

Midlands Ano-Rectal UltraSonography Course

The MARUS Course

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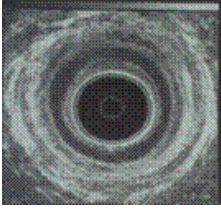
Evaluation by participants (24 attended).

(Score 1 = very poor, 10 = excellent)

Lectures	Content	Presentation	Relevance
Principles and physics of ultrasonography.	7.9 (3-10)	8.1 (3-10)	8.4 (6-10)
Techniques of endosonography	8.5 (6-10)	8.6 (6-10)	9.0 (7-10)
Anal sphincter trauma	8.2 (5-10)	8.6 (7-10)	8.9 (7-10)
Fistula, sepsis, anal cancer	8.4 (6-10)	8.3 (7-10)	8.8 (7-10)
Rectal cancer	8.0 (6-10)	8.1 (6-10)	8.4 (6-10)
3D endosonography	7.2 (4-10)	7.3 (4-10)	7.5 (4-10)
Video Demonstration	7.1 (3-10)	6.4 (1-10)	8.3 (6-10)
Faculty average	7.9	7.9	8.5
Practical session			
3D US & Elastography	7.3 (4-10)	7.7 (4-10)	7.6 (4-10)
Pathology Videos I	8.6 (7-10)	8.7 (7-10)	9.2 (8-10)
Instrumentation	8.2 (5-10)	8.5 (7-10)	8.7 (6-10)
Pathology Videos II	8.5 (7-10)	8.8 (7-10)	9.1 (7-10)
Quiz station	8.2 (6-10)	8.3 (6-10)	8.8 (7-10)
Live Demonstration	8.9 (8-10)	9.2 (8-10)	9.4 (8-10)
Faculty average	8.3	8.6	8.8

To the question “What aspects of the course were good?”

Workstations, review of images
 Anatomy presentations
 Interactive videos
 Repetition of anatomy very good
 Technique of ultrasound anatomy and trauma
 Balanced ratio between theory and practicals
 Excellent course, good breadth, excellent practical application
 Workshops were excellent
 Very professional course
 Repeated anatomy



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Normal and abnormal anatomy being compared on same slide
Hands on, intense, limited to one day, visual content
Practical stations particularly
The lectures and food
Imaging and iconography
Lots of machines
Pitched at right level. Practical and hands on

To the question “What aspects of the course need improving?”

Course should be start with continuous online training
Need to be consistent about scanning position
More time for practical sessions
?hands-on scanning
More problem based cases and pictures
More patients to be examined
Try not to pack too much in a day!
Video presentation crashed!
Identifiable details on video
More demonstration on endorectal
More time for lectures
Repeated stations. Aim to close at 5pm instead of 6
Hands-on on models
Practical hands on, more diagnostics
Need more real life presentation
Video clips don't run on powerpoint
More time for patient demo

To the statement “Any further comments”

Very good course. Good value for money
Not enough on obstetric tears
All faculty very kind
Very good. I learnt a lot and I will go and apply it.
Very useful course