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

Feedback - July 2025

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This highly-popular six-day course was conducted as a hybrid course divided into two distinct components, as outlined below. Delegates could choose to attend the full course (which was recommended), the face-to-face component only, or the theoretical (online) component only.

There were four evenings of focused, didactic discussions held via Zoom before the face-to-face component. These took place on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July 2025. These sessions, which were conducted by consultants in the relevant specialities and higher surgical academics, covered the following core topics in the FRCS (Gen Surg) 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, and Critical Care.

The face-to-face component of the course took place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July 2025 at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool. On Saturday 19th July, focused vivas in general surgery, declared sub-specialities, trauma and critical care, and academic surgery (i.e., critique of a paper, statistics, and basic sciences) were conducted. On Sunday 20th July, patient-focused clinical examination and discussions on radiology and pathology were held. A mock exam, which assessed delegates in various areas tested in the exam, also took place, and delegates will receive formal, written feedback on their performance shortly after the course. There were no lectures during the face-to-face component of the course, and the entire weekend was dedicated to mock vivas facilitated by consultants.

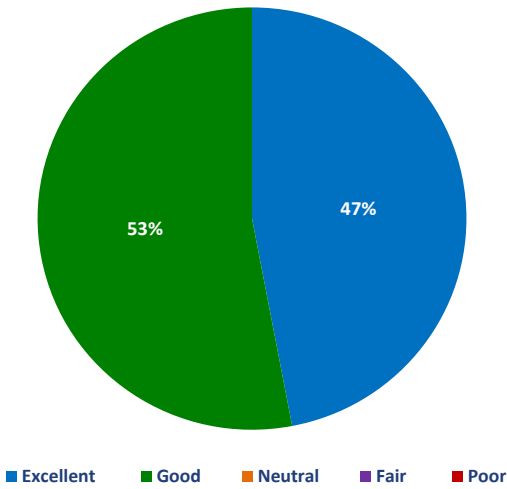
Course Information

Venue:	Education Centre, Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool
Dates:	14th, 15th, 16th and 17th July 2025 (Online Sessions) 19th and 20th July 2025 (Face-to-Face)
Attendance:	21 Delegates
Aimed at:	ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery
Course Fee:	£685.00

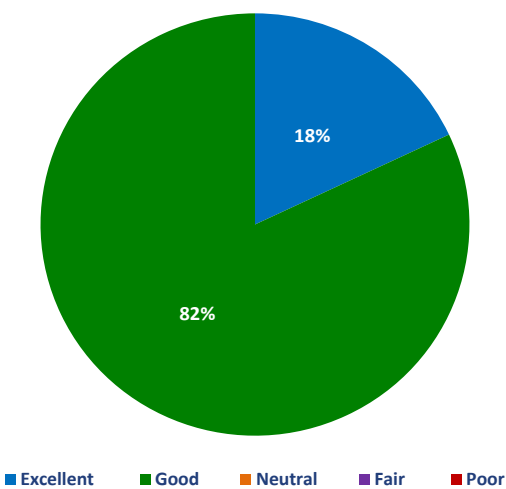


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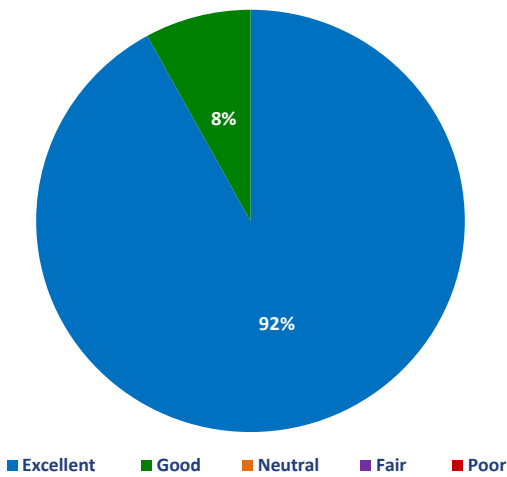
UGI (Malignant) Surgery (Mr A. Sud)



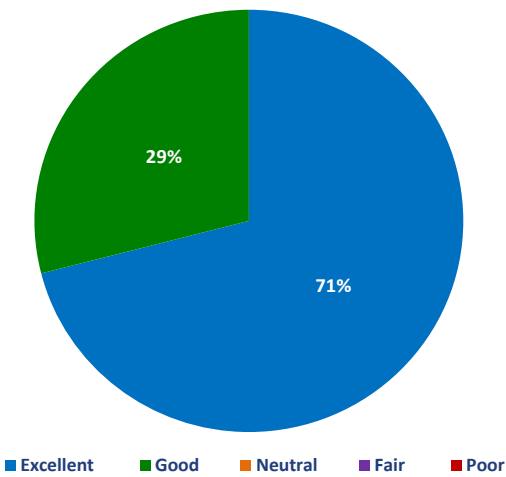
Vascular Surgery (Mr D. Ormesher)



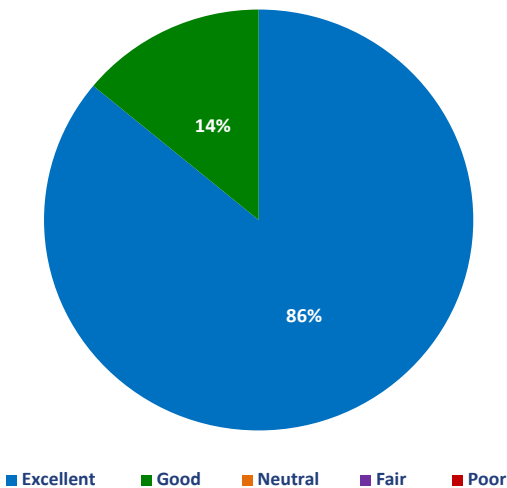
Endocrine Surgery (Mr N. Houghton)



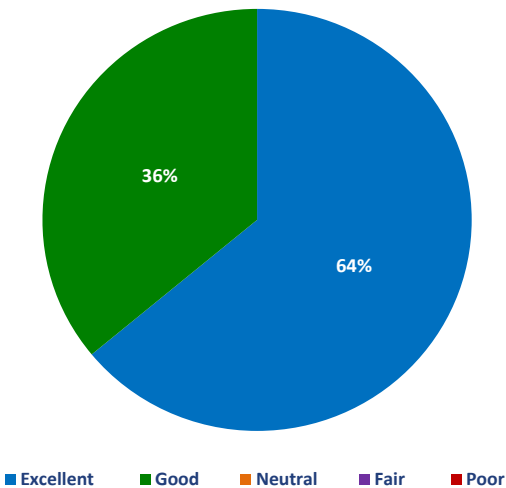
Colorectal (Malignant) Surgery (Miss S. Iftekhar)



Critical Care for Surgeons (Dr T. Evans)

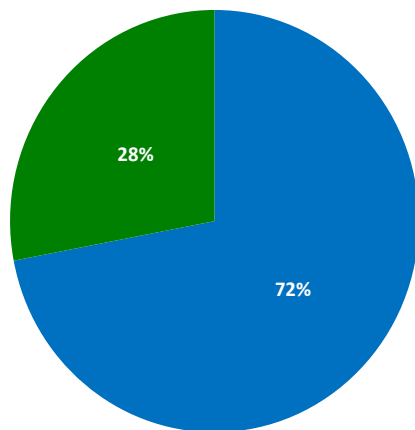


Breast Surgery (Miss J. Morgan)



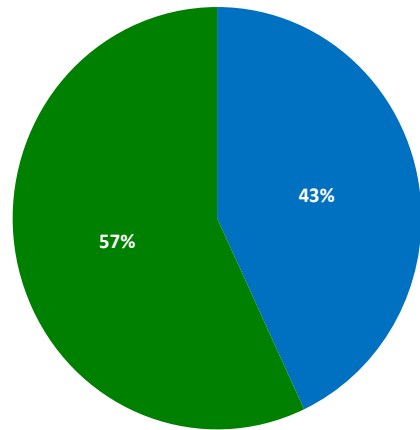
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UGI (Benign) Surgery (Mr A. Menon)



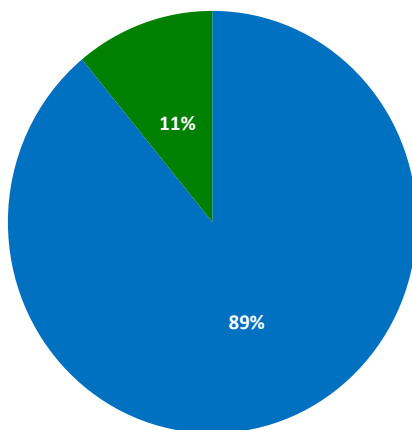
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HPB Surgery (Mr K. Mann)



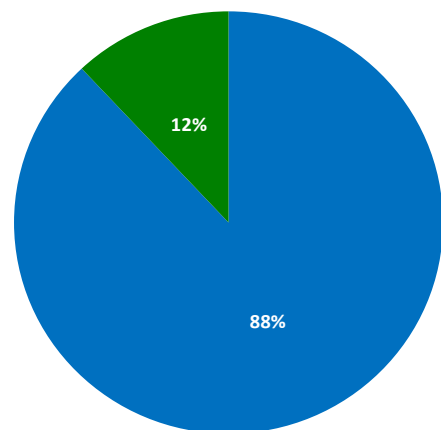
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General Viva



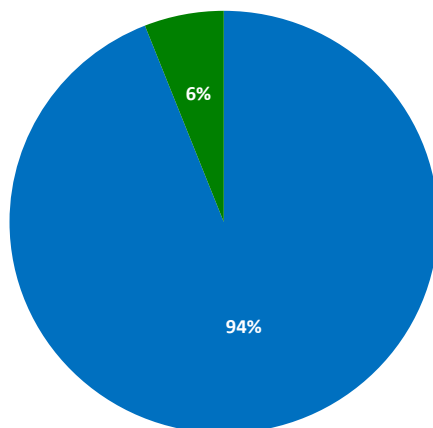
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Trauma and Critical Care Viva



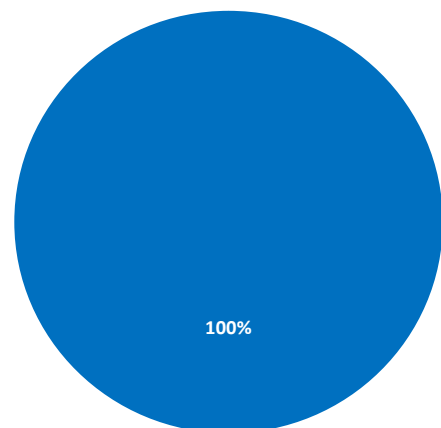
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Sub-Specialty Viva



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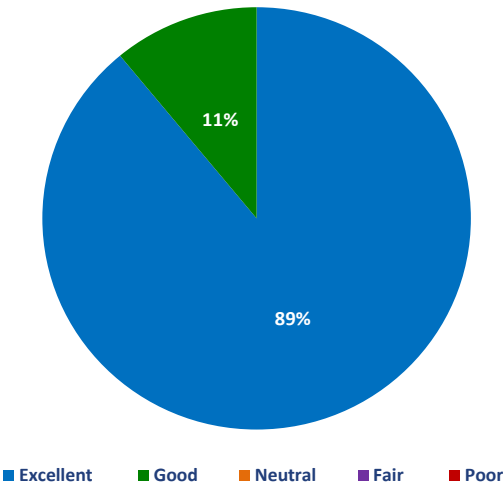
Academic Viva



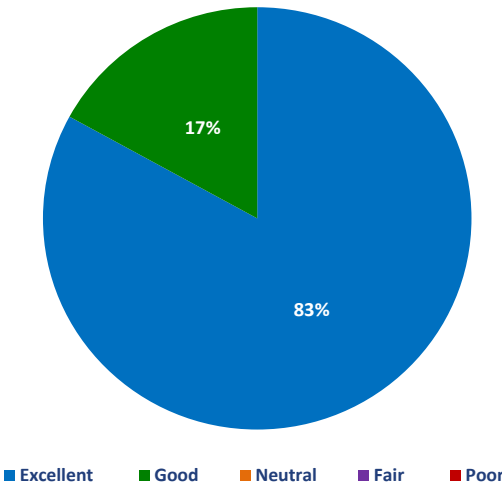
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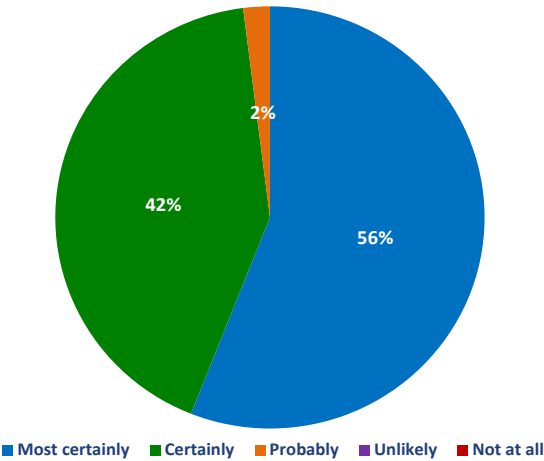
Mock Viva



