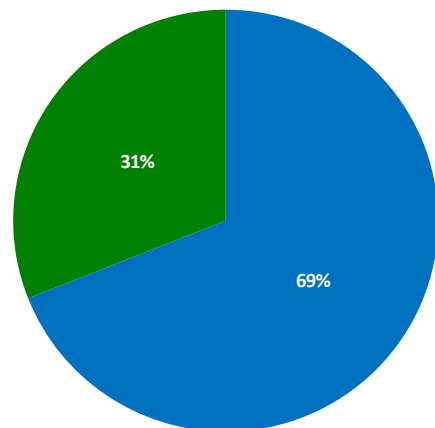
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Mr Deshpande (HPB Surgery)



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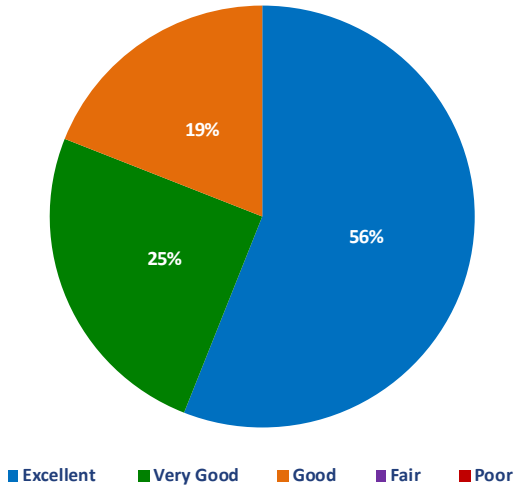
Mr Sutton (Colorectal Surgery – Malignant)



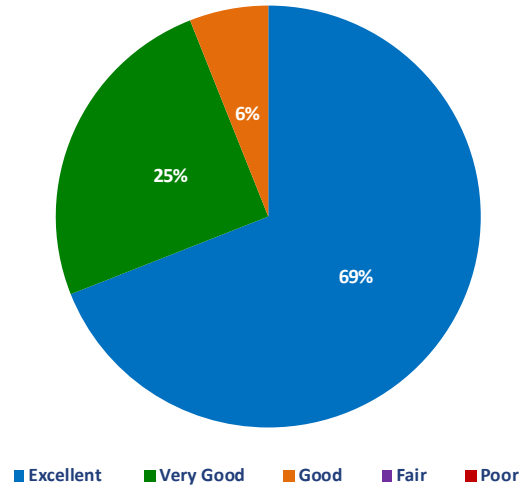
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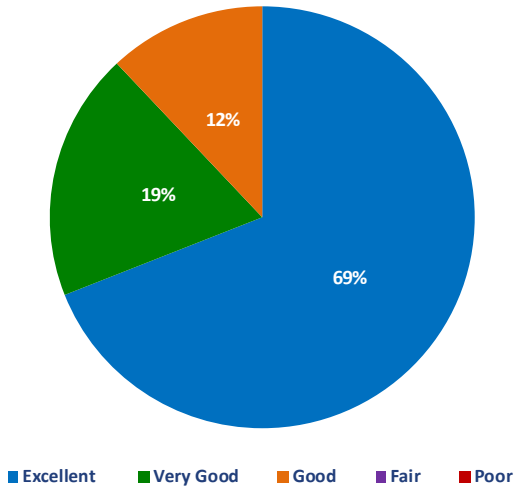
Mr Singh (Transplant Surgery)



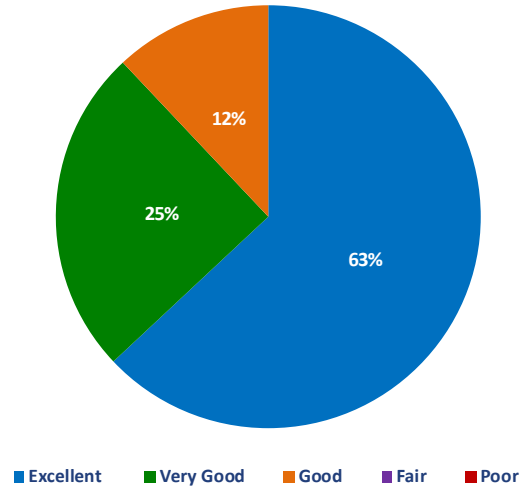
Mr Rajagopalan (Vascular Surgery)



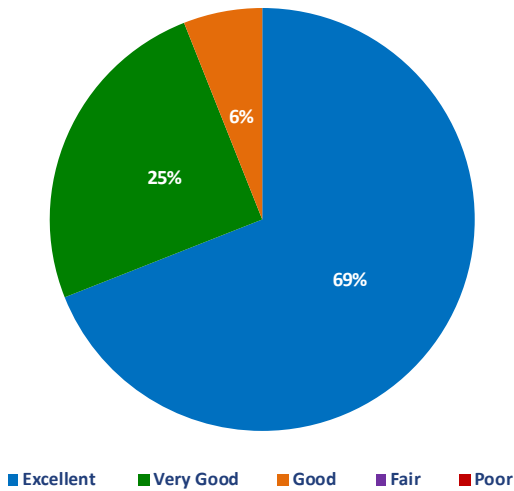
Mr Ng (Trauma Surgery)



