

**Cardiff MRCS OSCE Course:
Clinical Examination &
Communication Skills**

Feedback - April 2018

Cardiff MRCS OSCE: Clinical Examination & Communication Skills

This intensive one-day revision course covered the clinical examination and communication components of the MRCS Part B exam, placing special emphasis on clinical consultation skills.

The course aimed to consolidate the delegates' understanding of the clinical consultation skills component of the exam. It also intended to aid the delegates' ability to perform clinical examinations efficiently by encouraging them to present their findings to the examiner in a systematic yet concise manner.

The morning session covered all of the important clinical examinations which are tested in the exam while the afternoon session was dedicated to communication skills workstations, structured interviews, and practical skills. Six patient-centred clinical scenarios were used to reflect the situations experienced in everyday practice. These scenarios are in line with what is commonly tested in the MRCS exam. A total of 33 candidates attended the course and their feedback has been collated in this document.

Course Information

Course date:	15th April 2018
Venue:	Outpatient Department, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
Attendance:	22 Delegates
Aimed at:	Delegates looking to take their membership to the Royal College of Surgeons Part B exam.
Course fee:	£195.00



Surgical trainees can apply to be sponsored by ASiT to receive a bursary to attend this course.



Course Programme

0840 - 0850	Registration
0850 - 0905	Introduction to course and grouping of candidates
0910 - 1300	(with refreshment break from 1100 – 1120)

Clinical Examination Sessions

Candidates were divided into small groups and taken through the following clinical examinations on simulated patients:

- Examination of abdomen and abdominal organs
- Examination of hernia
- Examination of varicose veins
- Examination of arterial system
- Examination of cardiorespiratory system
- Examination of hip and knee
- Examination of shoulder and back

1300 - 1345

Lunch Break

1350 - 1715	(with refreshment break from 1530 - 1550)
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Clinical Consultation Skills Sessions (Communication Skills)

These stations will consist of, amongst others:

- Information giving and information gathering
- Challenging situation/patient
- Difficult consultation
- Breaking bad news
- Explaining a diagnosis or discussing management options
- Consent in surgery
- Telephone communication

1715 - 1730	Summary and Feedback
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1740	End of Course
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Faculty

Tutors

Mr Ahmed Waqas, MBBS, MCPS, FCPS, MRCS(Ed), FRCS

Senior Registrar in General Surgery
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth

Mr Edmund Leung, DMedSci, MRCS, FRCS

Consultant General Surgeon
Hereford County Hospital

Mr Kevin Conway, MB BCH, MD, FRCS (Gen Surg)

Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Mr Kumar Kaushik Dash, MBBS, MRCS(Ed)

Speciality Trainee in Orthopaedics
Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Clydebank

Mr Mike Rees, MBChB, MRCS

Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport

Dr Paul Morgan, FRCA

Consultant Intensivist
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Professor Stuart Enoch, MBBS, MRCSEd, MRCS (Eng), PGCert (Med Sci), PhD

Consultant in Surgical Studies
Doctors Academy

Trainee Tutors

Mr Martin Sharrock, MBChB, MRCS

Speciality Trainee in Orthopaedics
The Royal Oldham Hospital, Oldham

Ms Sumera Baloch, MBBS, MRCS

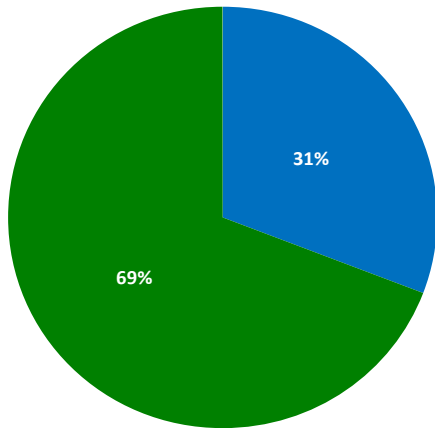
Speciality Trainee in General Surgery
Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Wrexham

Mr Yousif Hamad, MBBS, MRCS(Eng)

Speciality Registrar in General Surgery
Weston Area Health NHS Trust

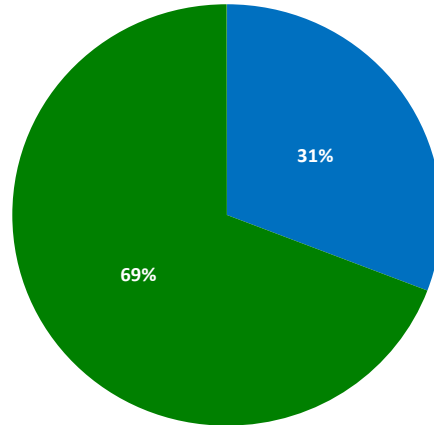
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the course?



