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

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Registration date 30/09/2004	**Overall study status** Completed	[_] Statistical analysis plan [_] Results
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Plain English summary of protocol
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Type(s)
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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

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
Randomised controlled trial

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

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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