



## Cardiff MRCS OSCE: Clinical Examination & Communication Skills

This intensive one-day revision course covered the clinical examination and communication components of the MRCS Part B exam with special emphasis on clinical consultation skills.

The course aimed to consolidate the trainee's understanding of the clinical consultation skills component of the exam, and aid the trainee's ability to perform clinical examinations efficiently by present the findings to the examiner in a systematic yet concise manner.

The forenoon session covered all important clinical examinations that are tested in the exam and the afternoon session was dedicated to communication skills workstations, structured interviews and practical skills. Eight patient-centred clinical scenarios were used to reflect the situations experienced in everyday practice; as these were scenarios in line with what is commonly tested in the MRCS exam. A total of 34 candidates attended the course with their feedback collated in this document.

#### **Course Information**

Course date: 19th April 2015

Venue: Out-patient Department

**University Hospital of Wales** 

Cardiff, UK

Attendance: 32 Delegates

Aimed at: Delegates looking to take

their membership to the Royal College of Surgeons

Part B exam.

Course fee: £190.00



Surgical trainees can apply to be sponsored by ASIT to receive a bursary to attend this course.



# **Course Programme**

0840 - 0850	Registration
0850 - 0905	Introduction & Grouping of Delegates
0905 - 1300	Delegates are divided into groups & rotated through eight clinical examinations of simulated patients, with a comfort break in-between:
	<ul> <li>Examination of abdomen and abdominal organs</li> <li>Examination of iguana hernia / scrotal swelling</li> <li>Examination of varicose veins</li> <li>Examination of arterial system (peripheral artery disease)</li> </ul>

1100 - 1120	Break for Refreshments
	<ul> <li>Examination of neck/thyroid</li> <li>Examination of cranial nerves</li> <li>Examination of cardiorespiratory system</li> <li>Examination of hip &amp; knee</li> <li>Examination of shoulder and back</li> </ul>

1300 - 1340	Lunch
1345 -1715	Delegates are divided into groups & rotated through the seven Clinical Consultation Skills Sessions (Communication Skills):
	<ul> <li>Information giving and information gathering</li> <li>Challenging situation/patient</li> <li>Difficult consultation</li> <li>Breaking bad news</li> <li>Explaining a diagnosis or discussing management options</li> <li>Consent in surgery</li> <li>Telephone communication</li> </ul>
1715 - 1730	Summary, Feedback & End of Course

## **Faculty List**

### Captain Simon Tallowin, MSc MRCSEd

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### **Ms Tiffany Berrington MRCS**

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#### **Mr Vishal Kumar**

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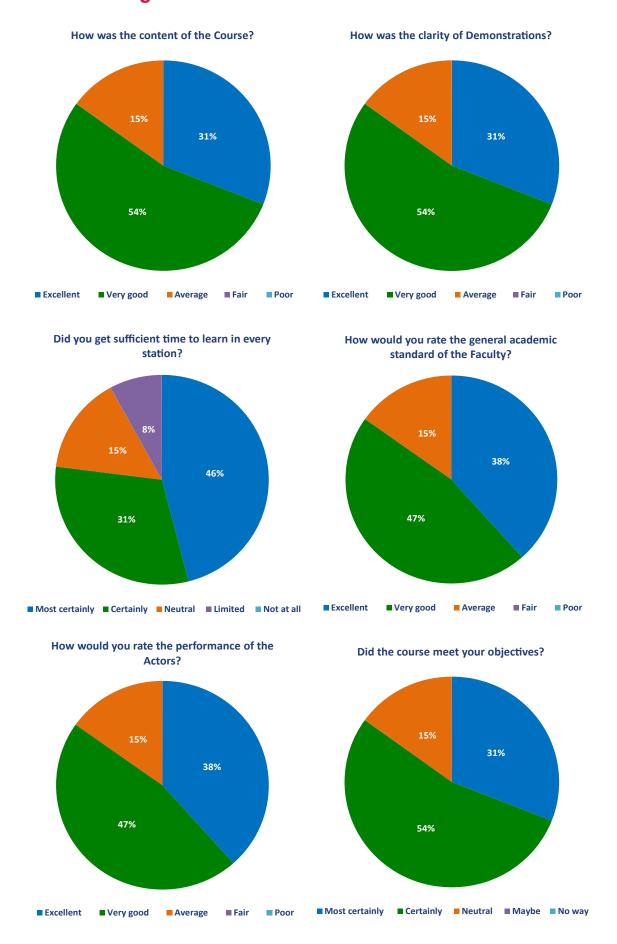
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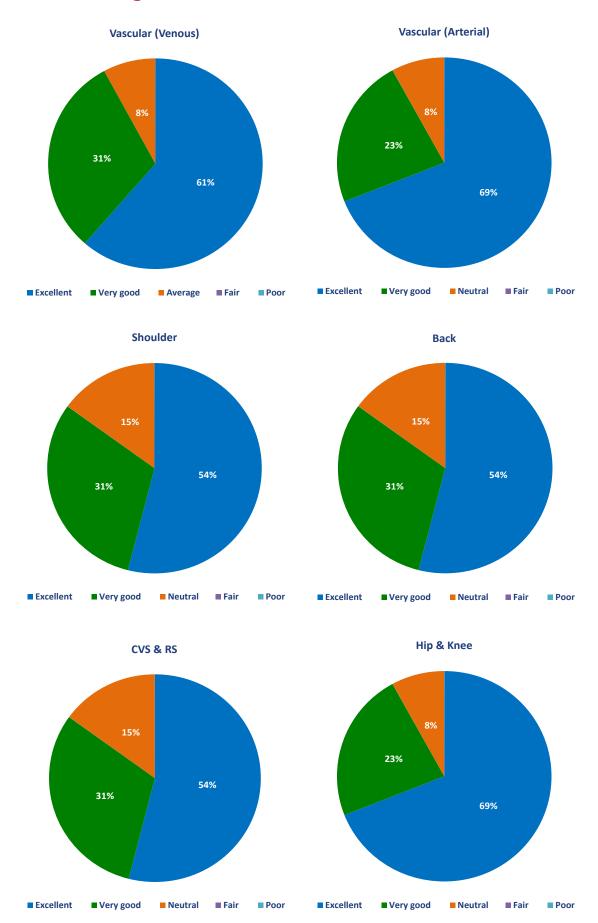
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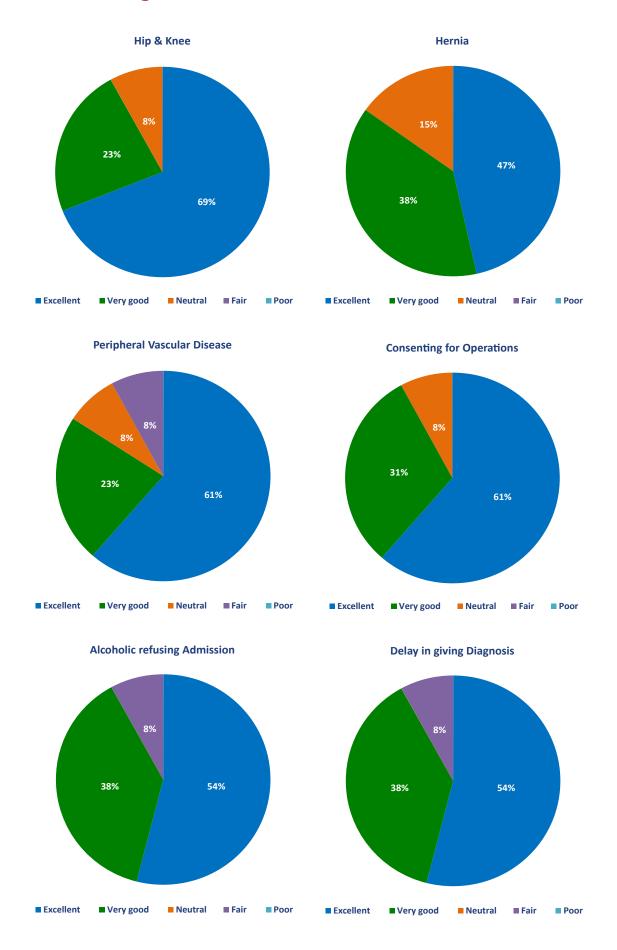
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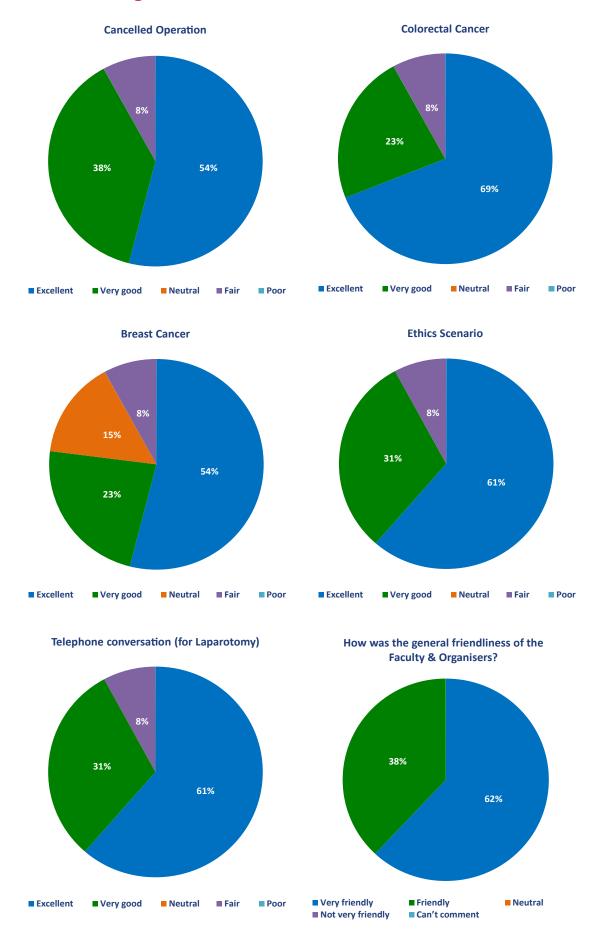
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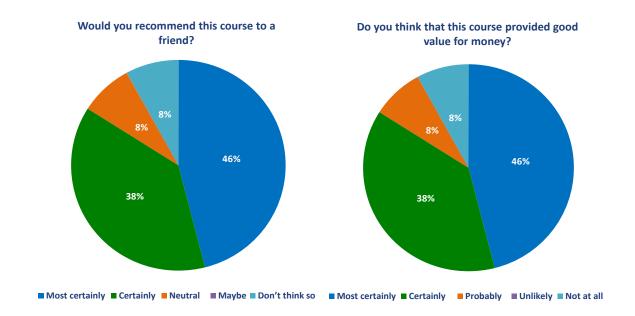
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## **Individual Comments**



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- Final Year Medicine and Surgical Revision Courses
- Training the Clinical Anatomy Trainer
- Clinical Anatomy as Applied to Trauma and Emergency Medicine
- Surgical Anatomy of Important Operative Procedures
- Future Surgeons: Key Skills (RCSEd delivered)
- Structured Introduction to Surgical Skills

#### Postgraduate:

- MRCS Part A
- MRCEM Part A
- MRCS Part B OSCE
- DOHNS: Intensive Revision & OSCE
- Intercollegiate Basic Surgical Skills (RCSEd delivered)
- MRCP PACES Part 2
- FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam
- Cadaveric Ultrasound-Guided Musculoskeletal Intervention Course
- Ultrasound-Assisted Botulinum Toxin Injection for Neuromuscular Disorders
- Live Advanced Laparoscopic Colorectal Course



### Forthcoming key events:

- International Medical Summer School Manchester, 1st - 5th August 2016
- International Academic and Research Conference Manchester, 6th August 2016
- World University Anatomy Challenge Manchester, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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- General Surgery Exams

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