

# Practical Aspects of End of Life Care and Death Verification

This teaching session covered the fundamental legal requirements, including examination and documentation essentials, when End of Life Care (EOLC) is commenced, as well as the procedures required for the verification of a death. The session explored the pathophysiology of clinical signs when death is imminent and the initial assessment required when a junior doctor is called to the ward. Practical tips on when to consider commencing the EOLC pathway and the ethical implications were discussed. In addition, the pharmacology and prescription of end of life medications were discussed, with tips on safe prescribing. This session aimed to improve the attendee's confidence in verifying a death and knowing when to commence and prescribe EOLC medications.

#### Speaker:

**Dr Abigail Gray, BSc, BMBS**Specialty Trainee in General Practice

#### **Topics covered:**

- o Basic pathophysiology and clinical signs of end of life
- o Points to consider when commencing the EOLC pathway
- o Pharmacology and prescription of EOLC medications
- o Fundamentals of death verification and certification
- o Key points in the documentation of death

#### Course Information

Venue: Online via Zoom

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

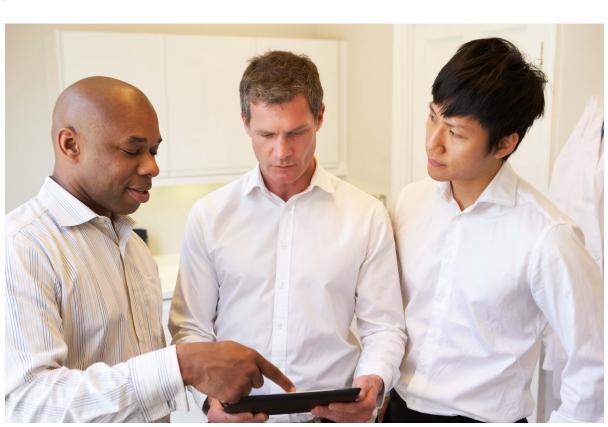
Attendance: 14 Delegates

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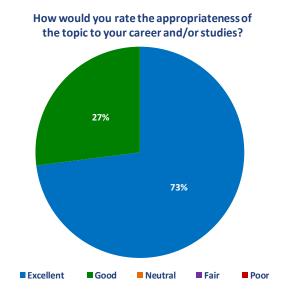
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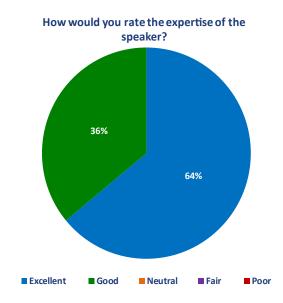
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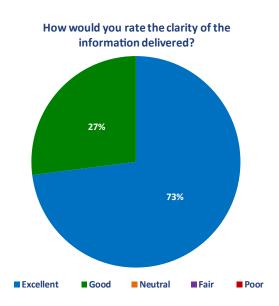
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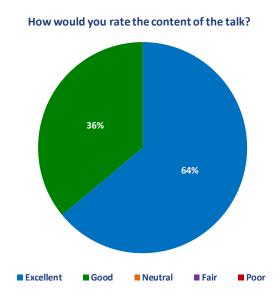


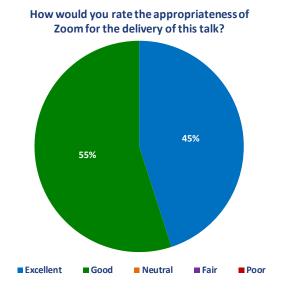
# **Overall Feedback**











# **Individual Comments**

It was a very useful and organised talk. All content was explained really well in an easy-to-understand manner.

MG

University of Malta Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Msida, Malta

Thanks for a well delivered and informative talk.

**WM** 

Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Really useful lecture! Thank you!

AN

Cardiff University School of Medicine, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Very good thanks.

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Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, United Kingdom



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