

Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course: Five-Day Preparatory Course for MRCS OSCE

Feedback - April 2025

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This five-day preparatory course provided the attendee with a thorough understanding of the topics on which to focus and the areas to prepare for the MRCS OSCE. The course was delivered through a robust method of small group teaching, individual OSCEs and interactive discussions, all of which aimed to guide the attendee to prepare for each component of the exam (all stations were covered during the five days).

Day 1 and Day 2 focussed on the knowledge component of the exam, with emphasis placed on anatomy and pathology but also consideration of related microbiology and applied surgical sciences (physiology). Day 3 was divided into a morning session that covered clinical and procedural skills and an afternoon session that covered additional applied surgical sciences and critical care stations. Day 4 consisted of small group teaching using anatomical prosections, relevant pathological specimens, and osteology. A mock OSCE took place during the afternoon. Day 5 consisted of clinical examination stations in the morning and communication skills stations in the afternoon.

Course Information

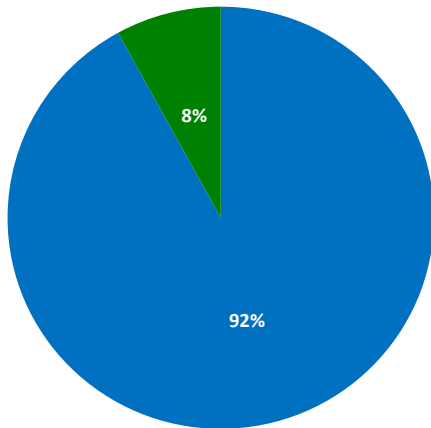
Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	9th - 13th April 2025
Attendance:	40 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£945.00



Overall Feedback

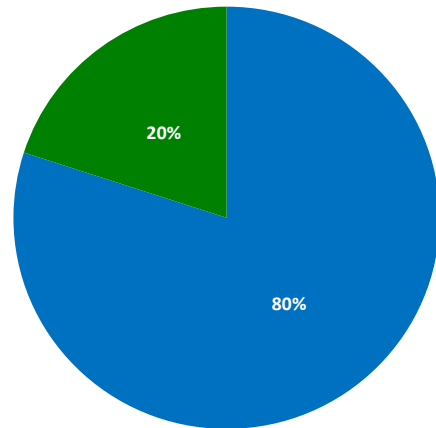
Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April 2025

Skull Base, Head and Face



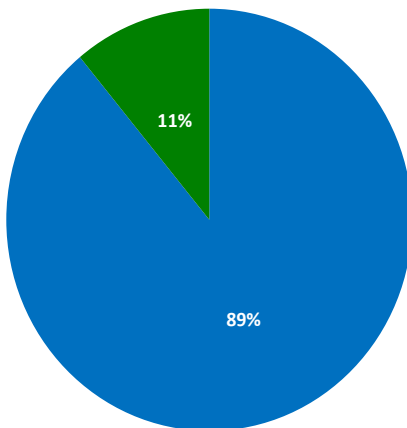
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Neck, Larynx, Soft Palate, and Pharynx



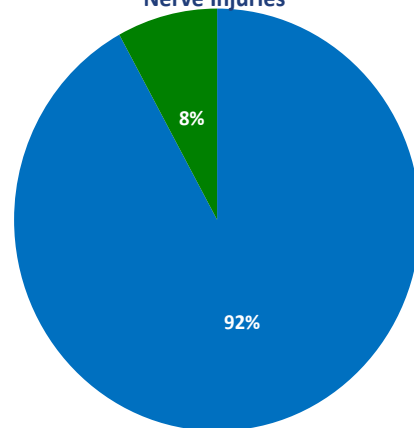
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Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart, and Lungs



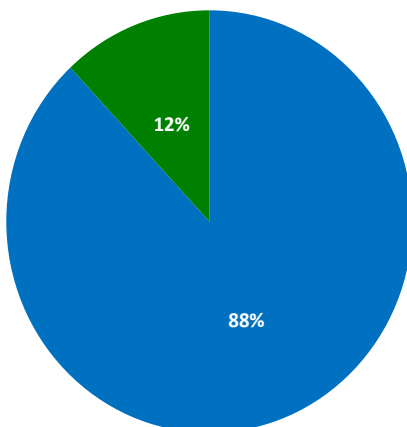
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Brachial Plexus, Upper Limb and Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



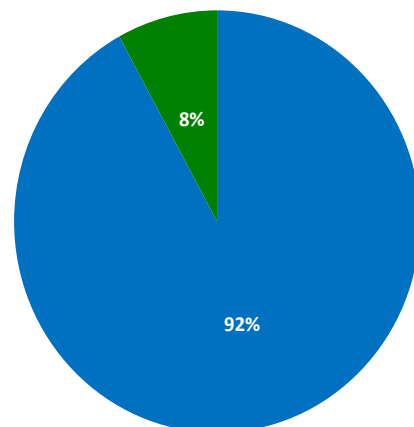
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General Abdomen



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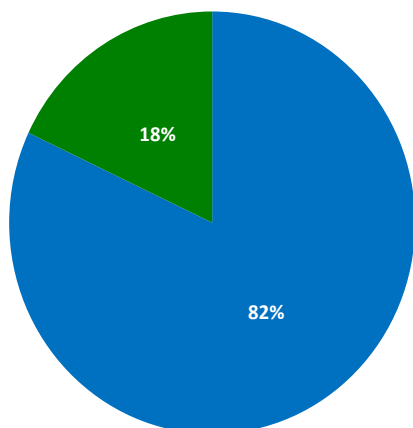
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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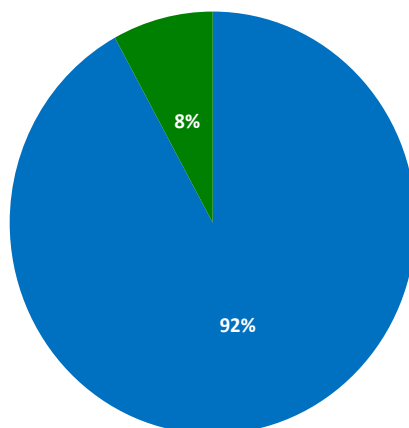
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Pelvis and Perineum



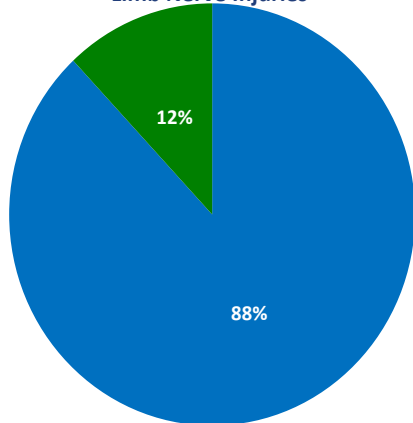
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



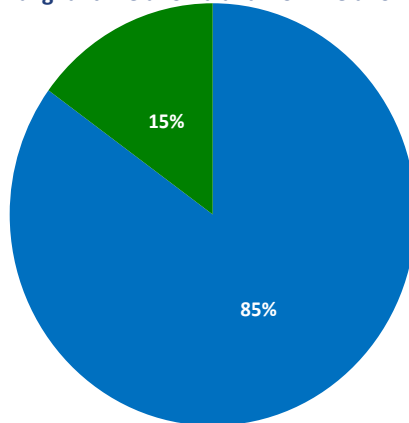
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Lumbosacral Plexus, Lower Limb and Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



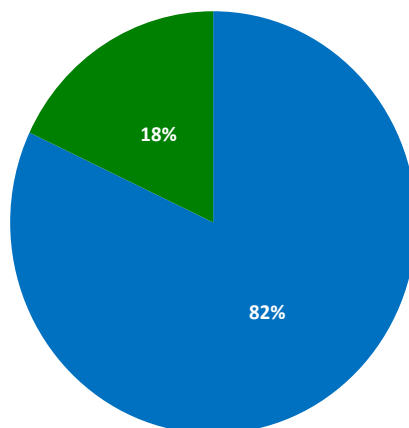
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Pathology: Lumps and Skin Cancers (Malignant Melanoma and Non-Melanoma)



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Pathology: Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers

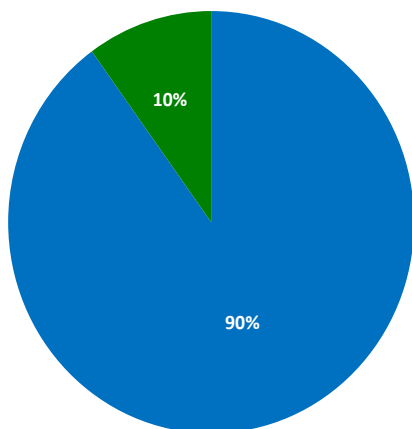


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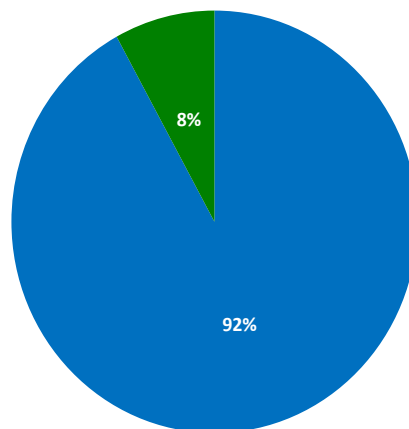
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Knot Tying



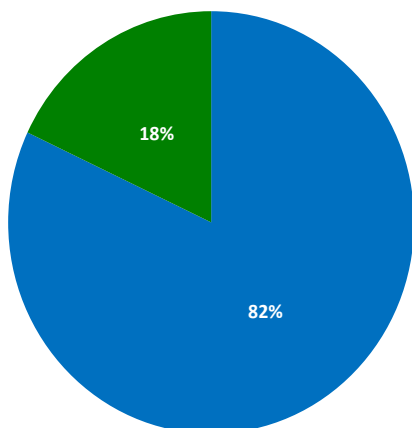
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Excision of a Lesion, Suturing, Sutures, and Suture Materials



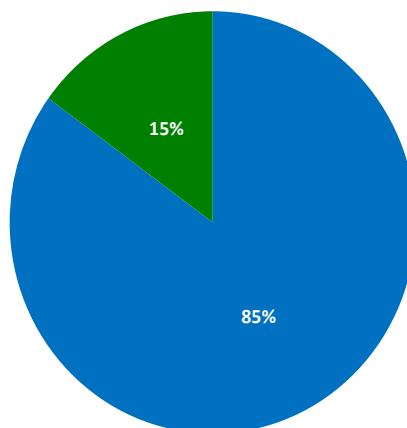
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Chest Drain Insertion



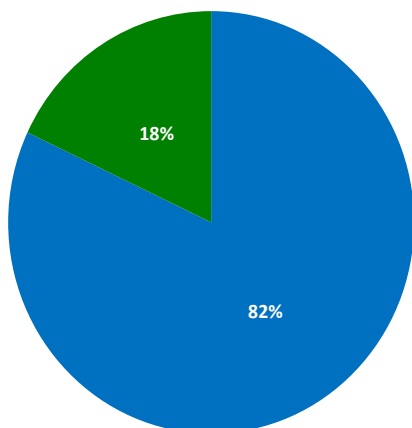
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ABG and Cannulation



