

# 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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**Type(s)**  
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## Additional identifiers

**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**

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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?
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes