

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



Feedback - September 2024

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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.

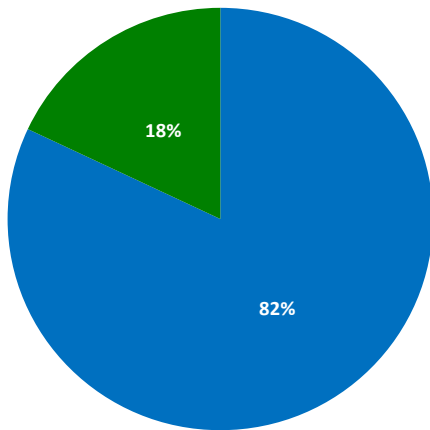
Course Information

Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	25th - 29th September 2024
Attendance:	39 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£875.00



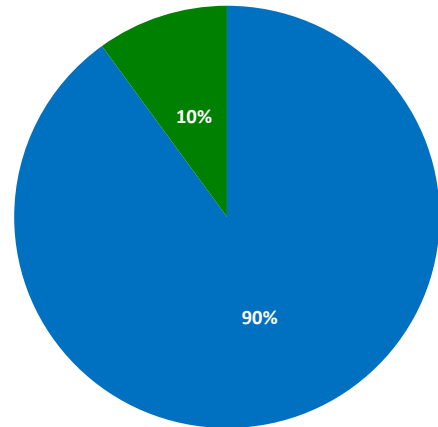
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How was the clarity of the sessions?



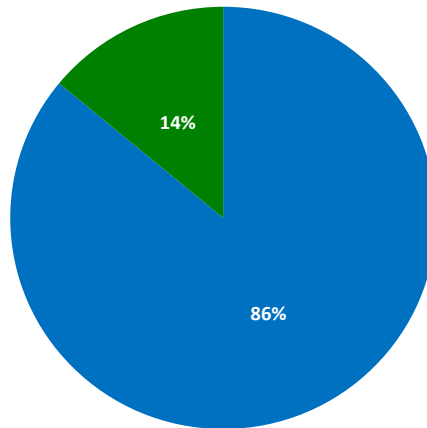
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



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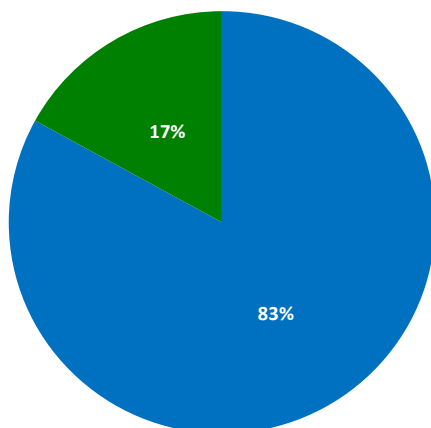
How do you rate the relevance of the course to your studies?



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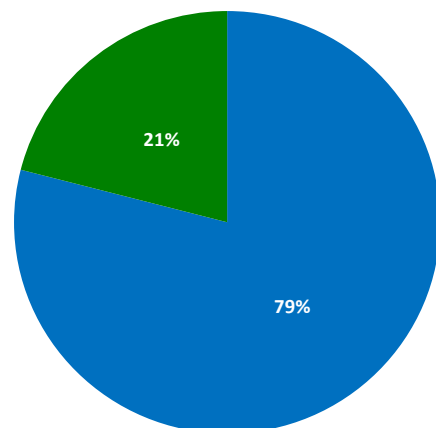
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Skull Base, Head and Face



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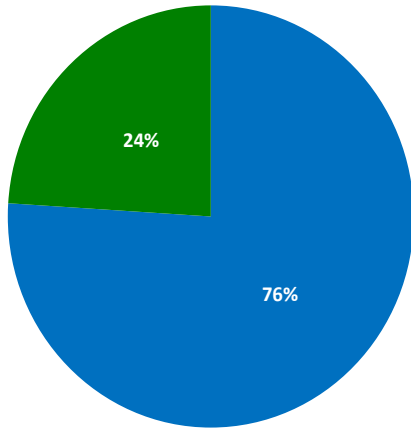
Neck, Neck Swellings, Larynx



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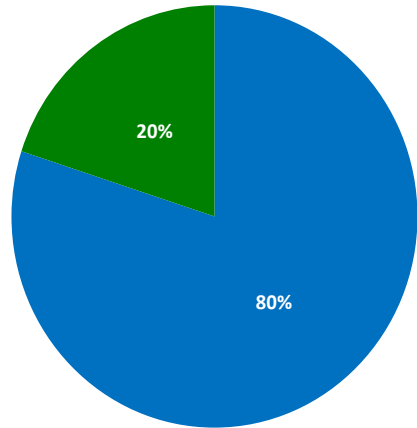
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Thorax, Mediastinum and Oesophagus



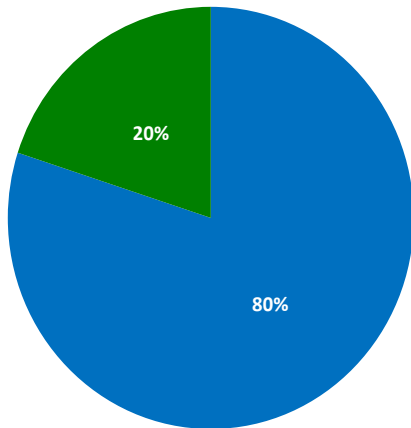
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Heart and Lung



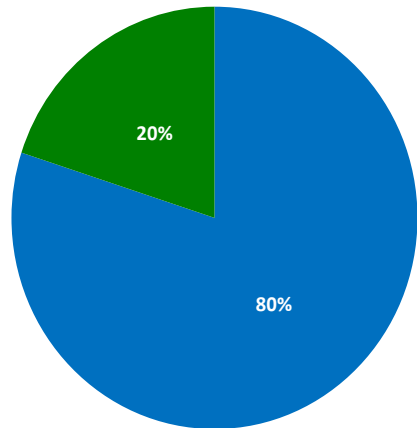
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Brachial Plexus and Upper Limb



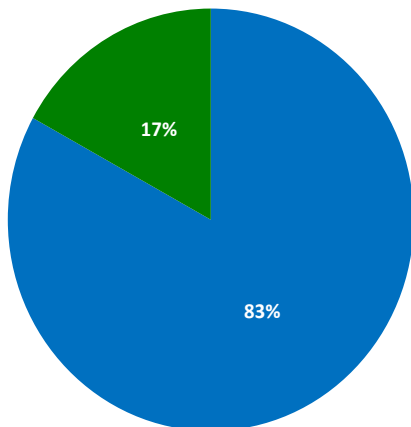
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Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



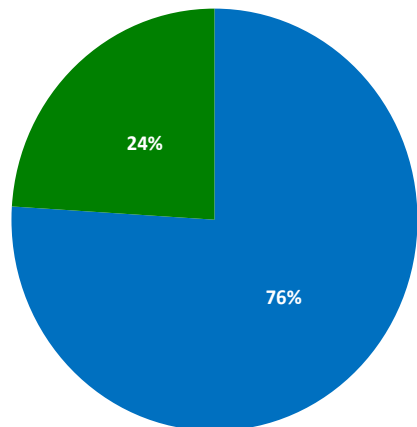
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General Abdomen



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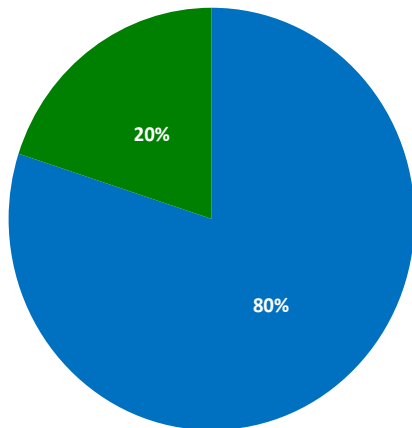
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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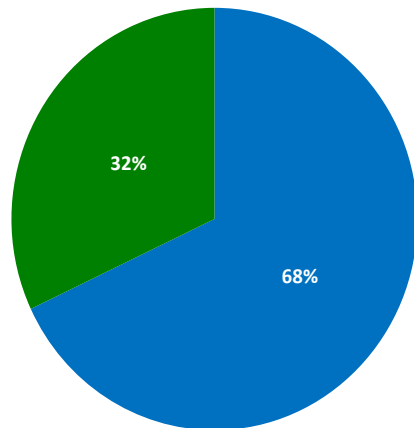
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Pelvis and Perineum



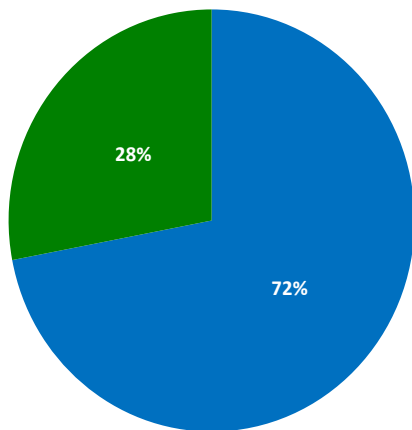
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



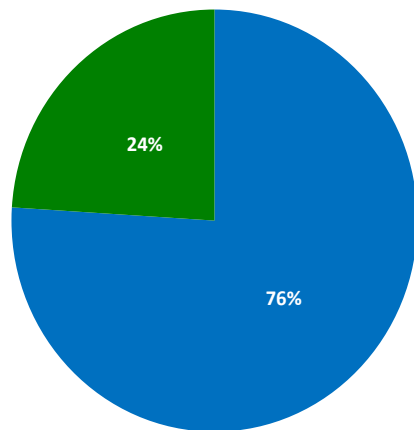
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Lumbosacral Plexus



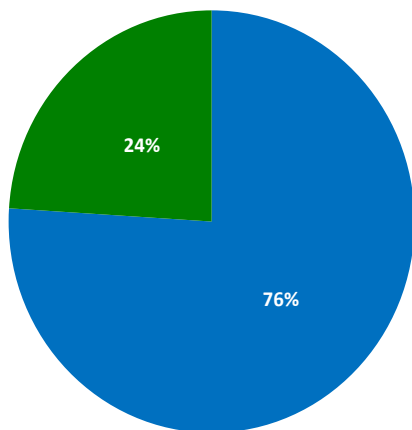
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Lower Limb



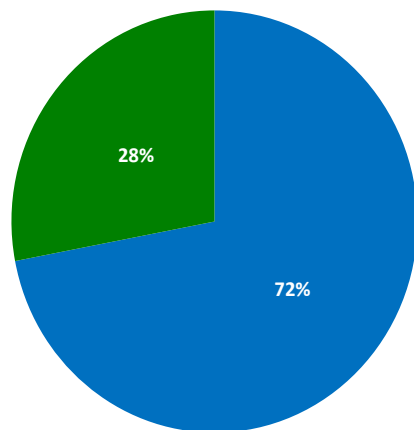
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Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



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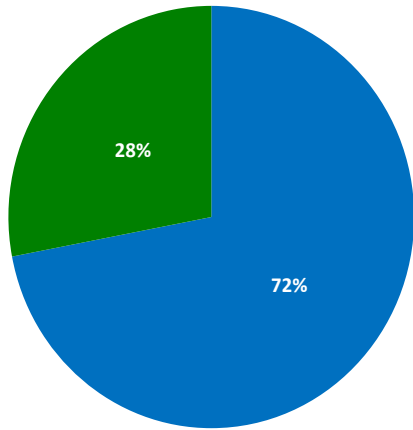
Pathology – Malignant Melanoma



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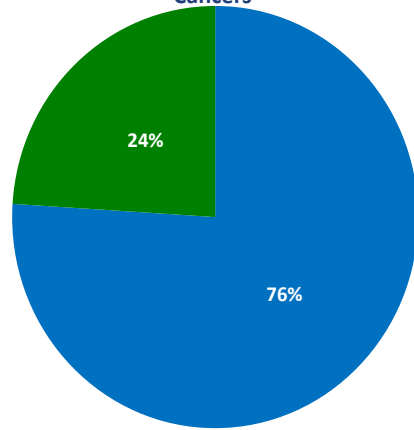
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Pathology – Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers



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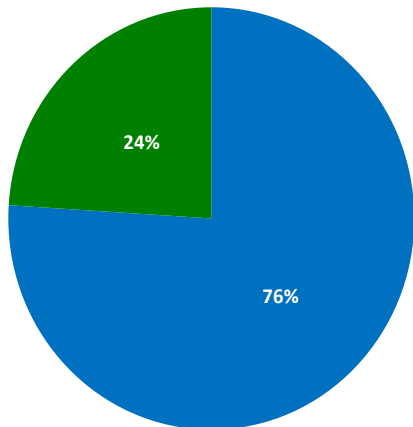
Pathology – Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers



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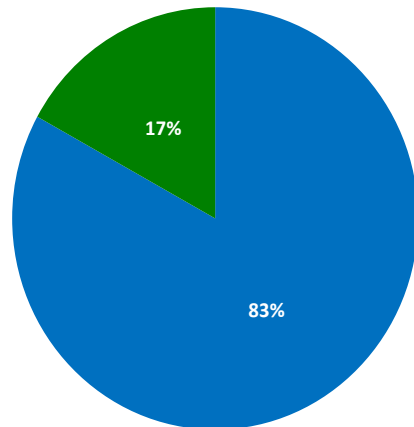
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Knot Tying



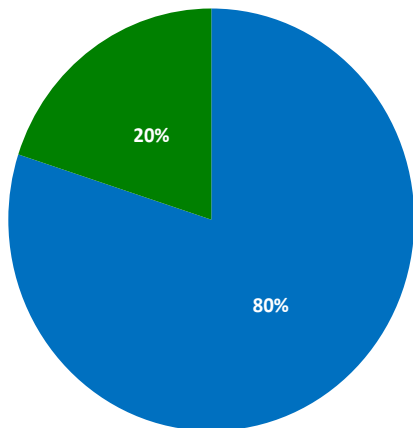
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Excision of a Lesion



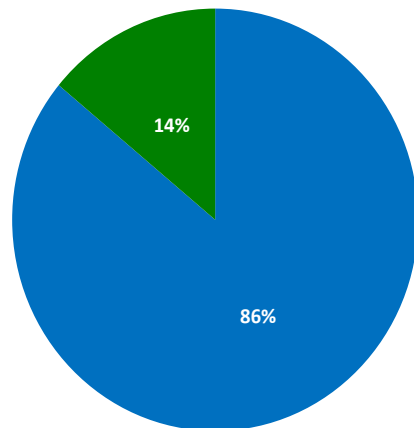
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Suturing



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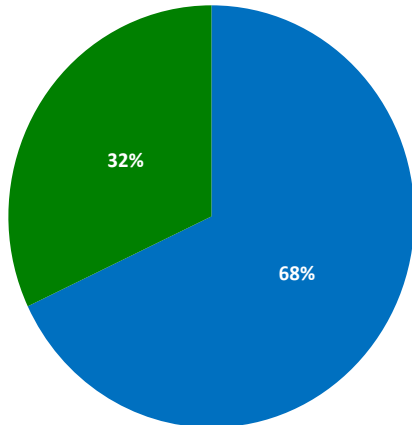
Sutures and Suture Materials



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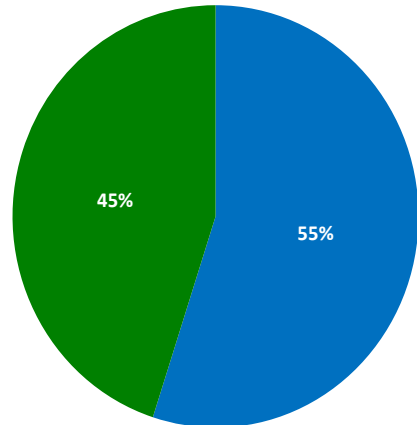
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Chest Drain Insertion



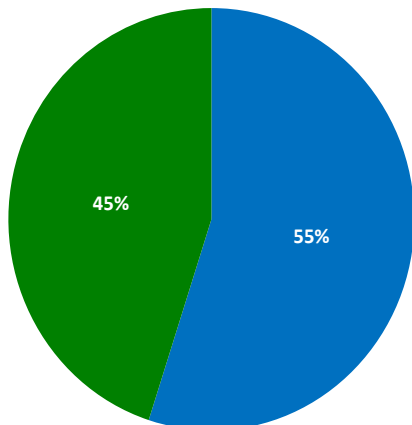
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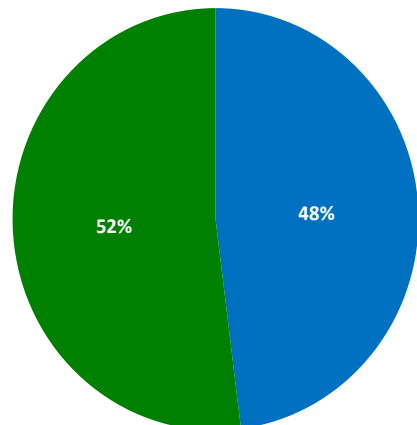
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Catheterisation



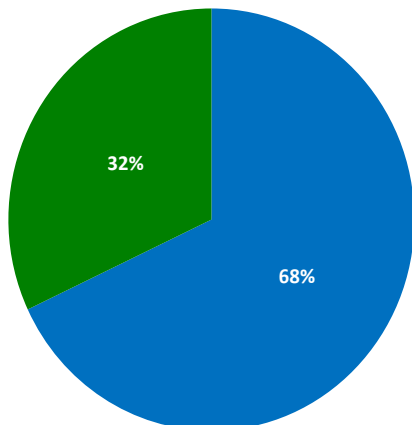
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Cannulation



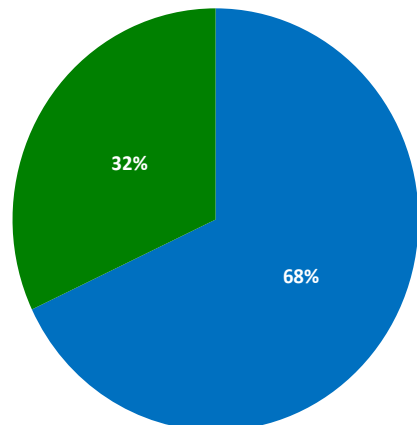
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Wound Debridement



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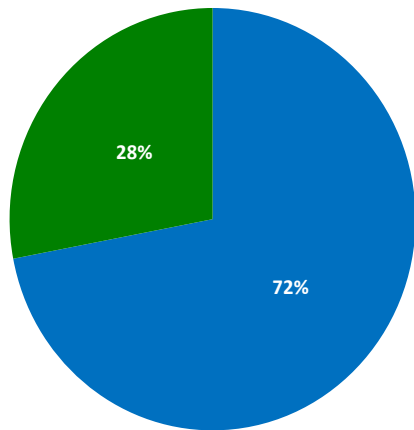
Drainage of an Abscess



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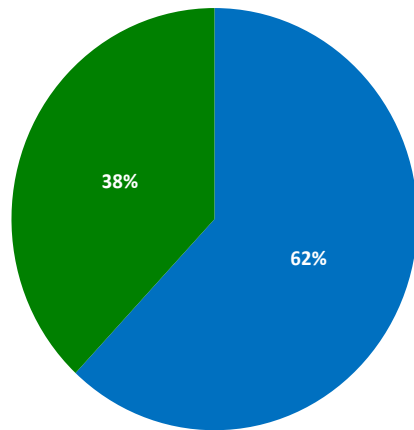
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Osteology of the Upper and Lower Limbs



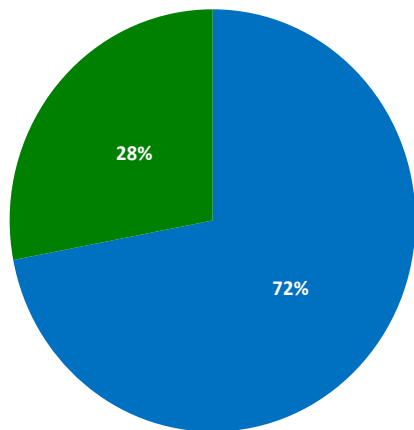
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Acid-Base Balance and Renal Failure



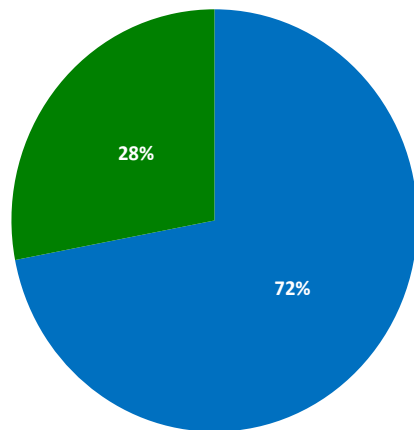
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Cardiac-Related Physiology and ECGs



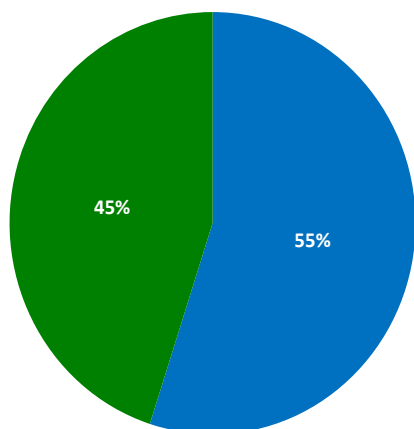
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Gastrointestinal Physiology



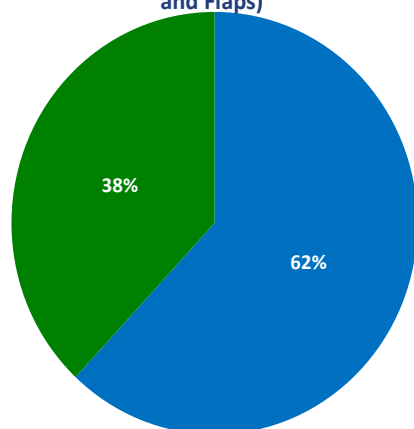
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Respiratory Physiology



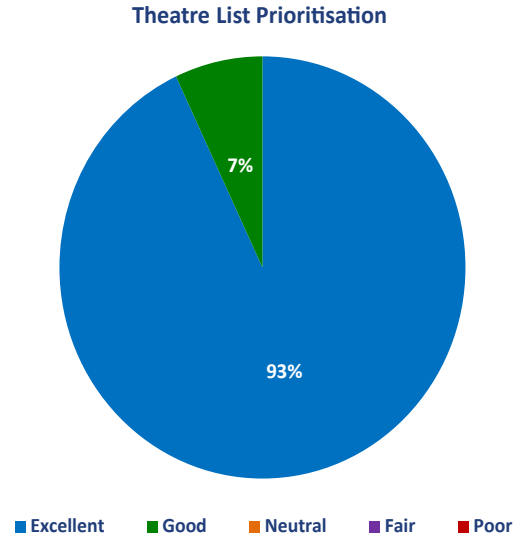
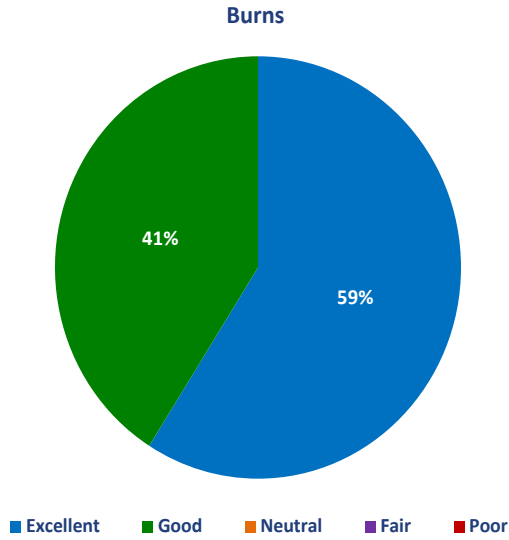
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Wound Healing and Reconstruction (Grafts and Flaps)

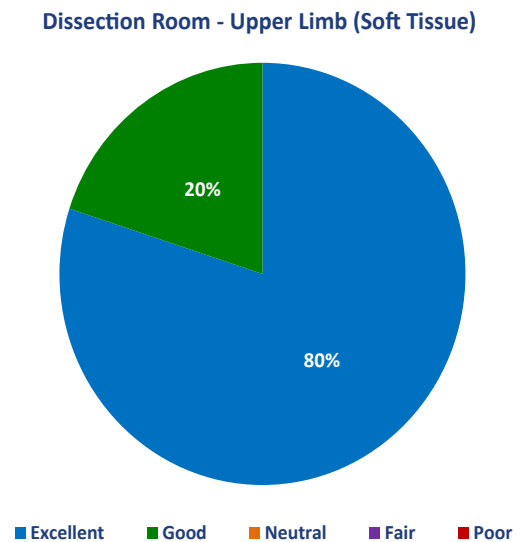
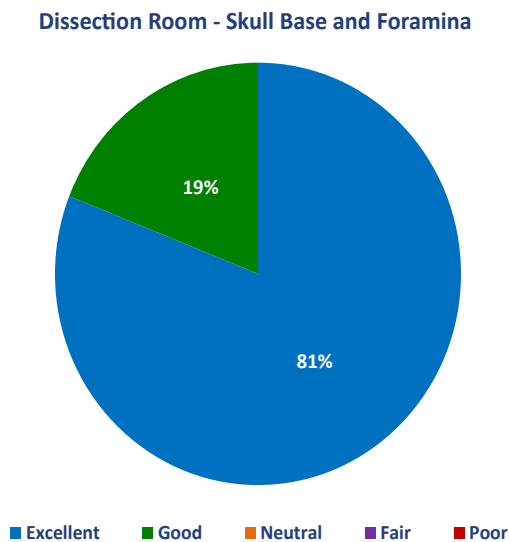
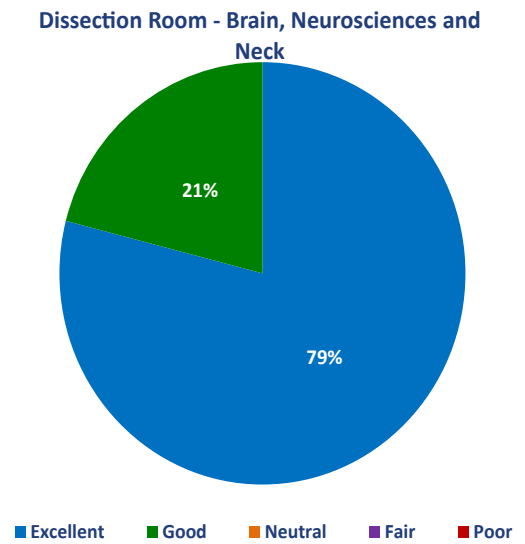
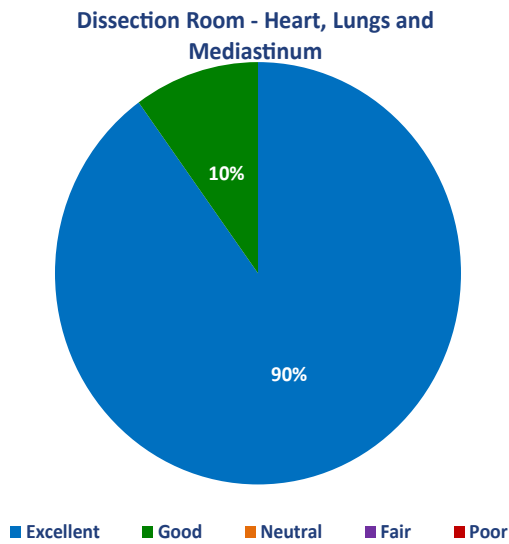


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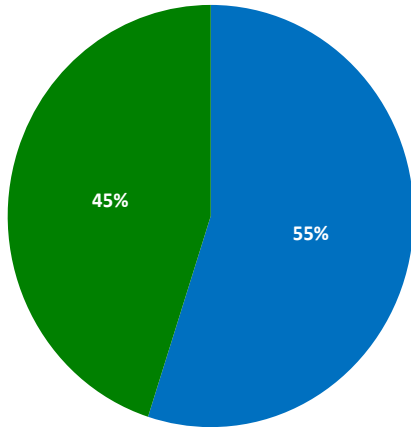


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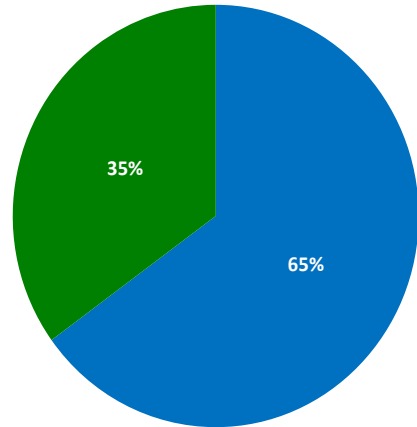
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Dissection Room - Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



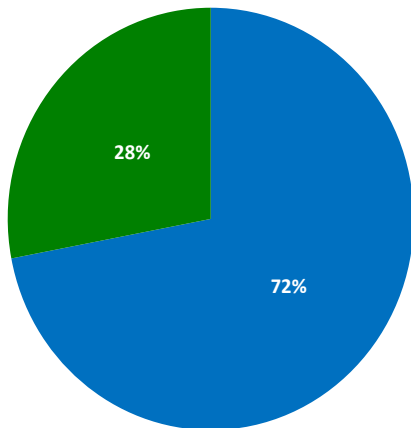
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Dissection Room - Anterior Abdominal Wall and Inguinal Region



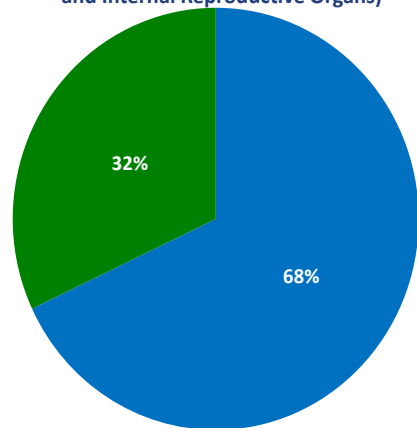
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Dissection Room - Oesophagus, Colon and Upper GI Anatomy



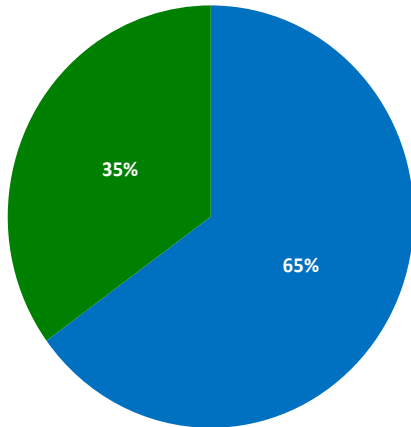
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Dissection Room - Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas, Spleen, Kidneys, and Internal Reproductive Organs)



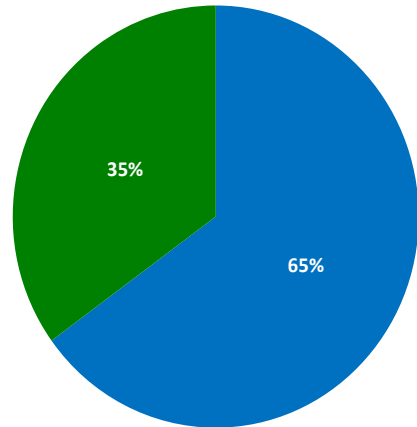
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Pathology – Dysphagia, Barrett's and Oesophageal Cancer



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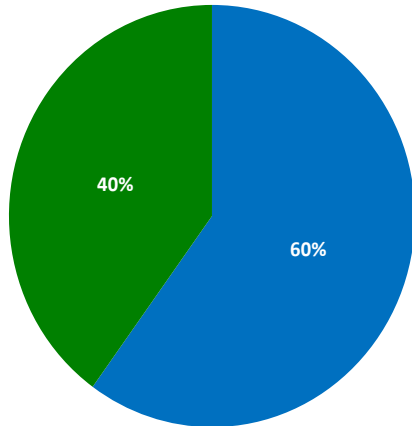
Pathology – Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



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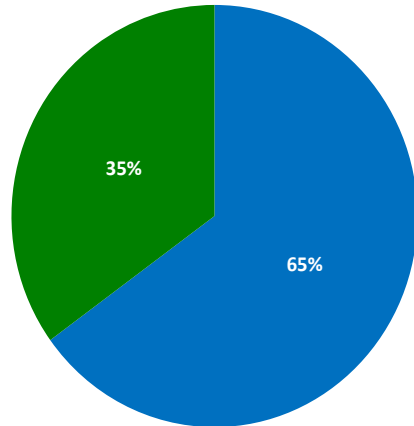
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Pathology – Polyps, Colorectal Cancers and Colectomies



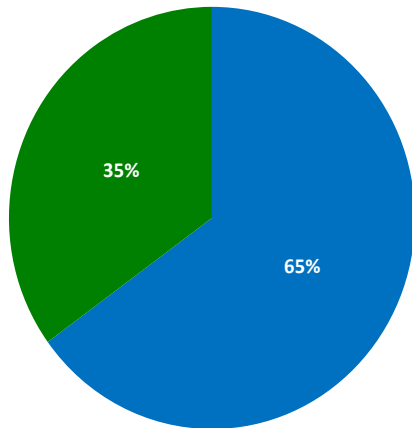
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Pathology – Inguinoscrotal Swellings and Testicular Cancers



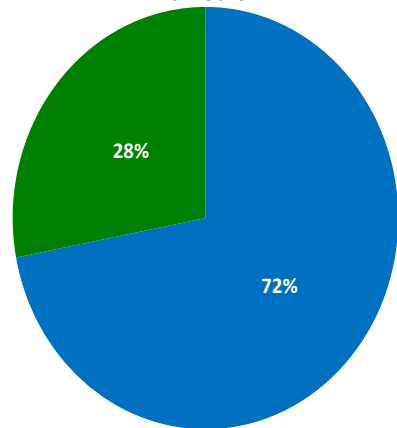
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Pathology – Prostate Pathologies and Cancer



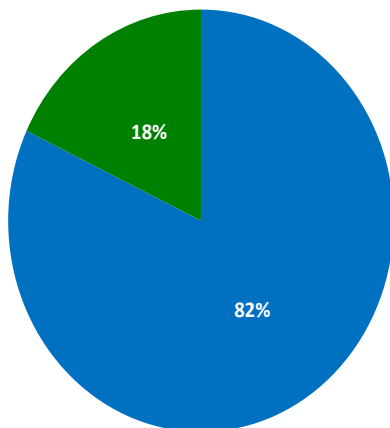
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Pathology – Salivary Gland Swelling and Tumours



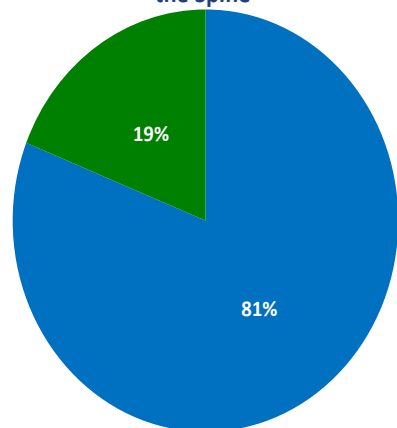
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Pathology – Lung Cancer



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Pathology - Bone Cancers and Metastasis to the Spine

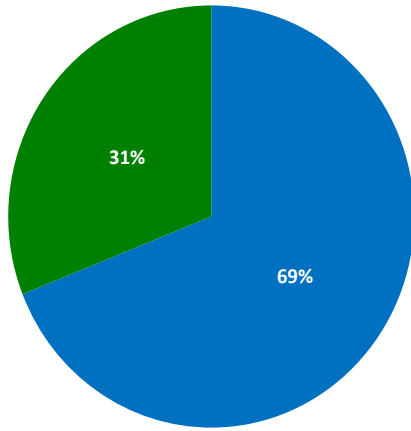


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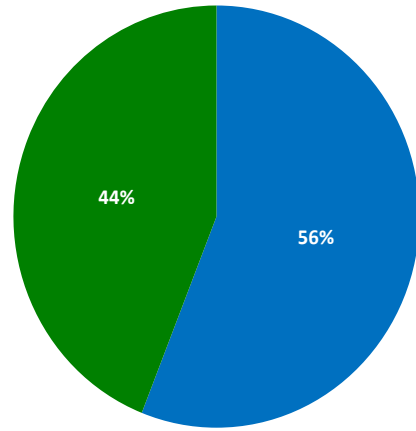
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Examination of the Abdomen



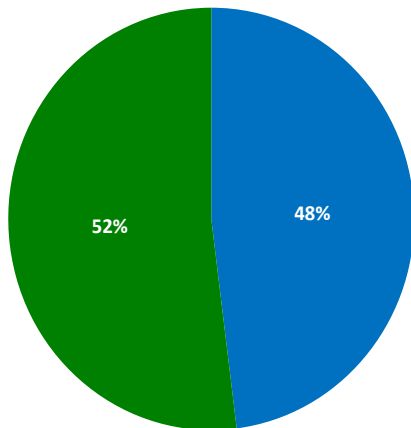
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Examination of the Hip and Knee



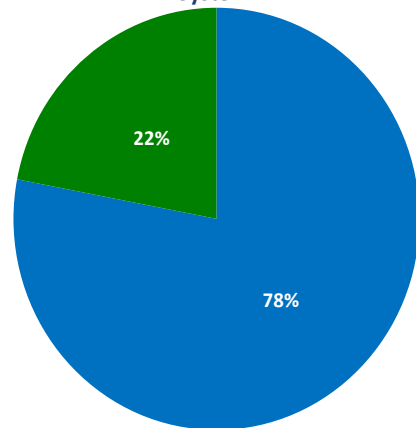
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Examination of the Shoulder and Back



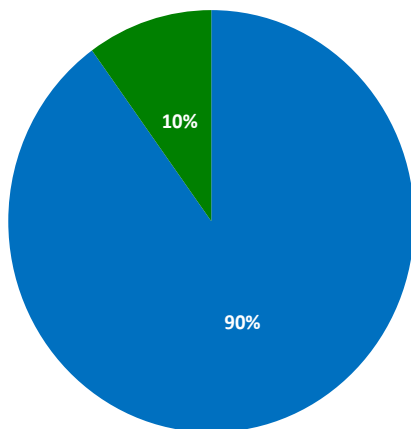
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Examination of the Cardiorespiratory System



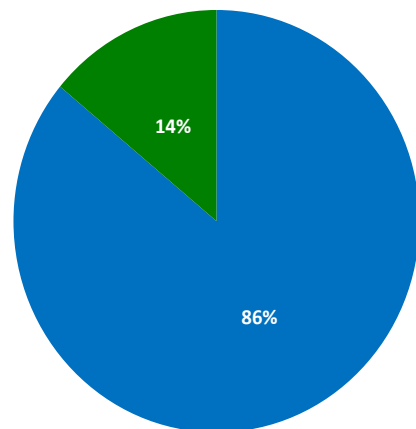
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Examination of the Varicose Veins



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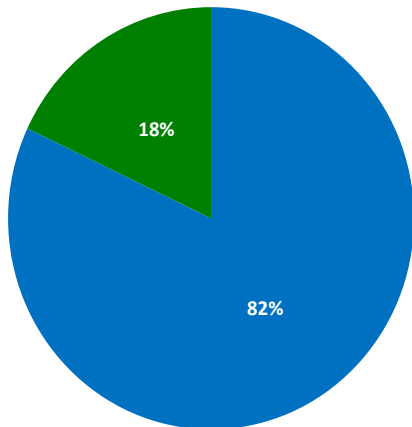
Examination of the Arterial System



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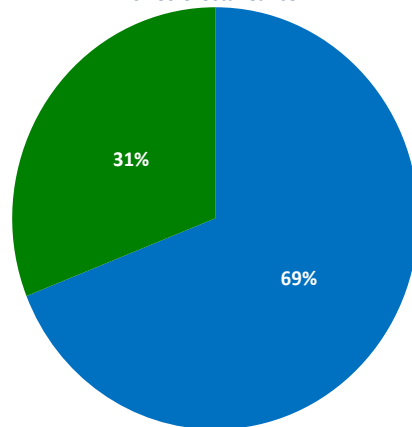
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Examination of the Cranial Nerves



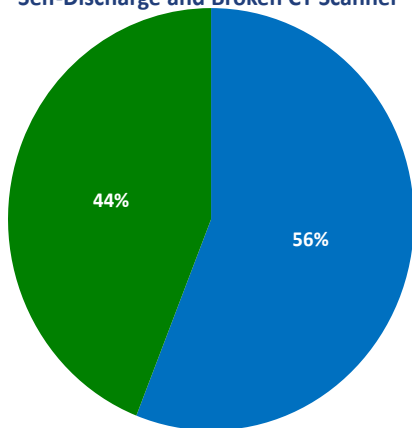
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Communication Skills - History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



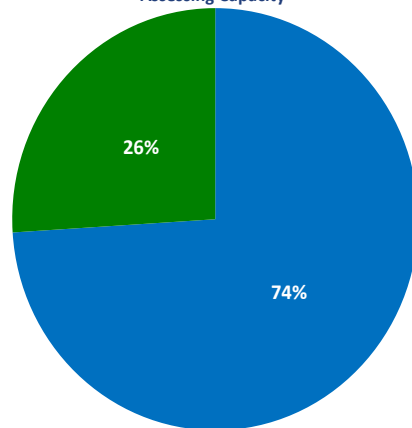
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Communication Skills - Cancelled Operation, Self-Discharge and Broken CT Scanner



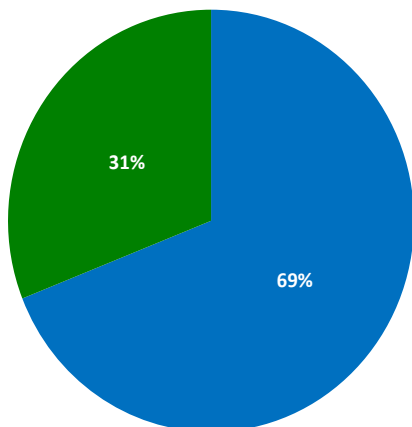
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Communication Skills - Speaking to Consultant Regarding Lower Limb Fracture, Consent for Knee Arthroscopy, and Assessing Capacity



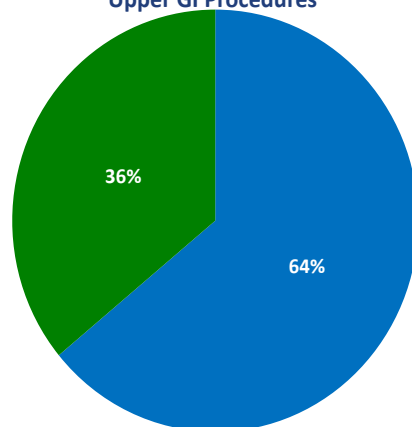
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Communication Skills - Back Pain (Metastatic Cancer) and History Taking for Headache



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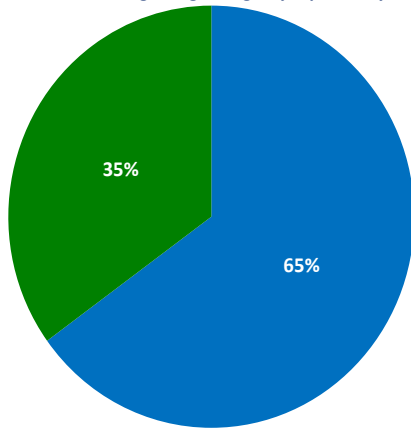
Communication Skills - Consenting for Upper GI Procedures



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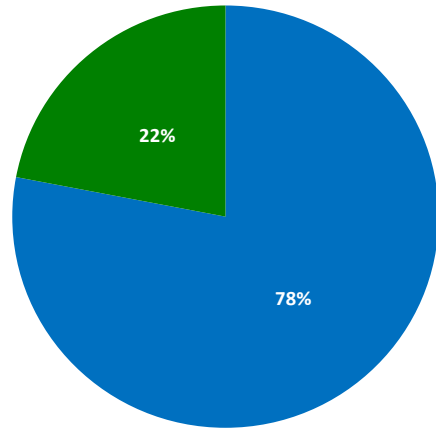
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Communication Skills - History Taking for Breast Lump, Information Giving for Breast Cancer, and Speaking to Consultant Regarding Emergency Laparotomy



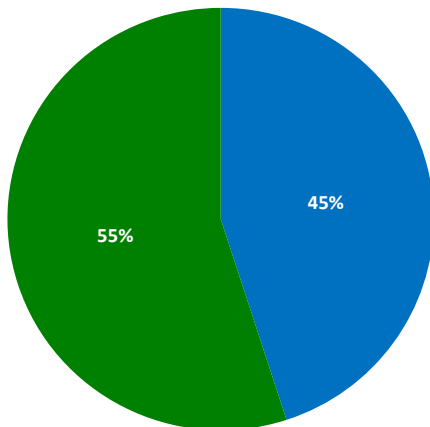
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How were the facilities and venue?



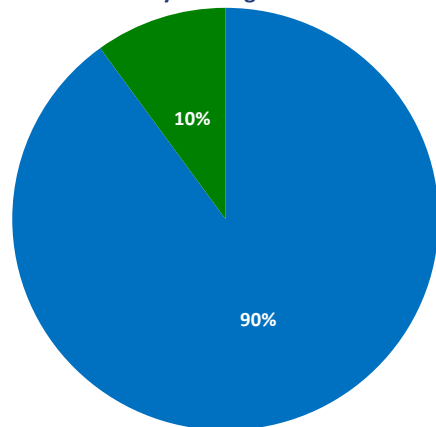
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How were the refreshments and lunch?



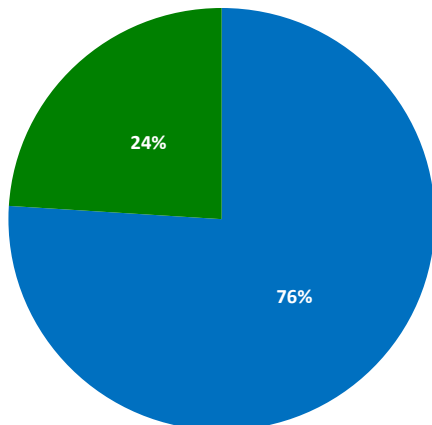
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



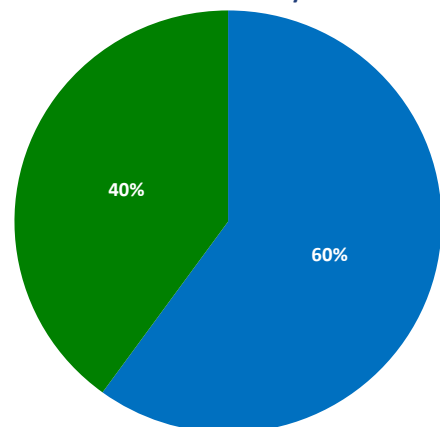
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



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

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



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

Individual Comments

Excellent overall. Great value for money. Intense and relevant to the exam.

GD

Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, UK

Great course, thank you.

MG

Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, UK

Very impressive.

NN

Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals, UK

Really good course, comprehensive cover of material.

HE

Royal Blackburn Hospital, Blackburn, UK

The MRCS preparatory course was well-organized and highly beneficial. The instructors were knowledgeable, and the presentations were engaging and relevant to the MRCS exam, boosting my confidence and readiness.

MR

North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester, UK

The course was very well organised and ran smoothly. Despite being long days, Prof Enoch's lectures were very well delivered and on the whole informative and engaging. No mean feat after several hours! In general the faculty were lovely and very approachable. The sessions on physiology with the consultant anaesthetists, the breast station (with a consultant breast surgeon), the sessions with the neurosurgery registrar (Ron), and the anatomy session in the dissection room with the orthopaedic registrar (Fran), were particularly well delivered and really useful. The whole day in the dissection room at the University was fantastic. I feel that the course was very aligned to my studies, though as I have not yet taken the exam I cannot confirm the relevance yet!

JC

A fantastic revision course, which lived up to my expectation. Very friendly and enthusiastic tutors and staffs.

TL

Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK

Thankyou for such a well organised course. Anatomy makes so much more sense now than it did before. Very thankful to Prof, Dr.Williams and the rest of faculty.

US

Warrington & Halton Hospitals, UK

Individual Comments

This course was excellent and I feel much more prepared for my exam. I was especially impressed with the quality of teaching and the enthusiasm of the tutors for their subjects.

AP

Cheltenham General Hospital, Cheltenham, UK

Very good course, able to focus revision, teach new things and give a platform to practice exam technique.

RC

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK

Excellent course, really improved my learning and confidence. Really well run, and definitely worth the money.

RC

Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, UK

Great course with amazing and helpful faculty.

OO

Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, UK

Was very good, great food, great facilitators.

AM

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, UK

Fantastic course would highly recommend.

HC

Poole Hospital NHS Trust, UK



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