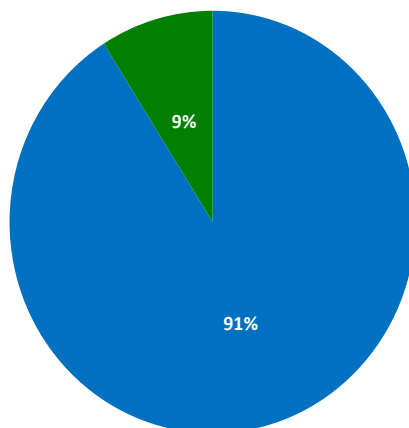
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Catheterisation



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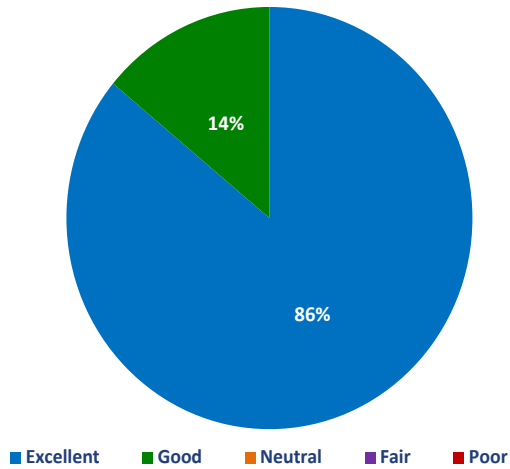
Wound Debridement and Drainage of an Abscess



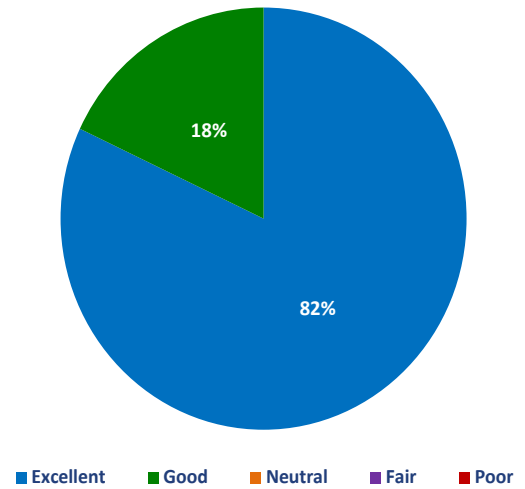
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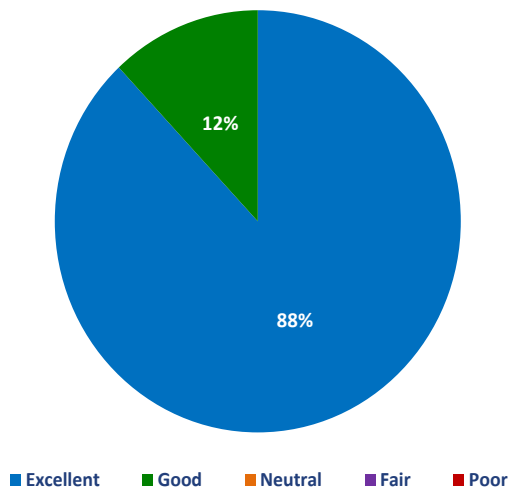
Osteology of the Upper Limb and Lower Limb



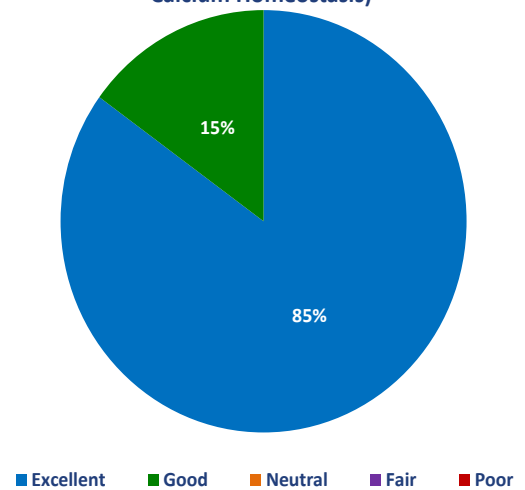
Physiology 1 (Neurophysiology and Sepsis)



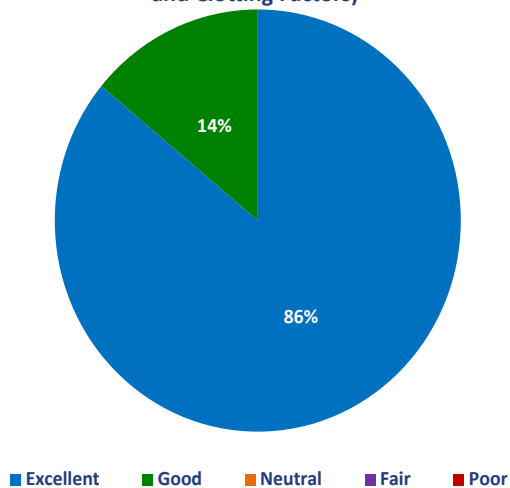
Physiology 2 (Pancreatitis and Fistula)



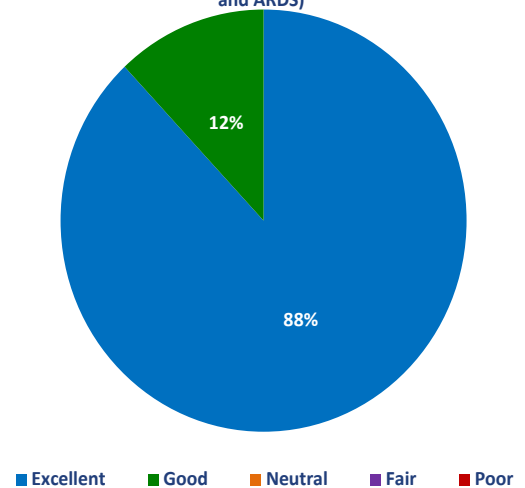
Physiology 3 (Acid Base Balance and Calcium Homeostasis)



Physiology 4 (Cardiac Physiology, MI, DIC, and Clotting Factors)

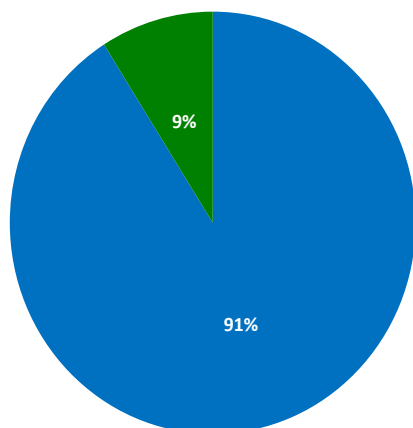


Physiology 5 (Basics of Respiration, Respiratory Failure, Pulmonary Oedema, Pulmonary Embolism, and ARDS)



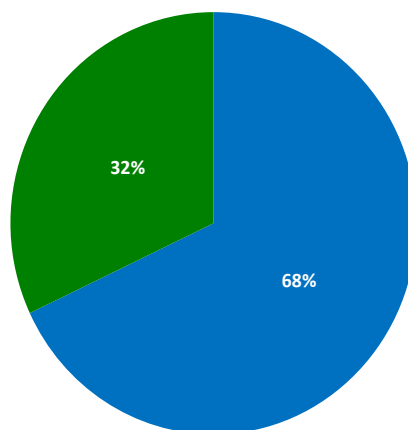
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Physiology 6 (Burns, Splenic Injury, and Cushing's Syndrome)



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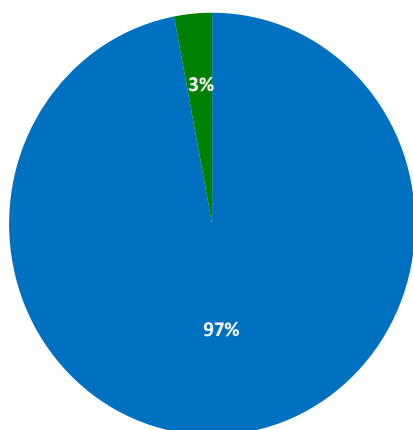
Theatre List Prioritisation



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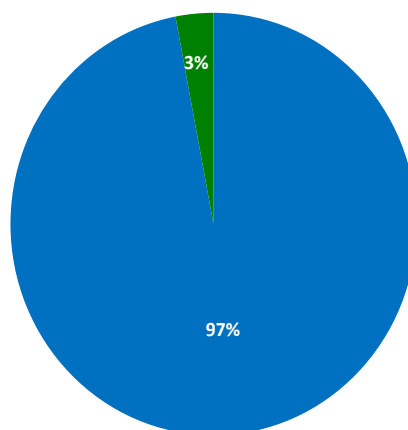
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Dissection Room: Skull Base and Foramina



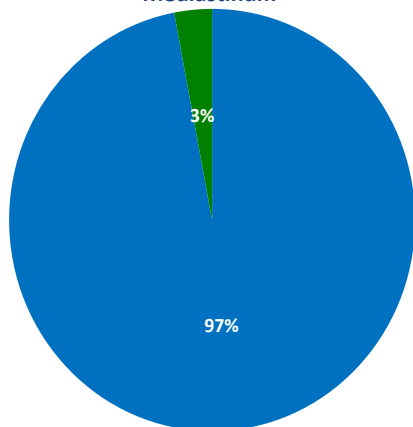
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Dissection Room: Face and Neck



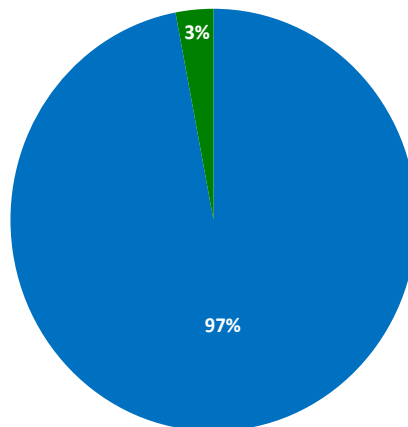
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Dissection Room: Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



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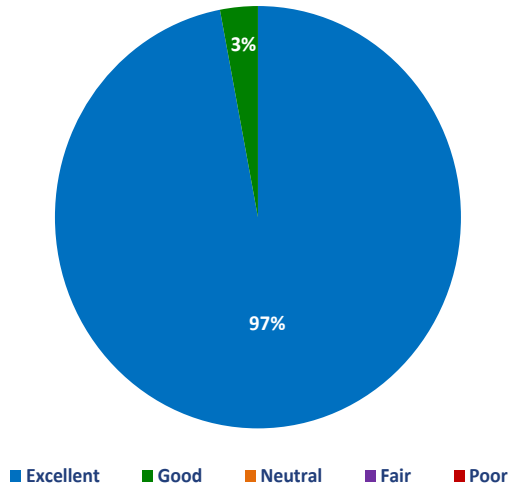
Dissection Room: Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



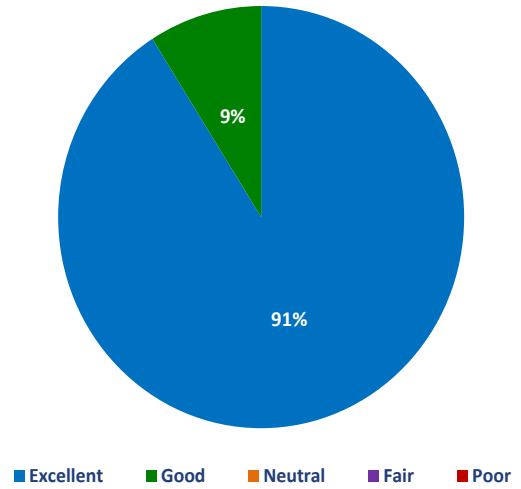
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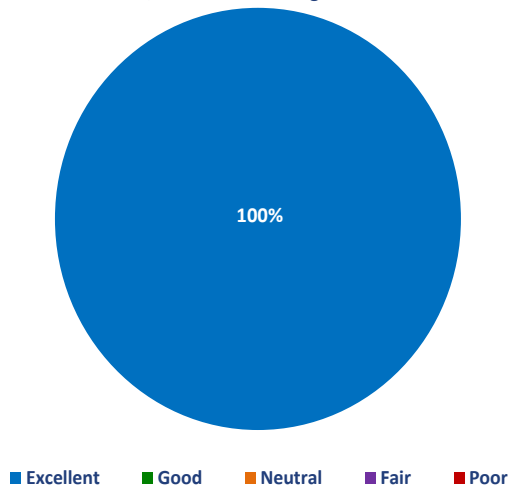
Dissection Room: Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



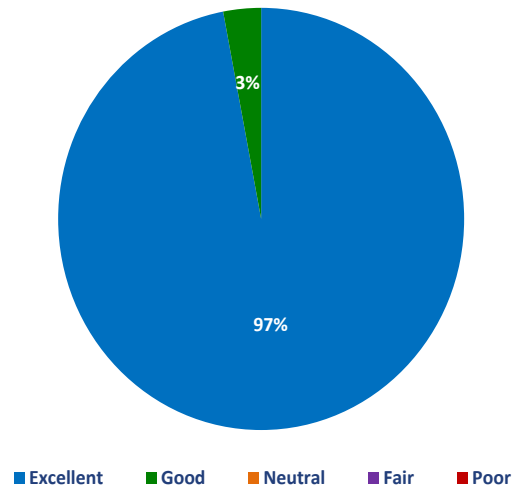
Dissection Room: Brain and Spinal Cord



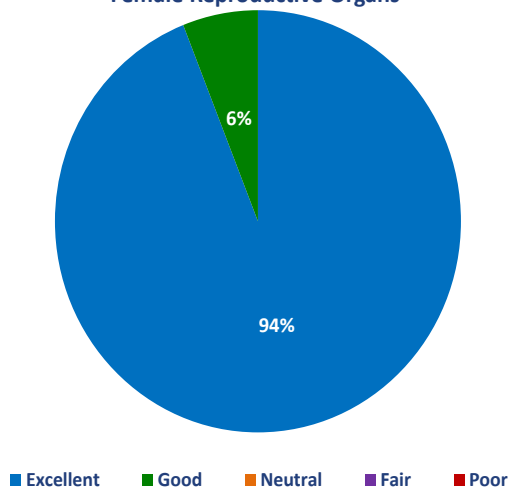
Dissection Room: Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, and Small and Large Intestine



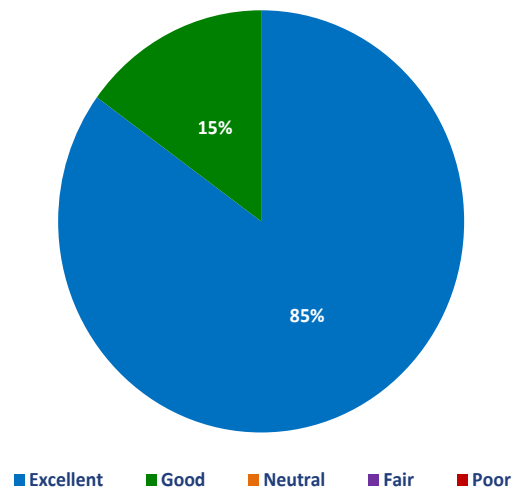
Dissection Room: Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder, Pancreas, and Kidneys) and Stomach



Dissection Room: Pelvis, and Male and Female Reproductive Organs

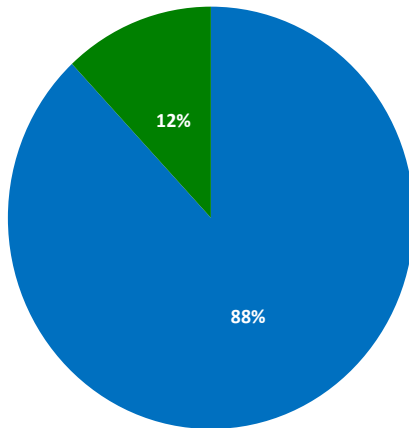


Dissection Room: Pelvic Bone and Vertebrae



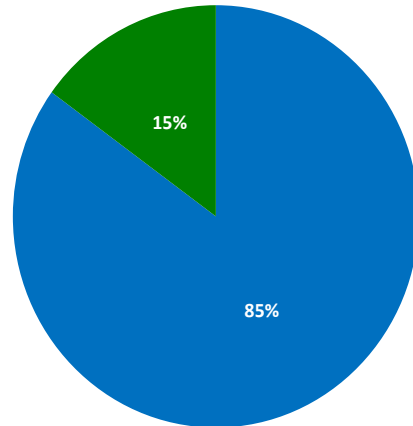
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Pathology 1: GI Pathology (Dysphagia, Barrett's, IBD, Polyps, Cancers)



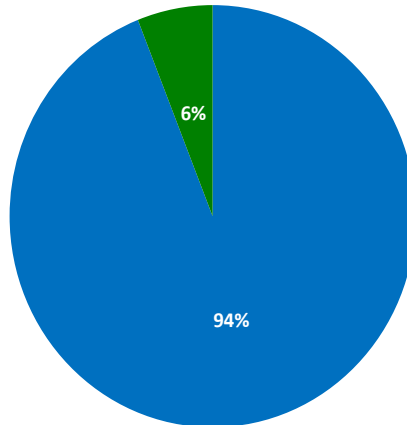
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Pathology 2: GU Pathology (Inguinoscrotal Swellings; Cancers of the Testis, Prostate, Kidney, and Bladder)



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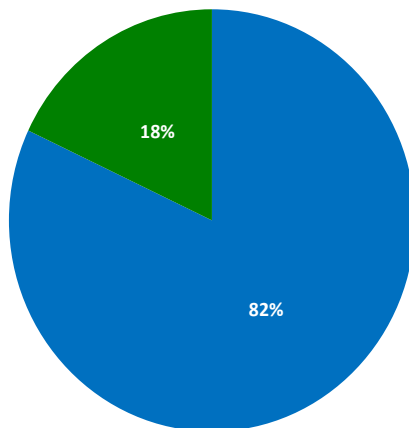
Pathology 3: Other Pathologies (Tumours of the Lung, Salivary Gland, Brain, Bone, and Breast; Osteomyelitis)



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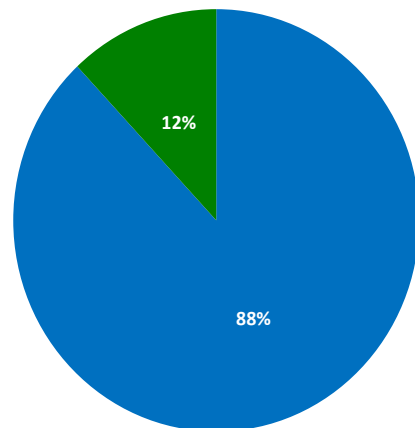
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



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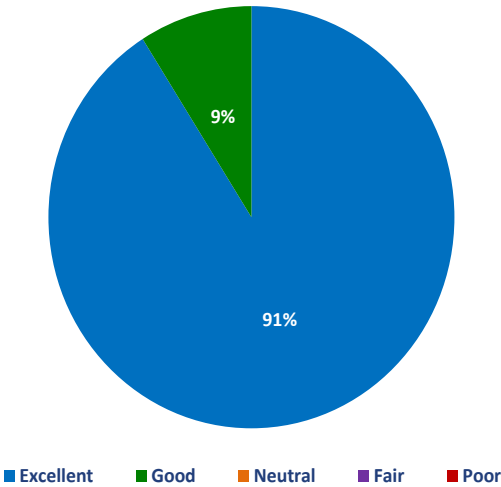
Examination of the Hip and Knee



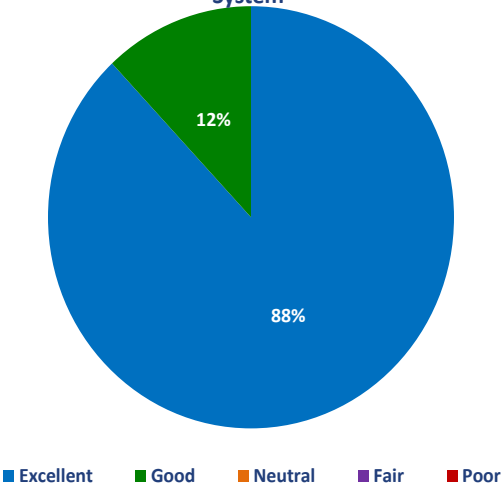
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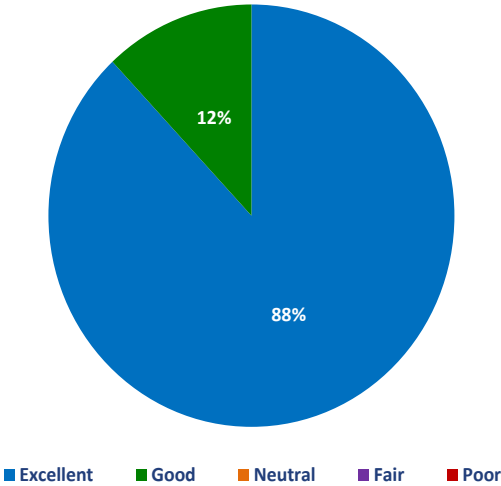
Examination of the Shoulder and Back



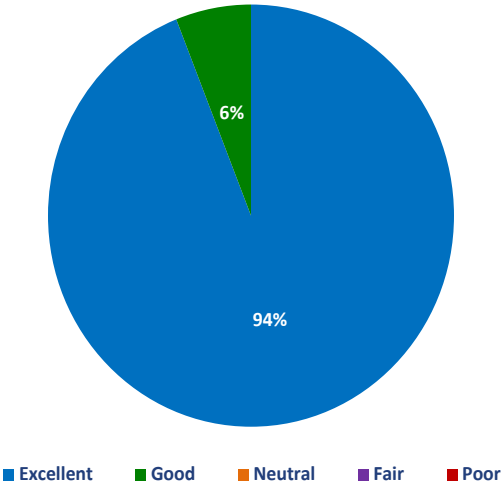
Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



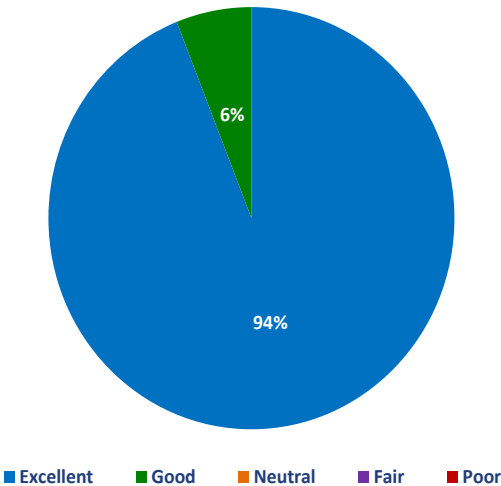
Examination of the Abdomen and Abdominal Conditions



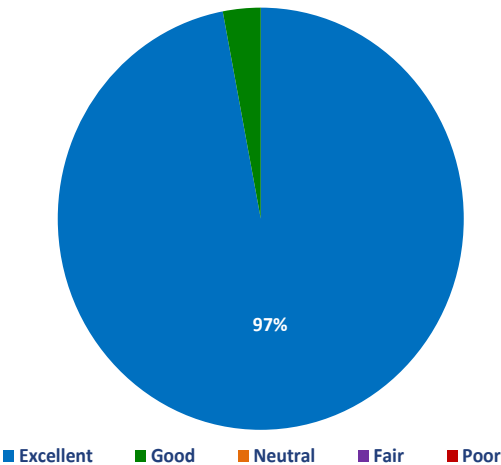
Examination of the Arterial and Venous Systems



Examination of the Neck and Salivary Glands

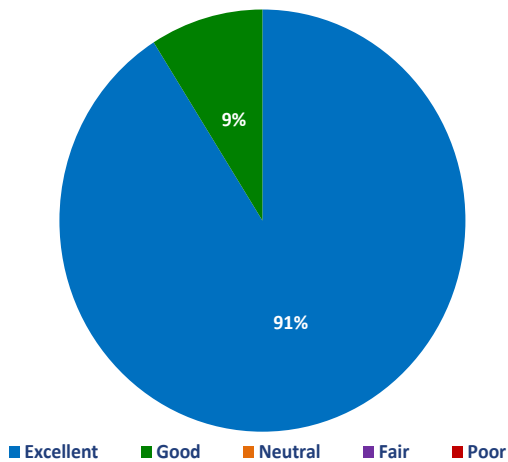


Communication Skills: Information Giving for Acoustic Neuroma and Consent for Salivary Gland Excision

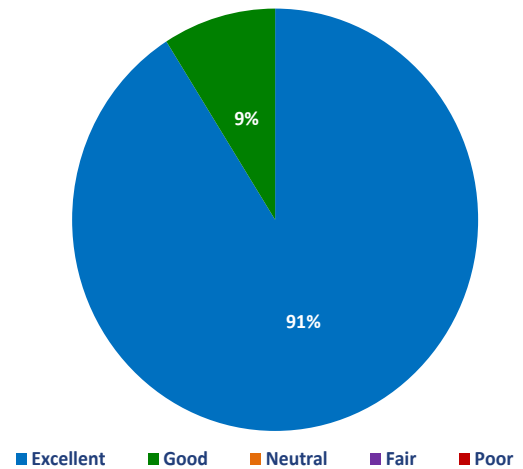


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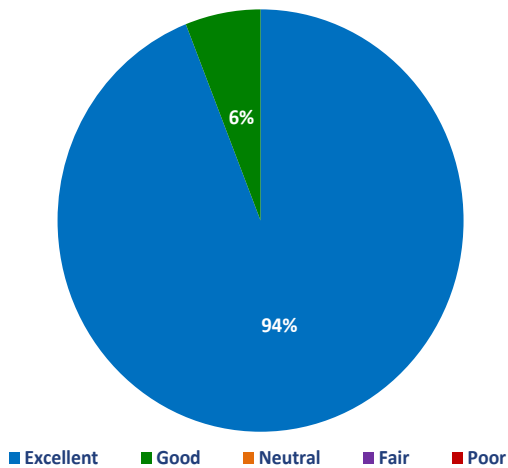
Communication Skills: History Taking for Breast Lump, Breaking Bad News and Consent for General Surgical Procedures



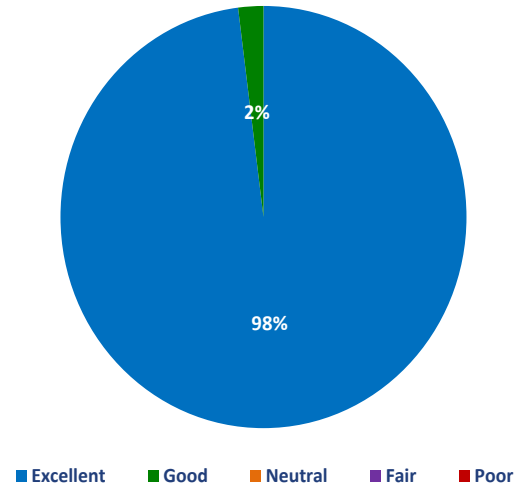
Communication Skills: Cancelled Operation and Self-Discharge



