

Helping senior doctors involved in cancer care improve their ability to break bad news, elicit and respond to patients' concerns

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Protocol serial number
N0063044242

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

To determine if training consultants and senior registrars specialising in cancer in breaking bad news, eliciting and responding to patients' concerns.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Miscellaneous cancers

Interventions

Randomised controlled trial of training consultants and senior registrars specialising in cancer in breaking bad news, eliciting and responding to patients' concerns.

Arm A = Training, Arm B = without Training.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Doctors: Objective ratings of recorded interviews with 2 simulated patients before training, after training and 3 months later. Objective ratings via radiomicrophone recordings of 10 consultations when breaking bad news before and after training. Subjective: Maslach Burnout Inventory, self efficacy, outcome expectancy before and after training and 3 months later.

Patients:

1. Pre-consultation: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS), Spielberger state anxiety
2. Post-consultation: Spielberger, concerns checklist
3. 1 and 3 months later: concerns checklist and HADS by post

Key secondary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

31/12/2008

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

NHS Doctors

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Does not meet inclusion criteria

Date of first enrolment

01/06/1997

Date of final enrolment

31/12/2008

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

CRC Psychological Medicine Group

Manchester

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Department of Health

Funder(s)

Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name

Christie Hospital NHS Trust (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes