

Project Title

Building Confidence and Competency in Surgical Residents taking the Membership of Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS) exam through an in-house preparatory course

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Medical

Applicable Specialty or Discipline

Surgical

Aim(s)

- To assess residents' pre-course exam taking concerns.
- To assess their confidence and satisfaction after attending the course

Background

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Methods

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Results

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Conclusion

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Project Category

Training & Education

Education Approach: Collaborative Learning, Educational Platform: Physical Learning Platform (Classroom Learning)

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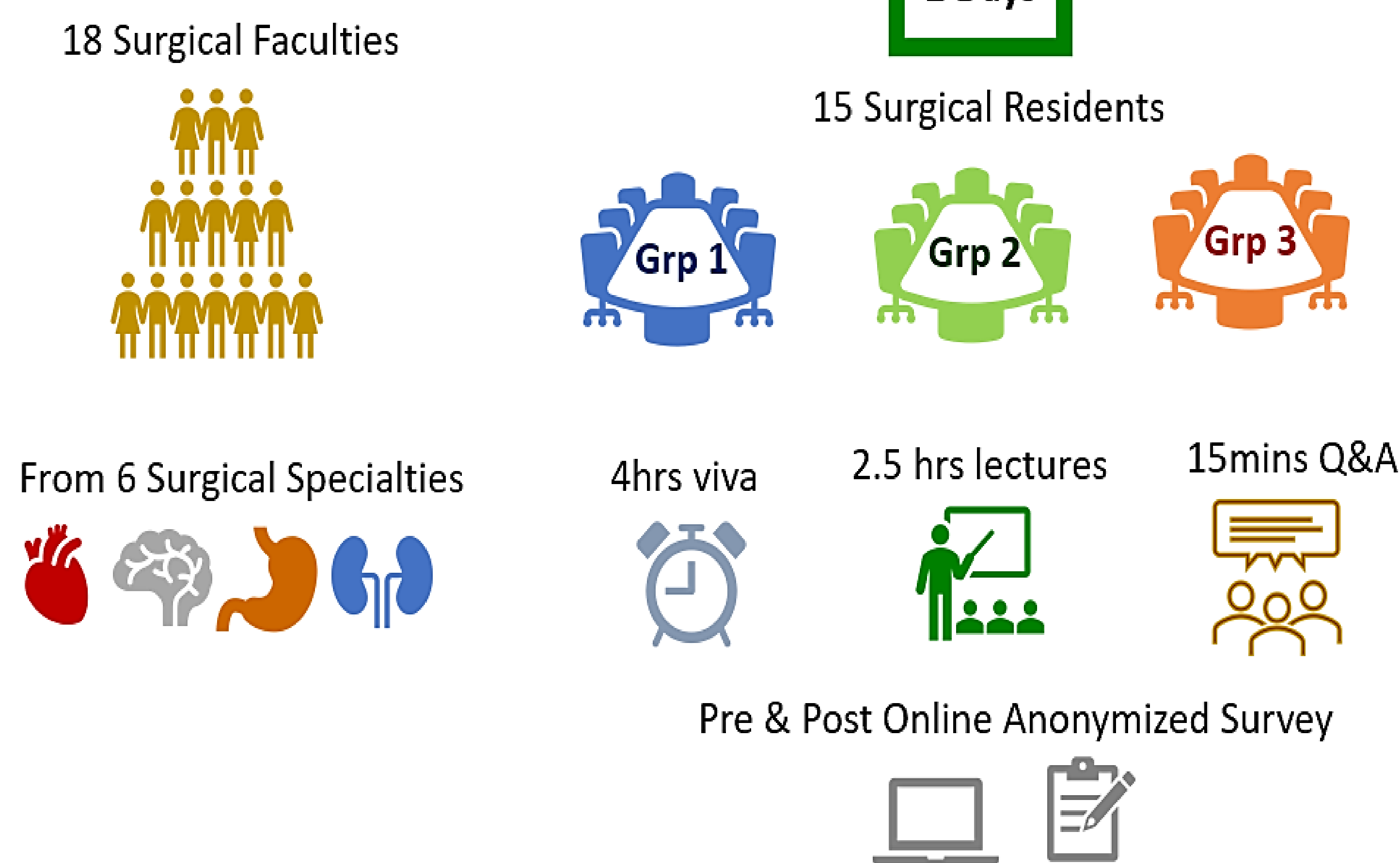
INTRODUCTION

All Surgery-in-General residents are required to pass the MRCS examinations for progression to Senior Residency.