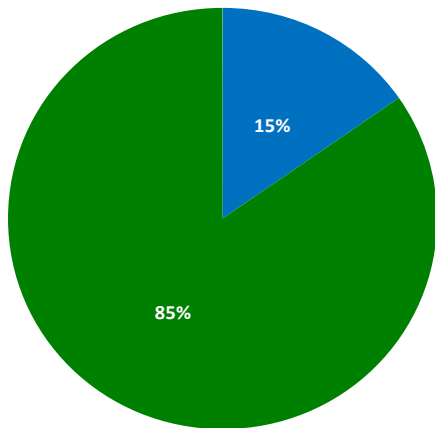
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How was the clarity of demonstrations?



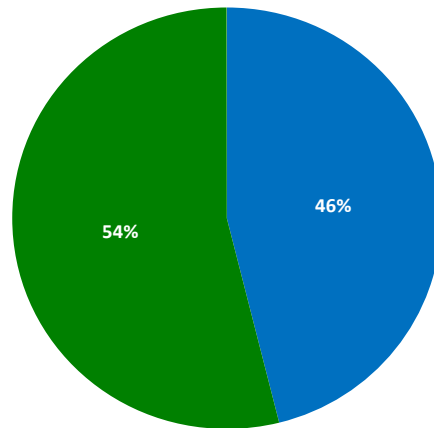
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Did you get sufficient time to learn in every station?



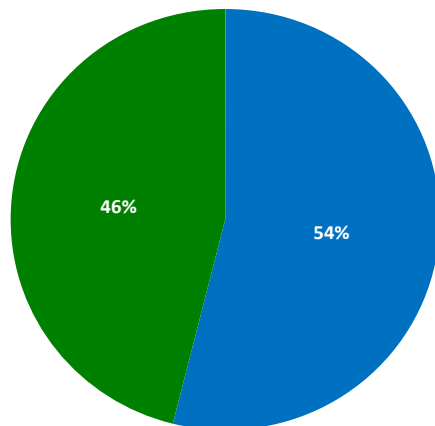
■ Most Certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Limited ■ Not at all

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



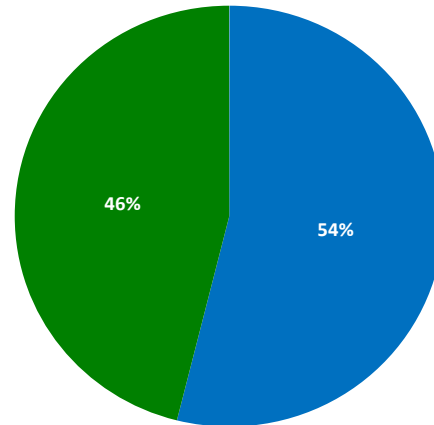
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Vascular (venous)



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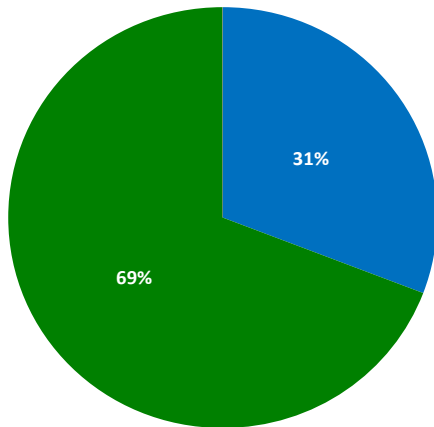
Vascular (arterial)



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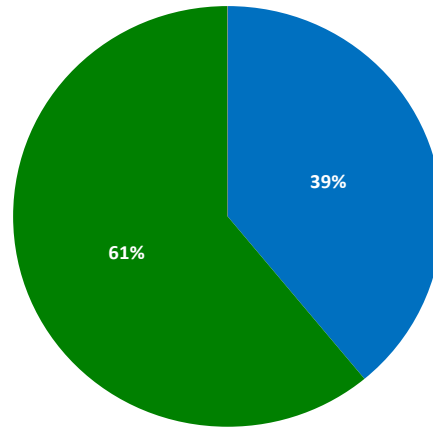
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Shoulder



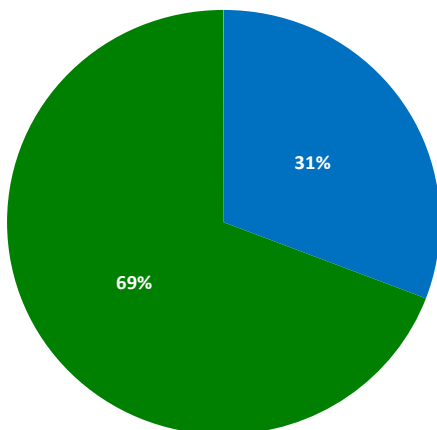
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Back



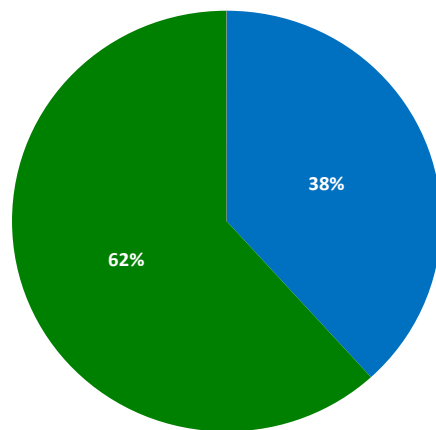
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Hip



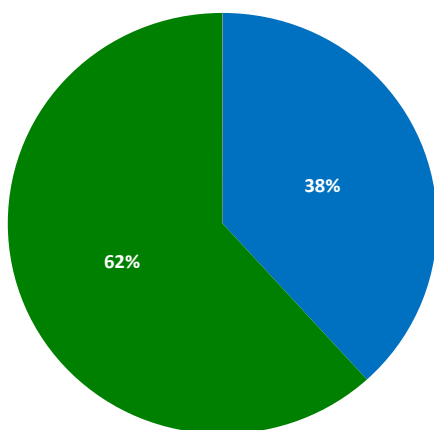
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Knee



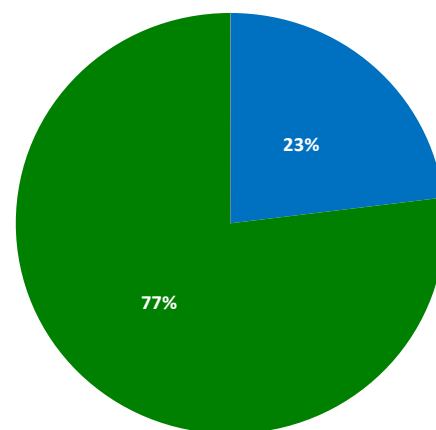
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Abdomen



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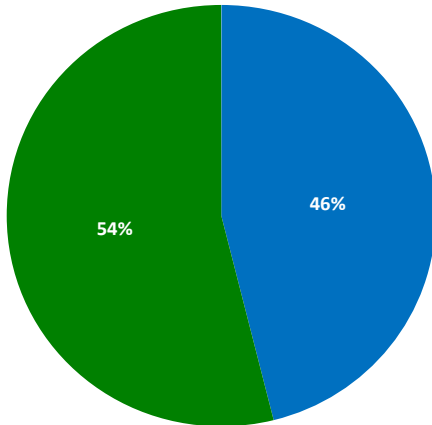
Cardiovascular and Respiratory System



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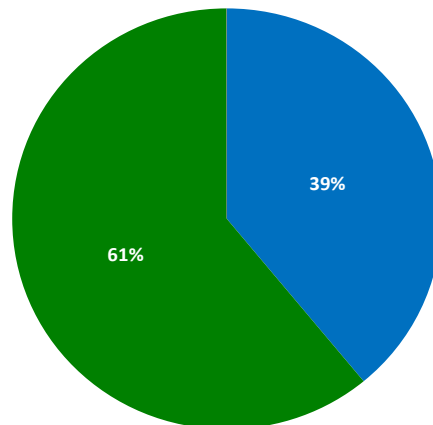
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Peripheral vascular disease



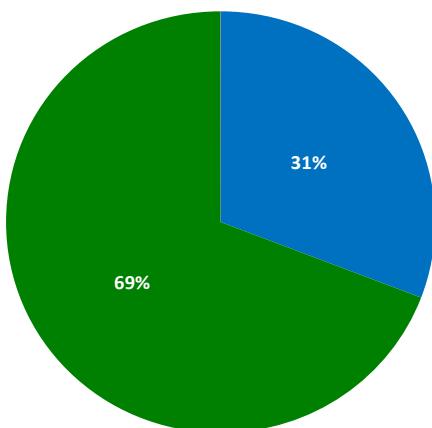
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Consenting for operations



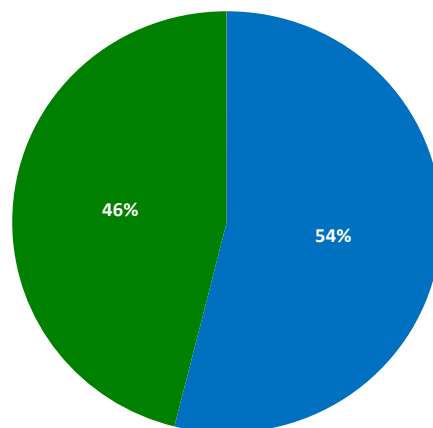
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Cancelled operation (thyroidectomy)



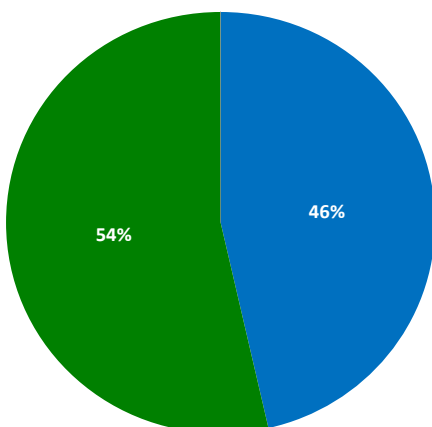
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Colorectal cancer



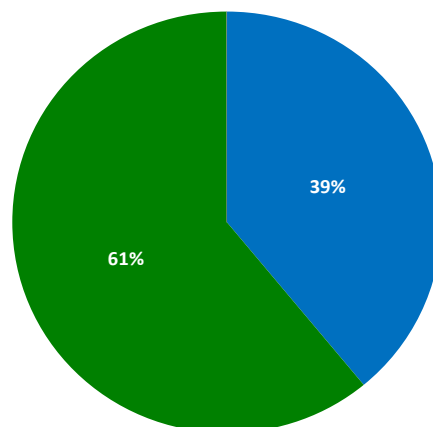
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Breast cancer



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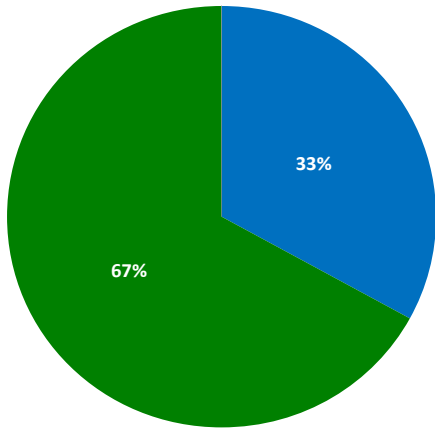
Ethics scenario (Splenoectomy)



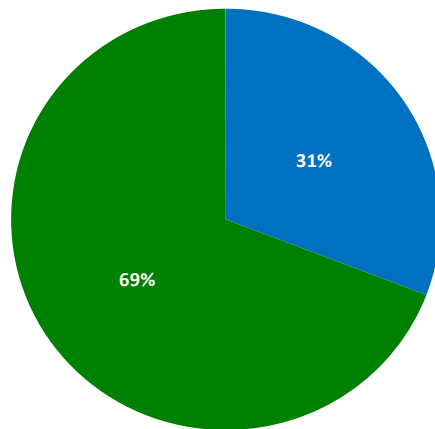
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Telephone conversation (Referral to Tertiary Center)

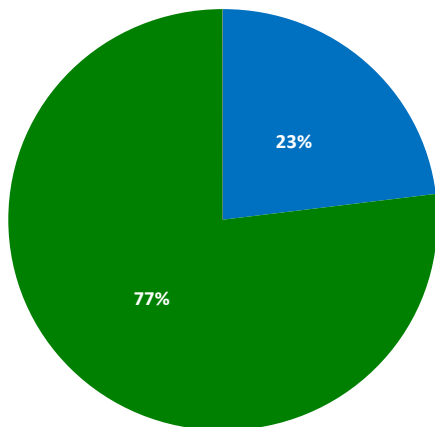


Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Fair ■ Poor ■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

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



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Maybe ■ Don't think so

Individual Comments

Good organisation. Good refresher for me having been out of clinical practice for a year - helpful picking up exam tips and speaking to CTs and junior registrars who are fresh out of the exam. Good to hear tips on what examiners are looking for.

DR

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

Very good.

AA

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

Very good.

DN

Peebles Hospital. British Virgin Island



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