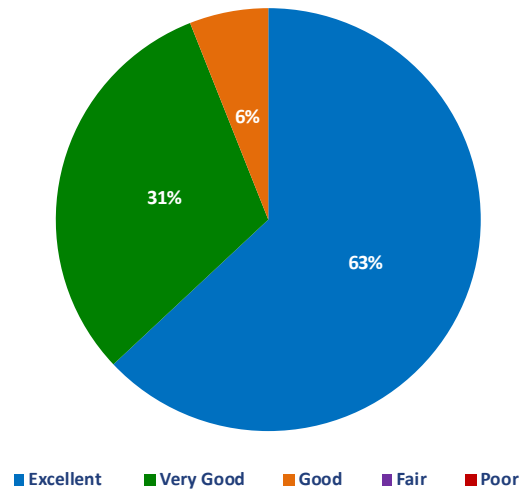
Mr Deshpande (Statistics)



Mr Houghton (Endocrine Surgery)

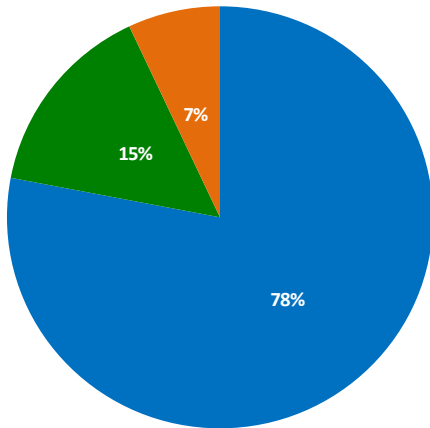


Mr El-Tweri (Tips for Candidates)



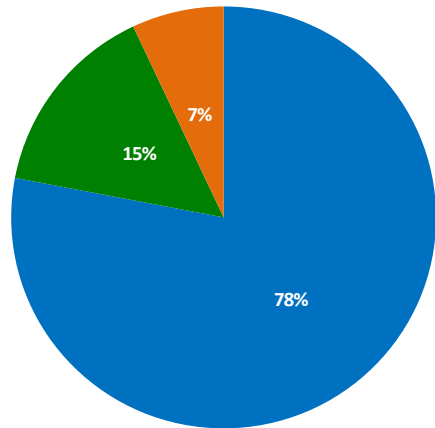
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General Viva



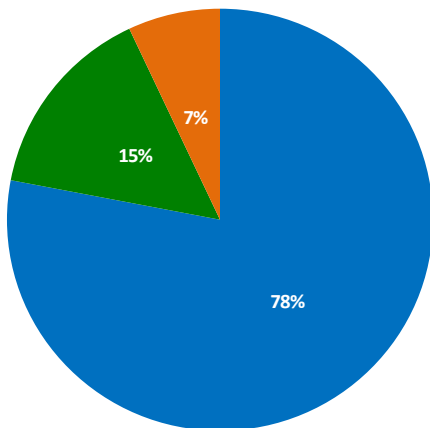
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Trauma and Critical Care Viva



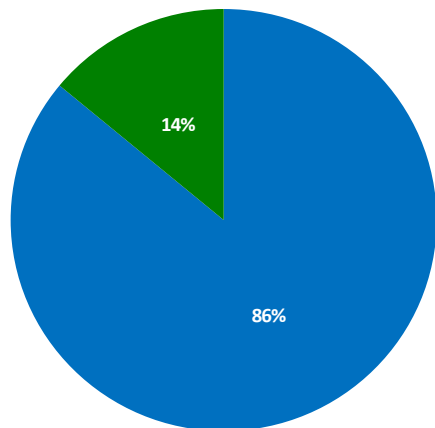
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Subspecialty Viva



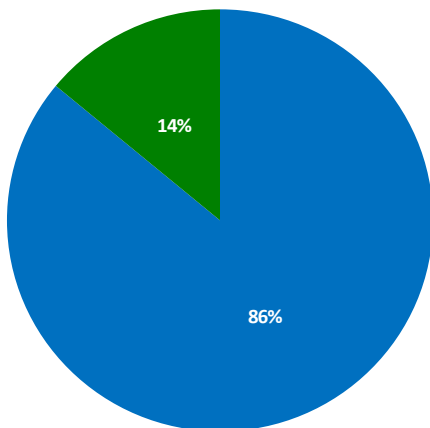
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Academic Viva



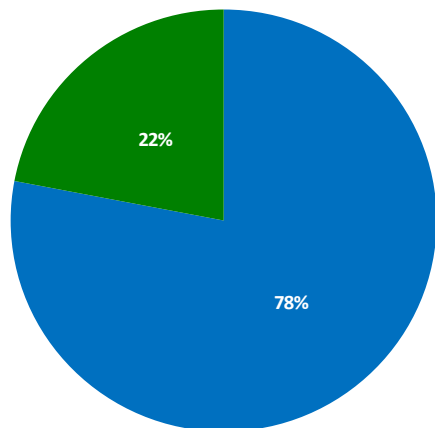
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Mock Viva