The MRCS Part B exam is conducted in an in-person OSCE format with stations testing a broad range of core surgical topics. Covid-19 pandemic travel restrictions disrupted the conduct of the exam and preparatory courses for 2 years, depriving many residents from adequate preparation.

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METHODOLOGY



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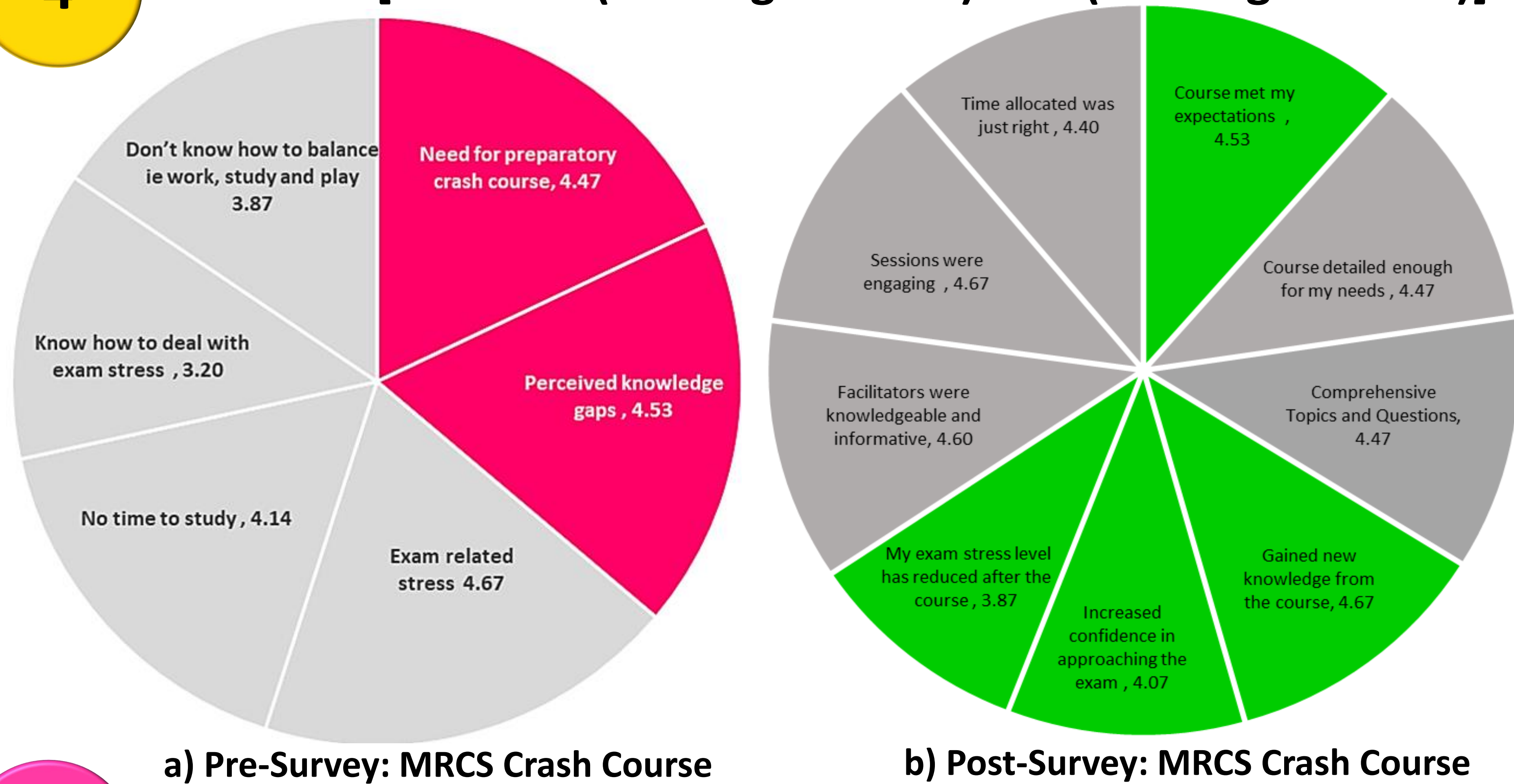
AIMS

Primary aim is to assess residents' pre-course exam taking concerns.

Secondary aim is to assess their confidence and satisfaction after attending the course.

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RESULTS [Scored- 1(least agreement) to 5 (most agreement)]



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CONCLUSIONS

There are significant stress and knowledge gaps faced by residents taking the MRCS, contributed by lack of in-person training opportunities in an exam oriented format.

The preparatory course objectively reduces stress and improves confidence in exam taking. Further courses should be organised regularly to boost residents' exam confidence. We also aim to collate the examination results for participants for future reporting.



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