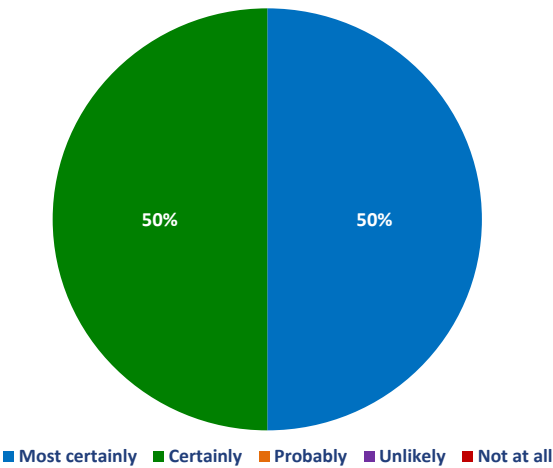
Clinical Examination



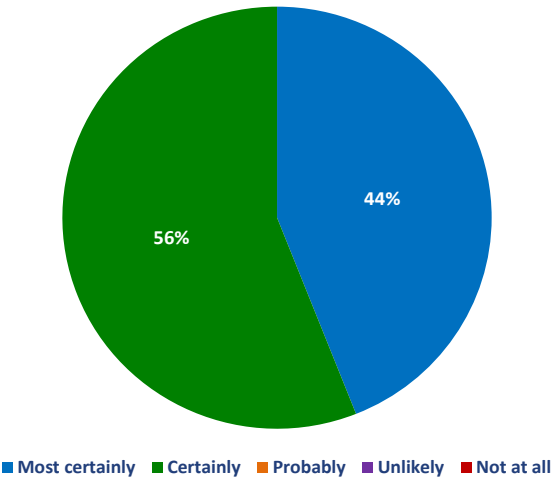
Would you recommend this course to a friend?



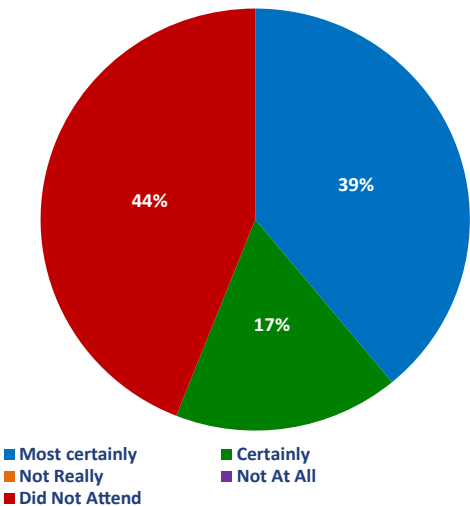
Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



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



If you attended, did you enjoy the course dinner on Saturday evening?



Individual Comments

Good feedback from the faculty.

MJ
Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester, UK

Excellent.

KA
Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust Hope Hospital, UK

All very helpful and friendly.

MC
Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Glasgow

Polite and responsive, very knowledgeable too.

FS
Southmead Hospital, Bristol, UK

Good teaching and useful feedback.

KB
Royal United Hospital, Bath, UK

Friendly and supportive.

KA
Limerick University Hospital, Ireland

Very engaging.

YS
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, UK

All the faculty provided good feedback.

SB
University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent, UK

Excellent facility. Well organised by Prof Enoch.

AT
Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital NHS, UK

The faculty were excellent in particular on the weekend. The course organisers were also excellent. Thank you!

AC
Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, UK

All faculty members were supportive and gave valuable guidance and feedback.

MM
University Hospital, Limerick, UK

Individual Comments

The faculty were fantastic and gave actionable feedback. Really appreciated them giving up their time. Nathan Stephenson gave me a lot of his time, and was invaluable in his feedback. All of the faculty really I couldn't speak more highly of.

MB

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Very supportive, very positive in feedback. Perhaps some harsher criticism would be useful too.

JW

Kings College London, UK

Very helpful faculty members.

MK

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK

The critical care session online was really excellent. Lots of tutors at the weekend were very good. No one was negative.

EB

Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol, UK



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