

MEDICS AND END OF LIFE CARE

Typical medical education pathway in UK

School: 5-18 years old

University: 18-23 years old

Specialty Training: 24 to 30 years old

Exposure to EoLC

- Patchy
- Not focused
- Often opportunistic
- Better in Medicine than in a Surgical specialty
- Only 6 trainees in Palliative Care (4 years) in HEE TV, 24 in Elderly Care Medicine (5 years)
- May be due to experience outside medicine, e.g. family, voluntary work, work experience

Q1 What do medics need to know about EoLC?

Q2 Is this different from other healthcare professionals?

Q3 How do we meet education needs for doctors in EoLC?

In small groups

1. Devise four training sessions that could be used exclusively for doctors
2. Devise four training sessions that could be used for all healthcare professionals
3. Suggest three ways to increase doctors' interest in learning more about EoLC

Some useful refs

GMC End of life care – advice for medical students

http://www.gmc-uk.org/information_for_you/26509.asp

GMC Treatment and care towards the end of life: good practice in decision making

http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/ethical_guidance/end_of_life_care.asp

Bowden et al (2013) **Are newly qualified doctors prepared to provide supportive and end-of-life care? A survey of Foundation Year 1 doctors and consultants**

<https://www.rcpe.ac.uk/sites/default/files/bowden.pdf>