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

Feedback - December 2022

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The highly popular Christie-Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course was conducted in December 2022 for the first time since the COVID pandemic. This restructured, hybrid course was divided into two components, as outlined below.

The face-to-face component of the course was held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at The Christie Hospital in Manchester. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, there were focused 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 11<sup>th</sup> December, there were 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 was dedicated to vivas, discussions, and clinical examination of patients.

Prior to this, there were five evenings of interactive discussions held via Zoom from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022. These sessions covered the core topics in the FRCS syllabus (JCIE). The following areas and topics were covered on these days: Breast Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, Transplant Surgery, Benign and Malignant Upper GI Surgery, Benign and Malignant Lower GI Surgery, HPB Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care, Statistics, and Vascular Surgery. These sessions were complimentary and intended to complement the viva sessions at the weekend and to provide additional knowledge for the exam. These sessions were recorded and those who were unable to attend the sessions could watch the recording at a later time at his/her own convenience. The online sessions did not have to be attended on the day of delivery.

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

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| <b>Venue:</b>      | <b>Christie Hospital, Manchester</b>                       |
| <b>Date:</b>       | <b>10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>   |
| <b>Attendance:</b> | <b>12 Delegates</b>  |
| <b>Aimed at:</b>   | <b>ST5 or above/SpR Year 3 or above in General Surgery</b> |
| <b>Course Fee:</b> | <b>£585.00</b>   |



# Programme

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022

- 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

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

- 0840 - 0850 Registration
- 0850 - 0900 Allocation of Delegates to Stations
- 0900 - 1030 Clinical Pathology with Images & Path Reports (60 minutes viva + 30 minutes feedback)

### 1030 - 1050 Break

- 1055 - 1225 Clinical Radiology with Images (60 minutes viva + 30 minutes feedback)

### 1225 - 1300 Lunch

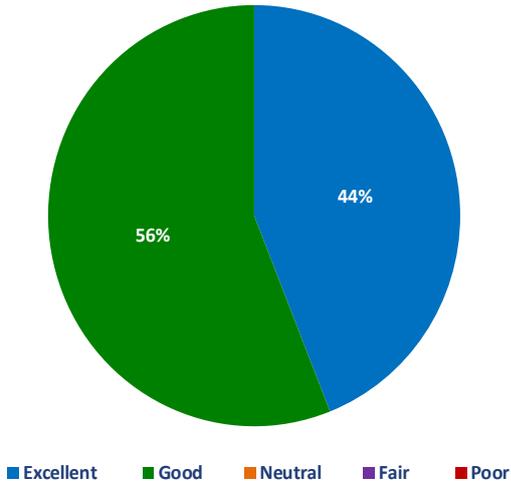
- 1310 - 1440 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)

### 1440 - 1500 Break

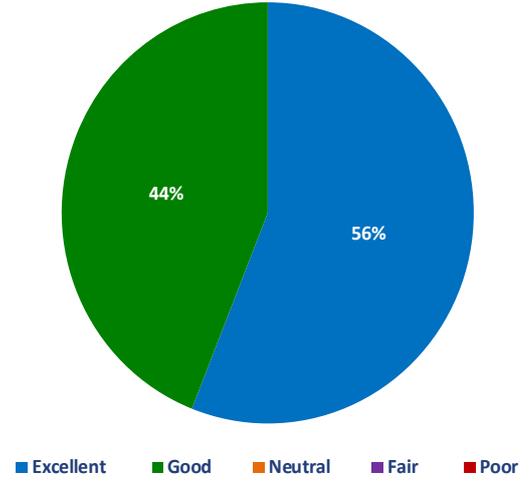
- 1505 - 1635 Clinicals (with Patients and Images)
- 1635 - 1650 Summary and Tips for Exam Success
- 1650 - 1700 End of Course

# Overall Feedback

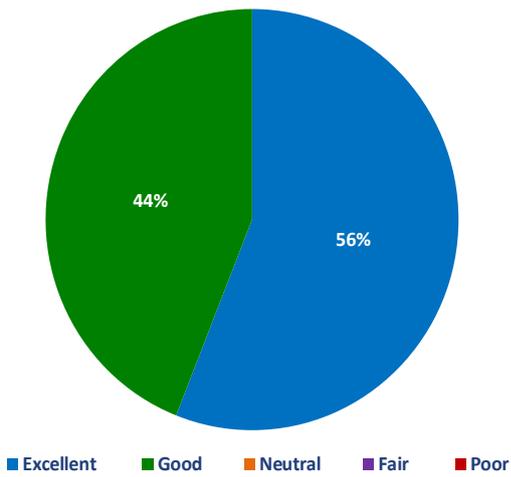
How was the content of the course?



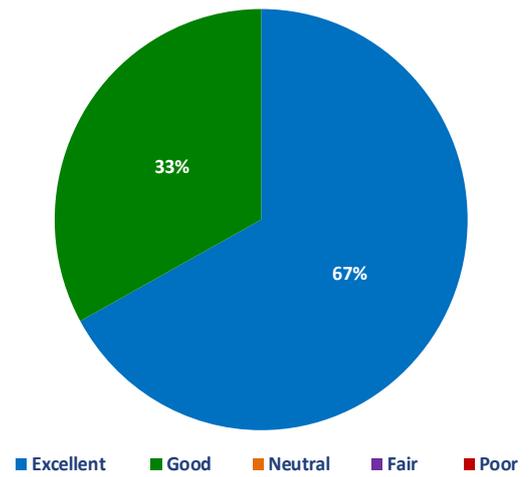
How would you rate the general academic standard of the lecturers?



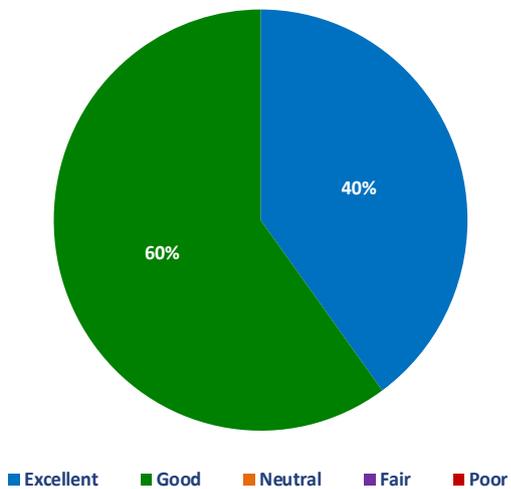
How was the clarity of the presentations?



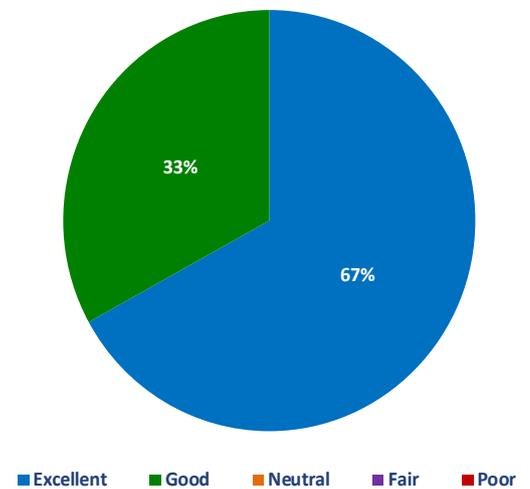
How would you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?



Vascular Surgery

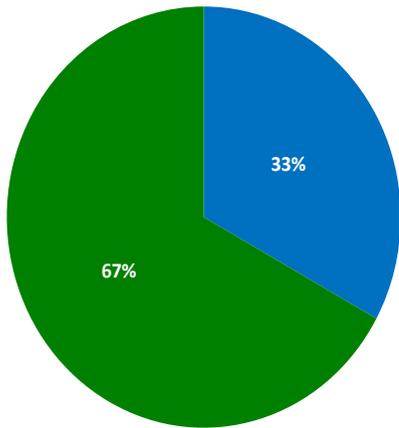


Upper GI(malignant) Surgery



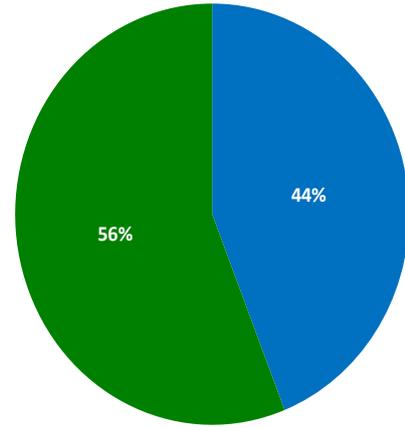
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Upper GI (benign) Surgery



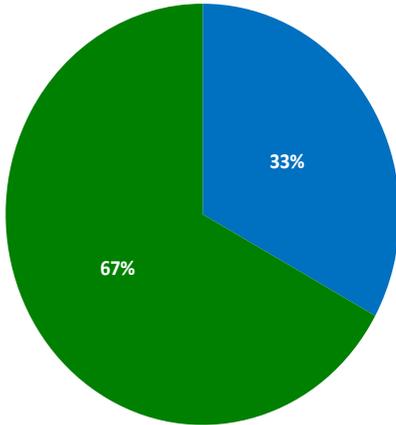
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Breast Surgery



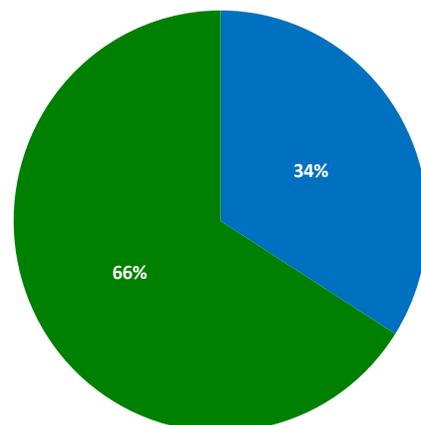
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Trauma Surgery



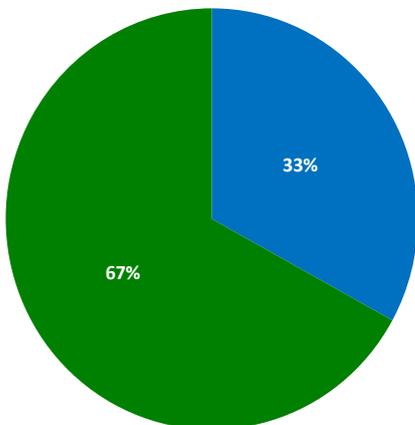
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Endocrine Surgery



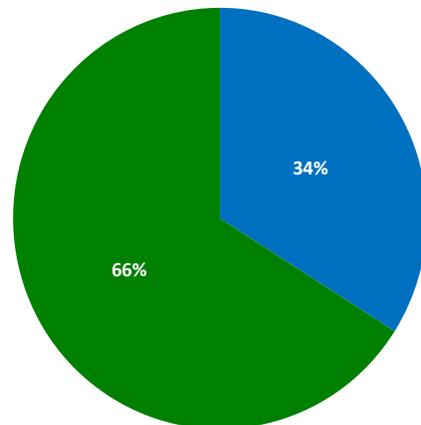
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HPB Surgery (I)



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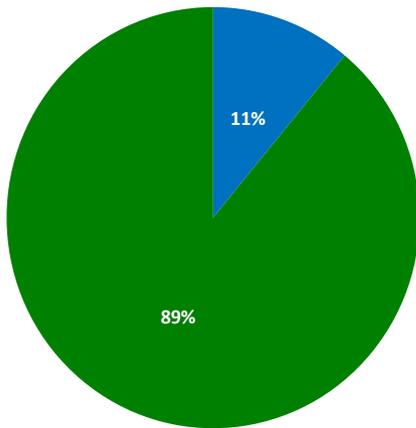
HPB Surgery (II)



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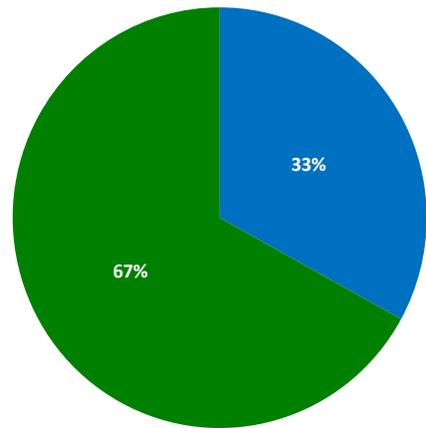
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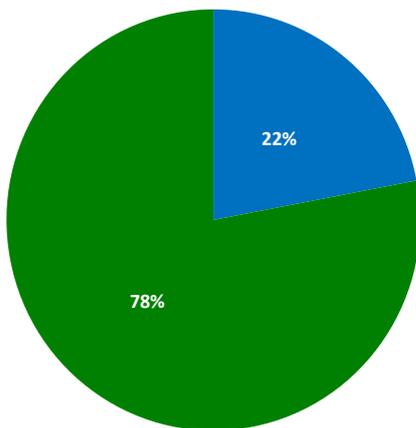
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### Colorectal(benign) Surgery



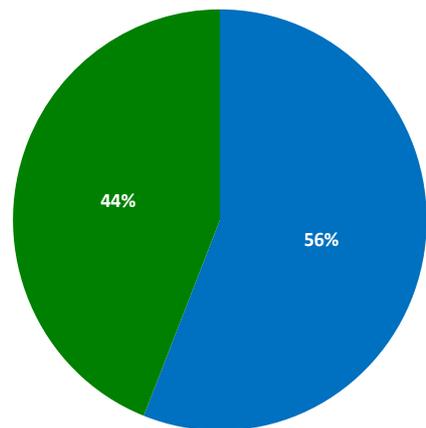
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### Transplant Surgery



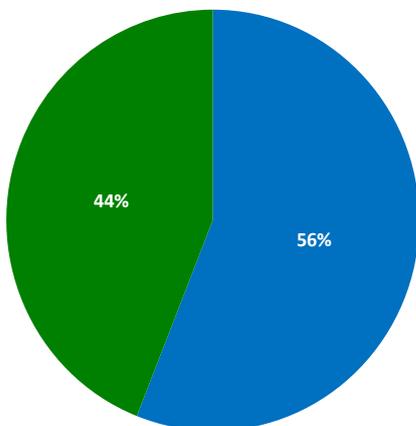
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### Colorectal (malignant) Surgery



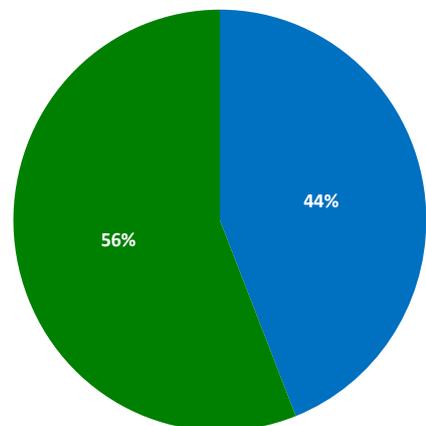
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### General Viva



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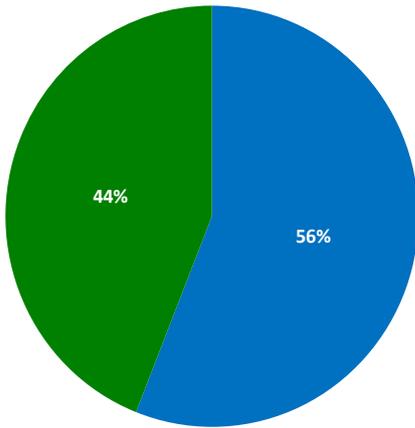
### Trauma and Critical Care Viva



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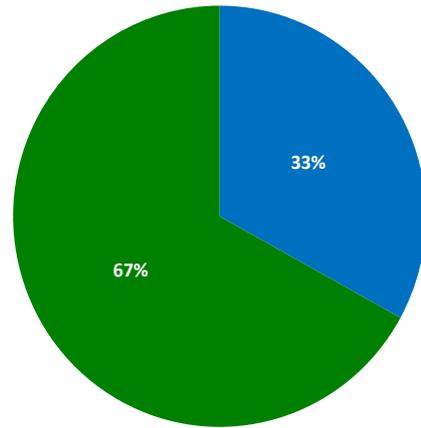
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Subspecialty Viva



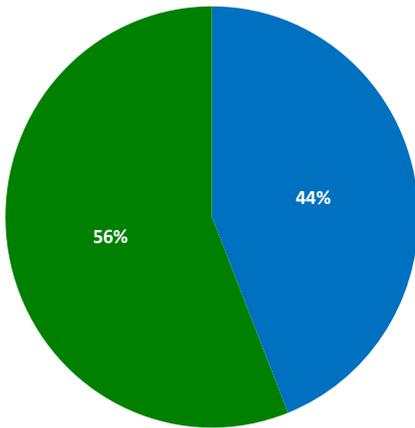
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Academic Viva



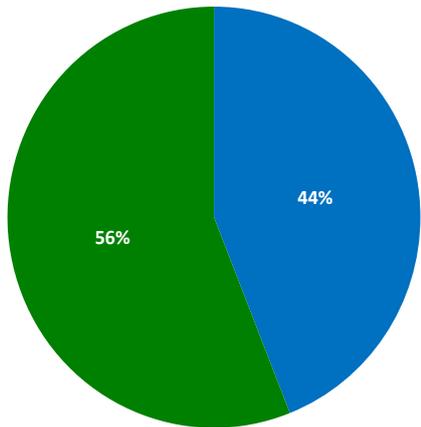
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Clinical Pathology (with images and pathology reports)



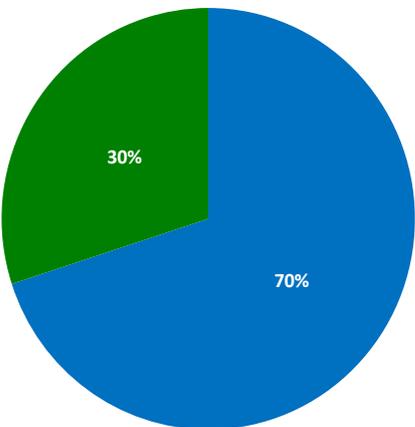
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Clinicals



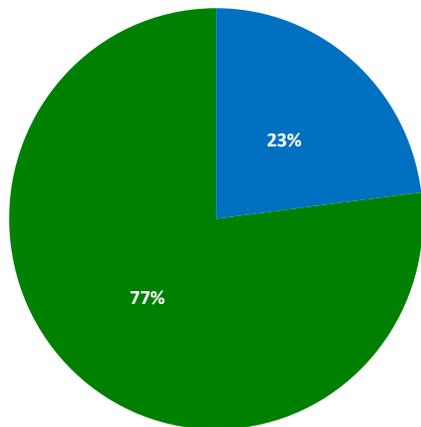
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How were the facilities and venue?



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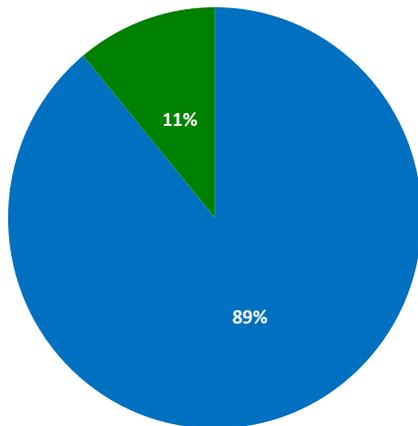
How were the refreshments and lunch?



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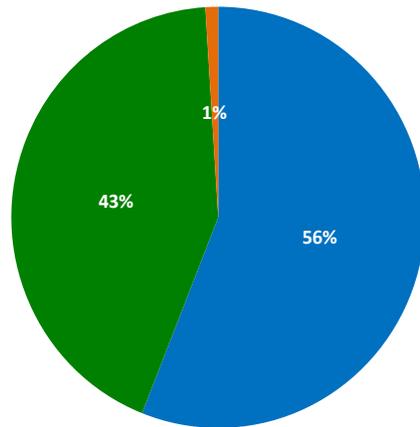
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



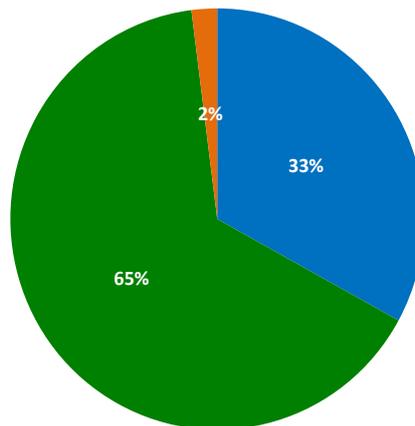
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral ■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

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.

**KA**  
*Warwick Hospital, Warwick, UK*

Very useful course to kick start my preparation and practice for exam.

**KS**  
*Warrington and Halton NHS trust, UK*

Great.

**AI**

Good course.

**NN**  
*Royal Stoke University Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, UK*

Excellent course!

**QA**  
*Royal Marsden hospital, Sutton, UK*



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