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Clinical Examinations

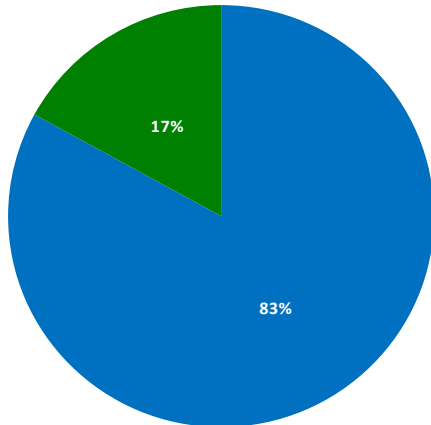


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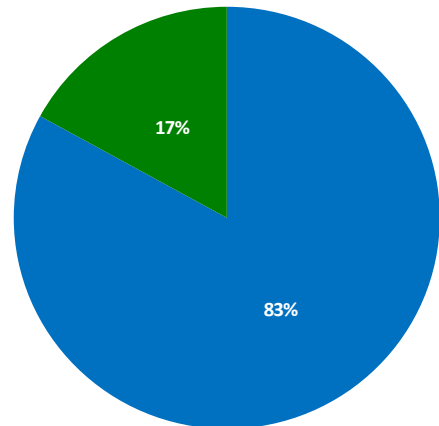
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How was the content of the course?



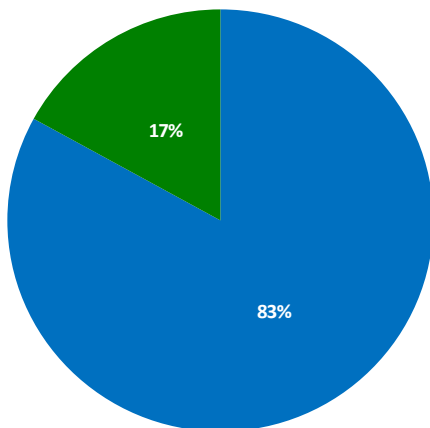
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How would you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?



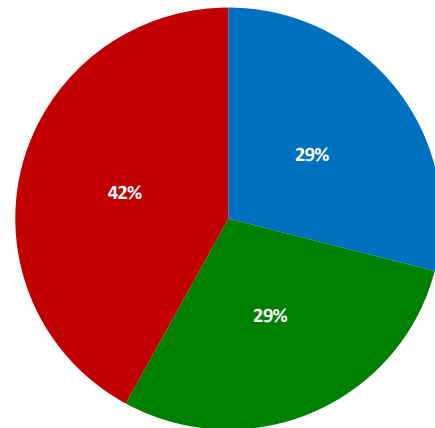
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the faculty?



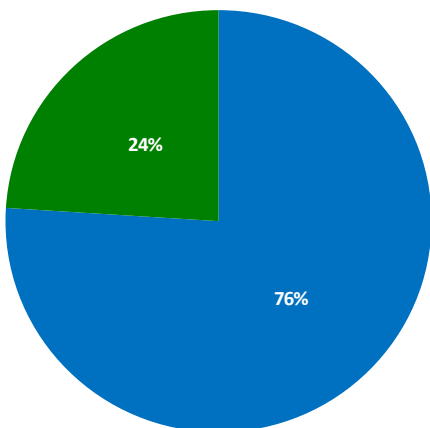
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If you attended, did you enjoy the course dinner on Saturday 15th July?



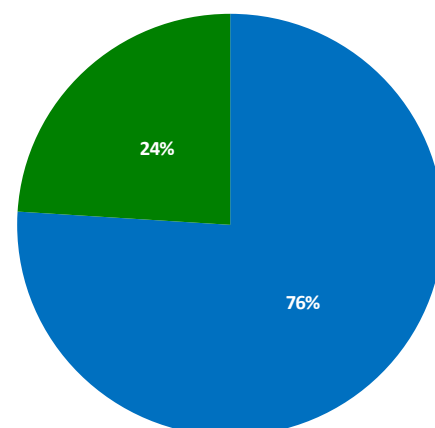
■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend

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



■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Not Really ■ Did Not Attend

## Individual Comments

I obtained the very valuable experience of real-life exam in terms of face-to-face mock viva. The organisation is excellent. It will definitely help candidates to pass exams.

**TF**

***John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford , United Kingdom***

Very useful course for the exam, value for money and friendly environment. Lots of interactive sessions.

**KS**

***Warrington and Halton NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom***

Excellent.

**JW**

***St James's University Hospital, Leeds, UK***

Nice organisation and informative.

**KK**

***Steve Biko Academic Hospital, Pretoria, UK***

Amazing, one of the best courses I attended.

**TS**

***Medway NHS Trust, UK***

The course is of the highest academic standards delivered in the most friendly but professional way. Highly recommended.

**MM**

***Royal Bolton Hospital, Bolton, UK***

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