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CLINICAL COMMUNICATION as a core value

(Schofield NG, Green C, Creed F, 2008)

- Influence QoL cancer patients = Clinical outcomes.
- Important aspect of psycho-oncology.
- Increase patient understanding in tx, lead to improved heath.
- Good working relationship within health care team.
- Improve patient satisfaction = Decrease malpractice lawsuits.



PATIENT WANT TO BE WITH THEIR HCP FOR BETTER HEALTH



IMPACT OF INEFFECTIVE CLINICAL COMMUNICATION



A Poor Cancer Care Outcome



CASE STUDY: Cancer Diagnosed Late In People With Intellectual Disabilities (Tuffrey-wijne, 2010).

- -Patient presented with weight loss & anaemia.
- -Referred for an urgent colonoscopy (taken place within 2 weeks).
- -3 months later, patient didn't had investigation.
- -Reason of 2 times delayed due to patient had been sent laxative drinks in preparation; and sent away the hospital transport cause of diarrhoea. (As pt did not understood that diarrhoea was part of the procedure).
- -Resulted 14 weeks delay between the initial referral & diagnosis of cancer, which eventually DIED.

HOWCAN WEDO BETTER?

More Honey, Less Vineger



SPIKES METHOD



S - SETTING UP

PREPARED YOUR PLAN OF DISCUSSION?



P - PERCEPTION

Find out what the patient's understanding is of the medical situation and how much information the patient wants.



I - INVITATION

WHAT ARE THEY RECEIVING?

Example;

Would you like me to give you all the information or spend more time discussing the treatment care/procedure?".



K – KNOWLEDGE

Be direct in explaining the medical situation and use language that matches the patient's level of education.



E — EMPATHIZE

Use empathic statements to respond to a patient's emotions. For example, "I know this must be disappointing for you."

* Giving hope + I am here with you + accompany in your feeling = EMPATHY



S - STRATEGY & SUMMARY

Summarize the clinical information.

Checking patient's misunderstanding.



PATIENTOLOGIST

METHOD



Be empathetic; and understand what the patient's fears and worries are, so we could help patients to manage them.

Show → Listening → Understanding → Respond

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Follow up ← Positivity ← Non-verbal cues

BECOME A GOOD PATIENTOLOGIST!



ANGER METHOD



- -A ACKNOWLEDGE
- N NEGOTIATE
- G GATHER
- •E EMPATHIZE
- R RESPECT



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GOOD CANCER CARE OUTCOME

Cancer Is Scary







THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE & DEATH

