

Essential Surgical Skills (for Surgeons-in-Training [ESSSiT])



Feedback - March 2021

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This two-day course aimed to provide the surgical trainee with an overview of the essential principles, core concepts and fundamental skills relevant for foundation and core surgical training. The course comprised of hands-on training in surgical skills using animal tissue, interspersed with structured and focused teaching on the principles behind undertaking common operative procedures. In addition to teaching the skills required to practice safe operative surgery, the course also emphasised the value of being an effective assisting surgeon.

With a high tutor-to-delegate ratio, this course was designed to equip the surgical trainee with the essential surgical skills that will be expected of a foundation year or core surgical trainee in the operating theatre. The course also included pertinent discussions on the management of patients with trauma and those presenting with surgical emergencies.

A formal assessment was carried out for award of Certification of Completion of the Course.

Course Information

Venue:	Apollo Buckingham Health Science Campus, Crewe
Dates:	20th and 21st March 2021
Attendance:	13 Delegates
Aimed at:	Foundation Year Doctors; Core Surgical Trainees; Junior Surgeons; Specialist Surgical Trainees (up to ST4 level); Junior Surgical Registrars; Surgical Staff Grades.
Course Fee:	£345.00



Programme

Day 1

- 0830 - 0840 Welcome to the Course and Introduction to Learning Objectives for Day 1.
- 0840 - 0910 Basics of Sutures and Needles (Interactive Discussion).
- 0910 - 0940 Handling Surgical Instruments, Art of Assisting, and Disposing Sharps Safely (Demonstration).
- 0940 - 1010 Knot-Tying - Reef Knots (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1010 - 1045 Knot-Tying Surgeon's Knot, Tying at Depth and Tying a Vessel (Demonstration and Practice).

1045 - 1100 Break for Refreshments

- 1100 - 1115 Pre-Scrubbing and Entering the Operating Theatre (Interactive Discussion).
- 1115 - 1145 Gowning and Gloving (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1145 - 1240 Infiltration of Local Anaesthetic, Mounting a Scalpel, Excision of a Lesion, Interrupted Sutures, and Suture Removal (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1240 - 1310 Advanced Suturing Techniques (1): Vertical Mattress and Horizontal Mattress Sutures (Demonstration and Practice).

1310 - 1345 Lunch

- 1345 - 1430 Advanced Suturing Techniques (2): Continuous Sutures, Subcuticular Sutures and Aberdeen Knot (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1430 - 1450 Excision of a Subcutaneous Cyst (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1450 - 1500 Assessing a Hand Injury (Interactive Discussion).
- 1500 - 1600 Repair of a Flexor Tendon (Demonstration and Practice).

1600 - 1620 Break for Refreshments

- 1620 - 1630 Classification of Open Fractures (Interactive Discussion).
- 1630 - 1640 Principles of Managing Patients with Shock (Interactive Discussion).
- 1640 - 1650 Methods of Wound Closure and Reconstructive Ladder (Interactive Discussion).
- 1650 - 1720 Debriding a Contaminated Traumatic Wound (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1720 - 1740 Drainage of an Abscess (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1740 - 1745 Summary and Close of Day 1

Programme

Day 2

- 0830 - 0840 Welcome and Introduction to Learning Objectives for Day 2.
- 0840 - 0850 Layers for Abdominal Incisions (Interactive Discussion).
- 0850 - 1000 Laparotomy and Closure (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1000 - 1020 Indications and Types of Colectomies (Interactive Discussion).

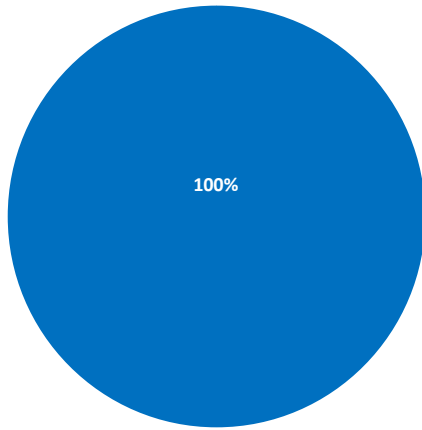
1020 - 1040 Break for Refreshments

- 1040 - 1140 Mesenteric Exercises - Pedicle Ligation, Ligation in Continuity, and Transfixing the Pedicle (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1140 - 1155 Mesenteric Lymph Node Dissection (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1155 - 1310 Small Bowel End-to-End Anastomosis (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1310 - 1420 Assessment of Specific Competencies (along with staggered lunch break).
- 1420 - 1430 Principles of Vascular Surgery - Bypass and Stents (Interactive Discussion).
- 1430 - 1440 Arteriotomy (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1440 - 1530 Vein Patch to Close Arteriotomy Defect (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1530 - 1540 Safe Use of Surgical Diathermy (Interactive Discussion).
- 1540 - 1600 Principles of Laparoscopic Surgery - Camera Technique, Ergonomics and Safety (Interactive Discussion).
- 1600 - 1615 Surgical Diathermy (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1615 - 1715 Laparoscopic Skills - Cutting and Threading (Demonstration and Practice).
- 1715 - 1730 Debrief, Summary, Questions and Close.
- 1730 End of Course.

Doctors Academy awards 14 points for attendance at this two-day course.

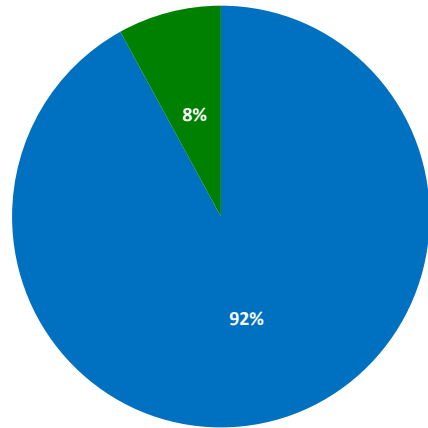
Overall Feedback

How was the content of the course?



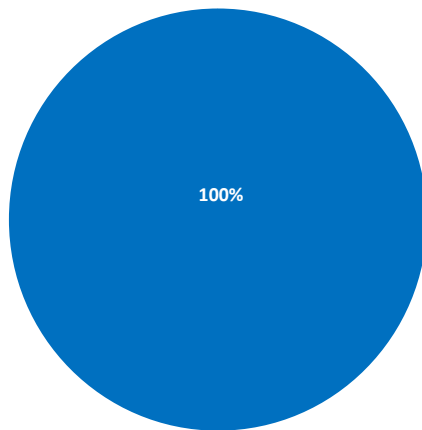
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



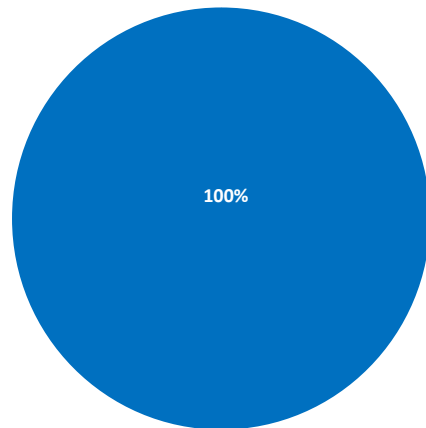
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How was the clarity of the demonstrations?



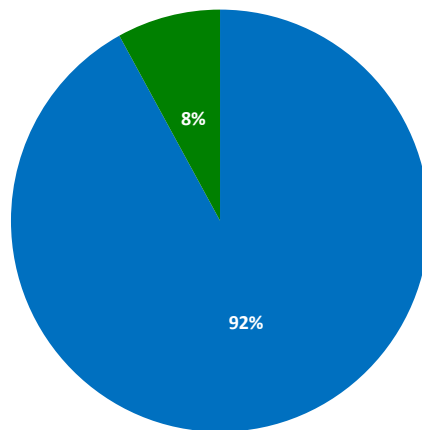
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Did the course meet your learning objectives?



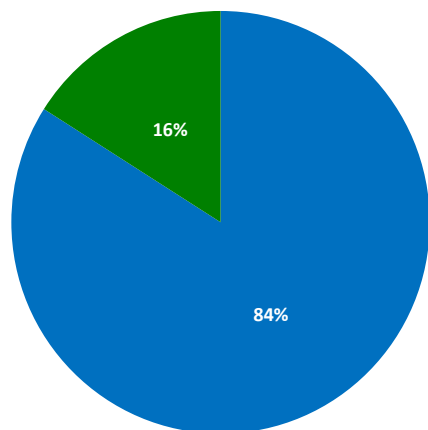
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Just about ■ Limited ■ Not at all

Knot Tying (Reef; Surgeon's; Tying around a Vessel; Tying at Depth)



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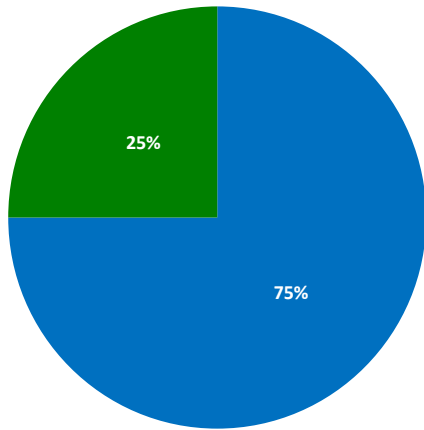
Gowning and Gloving



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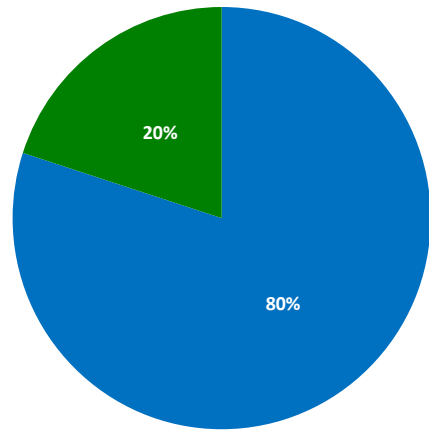
Overall Feedback

Instrument Handling and Disposing Sharps



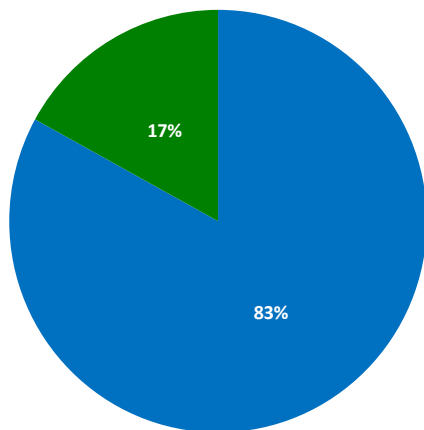
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Sutures, Suture Materials and Needles



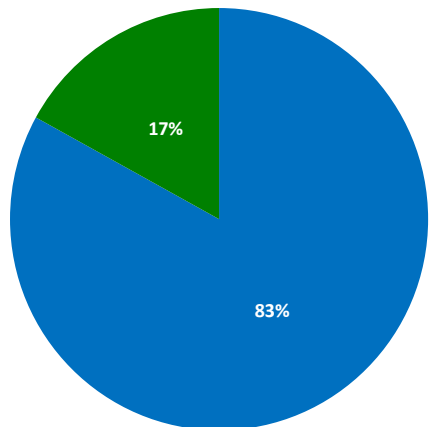
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Suturing Technique – Simple Interrupted



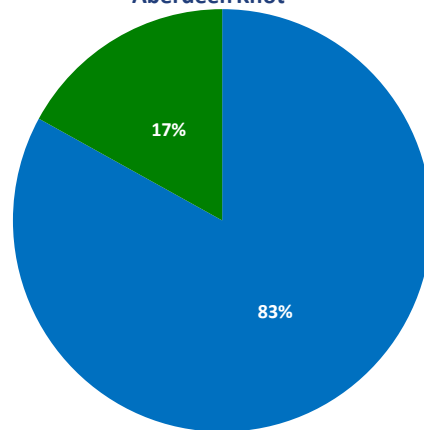
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Suturing Technique – Vertical and Horizontal Mattress



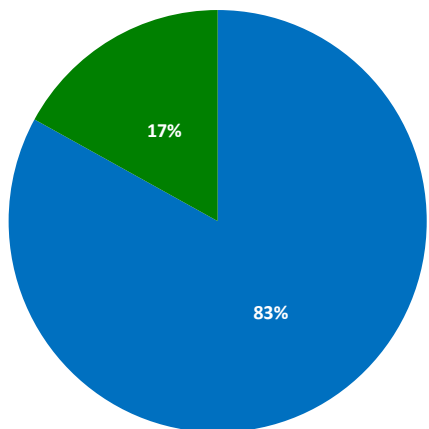
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Suturing Technique – Continuous and Aberdeen Knot



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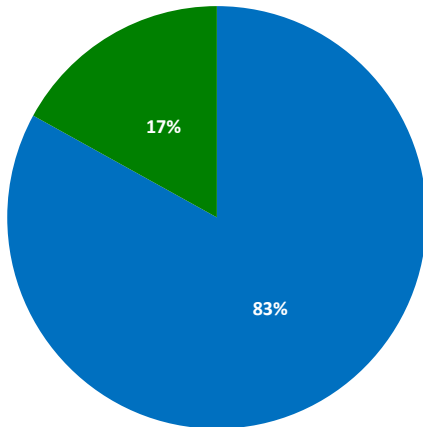
Suturing technique – Subcuticular



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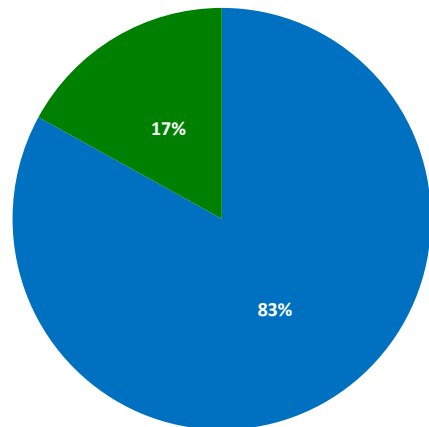
Overall Feedback

Suturing Technique – Figure of '8'



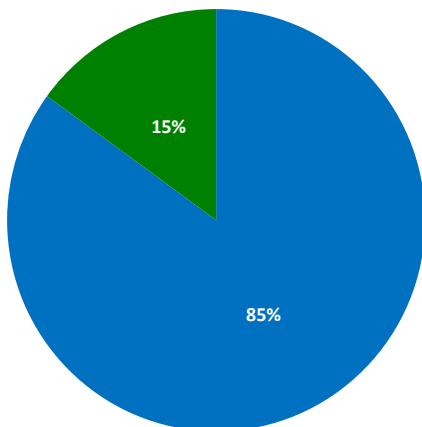
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Safely Securing a Surgical Wound Drain



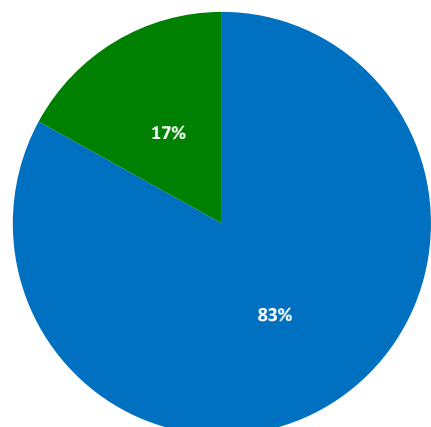
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Safe Infiltration of Local Anaesthesia



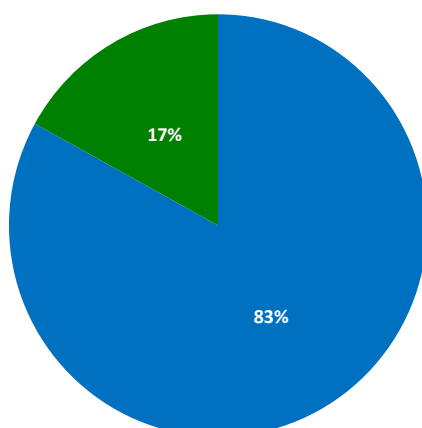
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Excision of a Cutaneous Lesion



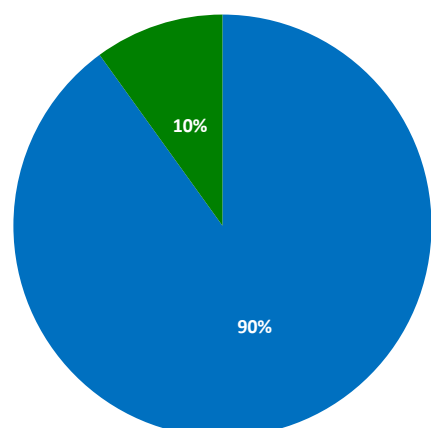
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Excision of an Epidermoid Cyst



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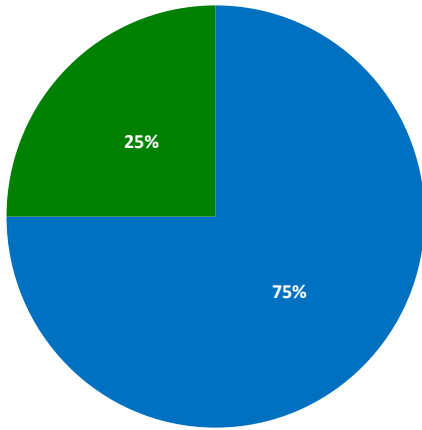
Debriding a Contaminated Wound



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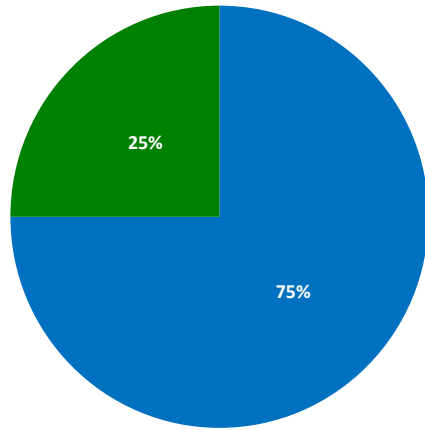
Overall Feedback

Draining an Abscess



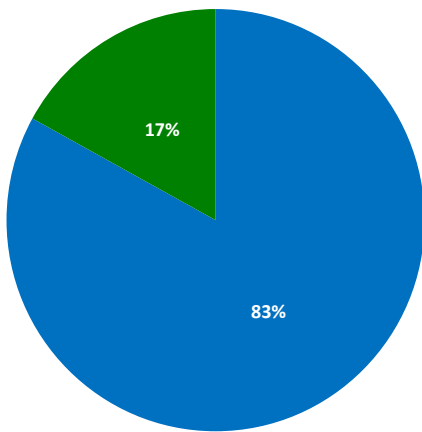
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Principles of Assessing a Hand Injury



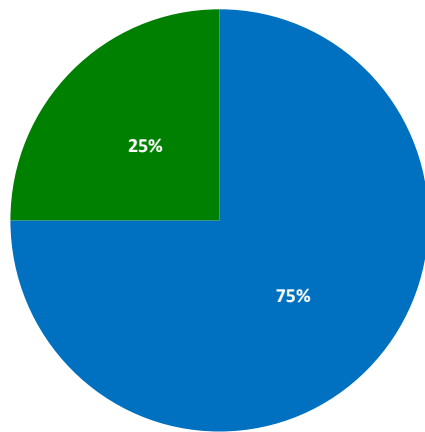
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Repair of a Flexor Tendon



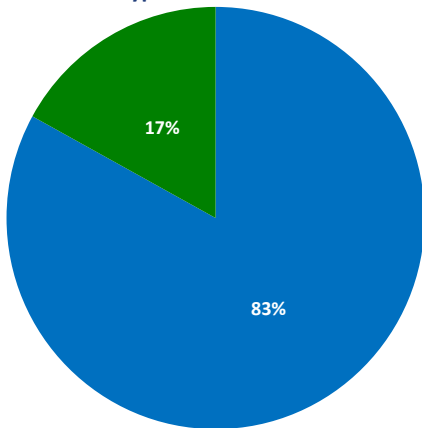
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Principles of Reconstructive Surgery



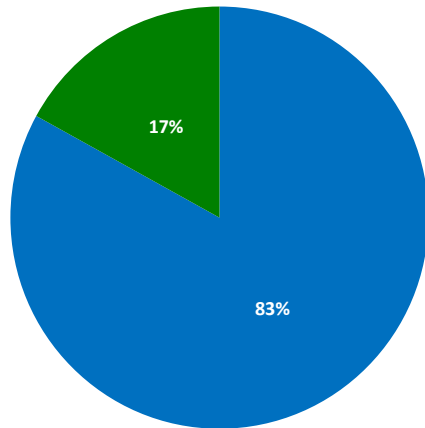
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Overview of Shock and Classes of Hypovolemic Shock



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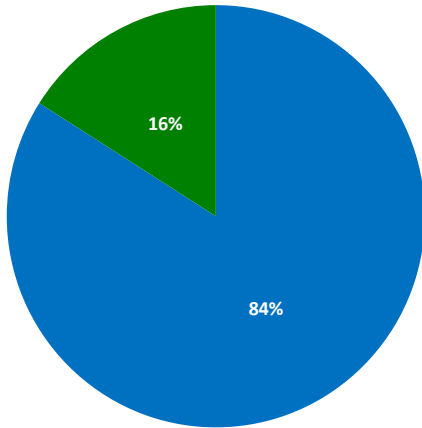
Laparotomy and Closure



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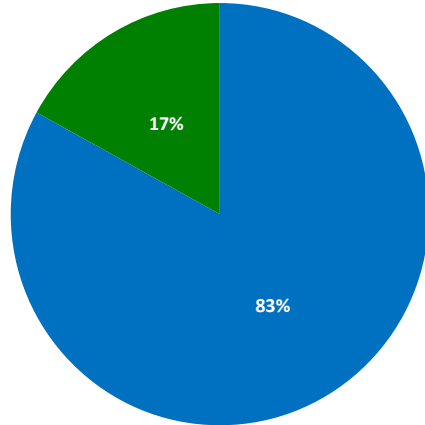
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Mesentery Exercises: Pedicle Ligation, Ligation in Continuity and Transfixing a Vessel