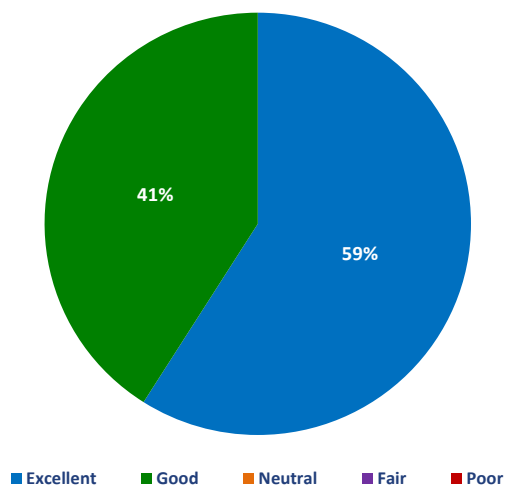
Communication Skills: Consent for Knee Arthroscopy, Information Giving for Fasciotomy, and Telephone Conversation with the Consultant



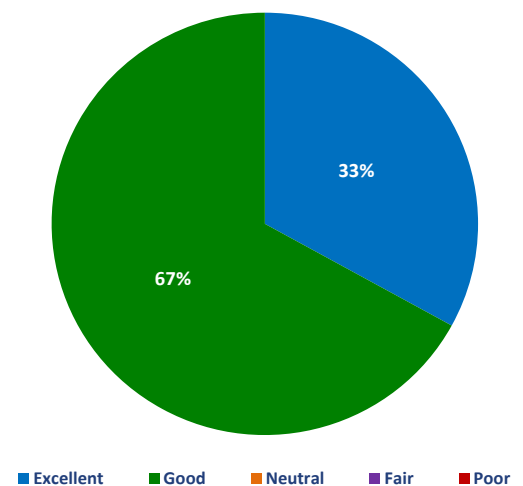
Communication Skills: History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



How were the facilities and venue?

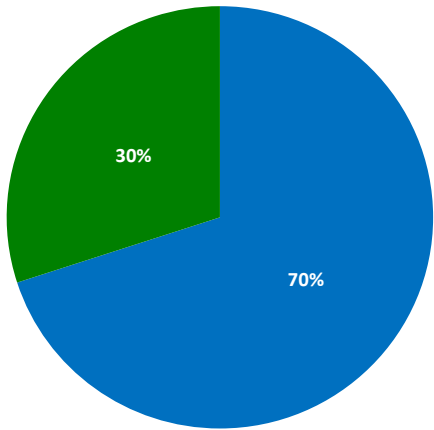


How were the refreshments and lunch?



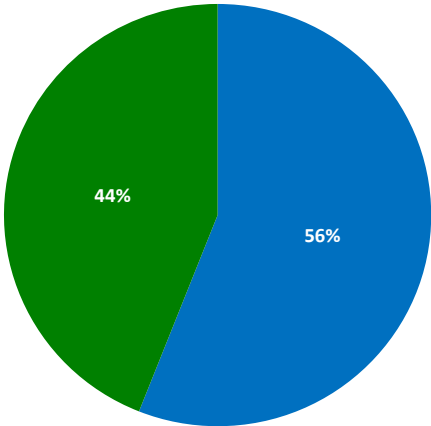
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



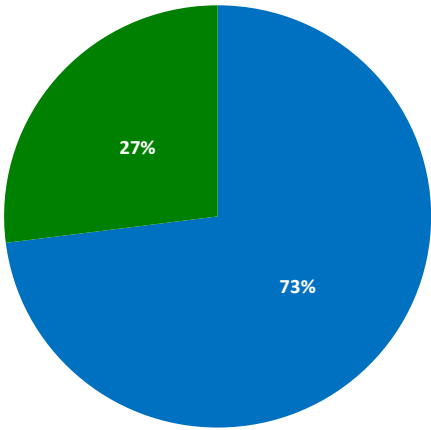
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Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



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

Did this course meet your learning objectives and help you to prepare for the exam?



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

Individual Comments

Excellent

CM

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS, UK

Dr Grace Shirley gave us excellent advice for communication skills and Prof Enoch was always approachable and gave excellent teaching.

MS

Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol

All faculty were excellent.

OG

Royal Free Hospital, London, UK

Everyone was very friendly and helpful, keen to teach.

AD

University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent, UK

My experience with the faculty was amazing. Everyone from all the stations were quite supportive and gave advice and helped in how to prepare. I had great interaction with everyone :the faculty , tutors , colleagues ; had an insight as well. Professor Enoch sir is such an exceptional person , he has motivated me and everyone and given all pointers for the preparation. Kudos to the entire team!

AM

Medanta Hospital, Gurugram, India

Overall all the faculty were very knowledgeable, gave appropriate feedback and were easy to approach.

KA

Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, UK

All faculty were amazing.

RJ

Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK

All the stations were quite helpful and the ABG interpretation station was very well done.

MO

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, UK

Great faculty, approachable and gave constructive feedback.

SF

Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Trust, UK

Individual Comments

Clear instructors throughout, urology registrar who organised dissection was very encouraging. Surgeon who led the osteology station was very encouraging and made sure we understood the key aspects of his station.

SF

Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Trust, UK

Excellent faculty in hip/knee examination - really aided understanding of special tests and gave simple ways to remember things.

EA

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS , UK

Faculty were all knowledgeable and offered to help throughout.

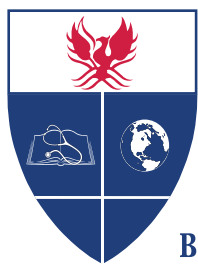
SK

Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham, UK

The faculty were highly knowledgeable and engaging. They explained concepts clearly and provided structured feedback during the stations. I particularly appreciated how they encouraged questions and ensured everyone understood the key points. Their approach was motivating and supportive throughout the course.

NB

Barnet Hospital, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, UK



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