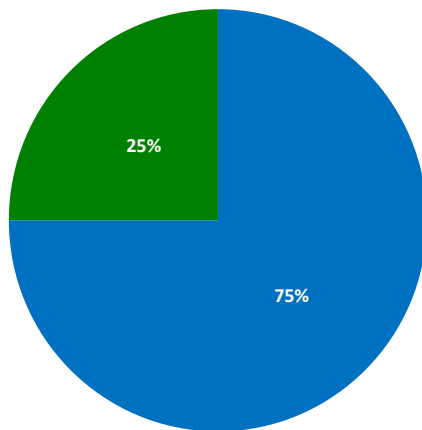
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Lymph Node Biopsy



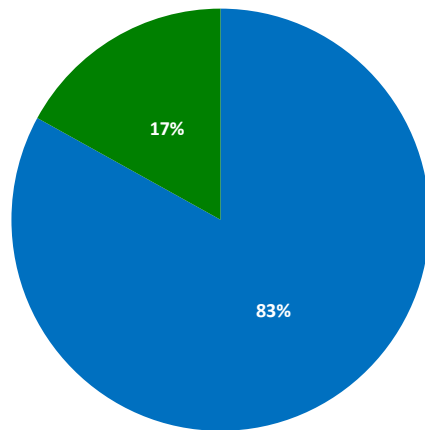
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End-to-End Bowel Anastomosis



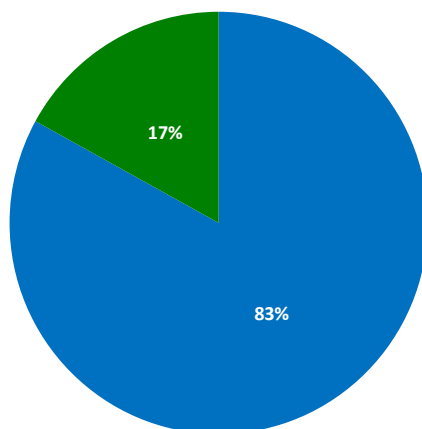
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Indications and Types of Colectomies



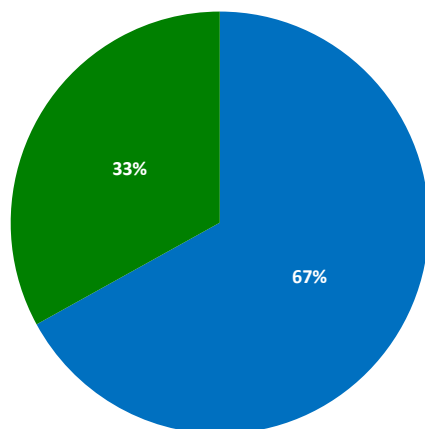
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Principles of Vascular Surgery



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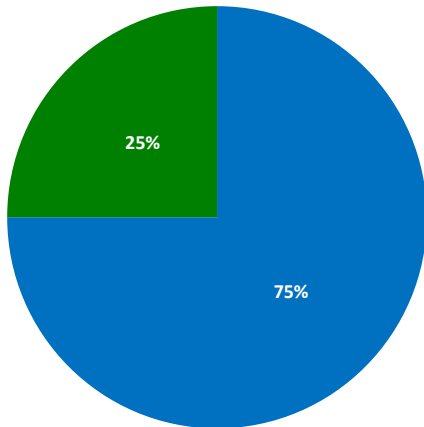
Arteriotomy and Vein Patch



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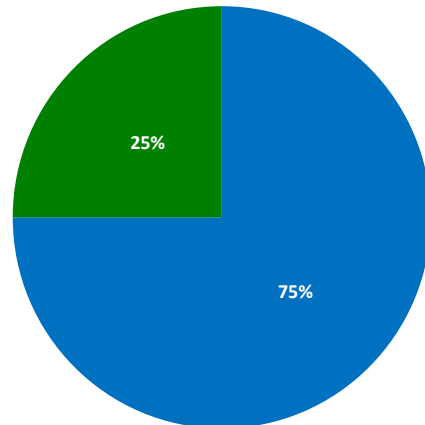
Overall Feedback

Principles of Surgical Diathermy



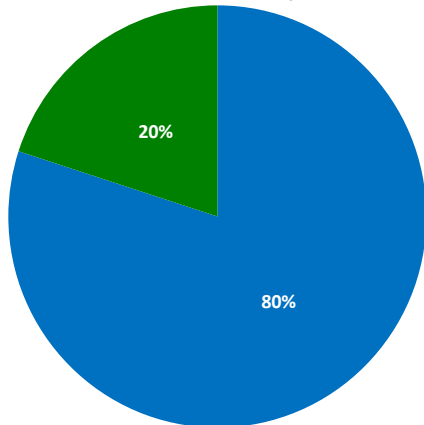
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Laparoscopic Surgery (Stacking Oxo Cubes and Passing Cubes Between Instruments)



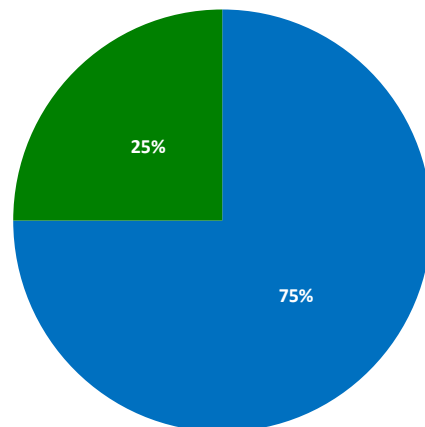
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Laparoscopic Surgery (Cutting Stars and Circles in Gloves)



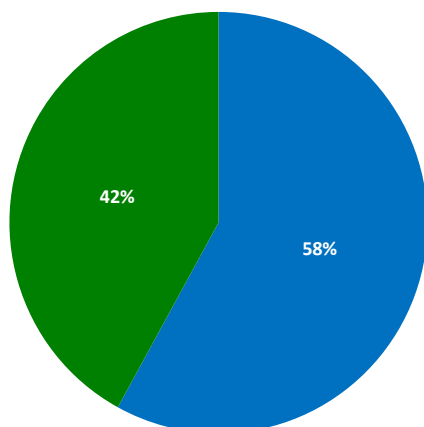
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Laparoscopic Surgery (Threading Through Hoops)



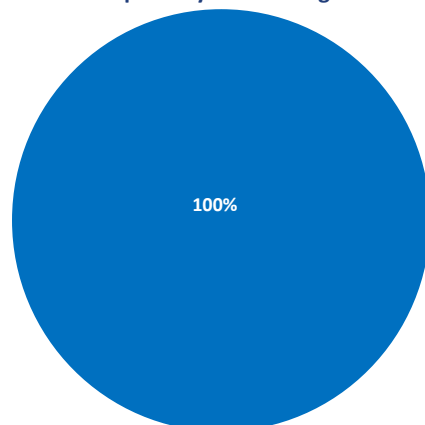
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Were you given sufficient time to practice the skills?



■ Certainly sufficient ■ Mostly sufficient ■ Neutral ■ Just sufficient ■ Not sufficient

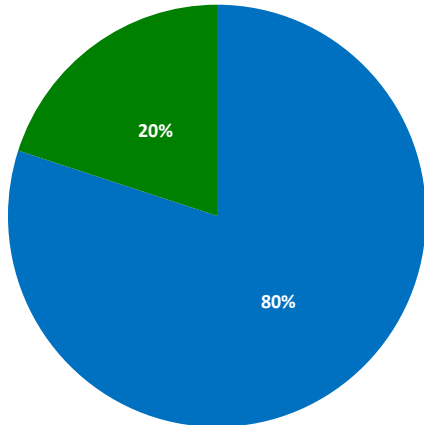
Was the live demonstration of the skills helpful to your learning?



■ Most helpful ■ Helpful ■ Neutral ■ Little helpful ■ Not helpful

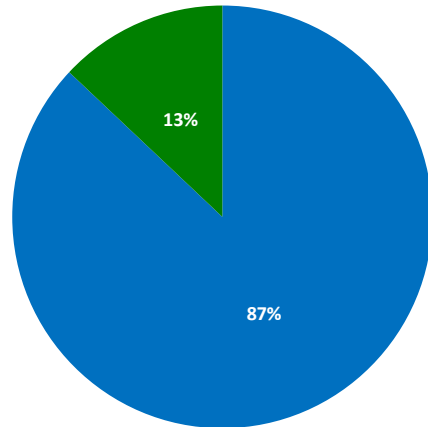
Overall Feedback

Did the topics covered in the course meet your objectives?



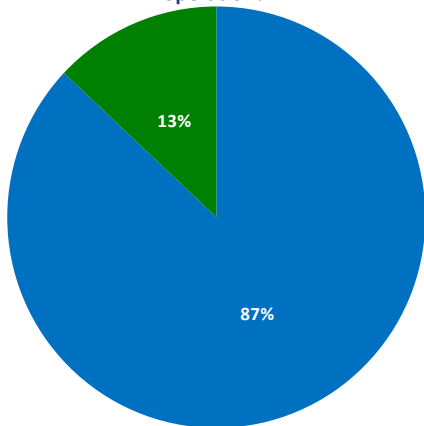
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ A little bit ■ Not at all

Do you feel that the skills you learnt will help you in your career?



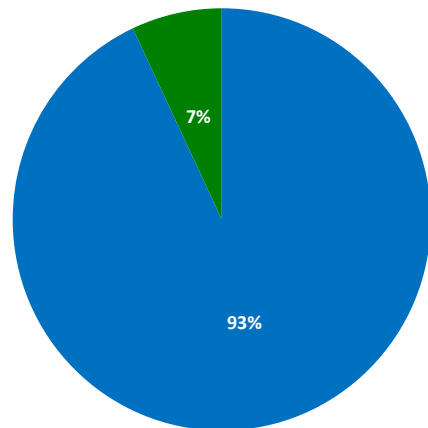
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral
■ Might help ■ Won't help at all

Do you feel more confident in entering a surgical operating theatre and assisting in an operation?



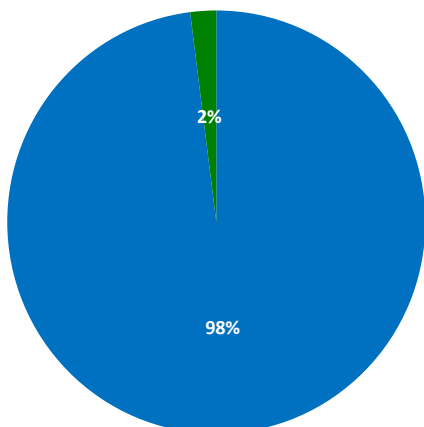
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How satisfied were you with the venue, catering and hospitality?



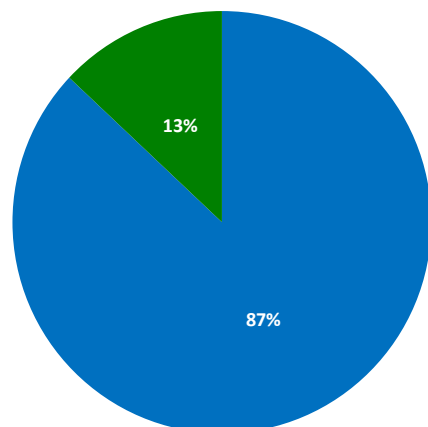
■ Most satisfied ■ Satisfied ■ Neutral ■ A little satisfied ■ Unsatisfied

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Possibly ■ Not at all

Would you consider this course to be good value for money?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Possibly ■ Not at all

Individual Comments

Exceeded my expectations.

HS

Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

I was in need of learning and improving my surgical skills. Practising on animal tissue was excellent for my learning, made it feel like the real thing. The tutors were very patient with me being slow and me struggling because I am left handed and kept encouraging me to practice more.

AH

Glan Clwyd Hospital, Wales, United Kingdom

Excellent course with brilliant teachers. Particularly Prof who very obviously genuinely cared about our experience of the course and ensured that we received the help and supervision we needed.

TD

Aintree University Hospital, Liverpool, United Kingdom

The Course was good value for money. The tutors were excellent and professionally sound. I will certainly recommend the course for someone.

MO

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Wales, United Kingdom

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NM

Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor, United Kingdom

A very well structured course with great teaching.

CJ

United Kingdom

Very good and focused course covering many topics in two days. Perfect for junior level.

ME

Scunthorpe General Hospital, England, United Kingdom

This was an exceptionally delivered course, perfectly paced and professionally done. All tutors were fantastic. I would like to highlight that the live demonstration and the use of animal tissue was incredibly valuable and I would push hard to keep these both in. I have a very high regard for Doctors Academy now and will likely book courses in the future.

GG

University Hospital North Durham, Durham, United Kingdom

Fantastic course! Impressive number of skills covered with a good amount of time to practice. Excellent use of animal tissue and models. Tutors were all extremely knowledgeable and supportive - always someone available if required. Very well organised. Very friendly atmosphere throughout.

HD

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom



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